

2. Read about The Five Senses

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The Five Senses

The **five senses** of the body include sight, hearing, taste, smell, and touch. Human beings and most other animals use the five



senses to help them live and experience the world around them. The senses also help people to learn, protect themselves, and to enjoy the differences between foods, sounds, and other experiences a person has in life. The senses also work together to give you a clear picture of the activities around you.

The first sense is sight, which depends on the eyes. Inside the eye there are special lenses that take in light to help people see things. If it is too dark, a person will have trouble seeing. The eyes can also adjust to the amount of light available.

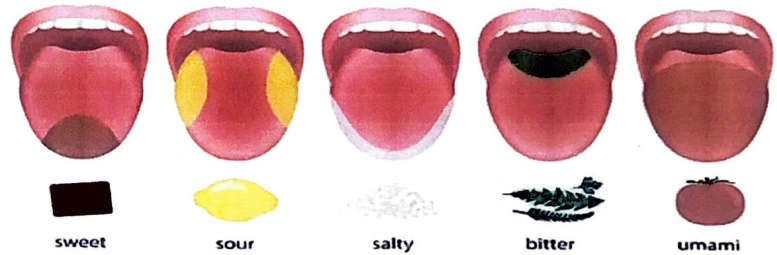
The second sense, hearing, depends on the ears. There are actually three parts of the ear, the outer ear, middle ear, and the inner ear. Each of these three parts of the ear are important for your sense of hearing!



The third sense, smell, depends on your nose. Inside the nose there is a substance that takes the fumes of an odor and then sends it to the brain. Smell also helps with the sense of taste. As a person tastes the food in their mouth, the aroma of the food enters a person's nose.

The next sense, **feeling**, or **touch**, can be experienced throughout the entire body through a person's skin. Most of a person's **feeling** is done by the hands. When a person has a stomach ache or feel other kinds of pain, the sense of touch is working from inside the body.

The final sense, **taste**, comes from the taste buds on a person's tongue. The sense of **smell** also affects the sense of **taste**. The tongue tastes four different flavors: salty, sweet, sour, and bitter. Many foods a person eats may be a combination of the four main flavors.



The tongue can also feel whether something in a person's mouth is hot, cold, creamy, crunchy, or dry.

The five senses are sight, **hearing**, **smell**, **feeling**, and **taste**. The five senses work together to help you live, protect yourself, learn, and enjoy the world around you.