

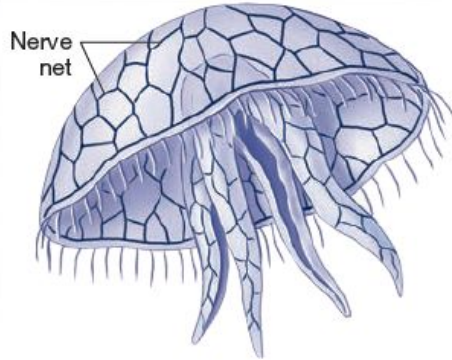
# Hjärnan

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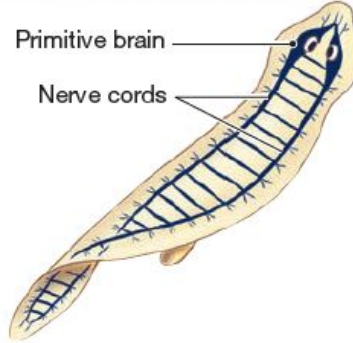


## FIG. 9.1 Evolution of the nervous system

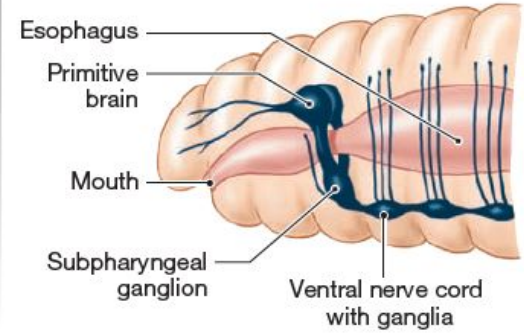
(a) Nerve net of jellyfish



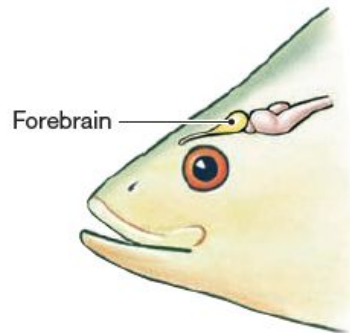
(b) The flatworm nervous system has a primitive brain.



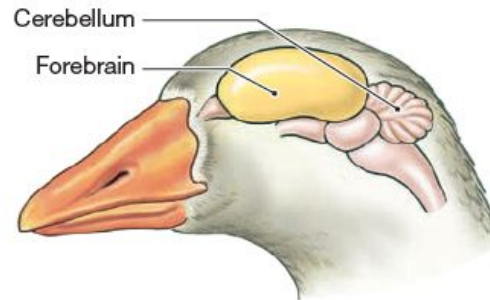
(c) The earthworm nervous system has a simple brain and ganglia along a nerve cord.



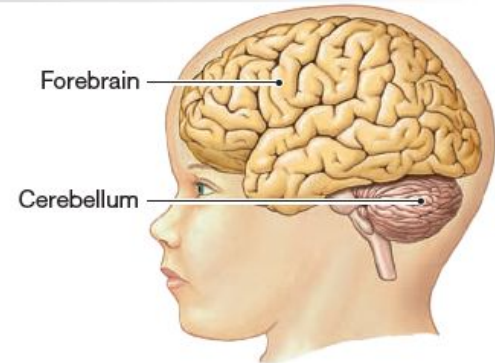
(d) The fish forebrain is small compared to remainder of brain.



(e) The goose forebrain is larger.

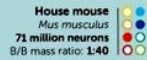
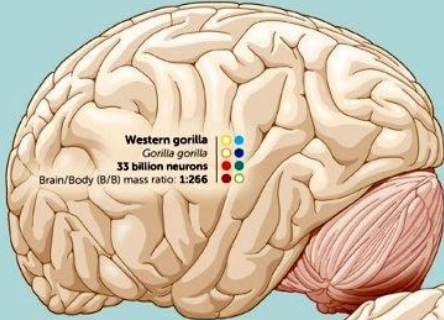


(f) The human forebrain dominates the brain.



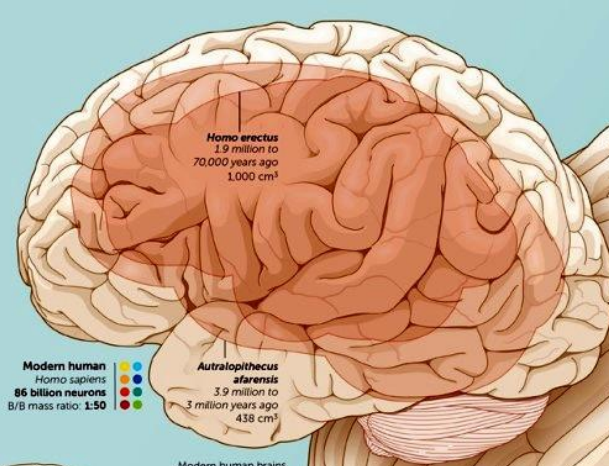
# Brains of the World

Brains are built out of neurons—specialized cells that form electrically sensitive networks capable of receiving, processing, and transmitting electrochemical signals. Brains are the most complex biological structures we know of.



**Honeybee**  
*Apis mellifera*  
960,000 neurons  
B/B mass ratio: 1:100

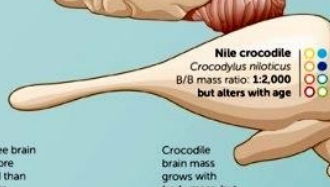
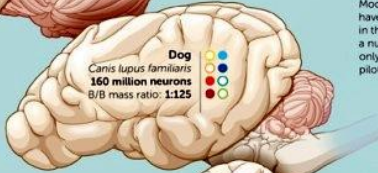
Neurons in a bee brain are 10 times more densely packed than in a human brain.



**Modern human**  
*Homo sapiens*  
86 billion neurons  
B/B mass ratio: 1:50

**Australopithecus afarensis**  
3.9 million to 3 million years ago  
438 cm<sup>3</sup>

Modern human brains have 16 billion neurons in the cerebral cortex—a number exceeded only by the long-finned pilot whale.



**Sperm whale**  
*Physeter macrocephalus*  
~250 billion neurons  
B/B mass ratio: 1:5,260

A sperm whale's cerebral cortex is far more convoluted than a human's.

**African elephant**  
*Loxodonta africana*  
257 billion neurons  
B/B mass ratio: 1:1,000

97.5% of elephant neurons are in the cerebellum. Only 5.6 billion neurons are in the cerebral cortex.

