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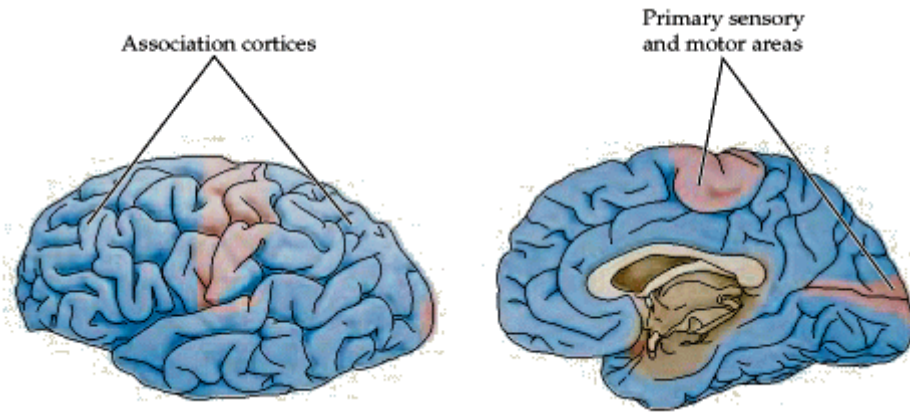
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# **Neocortex II**

## **The Highest Level of Cerebral Activity**

# Neocortex

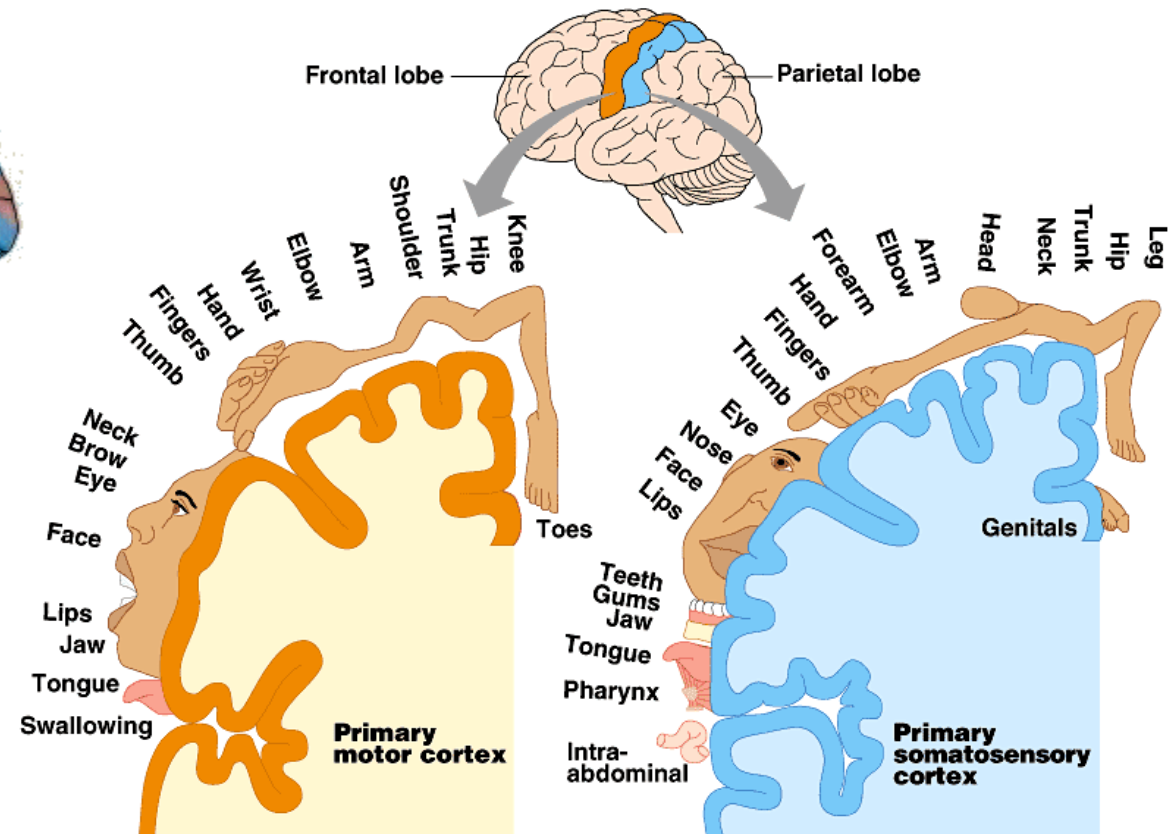
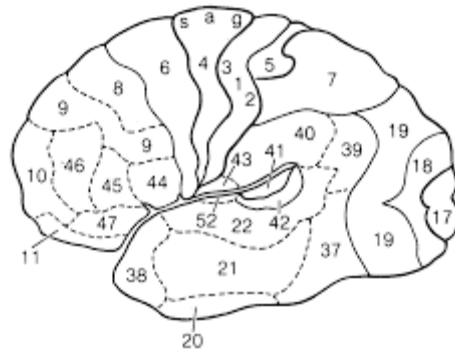


## Primary areas

✓ Somatotopic organization

## Association areas

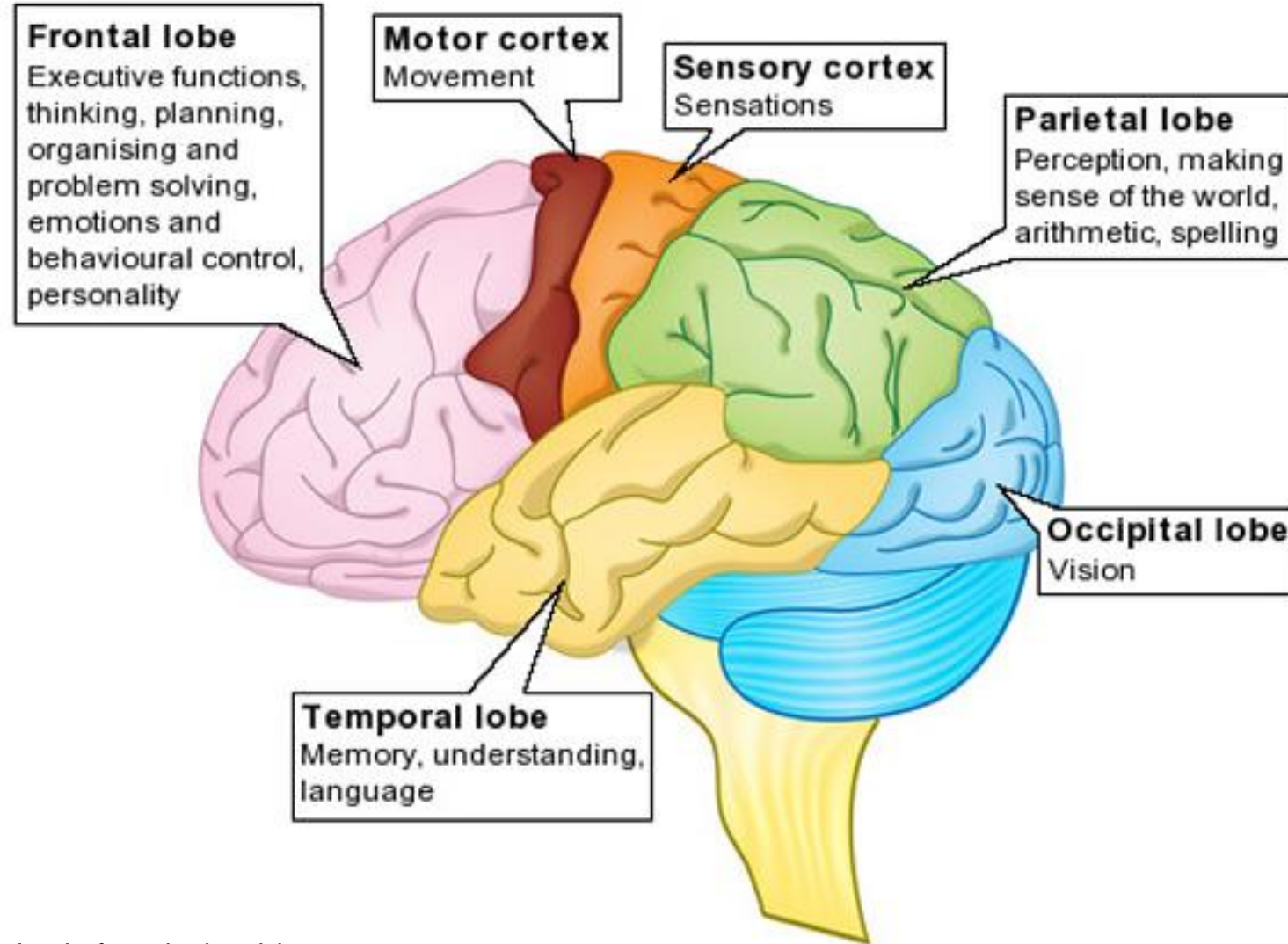
✓ No somatotopic organization



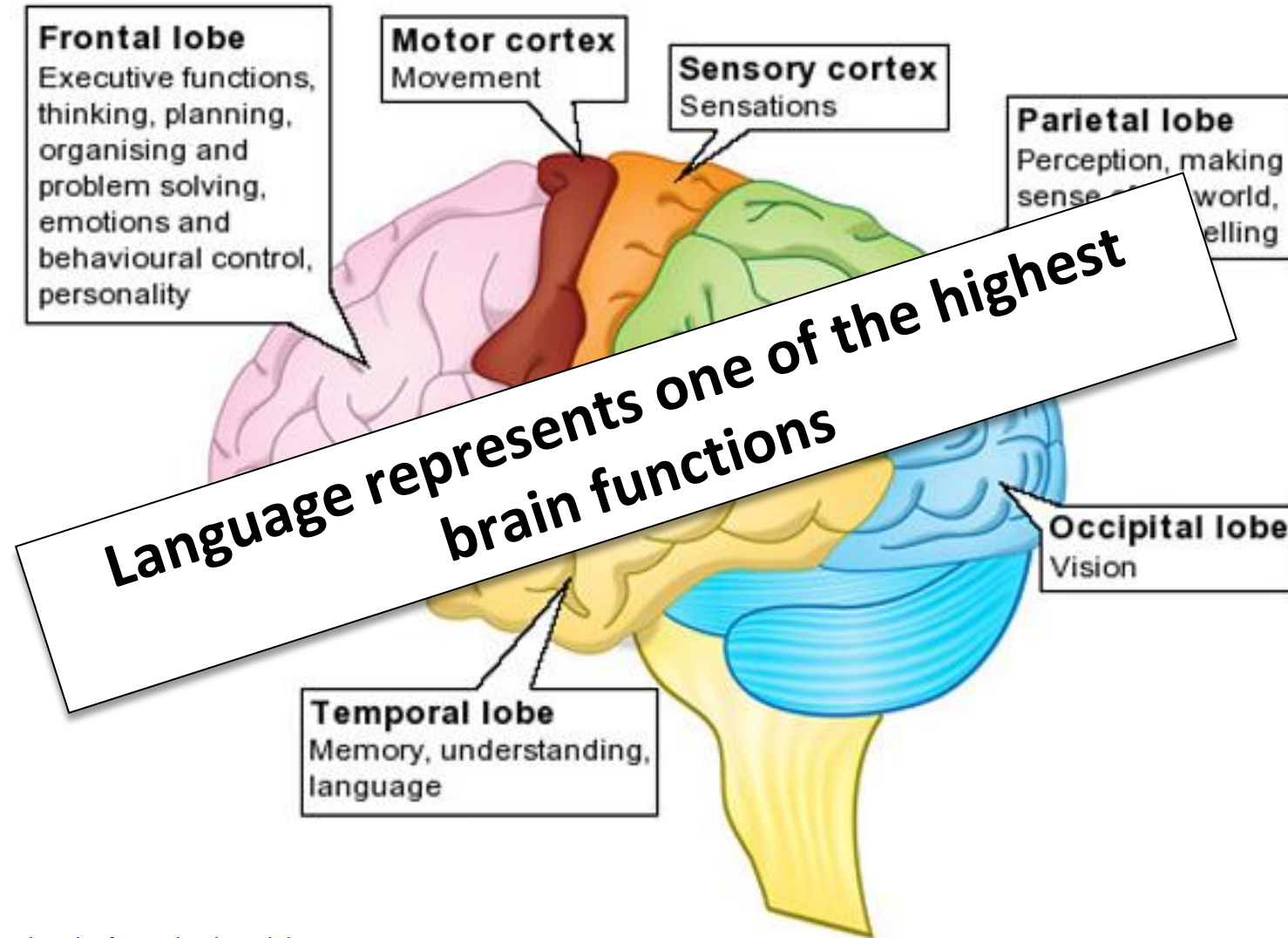
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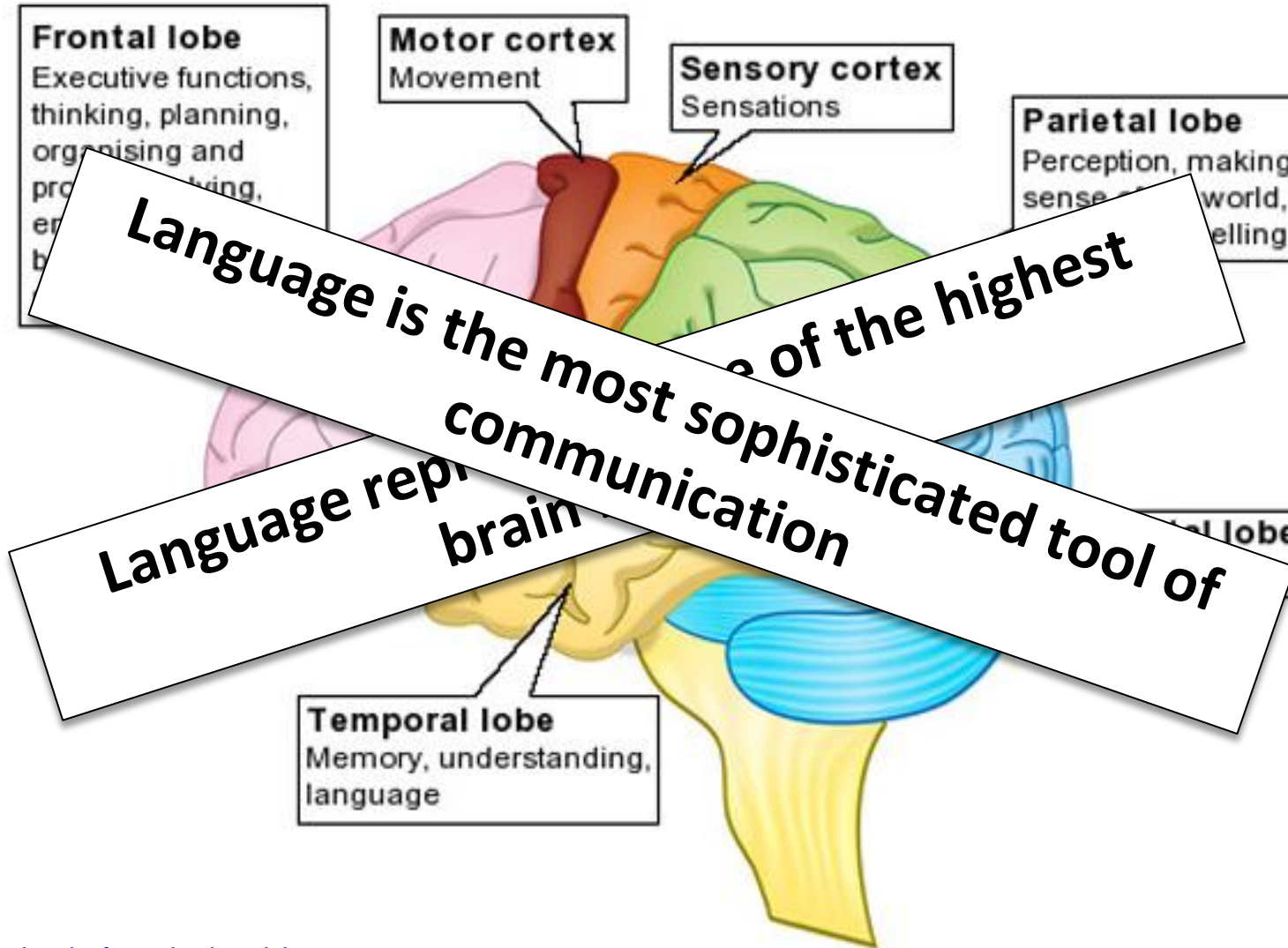
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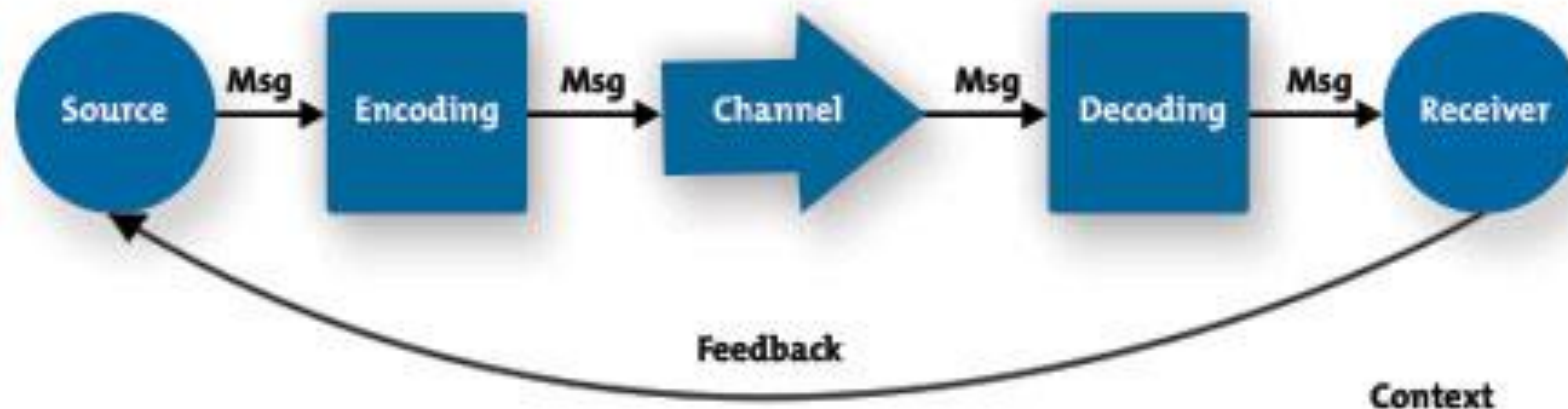


