

# The Four Functions Of BEHAVIOR

## Sensory

Provides preferred sensory experiences; behavior feels good to do.

*Happens anytime, even when alone. Especially when anxious.*



## Escape

Removes undesired activities or interactions.

*Happens when task is too hard, easy, boring or scary.*



## Attention

Provides access to people or interactions.

*Happens when child wants social interaction.*



## Tangibles

Provides preferred activities or items.

*Happens when child wants a preferred activity or item.*



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