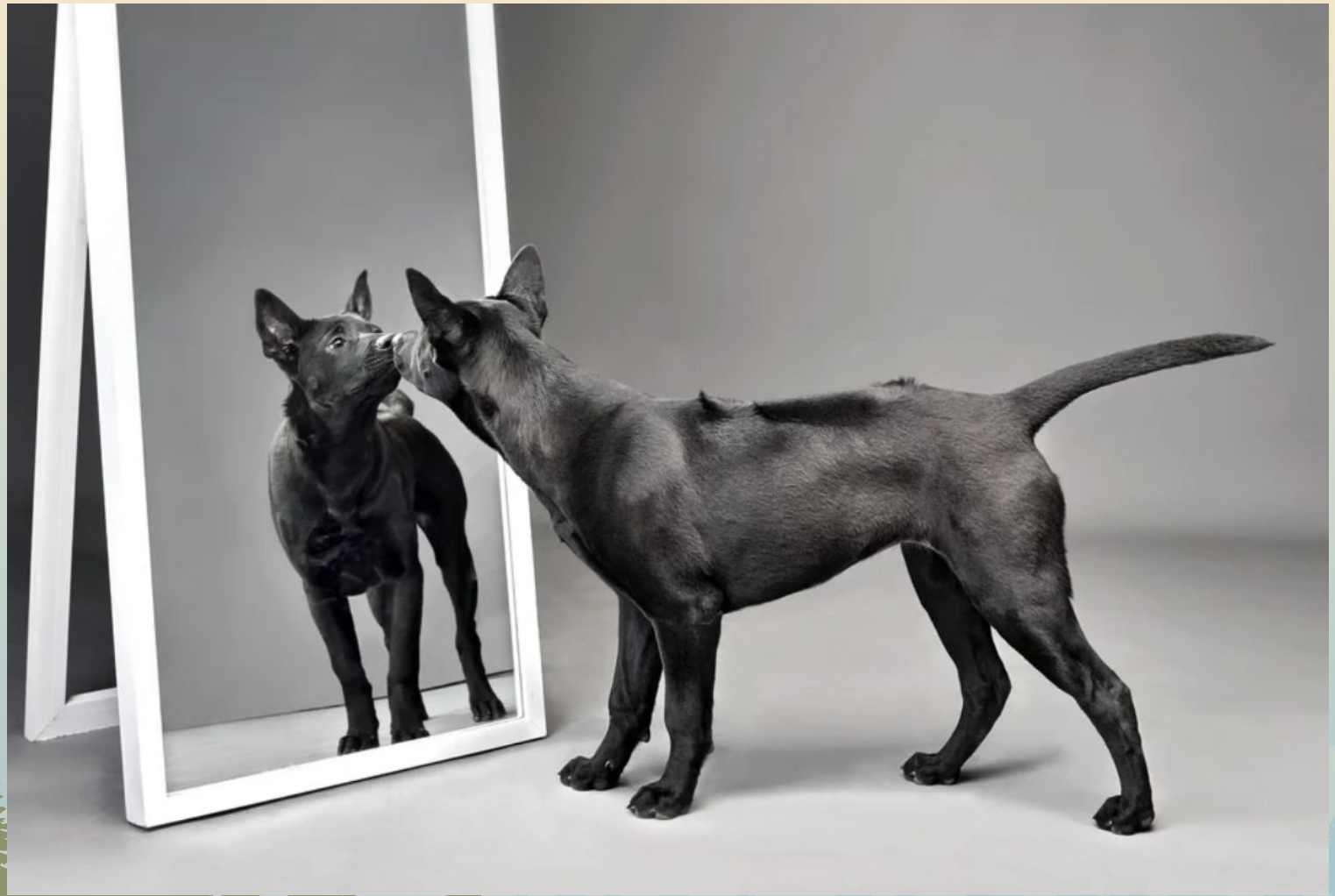
## Brain capabilities

Much is still a mystery about the inner workings of brains.

**YES** UNKNOWN

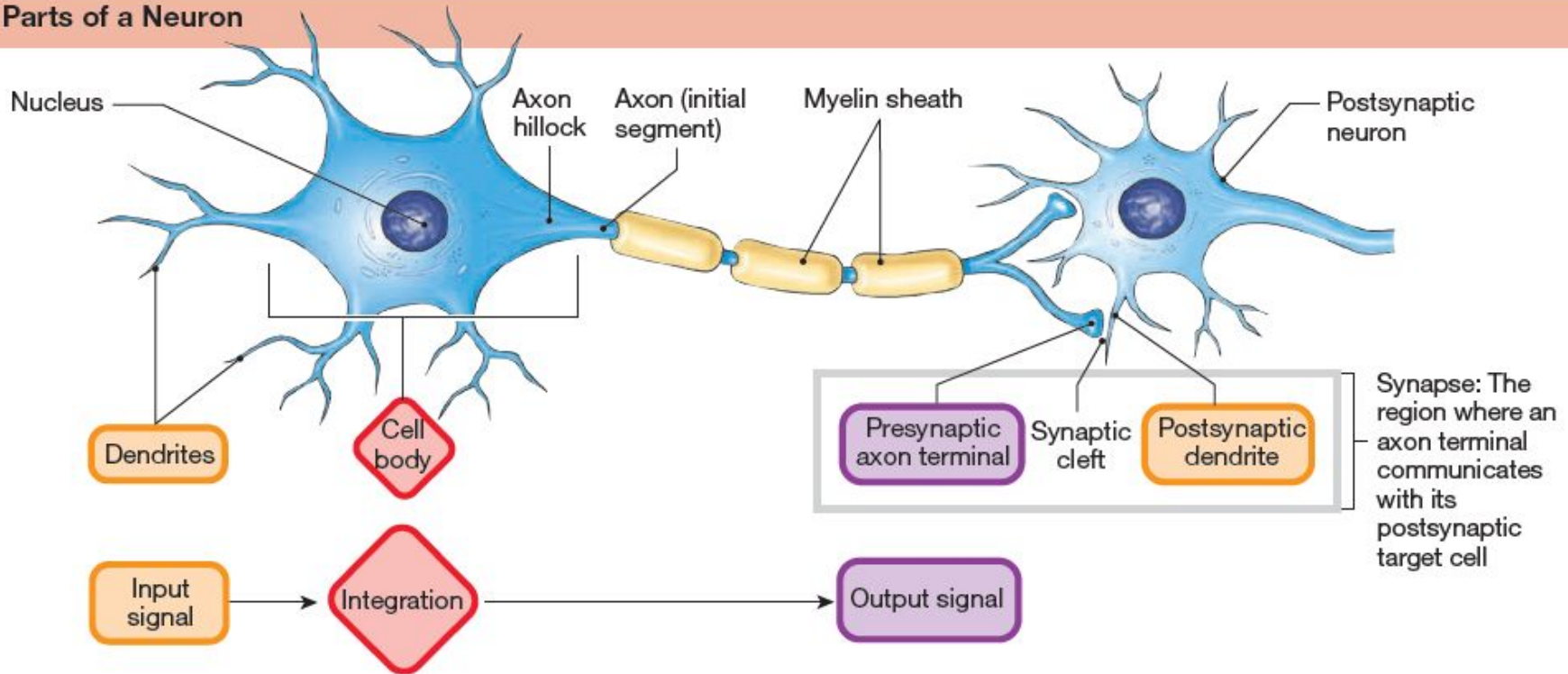
- Abstraction/creativity
- Invention/creativity
- Social behavior
- Altruism
- Associative learning
- Fear/pain
- Language
- Consciousness