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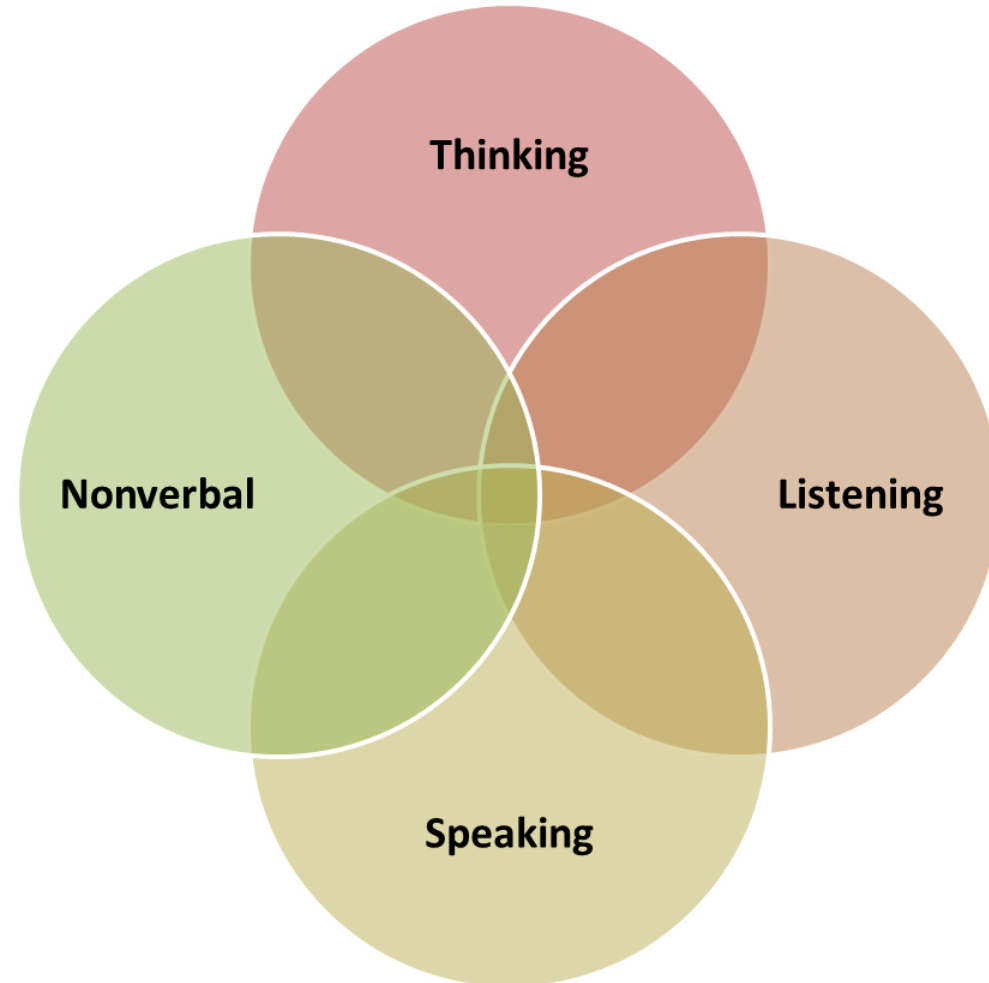
# Communication

- Signal exchange
  - ✓ Smell
  - ✓ Visual
  - ✓ Acoustic
- Encoding
  - ✓ Simple – body size
  - ✓ Complex – dance of the honey bee
- Between individuals of
  - ✓ Same species
  - ✓ Different species



# Communication in human society

- Non-verbal
  - Hard to control
  - Influence of limbic system
- Verbal
  - Fully controllable
  - Neocortex



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# Language

- The most sophisticated tool of communication
- Language is characteristic that defines the human species
  - No human society without language
  - No other species that have a language
- Language was a precondition for development of complex society and development of culture



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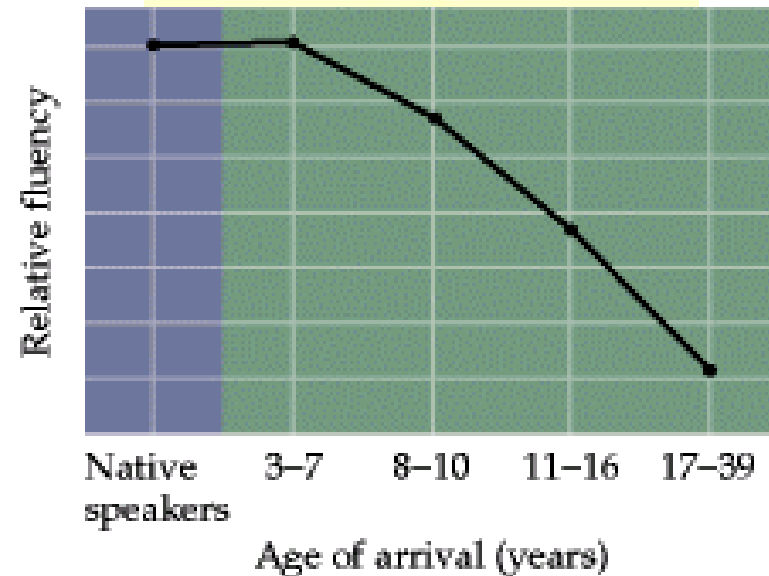
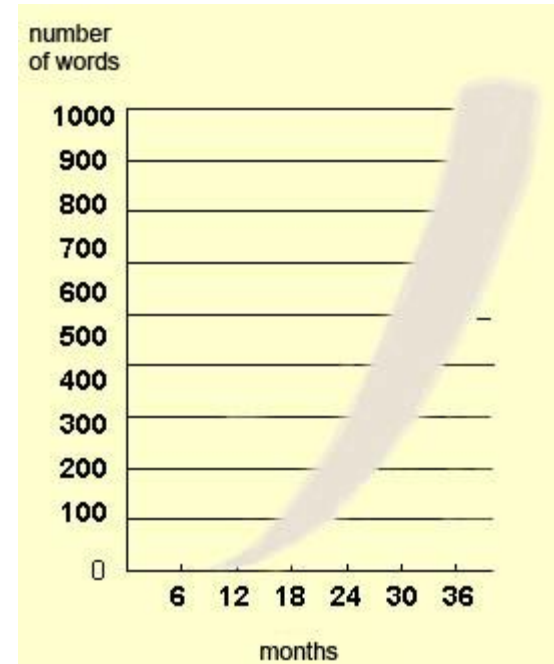
- The ability to acquire and use complex systems of communication, particularly the human ability to do so
- Complex hierarchic code
  - Syllable
    - Unit of organization for a sequence of speech sounds
  - Word
    - Symbol with a meaning
  - Sentence
    - A group of words organized according to the rules of syntax



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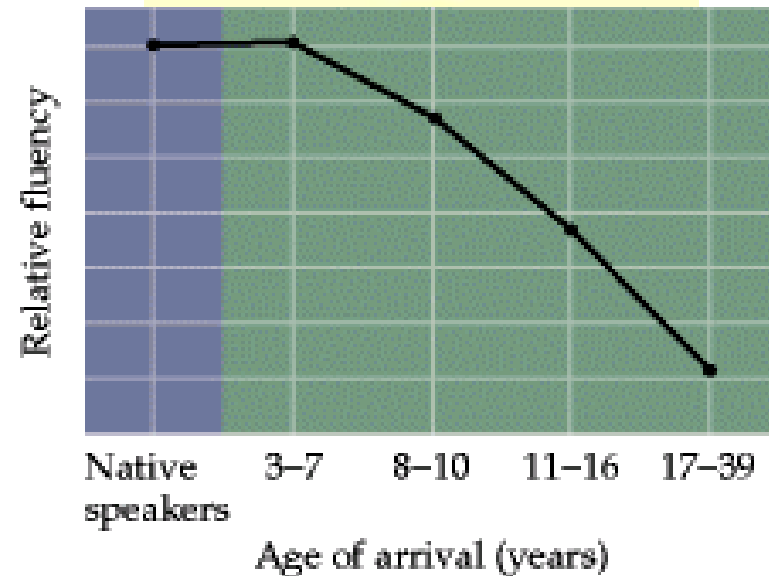
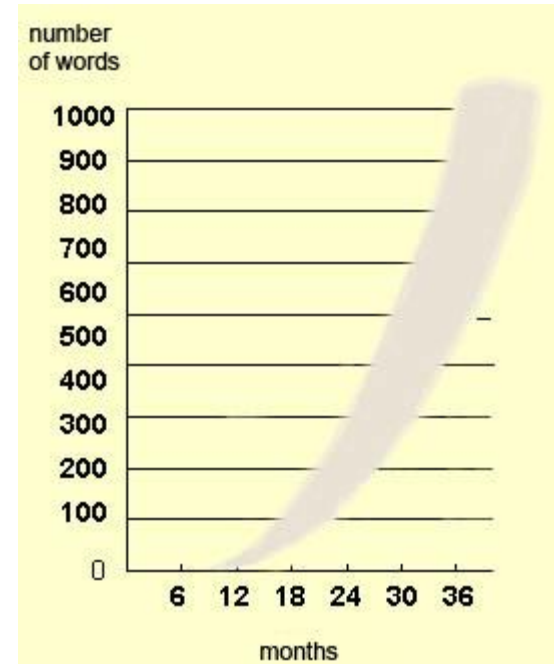
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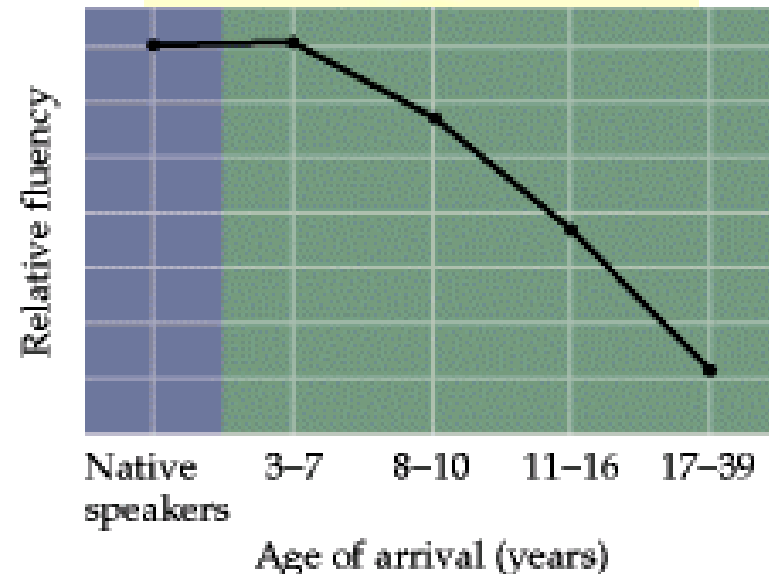
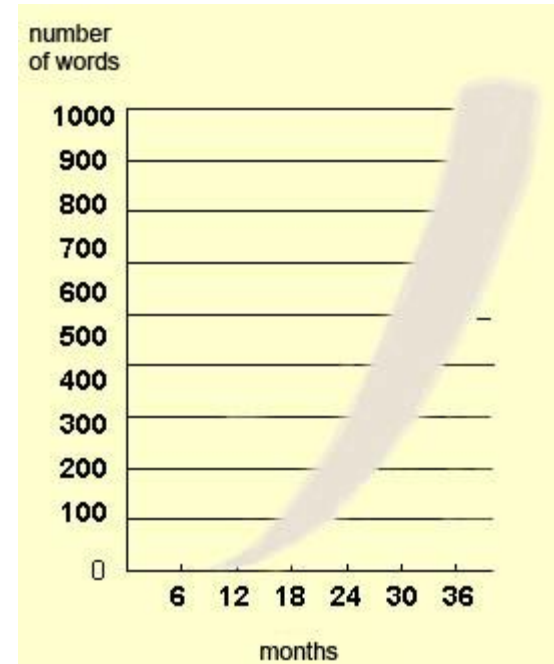
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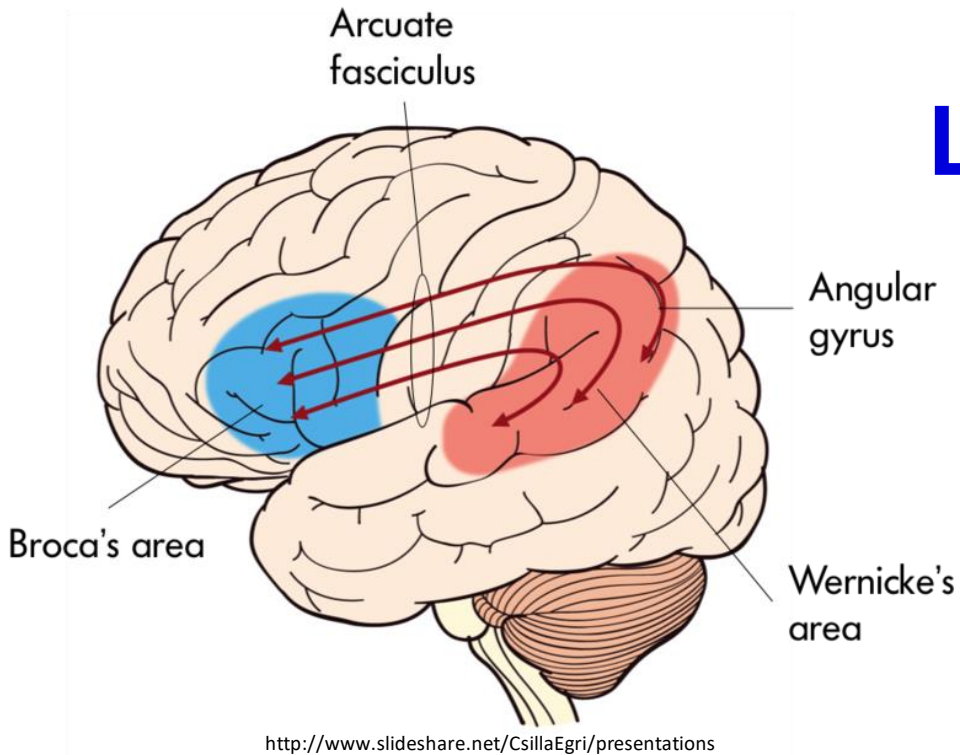
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- Adult vocabulary
  - Active: 3000 -10 000 words
  - Passive: 3-6x higher than active v.



