# Senses //





Sensory organs have specific sensory receptors that allow them to pick up and respond to different types of stimuli and then convert them to electrical impulses to be carried to the CNS for processing.



### **Sensory Receptors**

- Supply the central nervous system with information about the environment (internal and external)
- Different receptors for different senses
  - Smell, hearing, taste, sight and touch



Bozeman: Sensory System 10:31

http://www.youtube.com/watch? v=TAzTFgPSPiU

#### Check this out....



Go to the Exploratorium to see some more cool illusions!









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#### Charlie Chaplin Hollow Mask Illusion

http://www.youtube.com/watch? v=QbKw0\_v2clo&safety\_mode=true

#### **More Illusions:**

http://youramazingbrain.org/

#### **Information Flow in Senses**







Bozeman: Sensory System 10:31 The eye starts at 5:30

http://www.youtube.com/watch? v=TAzTFgPSP1iU

#### Sclera and Cornea (outer layer)





#### Check these out!!

#### An Excellent Tour of the Eye

https://www.wisc-online.com/learn/natural-science/life-science/ap14304/thesense-of-sight



### Choroid layer (middle layer) and the iris





### **Pupil and lens**



Focuses images on the retina by changing shape (called accommodation)



Hole which allows light to enter. Pupil size is controlled by the iris.

#### Aqueous Humor and Vitreous Body











### **Rods and Cones**



# Do animals have rods and cones?

- Hawks have 600 million rods in the center of their retina
  - This means there eye sight is 8X better than humans
- Chickens on the other hand only have cones
  - So can chickens see at night?





- -How about nocturnal predators like the owl, do they have more cones or rods?
  - » Cats and owls also have a tapetum which allows them to reflect light onto the retina even better



#### After images

#### Stare at the following picture for 15 seconds!



#### Now stare at the white background!

A negative after image is caused by the fatigue of a particular type of cone in that area of the retina.

Stare at the red bird for 20 seconds, Now stare at the empty cage!



# Did you take your vitamin A?

- Vitamin A is essential to rhodopsin, an important pigment found in rods
- Vitamin A is also an essential component to red, blue and green pigments found in cones
  - Yellow is produced by stimulating red and green cones
  - Purple is produced by stimulating green and blue cones
  - White is produced by stimulating all the cones equally



### **Color blindness**



Color blindness occurs when

one or more cones are defective

- Red-green color blindness is most common
- Caused by a genetic defect on the X chromosome

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### **Blind Spot**

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Where the retina attaches to the optic nerve. There are NO rods or cones in the blind spot

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#### **Find Your Blind Spot**

https:// visionaryeyecare.wordpress.com/ 2008/08/04/eye-test-find-your-blindspot-in-each-eye/

#### Ciliary Muscle and Suspensory Ligaments

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#### Pathway of Light into Eye (and brain)

- Cornea
- Pupil (surrounded by iris)
- Lens
- Retina

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## Accommodation

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#### Lens changes shape to focus.

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# accommodation

Flat lens: used to view far away objects

Thicker lens: used to view closer objects

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Accommodation is controlled by **ciliary muscles**.

### Accommodation (focusing)

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#### Accommodation and the pupil

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#### **Far objects**

 Pupils dilate to capture as much light as possible

#### **Close objects**

 Pupils constrict to focus on the image

# Ever wondered how a camera works?

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# Eye Quiz

- 1. opening in centre of eye pupil
- 2. contains photoreceptor retina
- 3. controls shape of lens <u>ciliary muscle</u>
- 4. photoreceptors for night vision <u>rods</u>
- 5. Stimulus that initiates nervous impulse (action potential) light
- 6. photoreceptors for detailed vision <u>cones</u>
- 7. release chemical transmitters to ganglion cells Bipolar cells
- 8. carries nerve impulses from eye to brain Optic nerve

- 9. spot where optic nerve attaches to retina Blind spot
- 10. interprets visual signals that have been sent from eye <u>Occipital lobe</u>
- 11. liquid maintains eye shape and nourishes cornea <u>humor</u>
- 12. transparent portion of eye that covers the front cornea
- **13. biconvex** elastic structure that can change shape and focuses light lens
- 14. colored muscles controlling amount of light entering eye iris
- 15. tough protective area of eye, no blood vessels sclera
- 16. in center of retina, contains a lot of cones Fovea centralis

or macula

### **Visual Defects**

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#### Myopia (nearsightedness)

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- Can you see near or far?
  - Near
- The eyeball is too long, so images are focused in front of the retina
- Corrected by a concave lens

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#### Hyperopia (farsightedness)

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- Can you see near or far?
  Far
- The eyeball is too short, so images are focused
  behind the retina
- Corrected by a convex
  lens

# Astigmatism

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- The lens or cornea is irregularly shaped and light rays are focused at different points on the retina
- Result = blurry vision

Uneven lens corrects

astigmatism

 Corrected by an uneven lens

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Normal vision

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Vision with astigmatism

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#### Glaucoma

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- Build up of aqueous humor in the anterior chamber of the eye due to overproduction by ciliary body
- Canal of Schlemm blocked and excess fluid builds up

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http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJwsBXGIf7c

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#### Glaucoma

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- Excess pressure builds up on the lens, vitreous and ultimately the retina
- Blood vessels
   collapse
- Optic nerve is damaged and partial or total blindness results

Blurred vision may be another symptom of glaucoma.

#### Cataracts

- Lens becomes cloudy
- Vision becomes blurry
- Caused by denaturation ("cooking") of lens protein (UV light, diabetes, old age)
- Treatment: Remove the lens and replace it with a new one

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#### **Macular Degeneration**

- Breakdown of the retina near the macula (fovea centralis)
- Main cause of blindness for people over 65
   Effect of M
- Pressure on back of eye due to fat ("dry") or blood leakage ("wet")

Effect of Macular Degeneration

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Normal macula

Degeneration of macula

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Normal visual field

Abnormal visual field

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