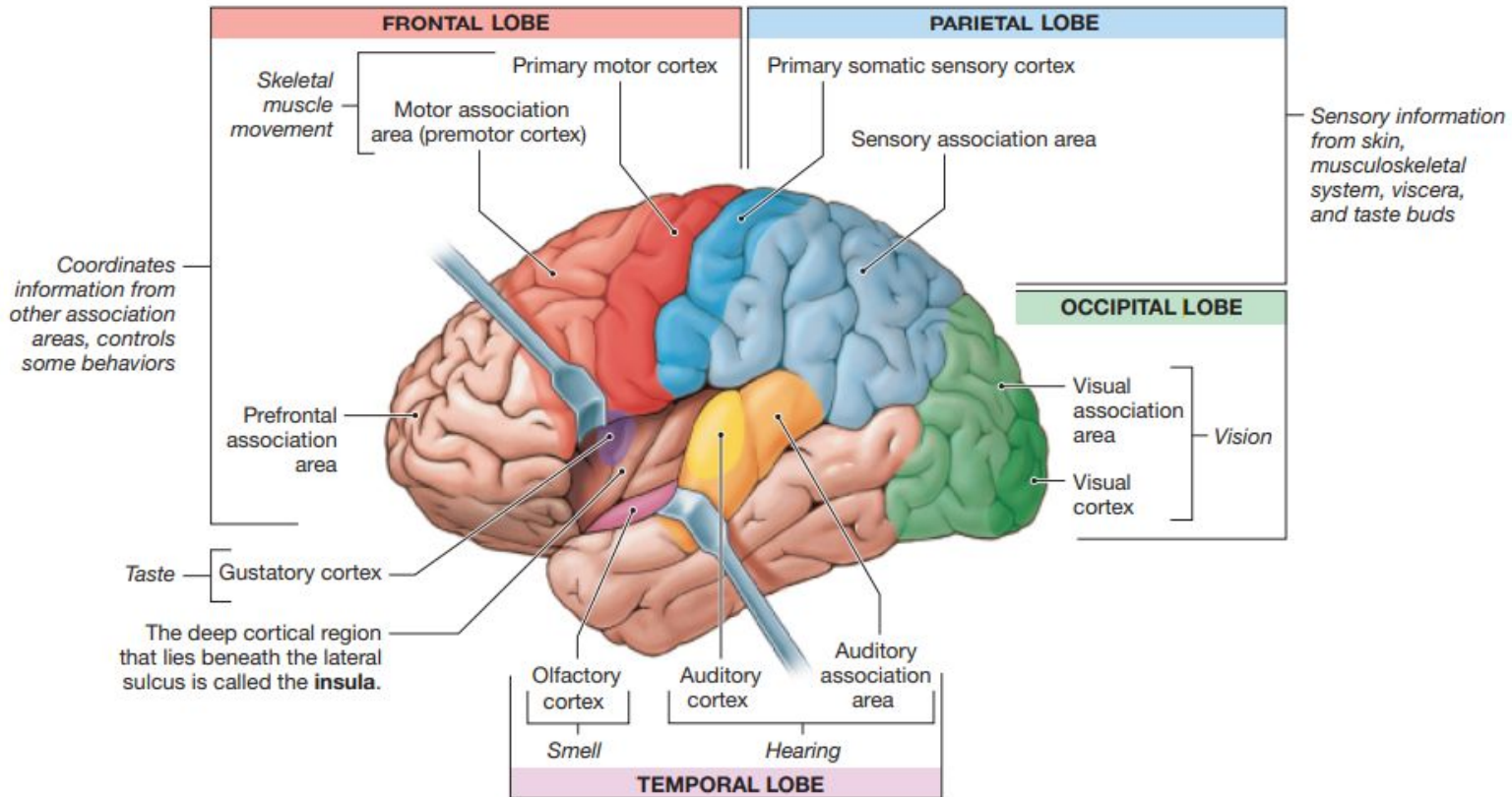
# Synapser och Dendriter

(f) Parts of a Neuron

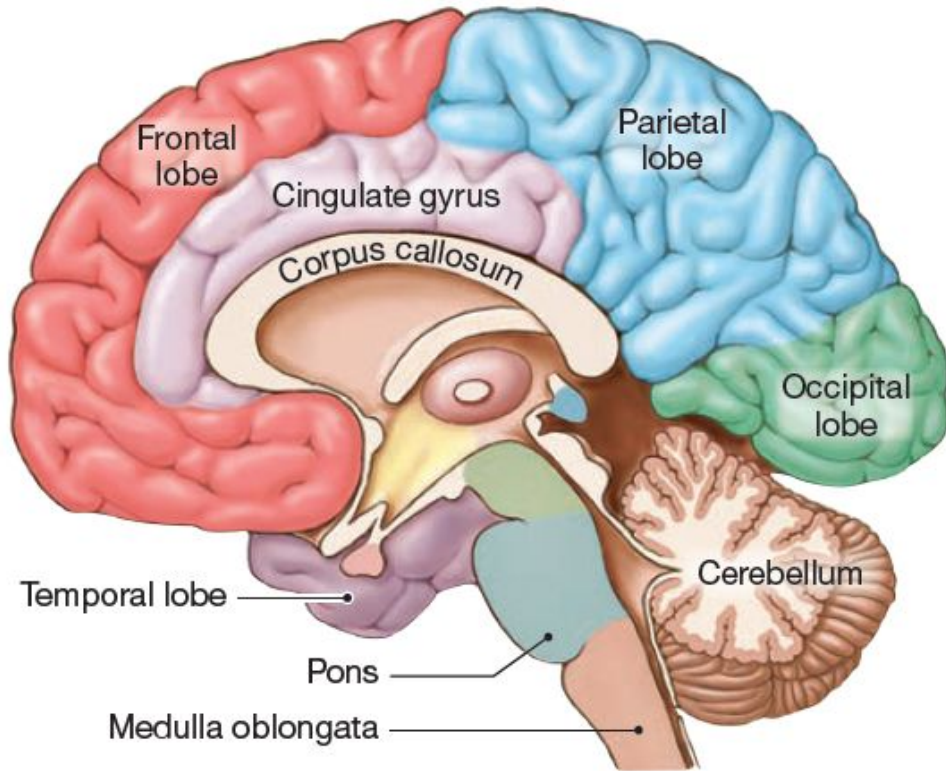


**FIG. 9.13** Functional areas of the cerebral cortex

The cerebral cortex contains sensory areas for perception, motor areas that direct movement, and association areas that integrate information.

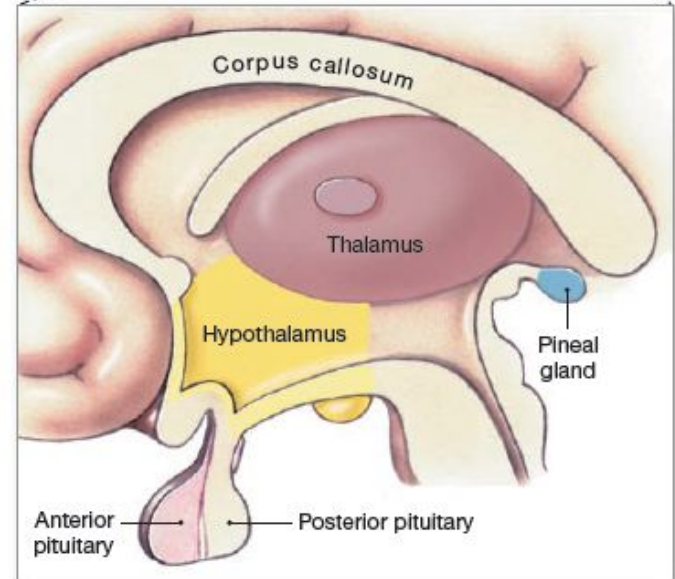
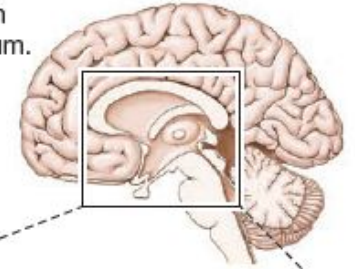


### (c) Mid-Sagittal View of Brain



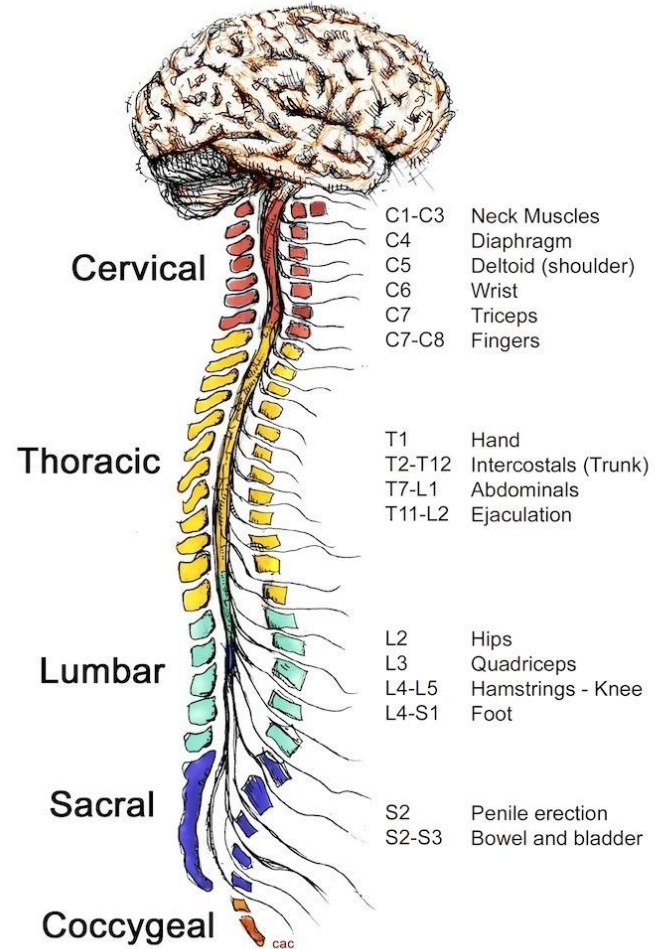
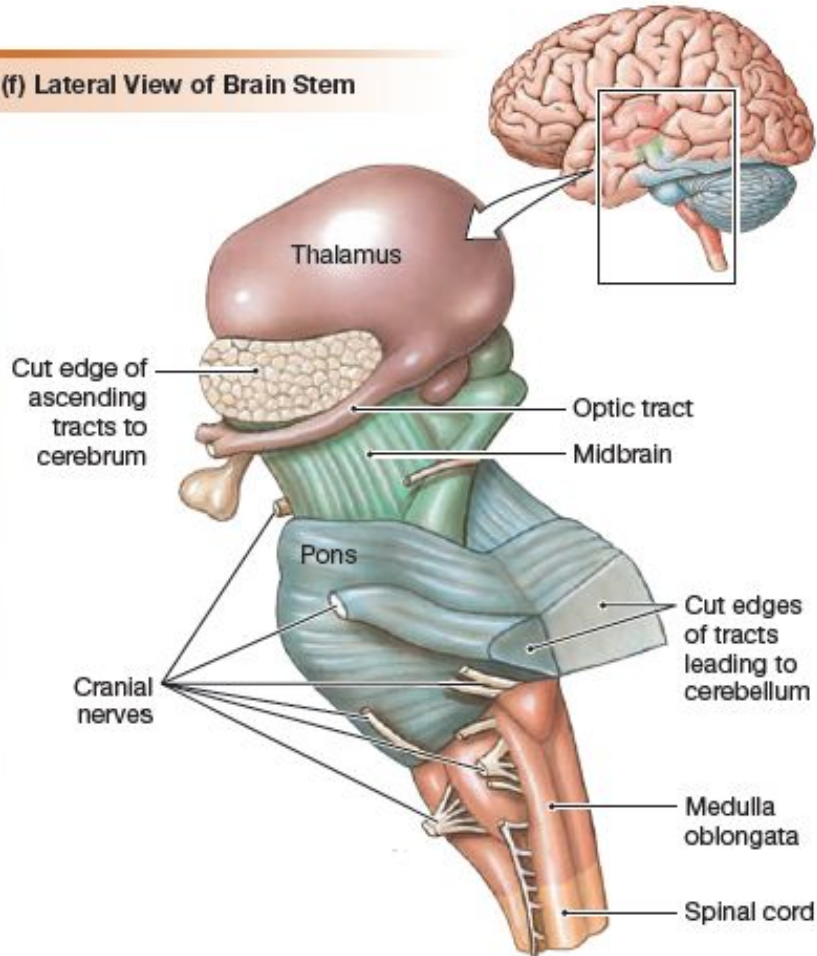
**FIG. 9.9** The diencephalon