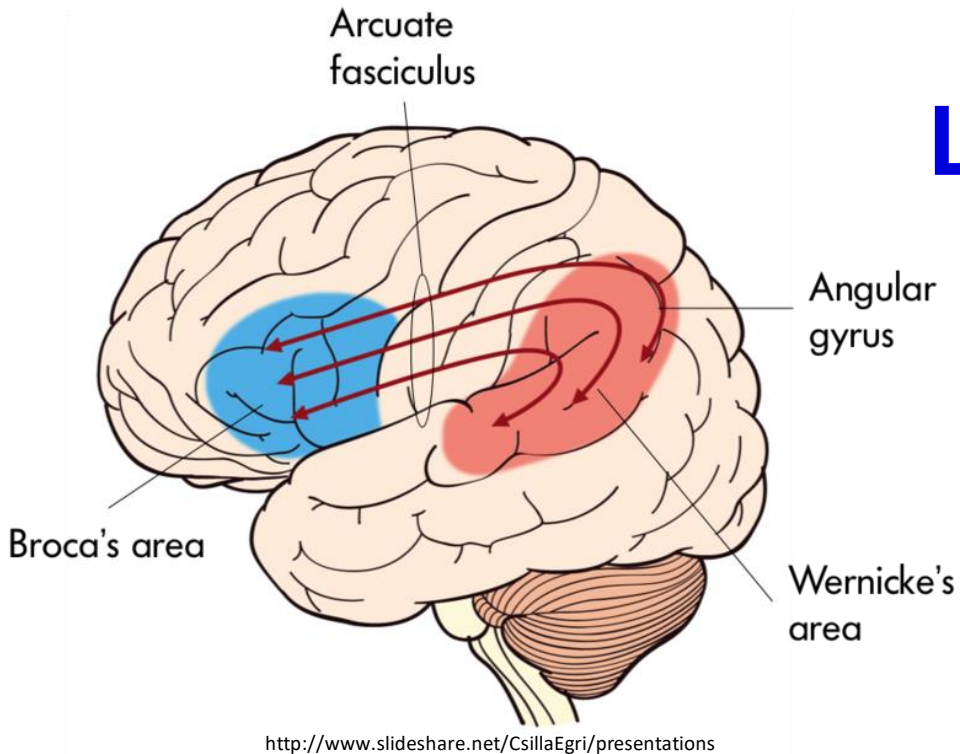
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# Language areas



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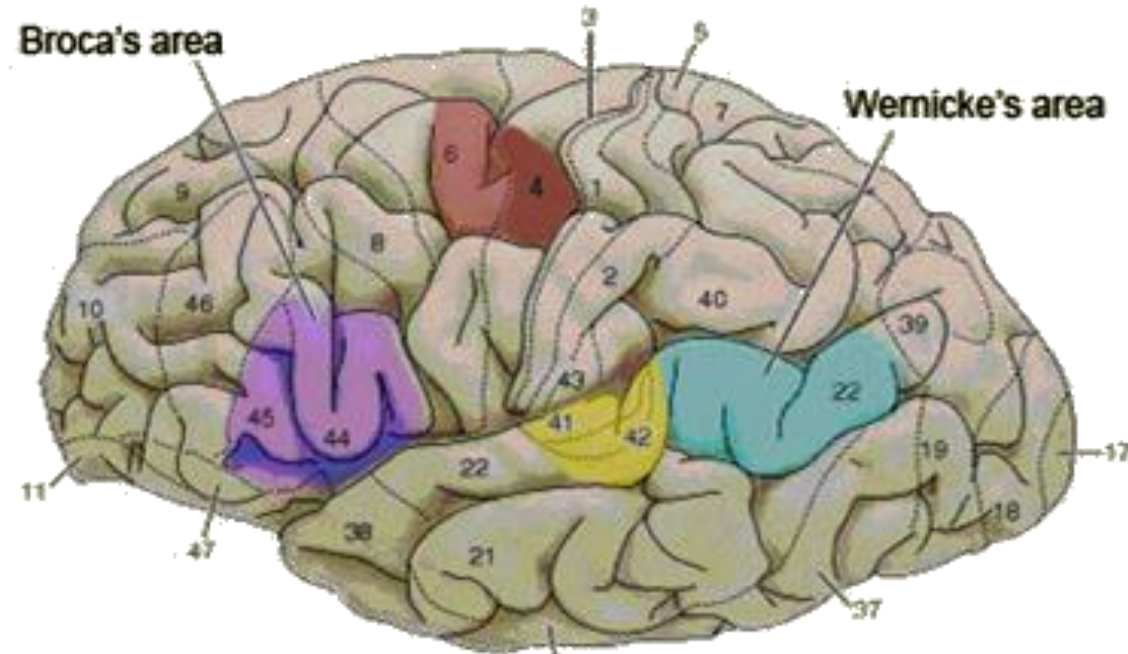
- Broca's aphasia
  - ✓ Motor, expressive
  - ✓ Comprehension preserved, speech unarticulated
- Wernicke's aphasia
  - ✓ perceptive, sensor
  - ✓ Comprehension damaged, speech fluent, but not meaningful
- Conduction aphasia
  - ✓ Damage of fasc. arcuatus
  - ✓ Speech fluent, comprehension preserved
  - ✓ Problem with repeating words and sentences
- Dysarthria
  - ✓ Problem with articulation
  - ✓ For example, damage of vocal cord ...

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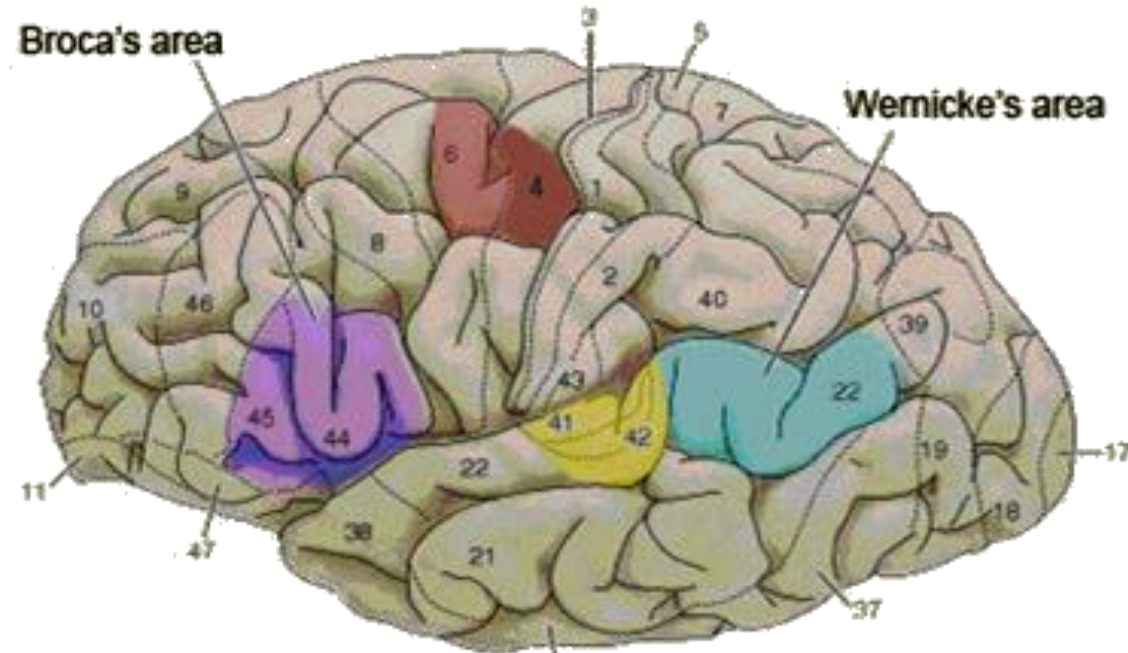
## Area 45

- ✓ Semantic processing  
„selection and manipulation with appropriate words“

## Area 44

- ✓ Phonological processing and language production  
„selection and activation of particular motor centers“

# Wernicke's area



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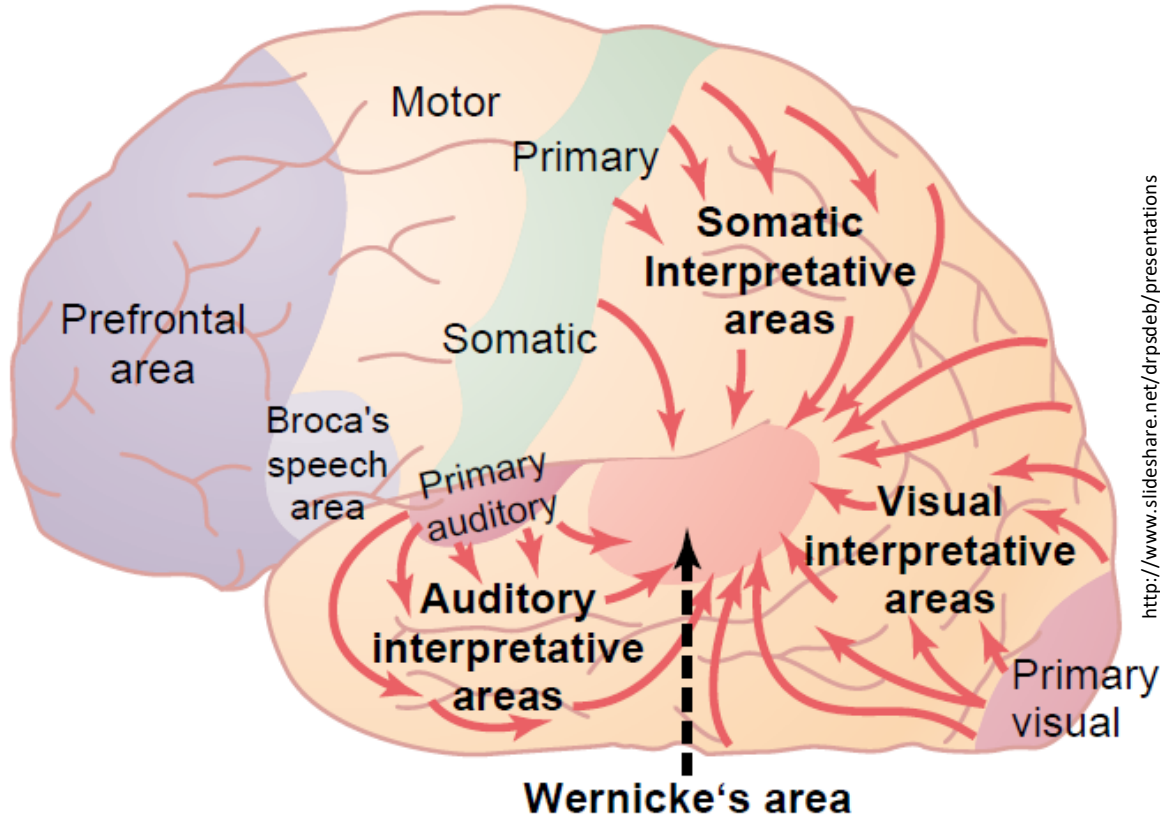
## Area 22

✓ Three subdivisions

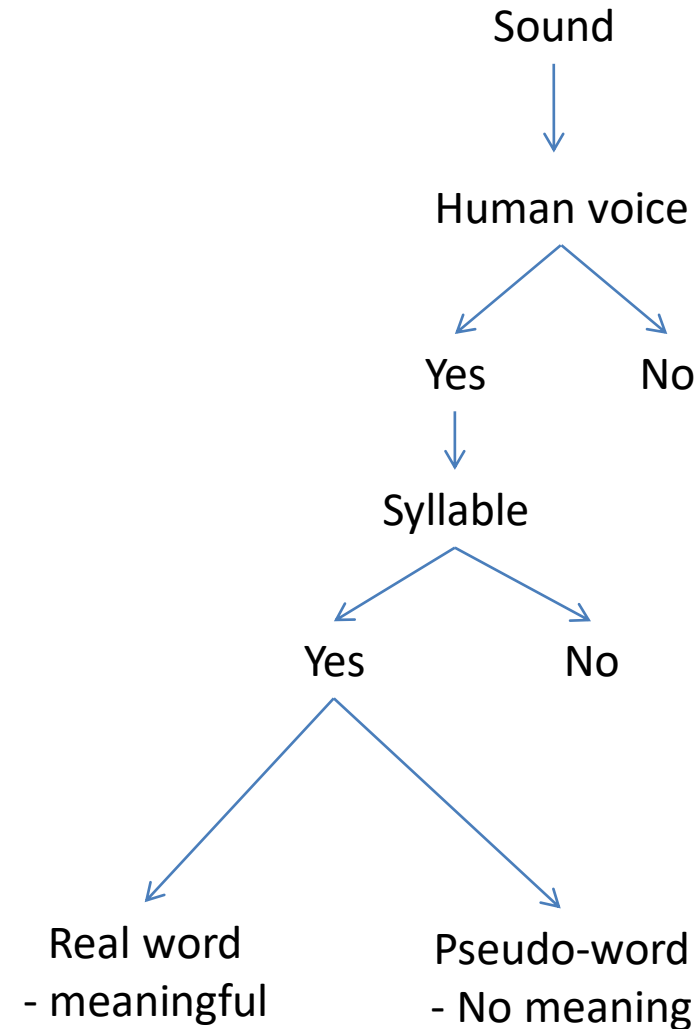
1. The first responds to spoken words (including the individual's own) and other sounds
2. The second responds only to words spoken by someone else but is also activated when the individual recalls a list of words.

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3. The third sub-area seems more closely associated with producing speech than with perceiving it

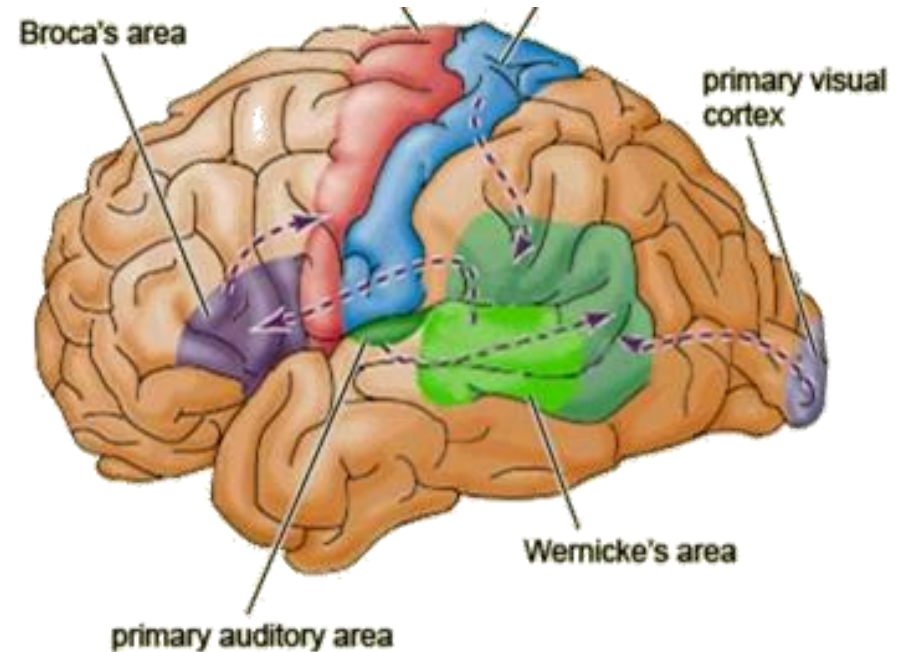
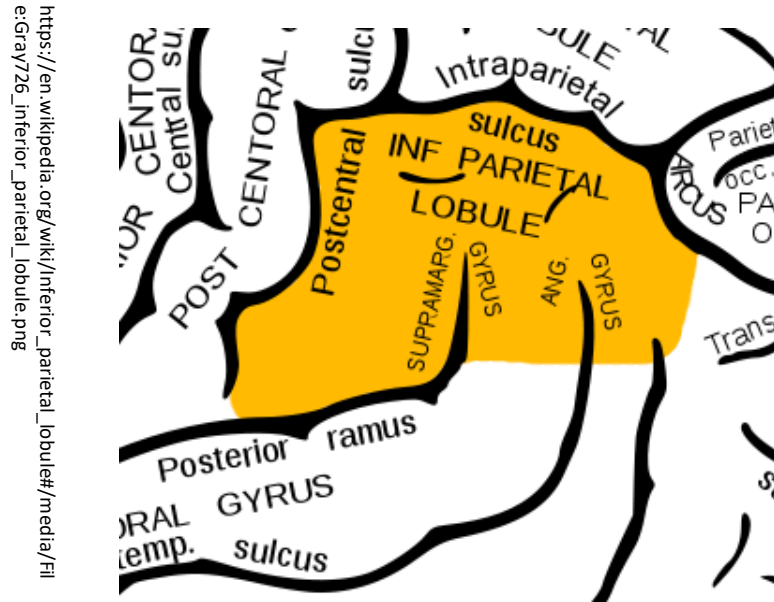
# Algorithm of sound processing



- ✓ Wernicke's area
- ✓ Broca's area
- ✓ P-O-T association cortex



# Lobulus parietalis inferior



## Gyrus supramarginalis (Area 40)

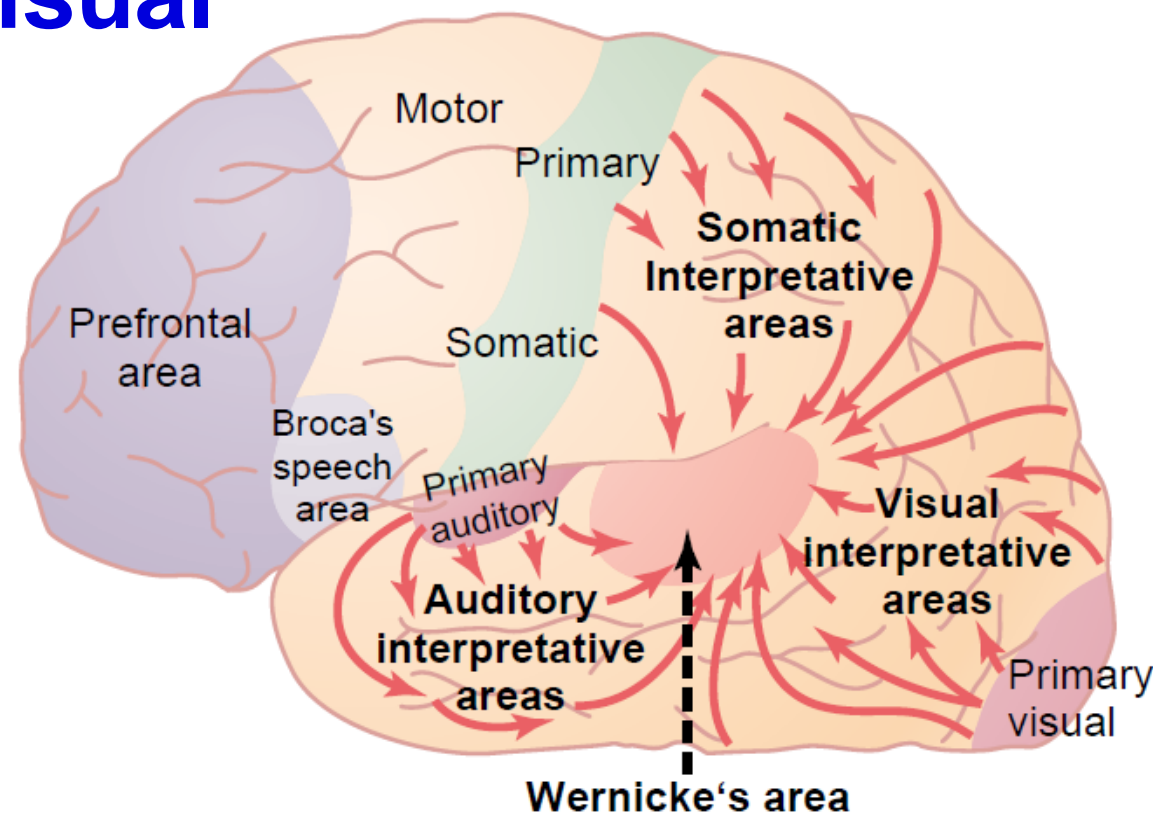
- ✓ Phonological and articulatory processing of words

## Gyrus angularis (Area 39)

- ✓ Semantic processing

Rich communication with Broca's and Wernicke's areas (triangular communication)

# Integration of auditory, visual and somatosensory information



**P - O - T association cortex**

**Lobulus parietalis inferior**

- Interpretation of sound
- Interpretation of visual signal
- Interpretation of somatosensation
- Interpretation of spoken/read word

➔ **Categorization**

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- The human society development is linked to information technology development
  - ✓ Spoken language
  - ✓ A system of writing
  - ✓ Printing
  - ✓ Internet



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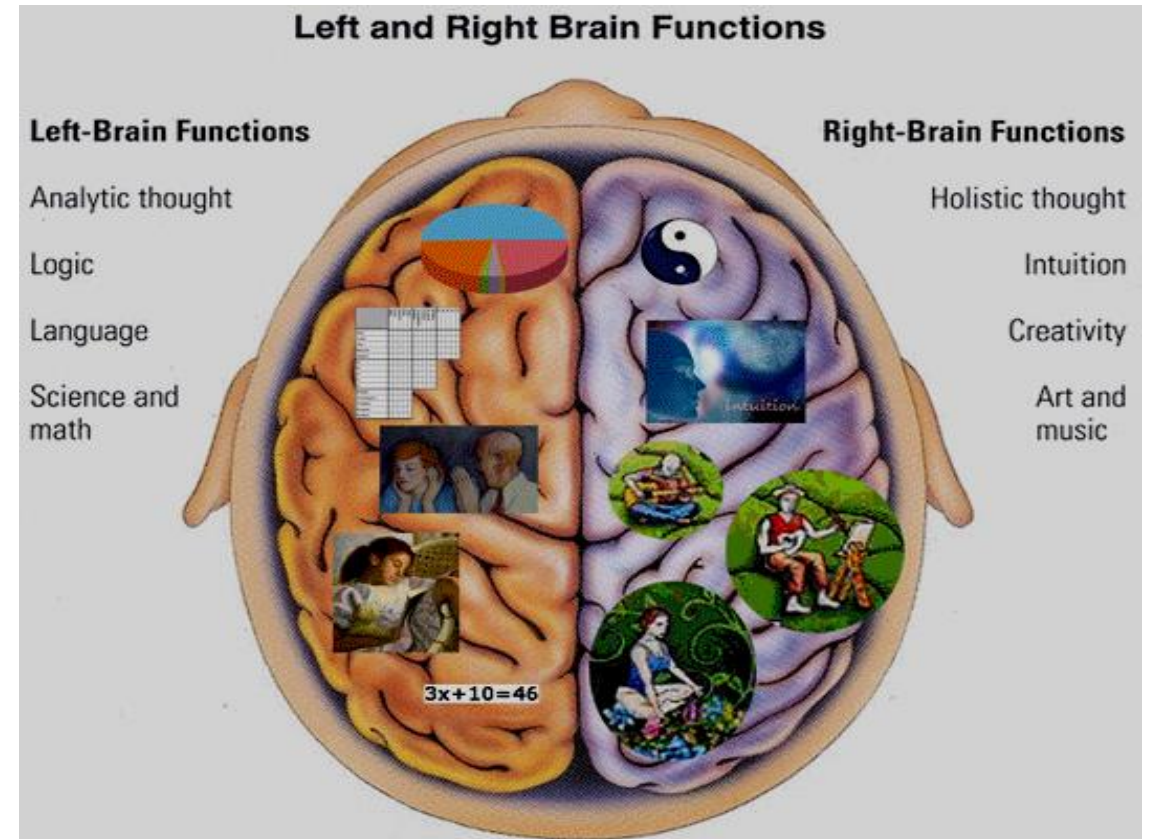
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- Some scientists suggest that the left hemisphere dominance for language evolved from this hemisphere's better motor control
- The language specialization develops in the left hemisphere, which matures slightly earlier

# Right hemisphere language functions

- Non-verbal aspect of language
  - ✓ Prosody – intonation, stress...
- Non-literal language aspects
  - ✓ Irony
  - ✓ Metaphors
- Understanding to discourse / complex speech
  - ✓ Lecture, discussion



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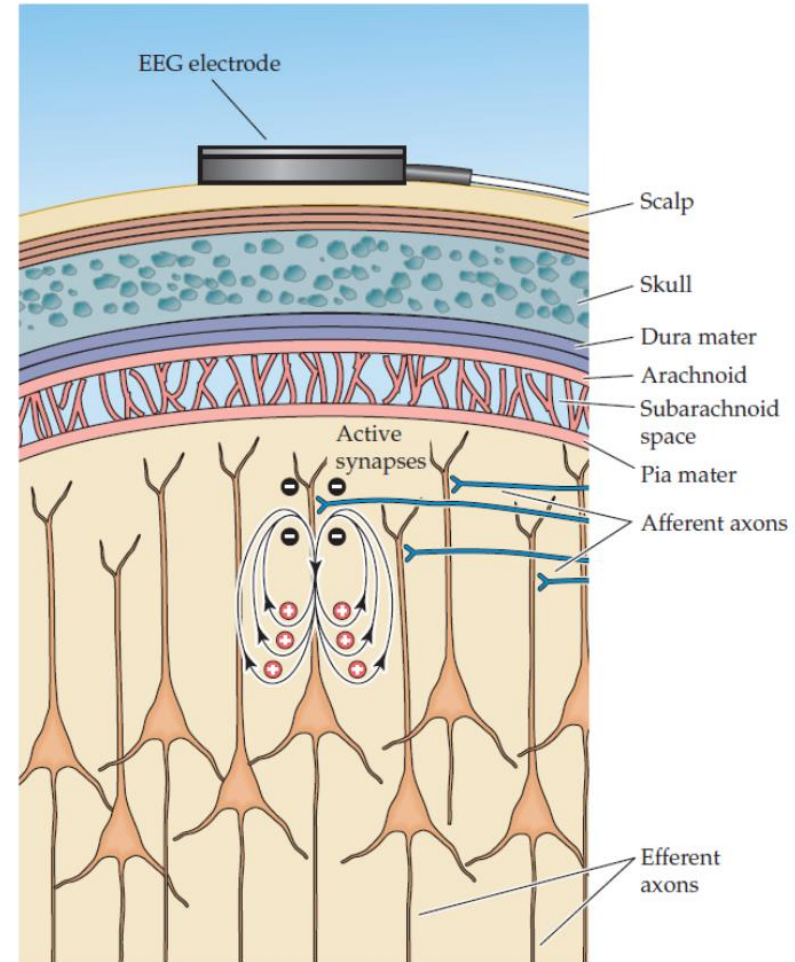
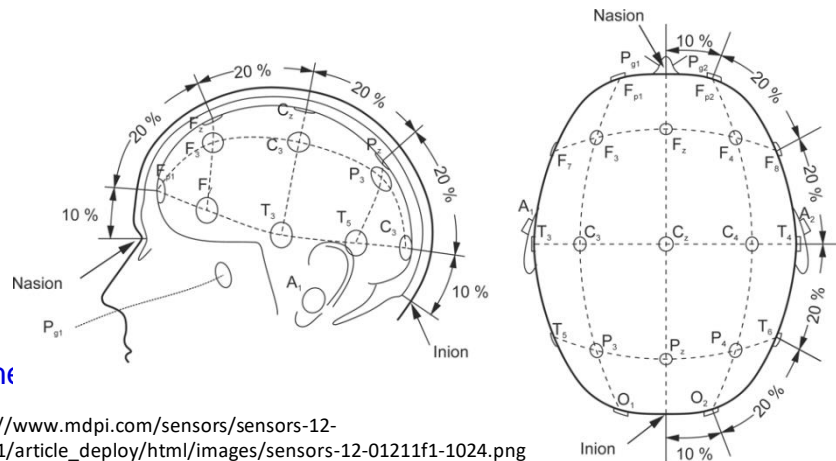
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- The males' higher levels of testosterone, which delays the development of the left hemisphere
  - 4 times more boys than girls suffer from stuttering, dyslexia

# Functional diagnostic methods

- Detection of electrical activity
  - Higher neuronal activity - higher electrical activity
  - Electroencephalography (EEG)
- Detection of regional blood flow
  - Higher neuronal activity – increased blood flow
  - Single photon emission tomography (SPECT)
  - Positron emission tomography (PET)
  - Functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI)