The diencephalon lies between the brain stem and the cerebrum. It consists of thalamus, hypothalamus, pineal gland, and pituitary gland.





(f) Lateral View of Brain Stem





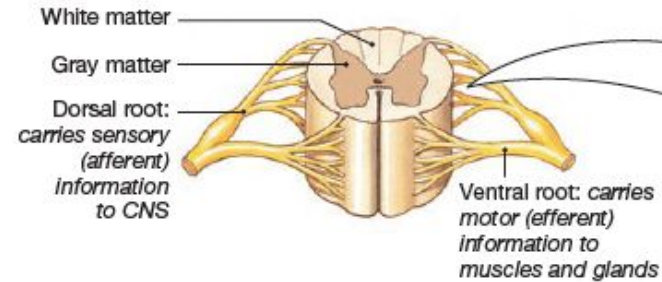
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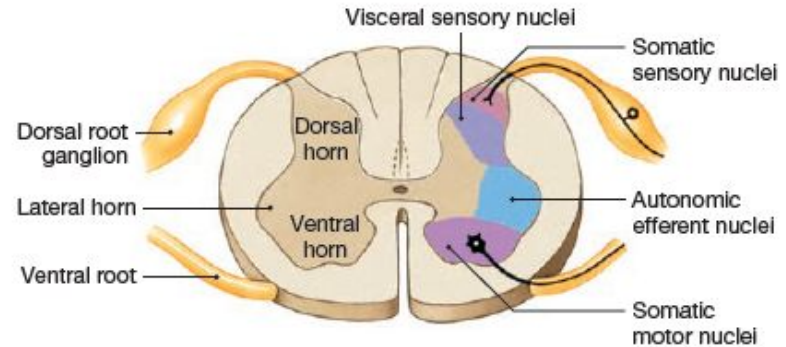
## FIG. 9.6 Organization of the spinal cord

The spinal cord contains nuclei with cell bodies of efferent neurons and tracts of axons going to and from the brain.

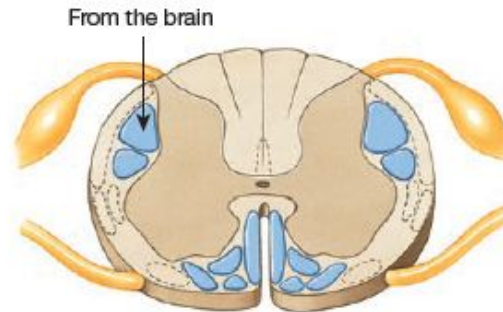
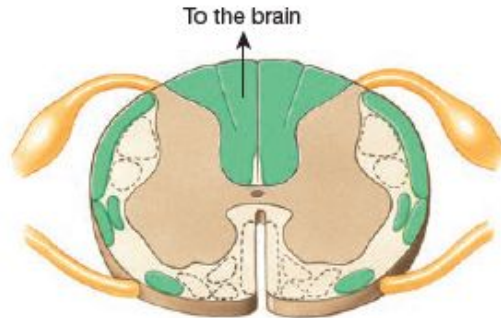
(a) One segment of spinal cord, ventral view, showing its pair of nerves



(b) Gray matter consists of sensory and motor nuclei.



(c) White matter in the spinal cord consists of tracts of axons carrying information to and from the brain.



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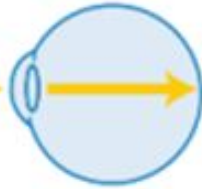
Ascending tracts carry sensory information to the brain.

Descending tracts carry commands to motor neurons.

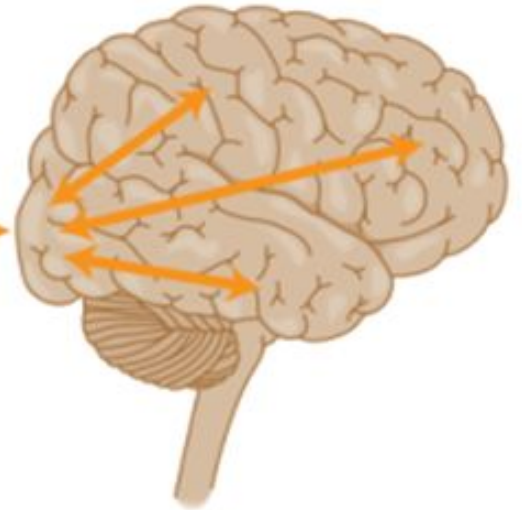
Stimulation → Transduction → Sensation → Perception