# EEG

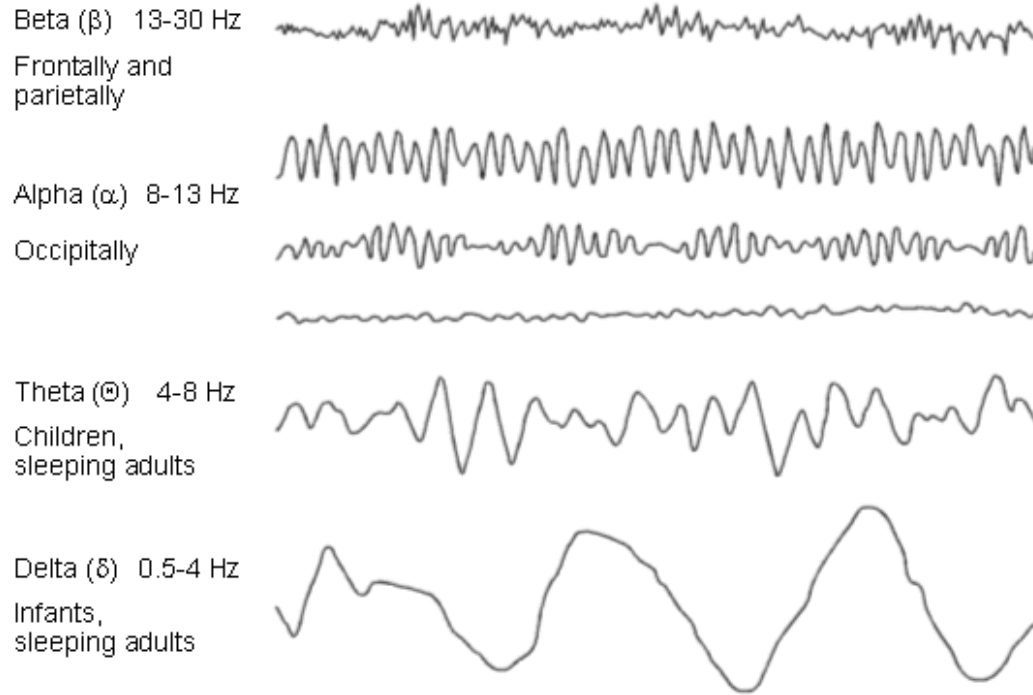
- Detection of neuronal electrical activity
- monopolar arrangement:
  - active electrode
  - indifferent electrode= referential recording
- bipolar recording
  - lead (channel)
  - ground electrode
- EEG voltage in microvolts (vs. in mV in neurons)



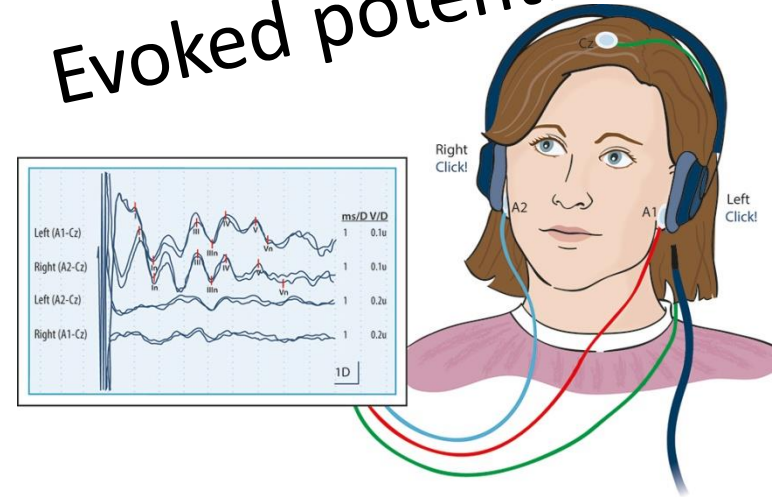
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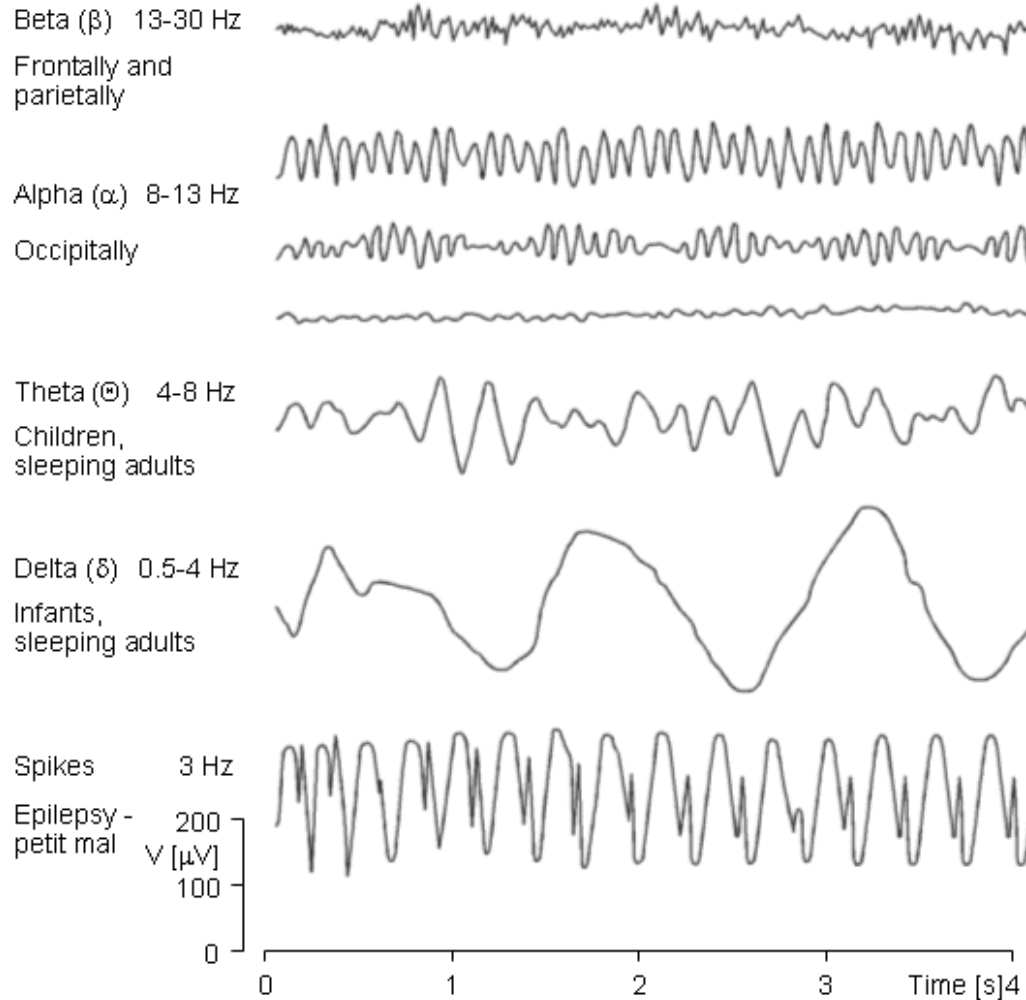


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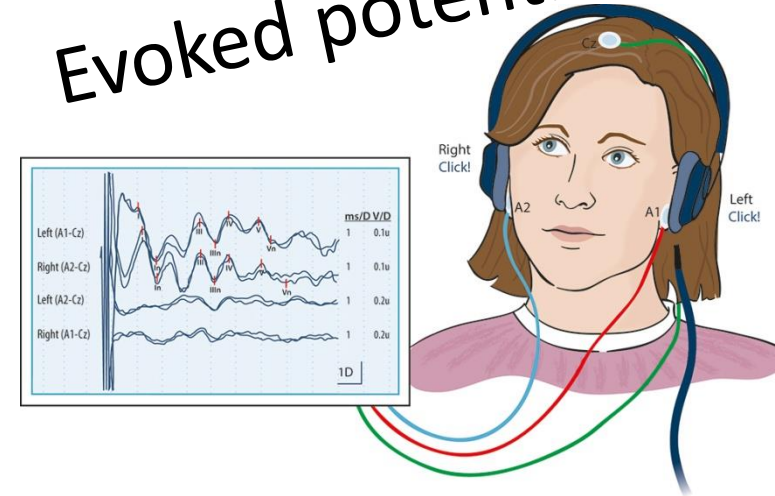


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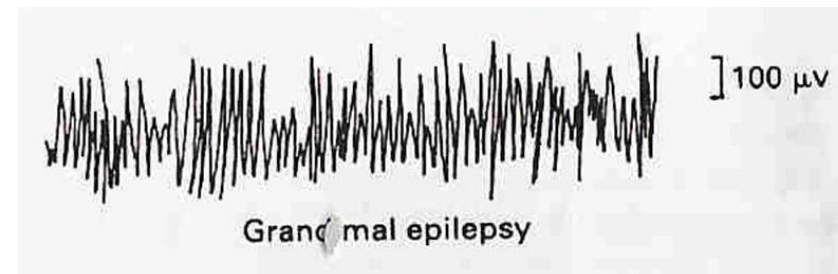
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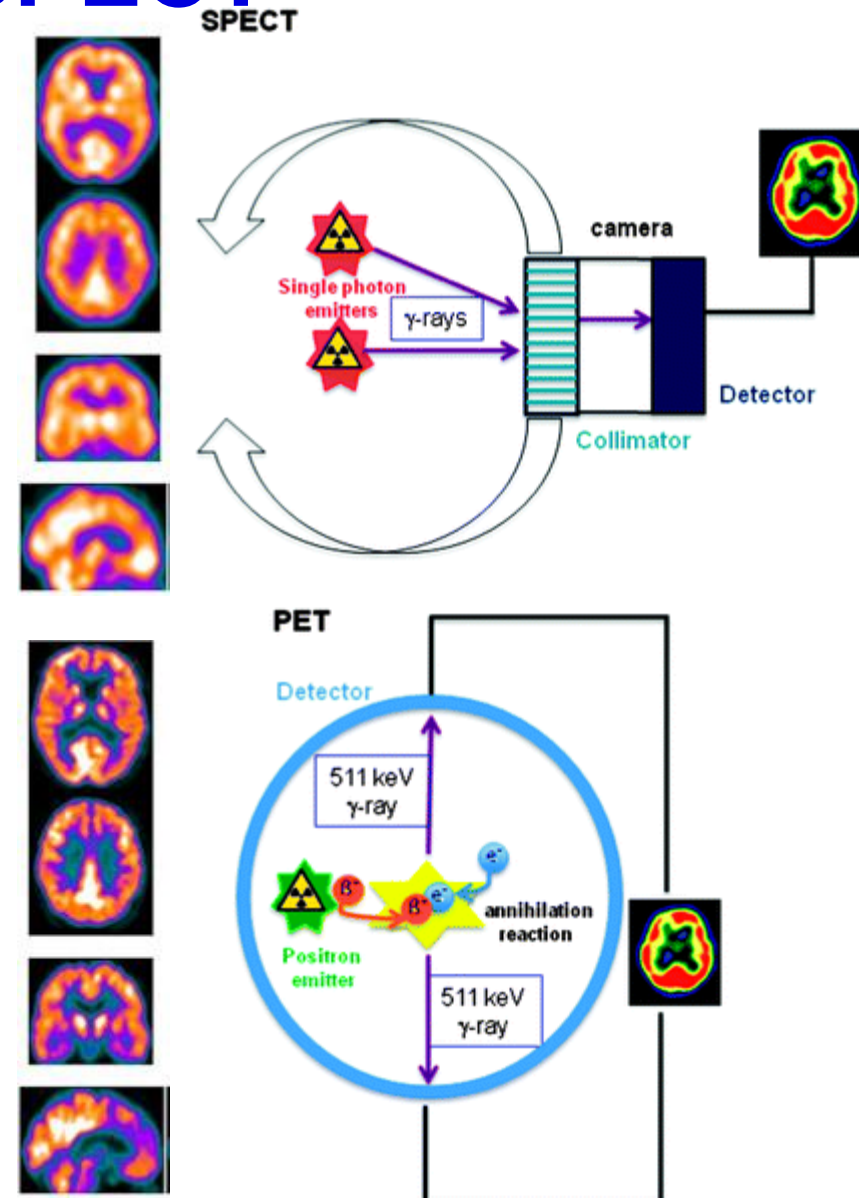
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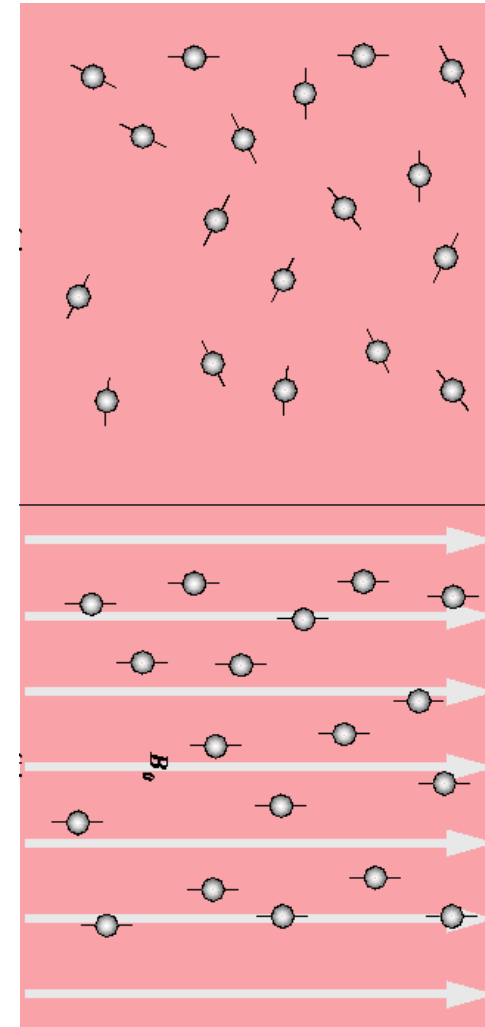
- Injection of radionuclide labeled substances
- Short half live of radionuclide
  - Necessary to prepare shortly before application
  - Nuclear medicine department
- SPECT
  - Single photon emission computer tomography
  - radionuclide is the source of gamma rays
  - Low resolution (around 1 cm)
- PET
  - Positron emission tomography
  - radionuclide is the source of positrons
  - Positron annihilation produces two gamma photons – higher resolution (around 2mm)



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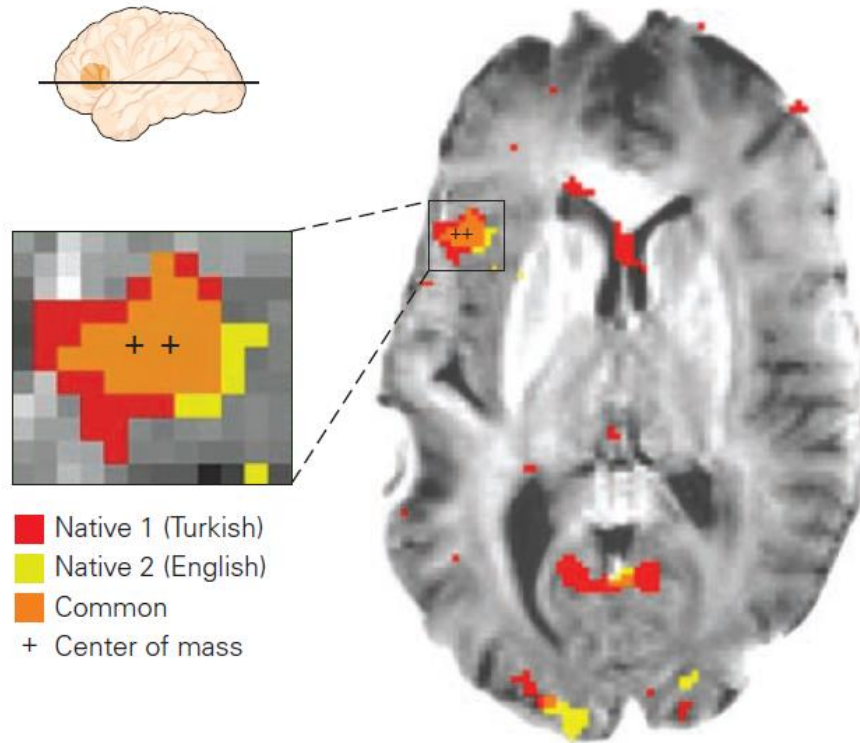
- Different atoms (nuclei) have various magnetic properties when exposed to strong magnetic field
- Hydrogen
- fMRI uses different magnetic properties of oxy- and deoxyhemoglobin
- reduced hemoglobin becomes paramagnetic, change the signal emitted by blood, we can measure the amount of oxy- and deoxyhemoglobin as an indicator of the blood flow
- High resolution (up to 1mm)
- No radiation



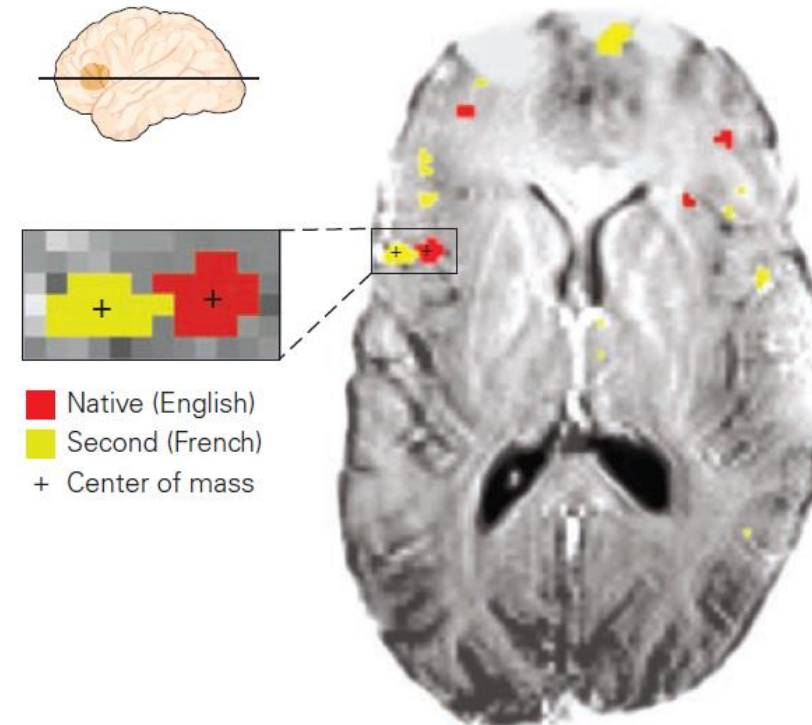
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A Early bilingual



B Late bilingual



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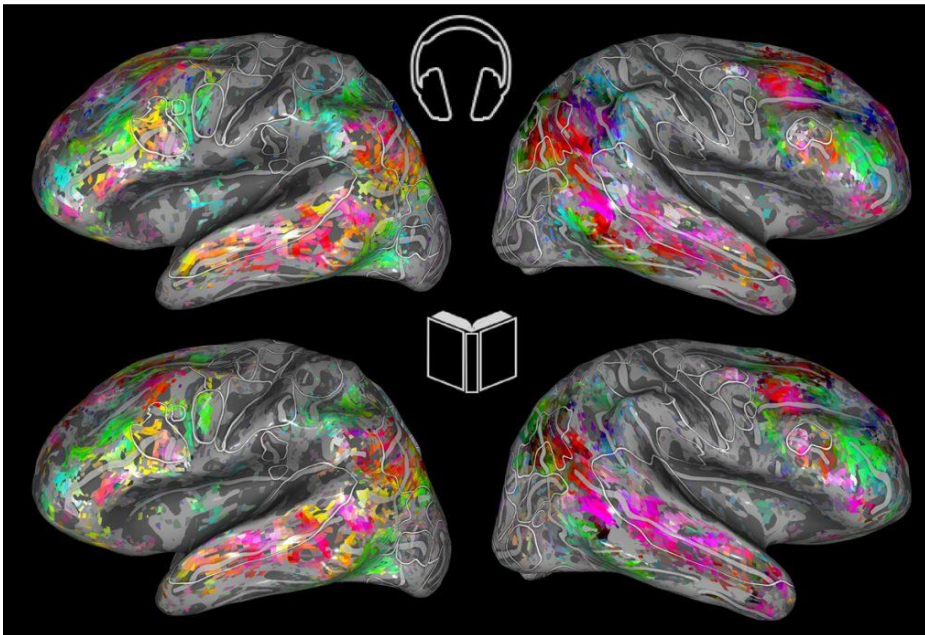
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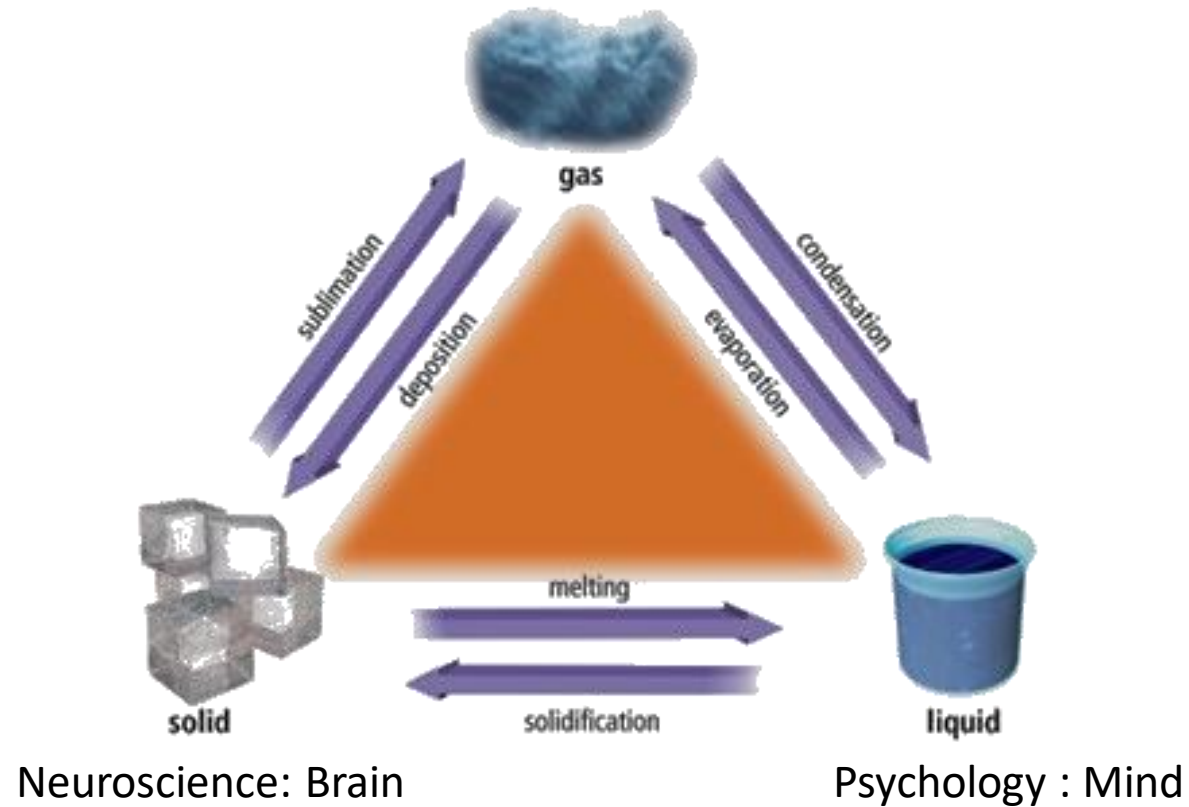
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# Three States of Cognition

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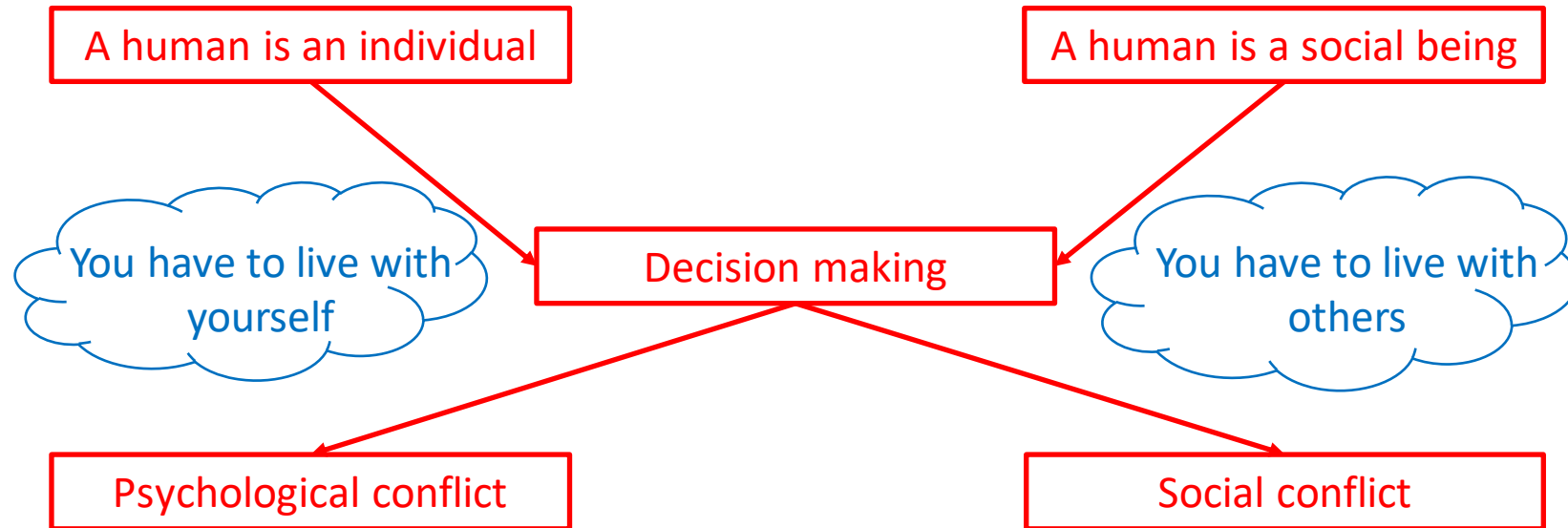
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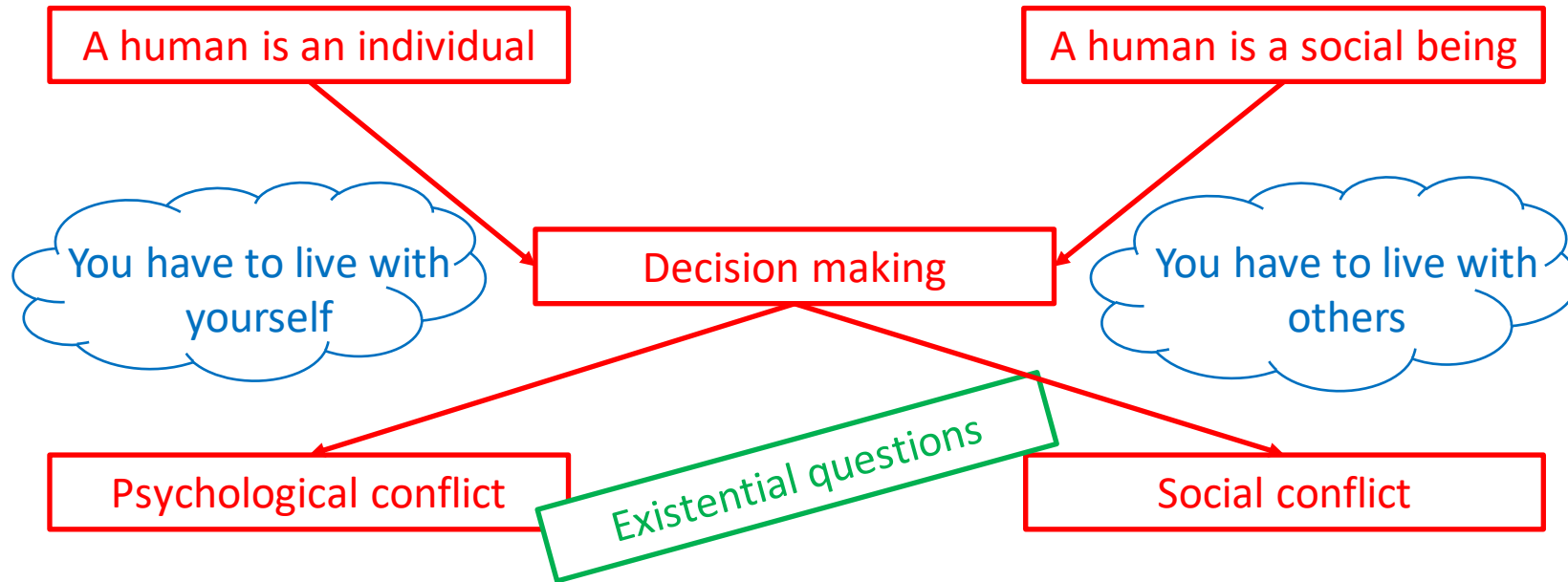
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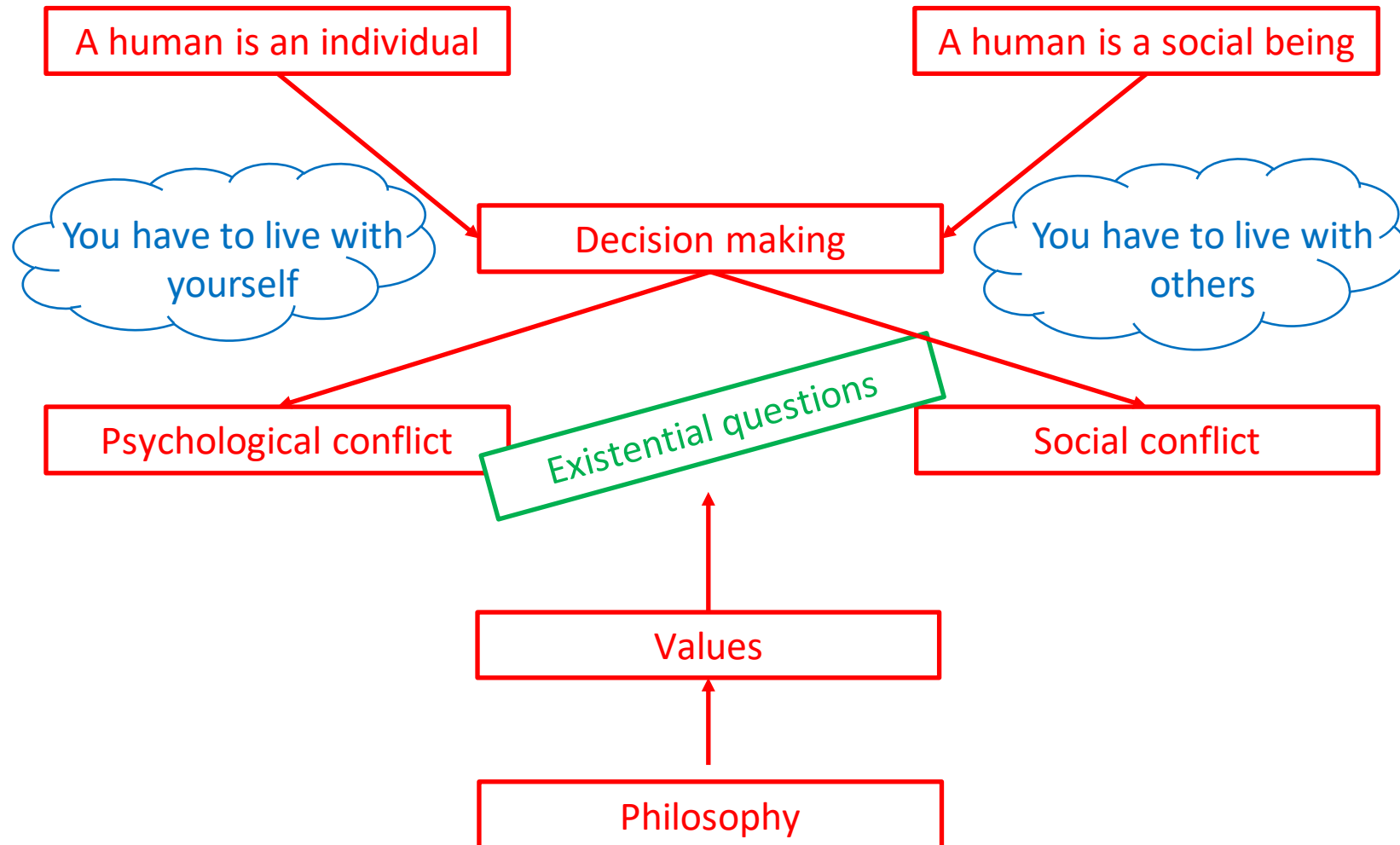
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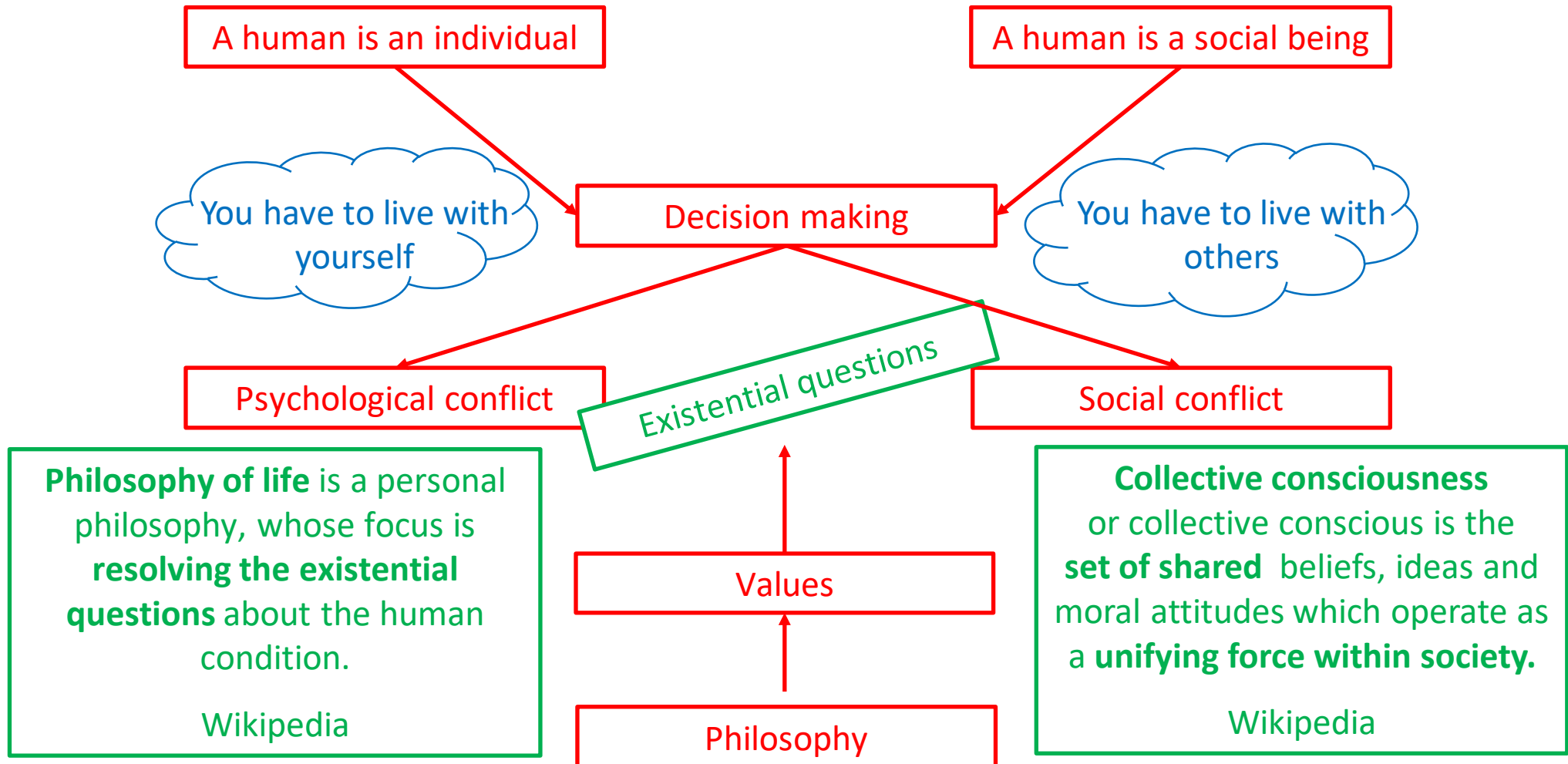
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## COLLECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS