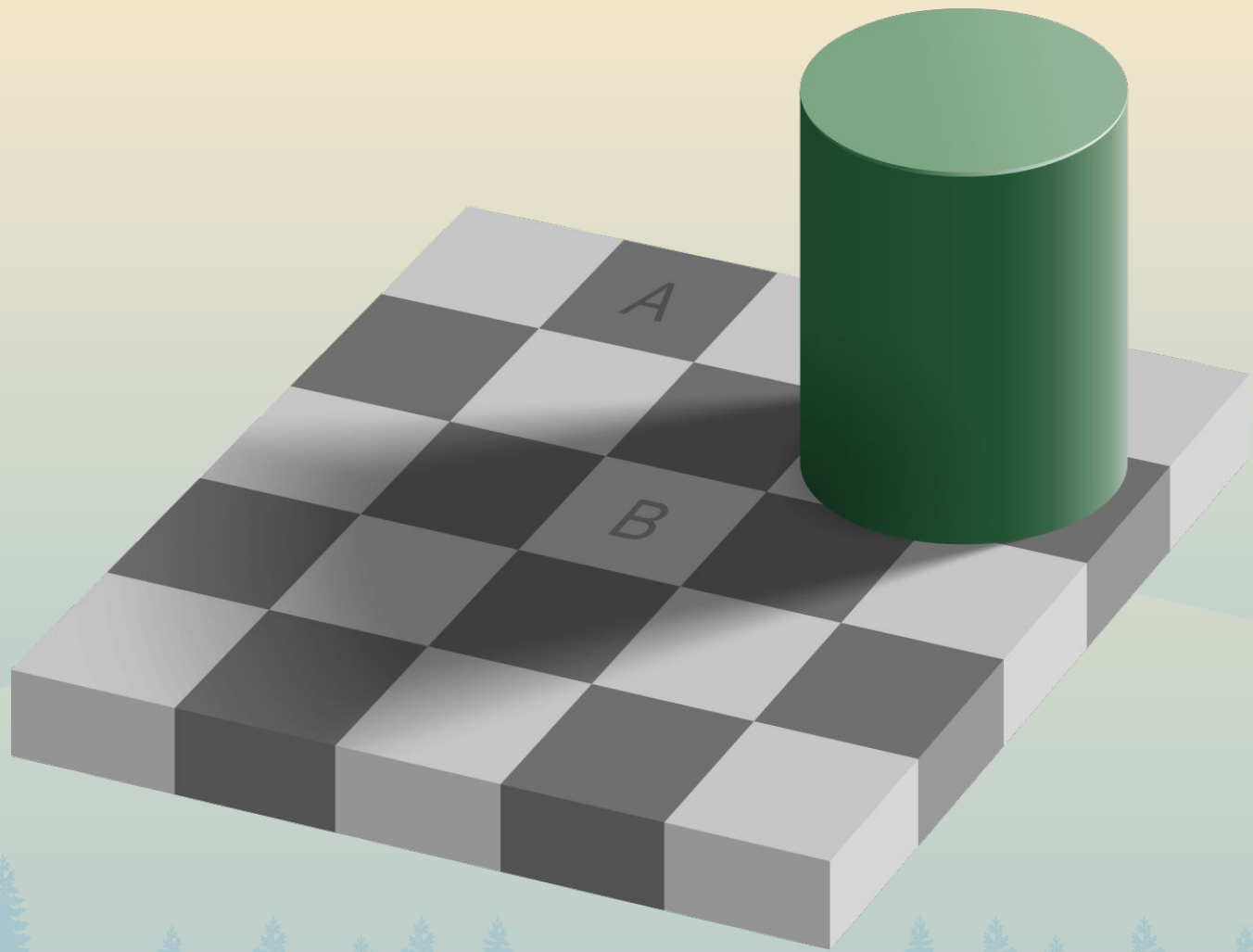
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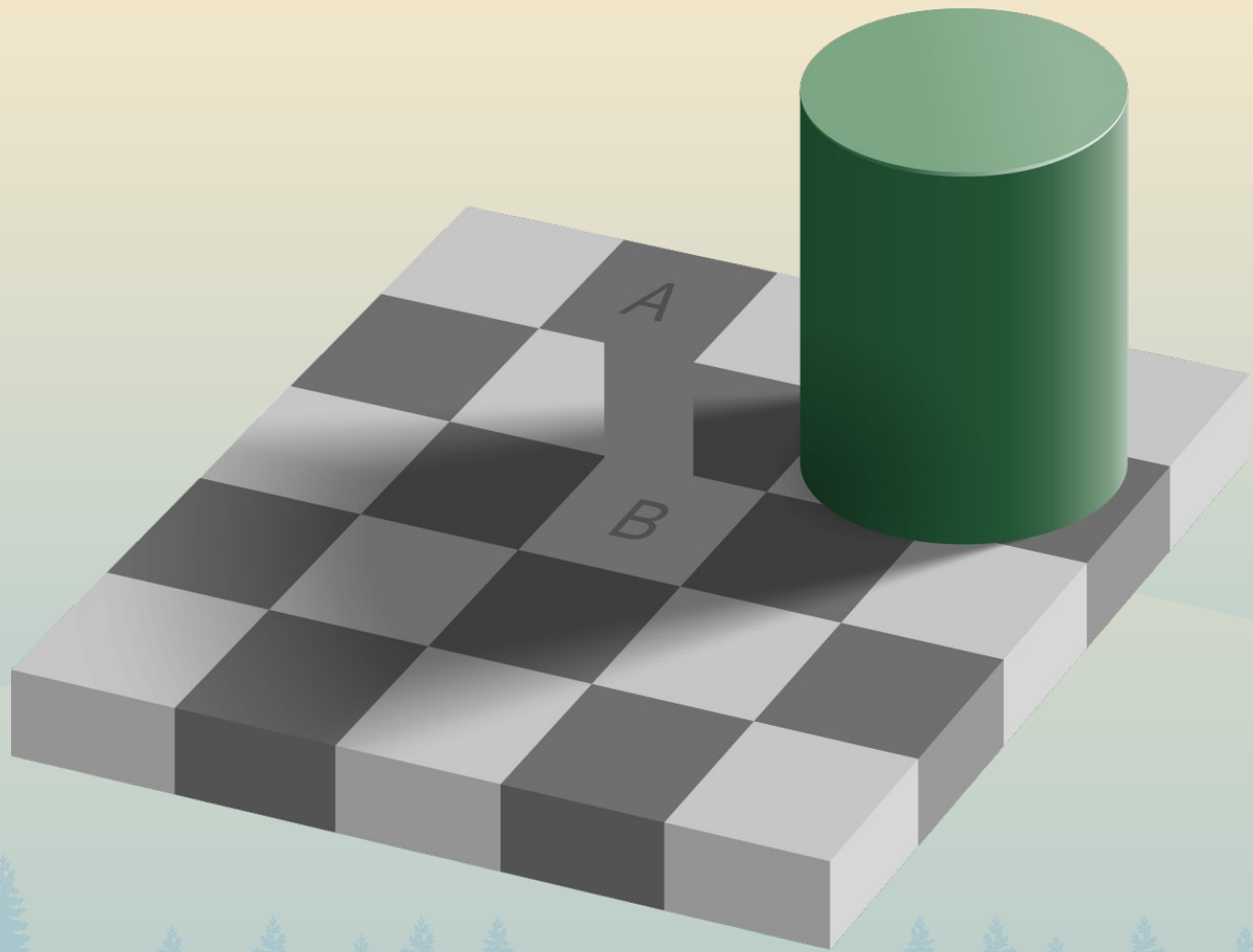


Neural signals

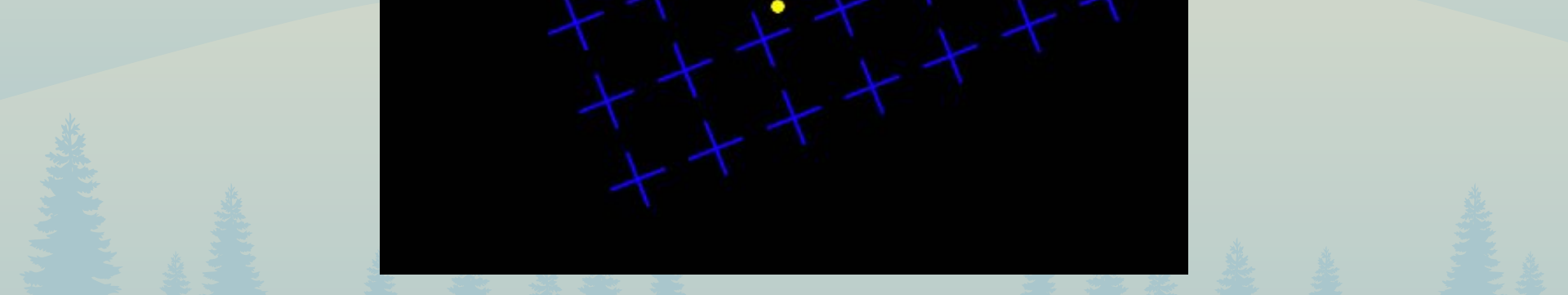
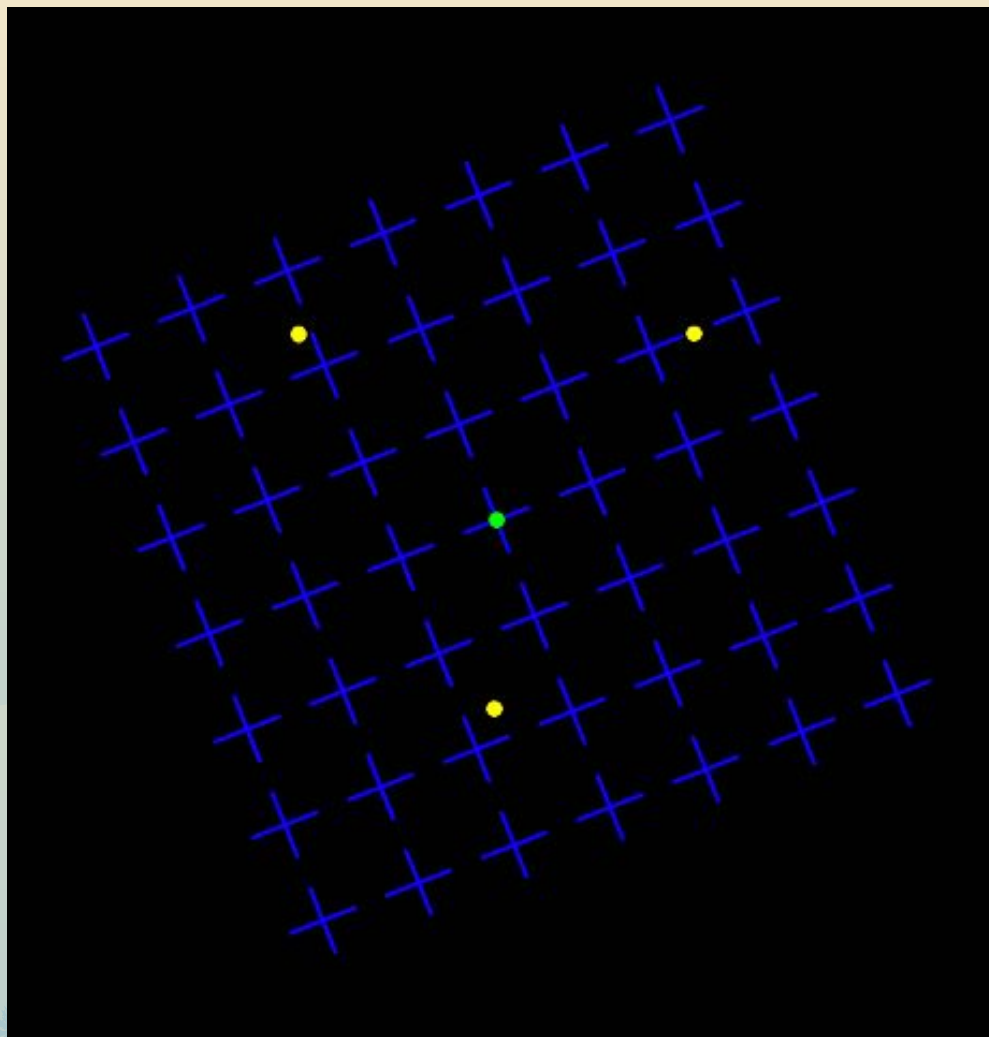




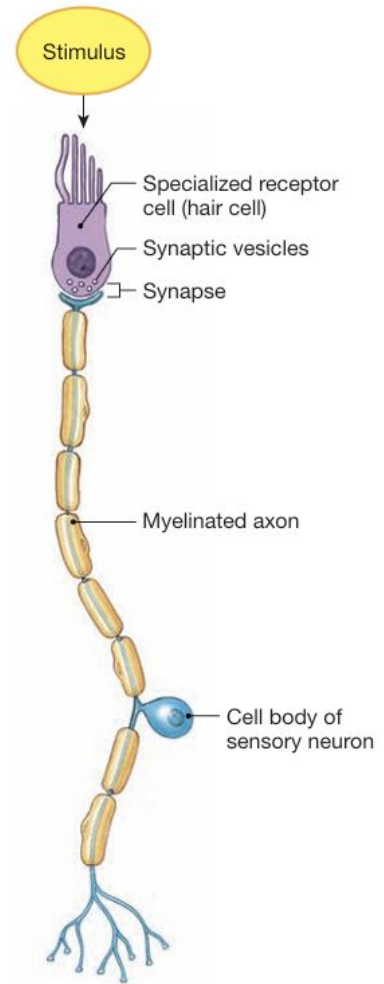
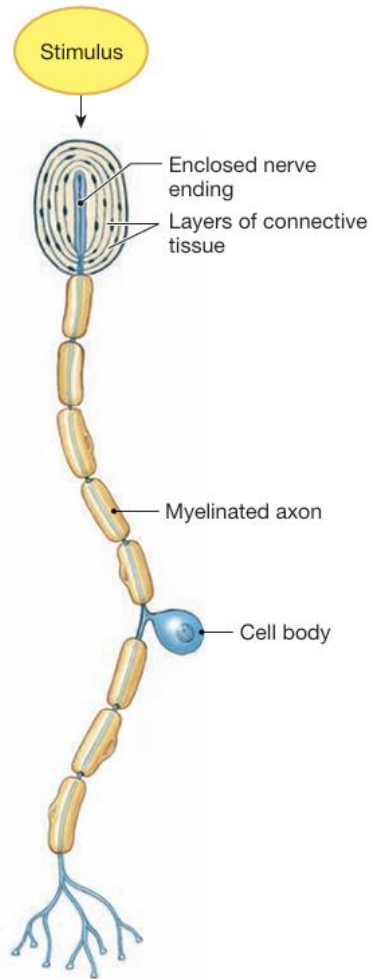
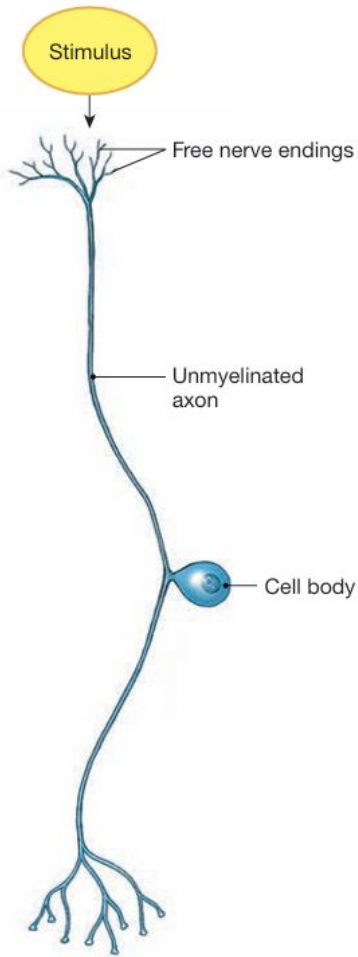




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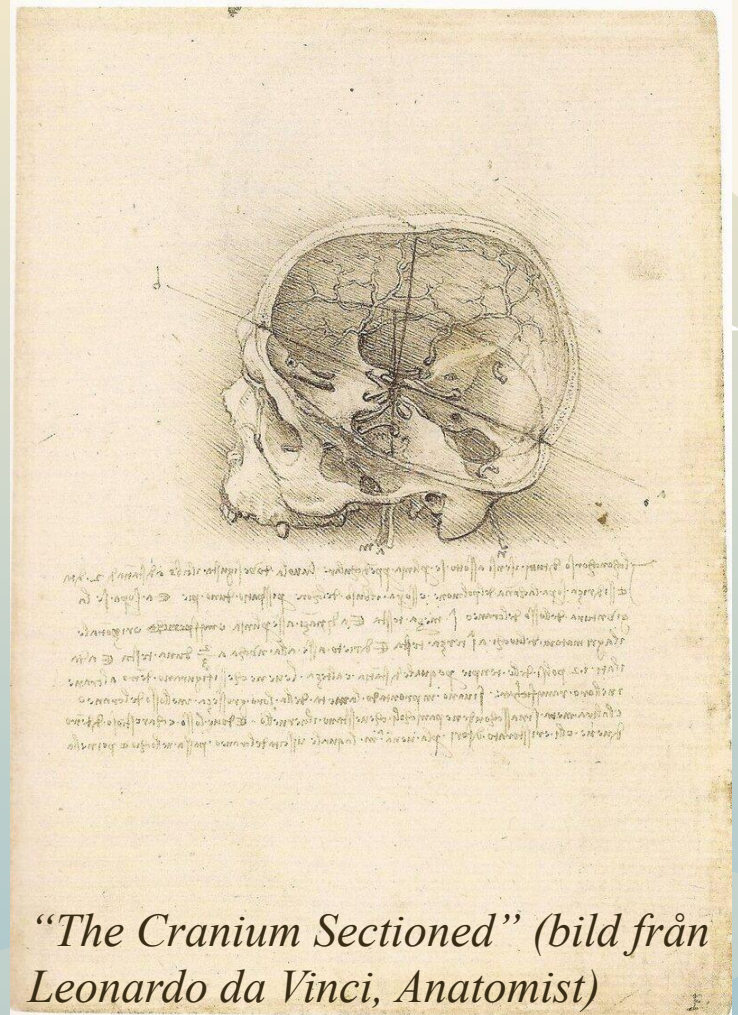