**Collective consciousness** or collective consciousness is the **set of shared beliefs, ideas and moral attitudes** which operate as a **unifying force within society.**

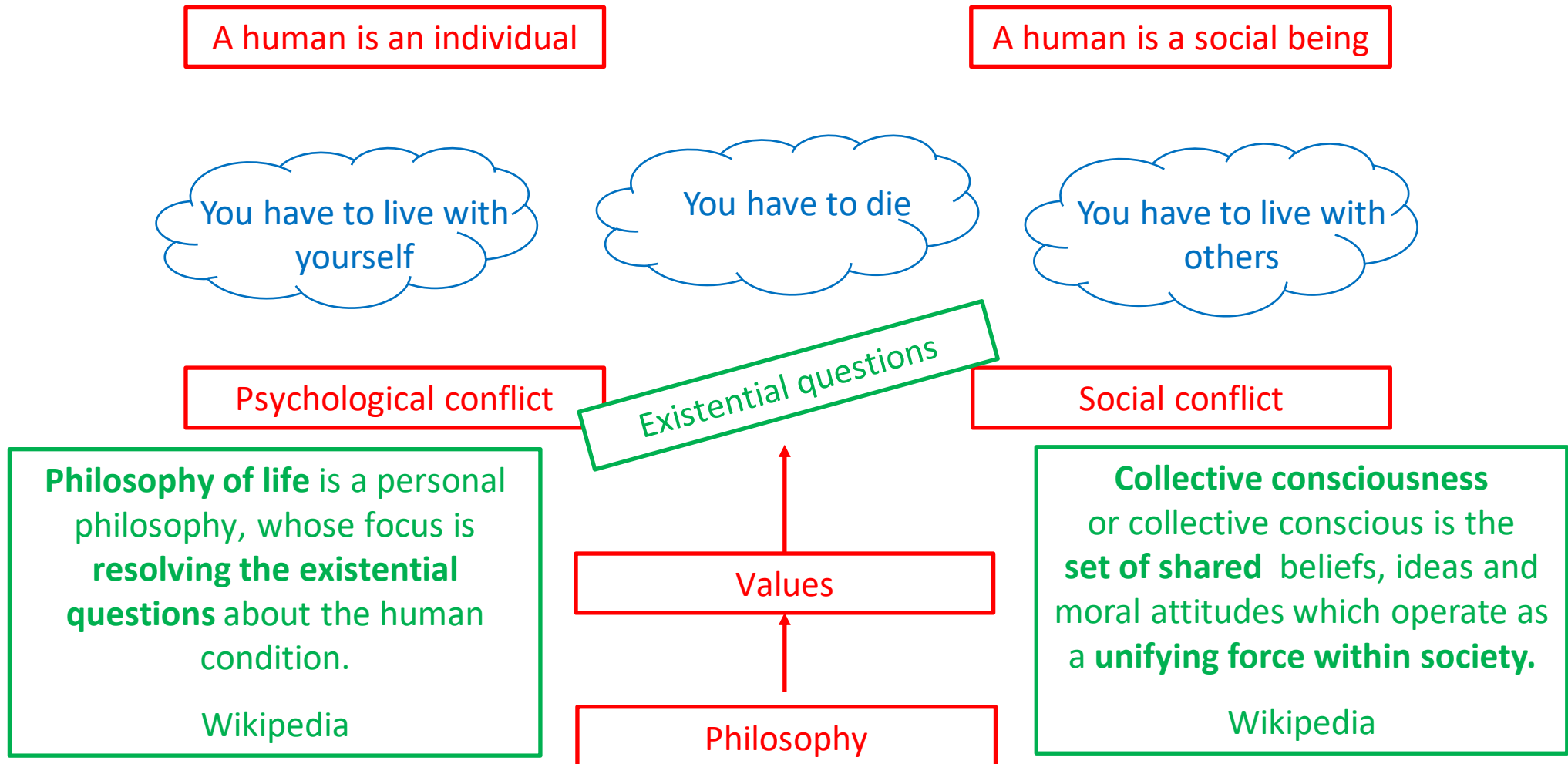
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### Religious level

- Inspiration of creativity
- Awareness of meaning is needed

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– the sum of knowledge

- ✓ Material
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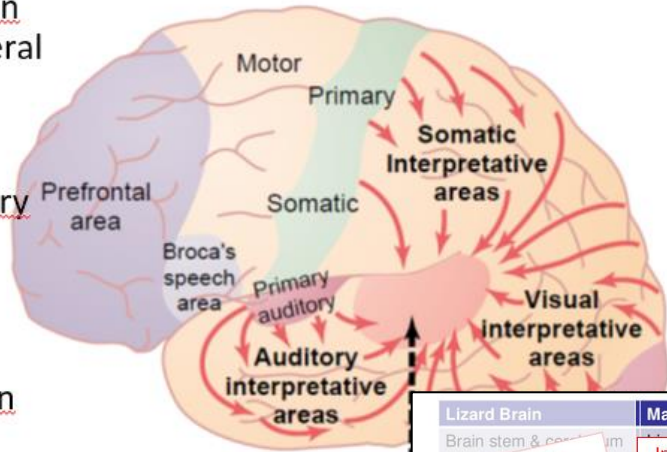


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# Complementary ways of thinking

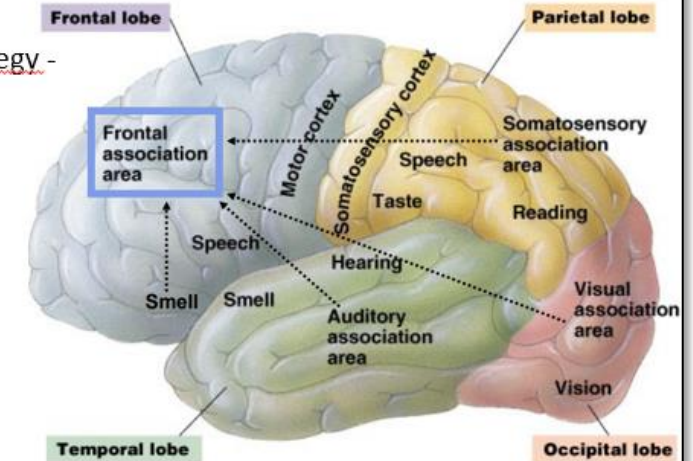
## Parieto-occipito-temporal association area

- Linking and interpretation of information from several sensory modalities
- Visual – acoustic – sensory analysis
- Object recognition and categorization
- Language comprehension
- Attention



## Frontal association area

- Motor/non-motor planning/organization - strategy - anticipation
- Thinking – mental models processing
- Attention – „information filtering“



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Brain stem & cerebellum	Integration of inner and outer information	Neocortex
Fixed programs	DRIVE	Programs on demand
Uniform ACTION	Decisions	Unique ACTION
Economy		Performance



The Triune Brain in Evolution, Paul MacLean, 1960

**Analysis  
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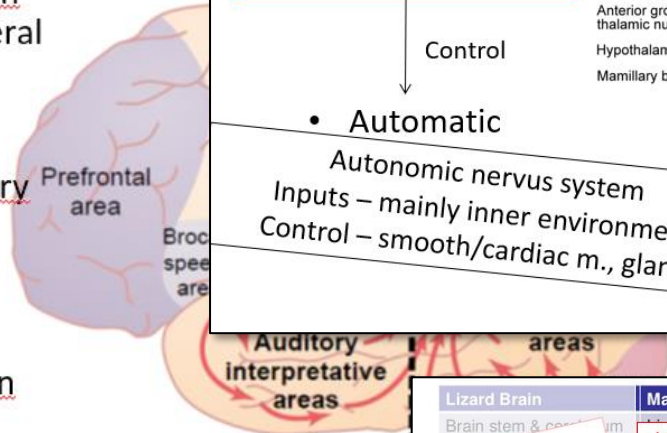
**Drive**

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## Concept of the limbic system

Somatic nervous system  
Inputs – mainly from outer environment  
Control – skeletal muscle

- Voluntary

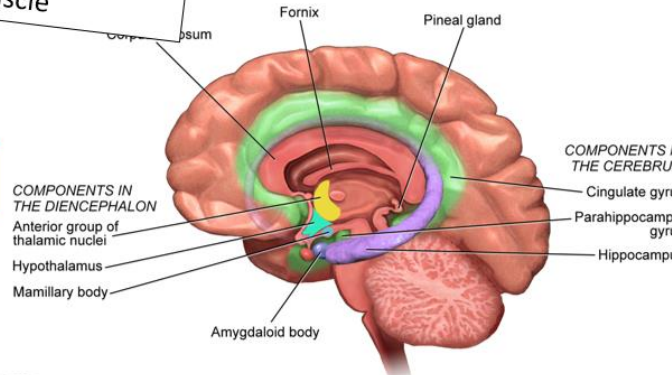
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### Limbic system