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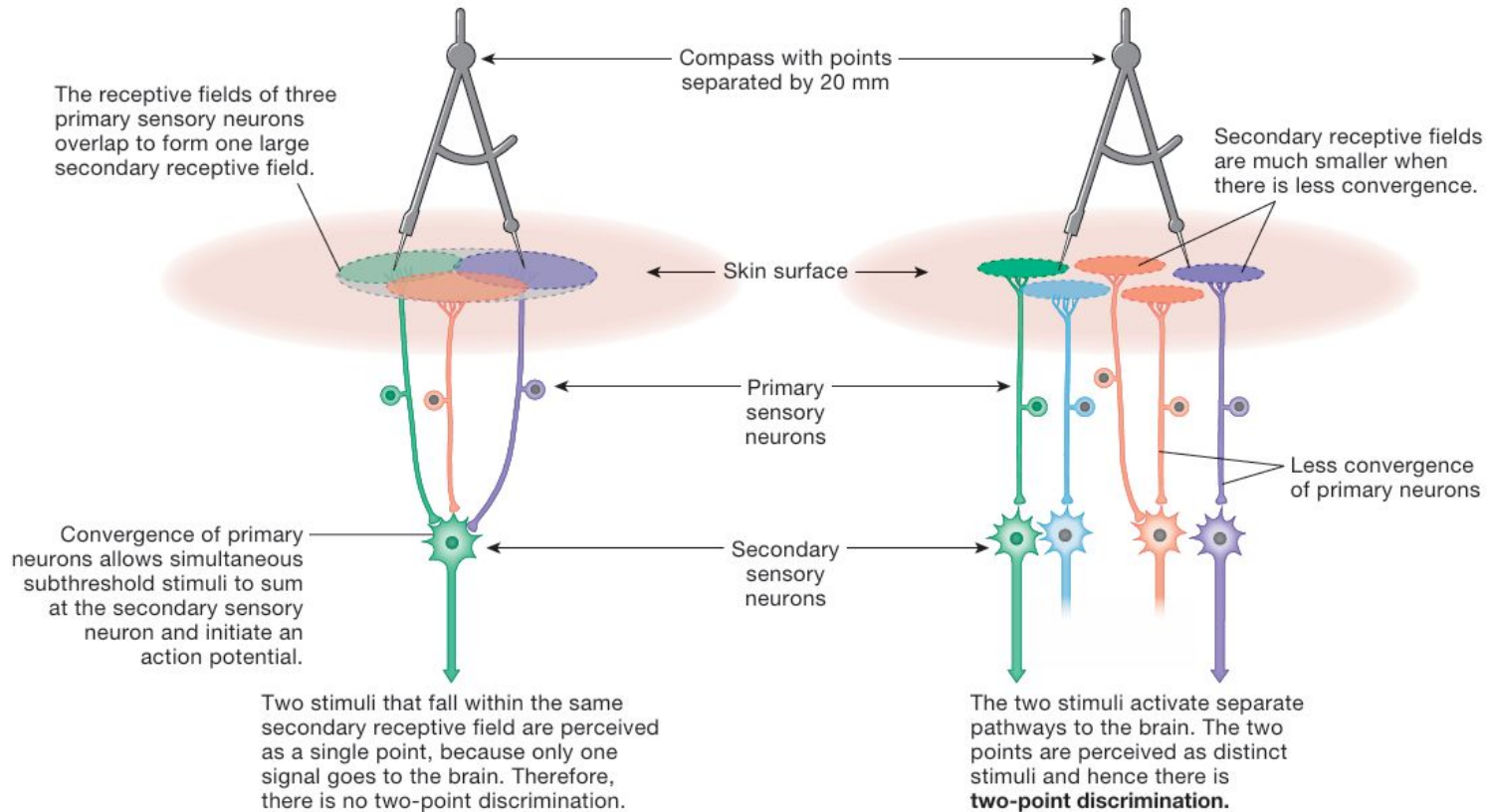
- Känselns konvergens
- Luktsinnets adaption



**FIG. 10.2** Receptive fields of sensory neurons

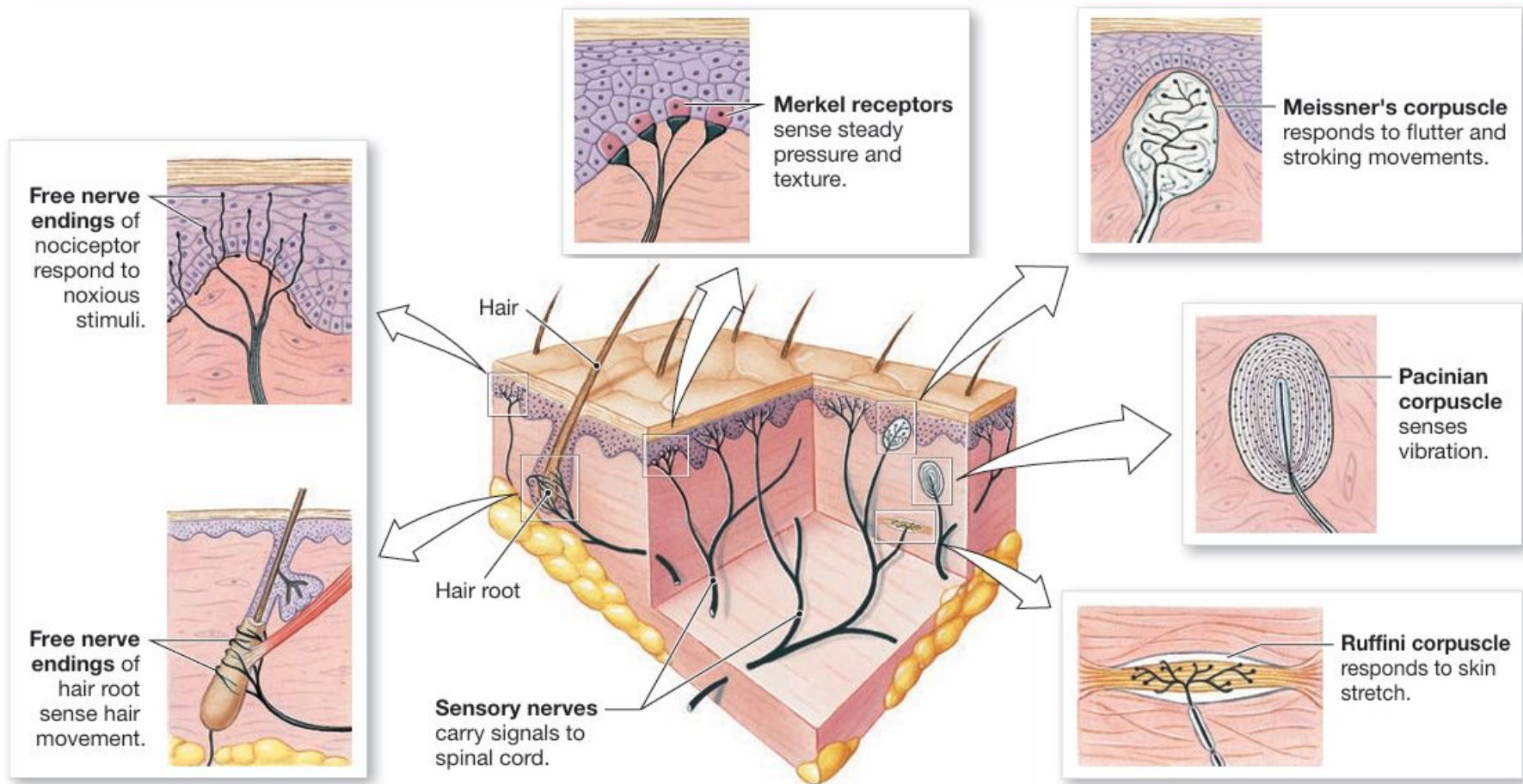
(a) Convergence creates large receptive fields.

(b) Small receptive fields are found in more sensitive areas.