Control

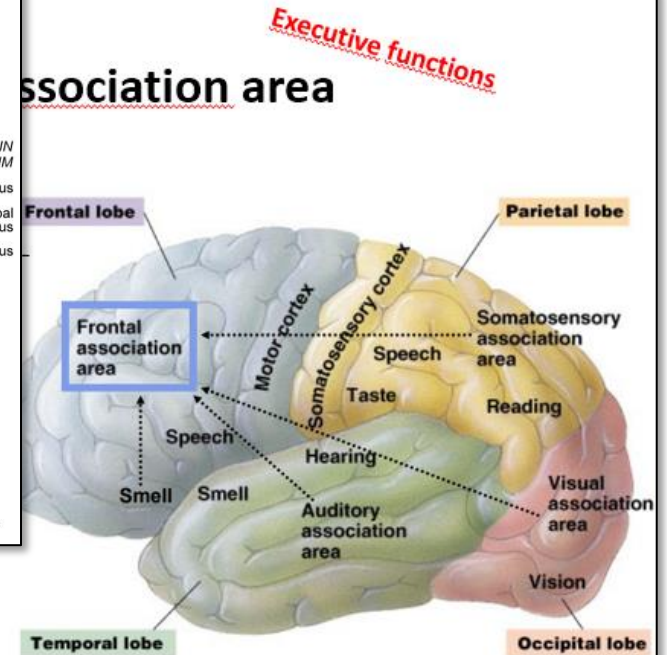
- Automatic

Autonomic nervous system  
Inputs – mainly inner environment  
Control – smooth/cardiac m., glands



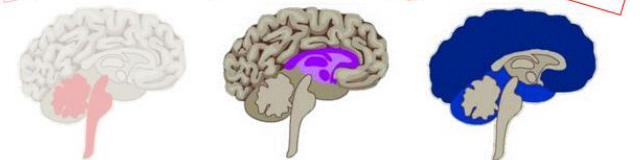
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## Association area



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# Limbic system and neocortex

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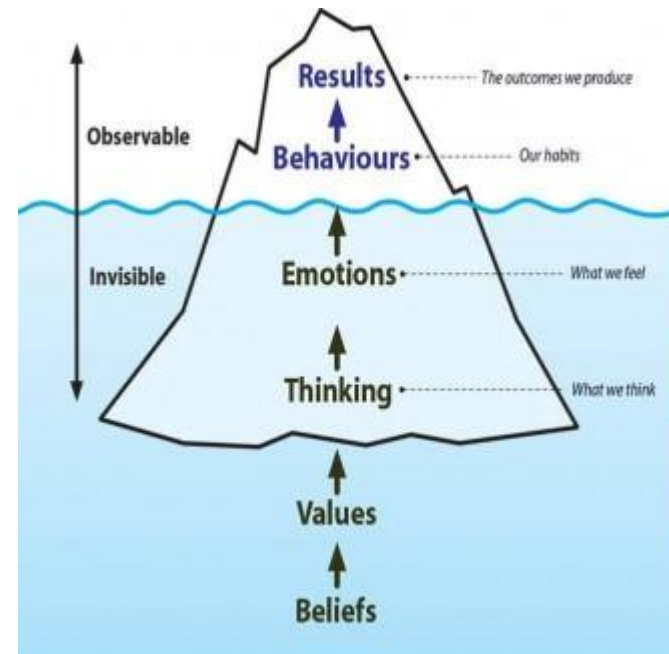
- Limbic system
- ✓ I see a nice thing, so why not to steal it?

## Socially enforced behavior

- Legal behavior
- Neocortex – limbic system
- ✓ Theft is a crime, and punishment may come

## Moral behavior

- Legitimate behavior
- Limbic system
- ✓ Stealing is a bad thing



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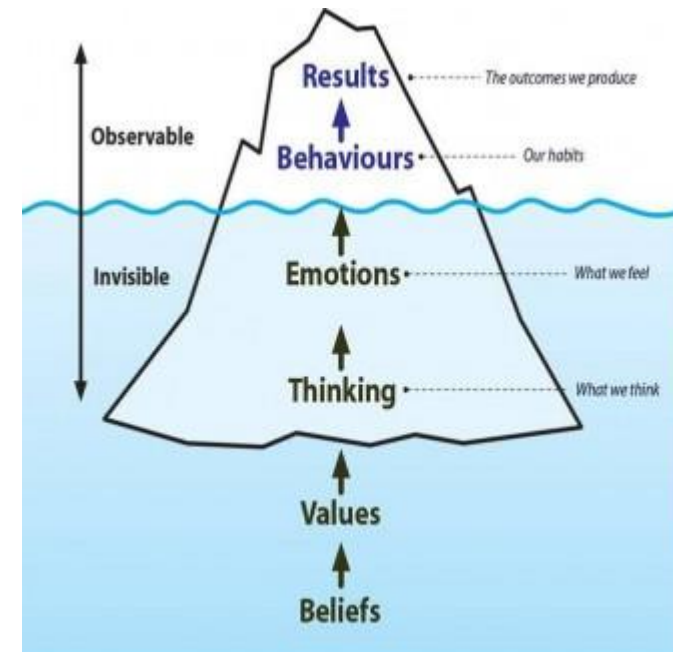
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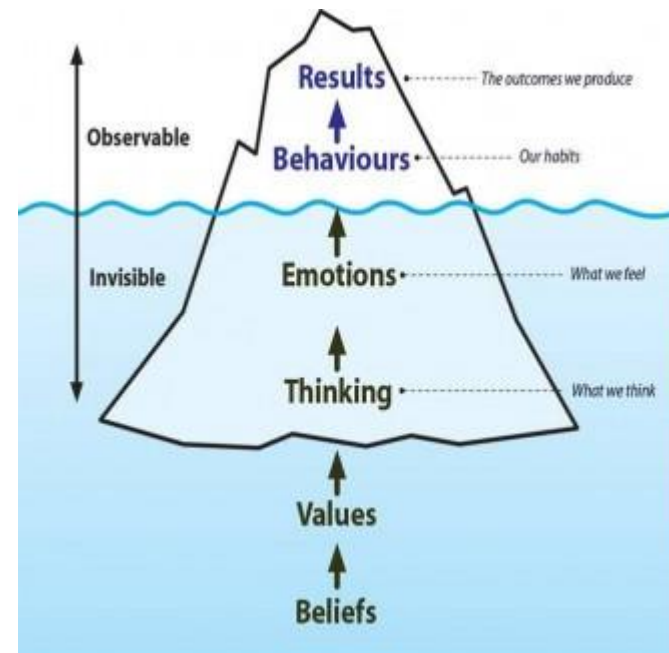
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- **Moral stance** (Neocortex)
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# Limbic system and neocortex

**Information**  
NEOCORTEX  
VS  
**Complex information**  
NEOCORTEX/limbic system  
VS  
**Values/Philosophy/Faith**  
Neocortex/LIMBIC SYSTEM



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# Cognitive maps

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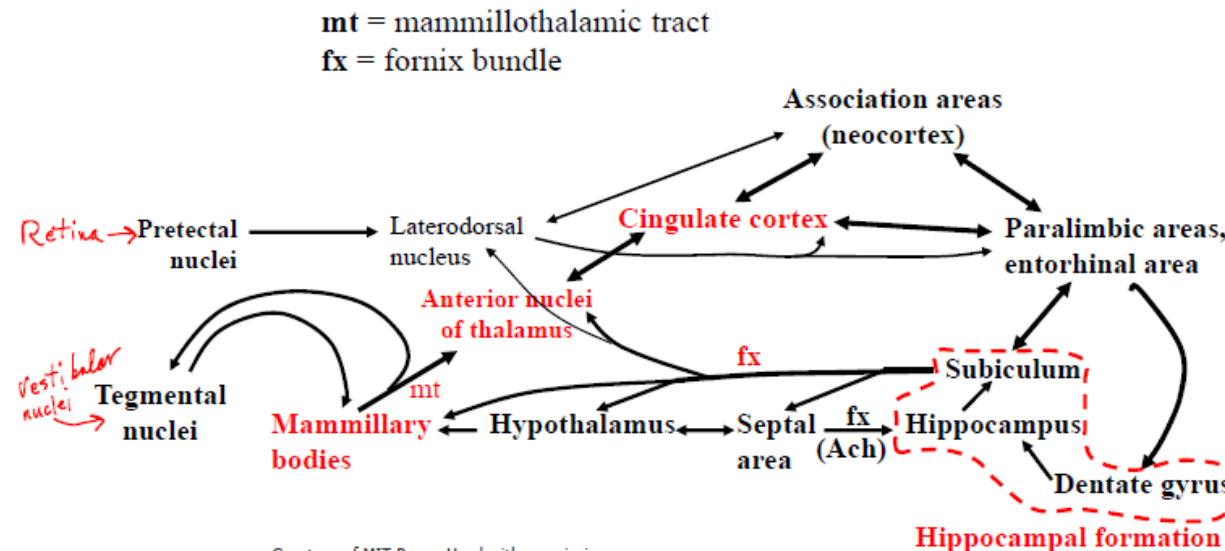
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- Origins of endbrain: Structures underlying olfaction
- Two major links between olfactory system and the motor systems of the midbrain

- ✓ Object oriented
- ✓ Implicite

- ✓ Location oriented
- ✓ Explicite

- 1) Through the ventral endbrain, which became corpus striatum and basal forebrain (including much of the septal area)
  - Outputs to hypothalamus, (epithalamus, subthalamus), midbrain
  - These outputs affected locomotion and orienting movements
  - The links were plastic, so habits were formed according to rewarding effects mediated, e.g., by taste effects.
- 2) Through the medial part of the dorsal endbrain, which became medial pallium—the hippocampal formation
  - Outputs to ventral striatum, hypothalamus, epithalamus
  - The links were plastic, but the “habits” formed were different: The association of place with good or bad consequences of approach.



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# Learning and memory

- Connections of striatum and hippocampus are plastic
- Plasticity is a base of learning
- Learning is a forming of long- term memory
  
- Declarative memory (explicit)
- Based on hippocampus
- Explicit information is stored and later recollected
- „Construction of the maps (relationships)“ – spatial or abstract
  
- Procedural memory (implicit)
- Based on striatum
- Habitual learning – motor skills, but also social habits
- „Construction of the algorithms“

Location oriented:  
Where am I and what  
has happened here?

Object oriented:  
Can I eat it and how  
to eat it?

**Cognitive map  
term definition**

Edward C. Tolman

1948



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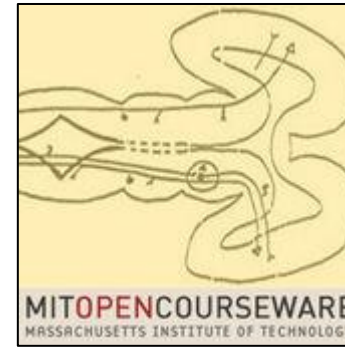
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Gerald Schneider



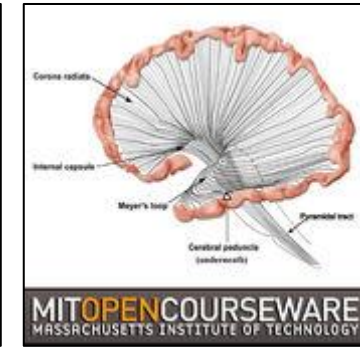
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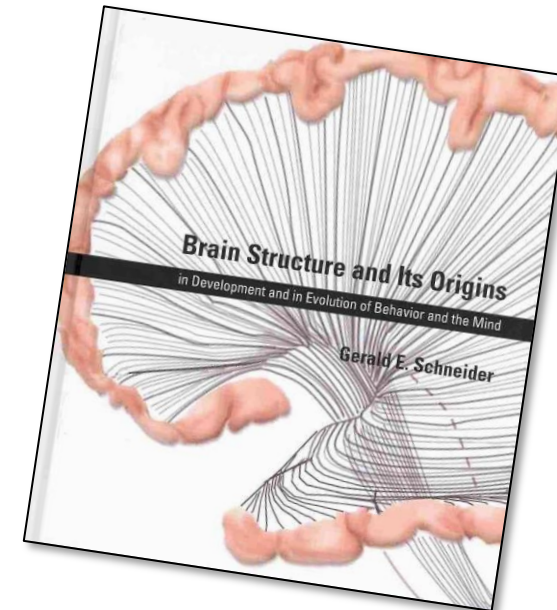


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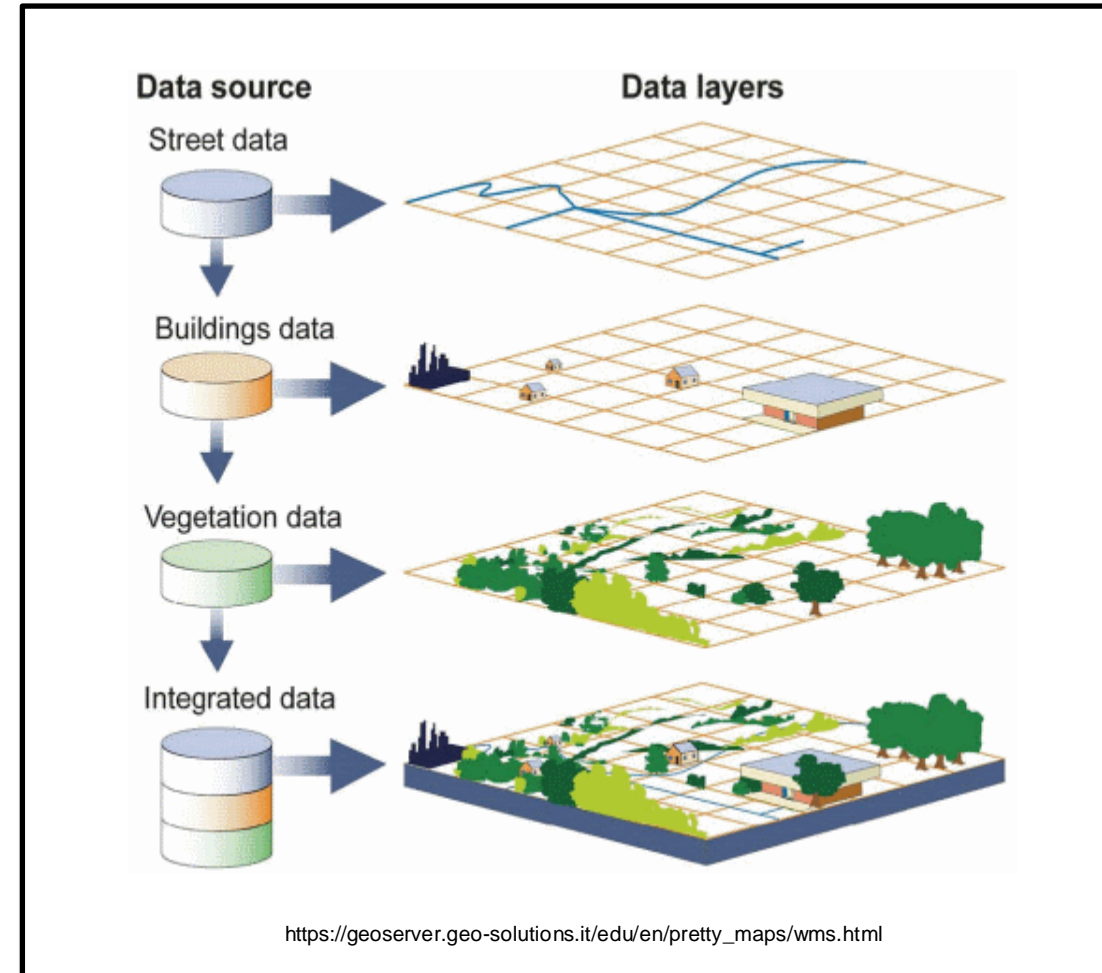
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