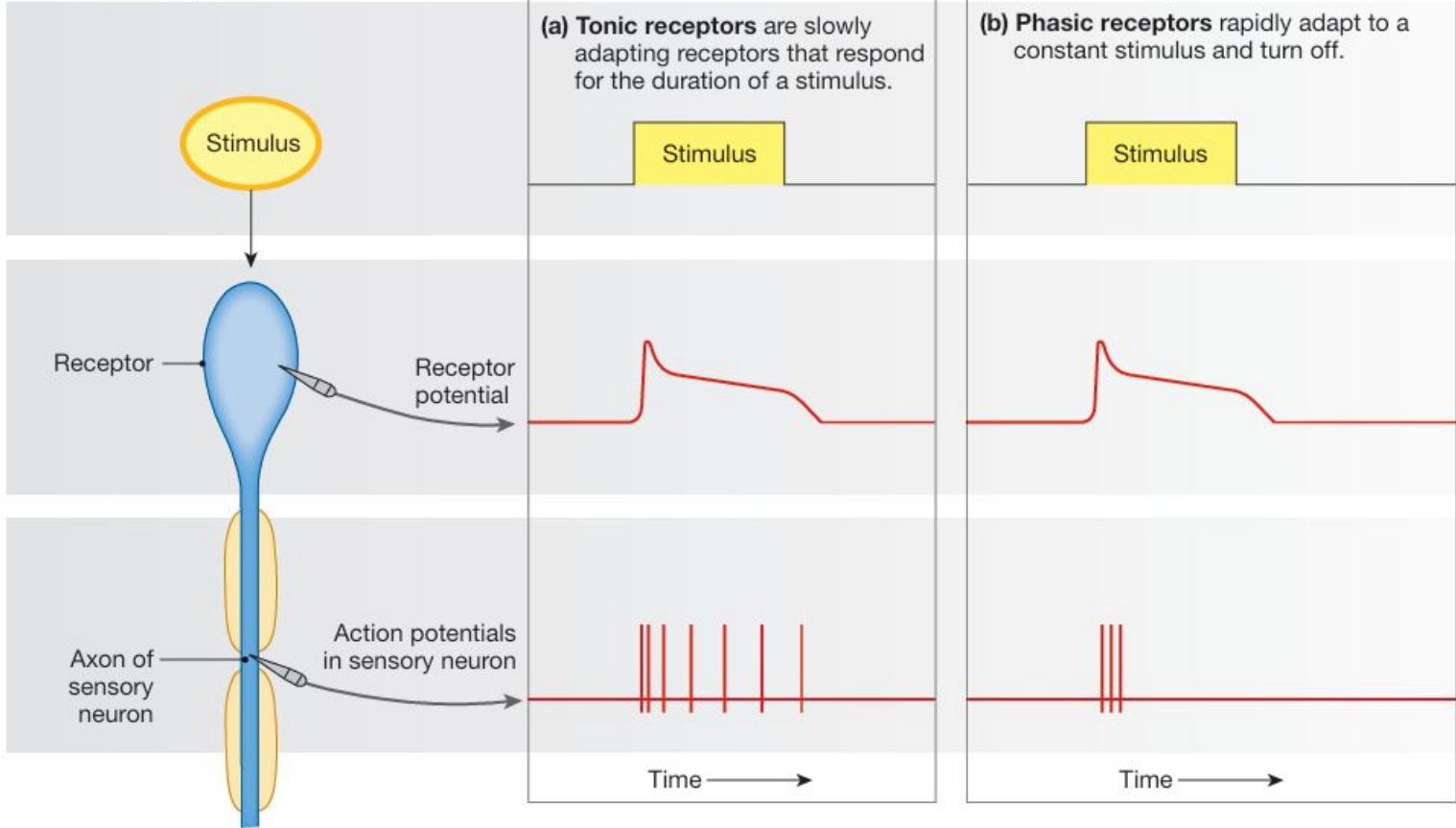


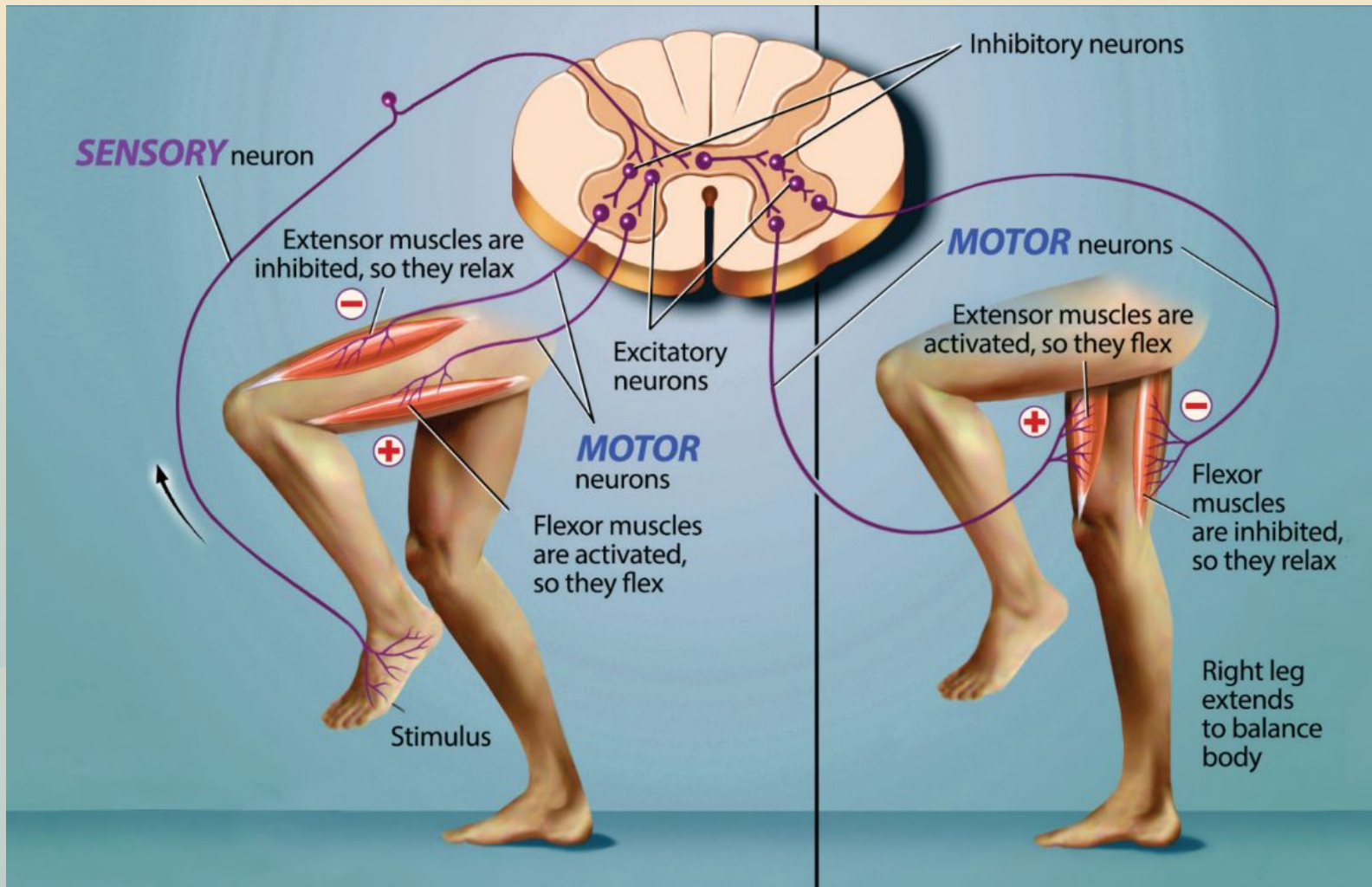
**FIG. 10.10** Sensory receptors in the skin



**FIG. 10.7** Receptor adaptation

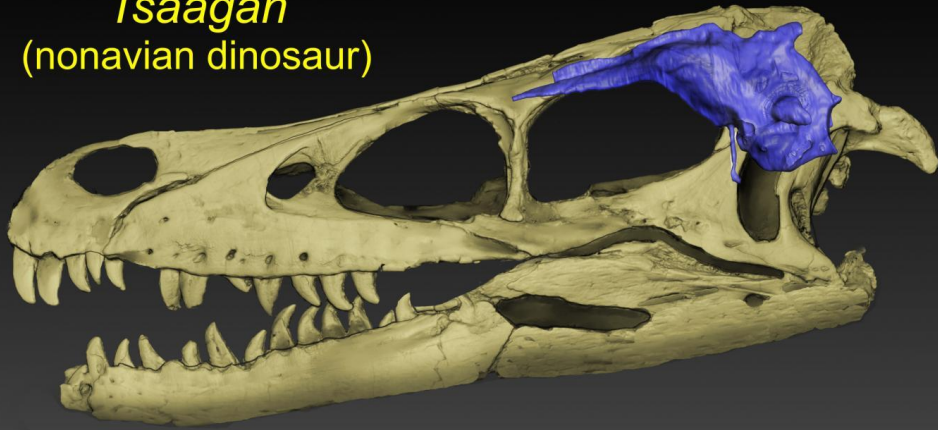
Receptors adapt to a sustained stimulus.







*Tsaagan*  
(nonavian dinosaur)



New Caledonian  
crow

