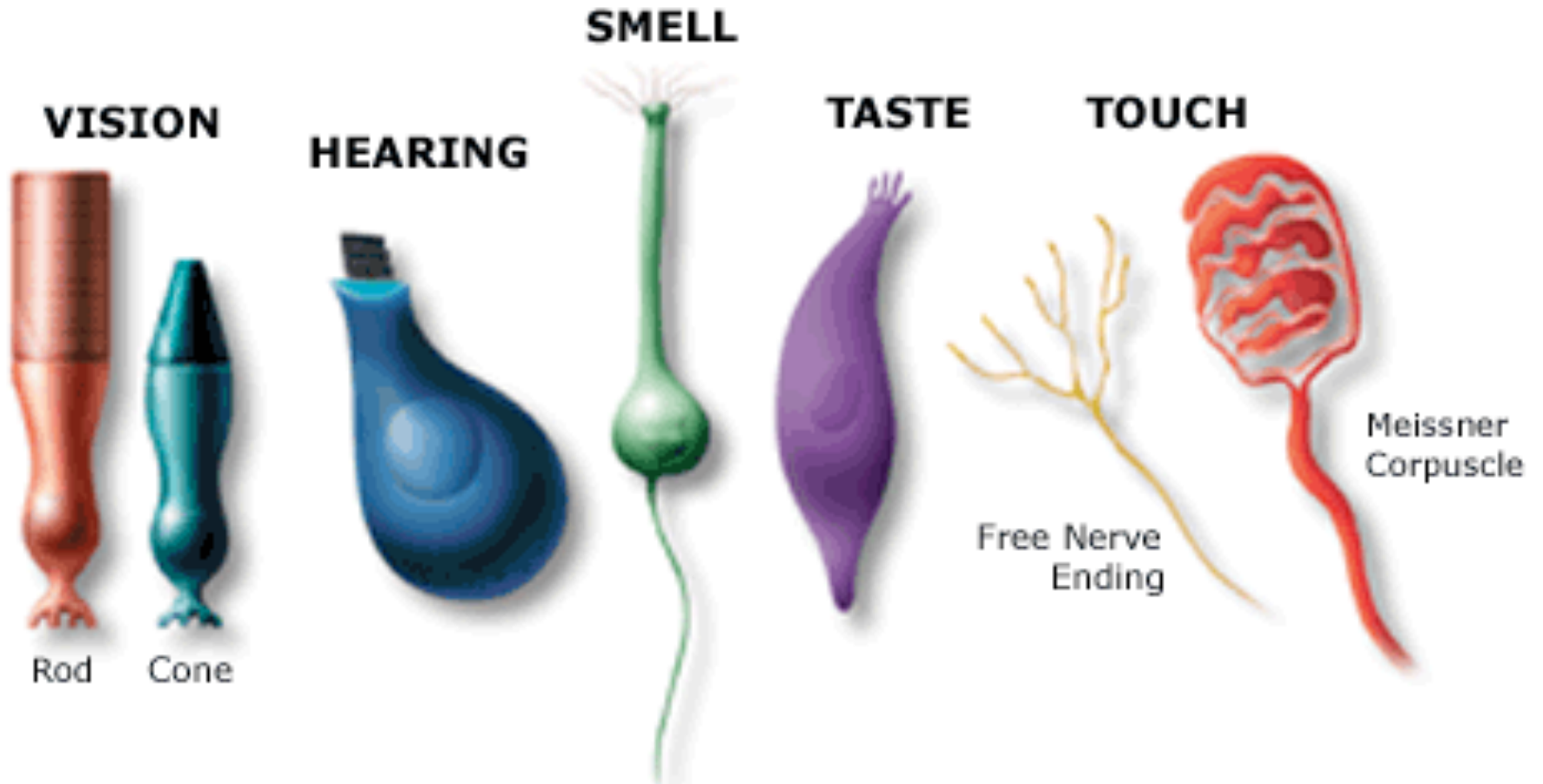


SENSORY RECEPTION



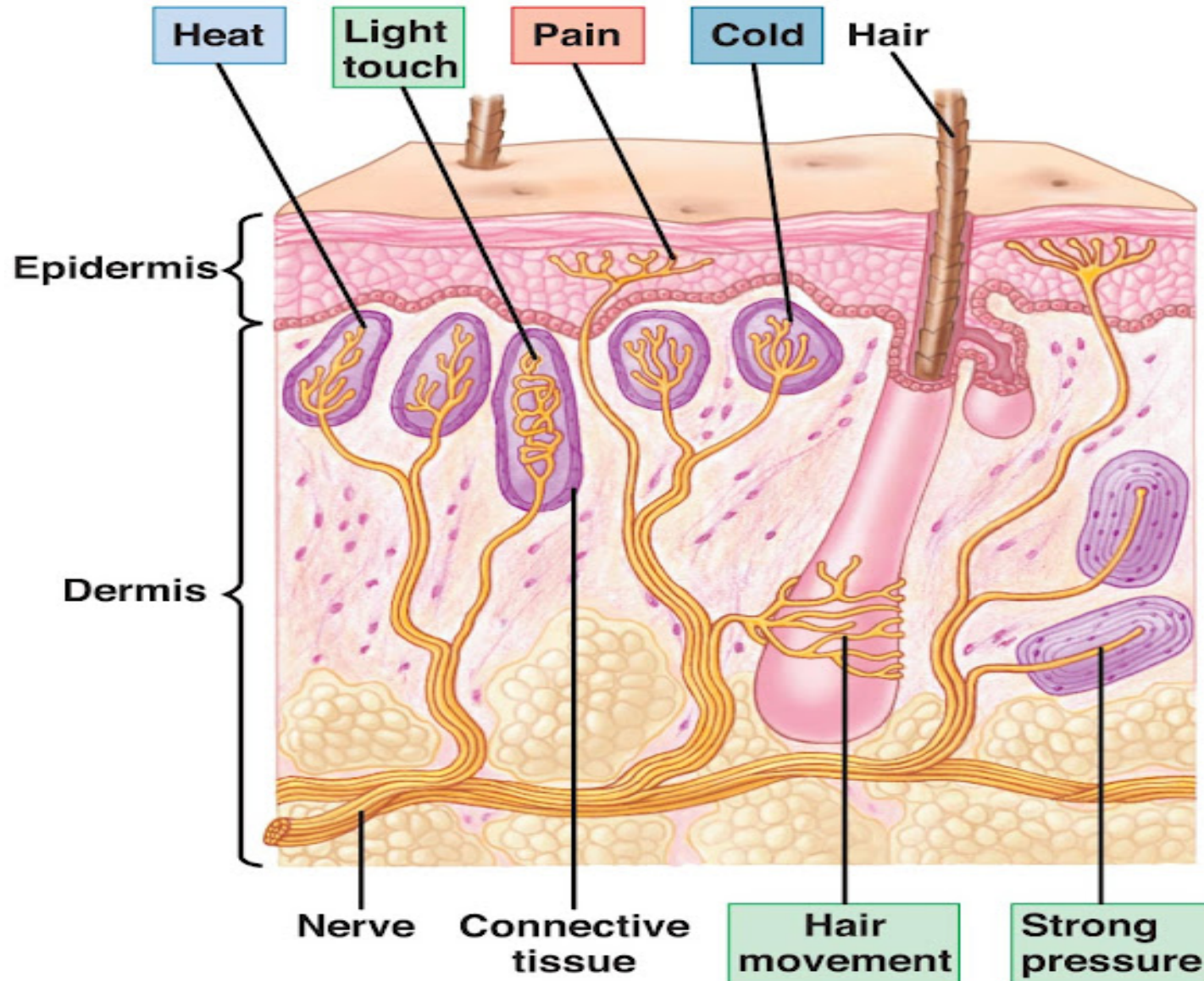
SENSORY RECEPTION

- As mentioned in the first part of this unit, sensory receptors detect specific stimuli and translate/convert them into messages for sensory neurons to relay to the CNS.
- Our CNS then interprets these signals
- The four main groups of sensory receptors are
 - **Photoreceptors**- sensitive to light
 - **Chemoreceptors** – sensitive to certain chemicals
 - **Mechanoreceptors**-sensitive to pressure and/or movement
 - **Thermoreceptors** – sensitive to temperature

The Bodies SENSORY RECEPTORS

Receptor Type	Stimulus	Information Provided
TASTE	Chemical	Presence of certain chemicals (identified by taste buds)
SMELL	Chemical	Presence of certain chemicals (identified by olfactory cells)
PRESSURE	Mechanical	Movement of skin or changes in body surface
PROPRIOCEPTOR	Mechanical	Body movement and positioning
BALANCE	Mechanical	Body movement detected by inner ear
AUDIO	Sound	Sound waves in air changed into mechanical vibrations
VISUAL	light	Changes in light intensity, movement, colour
THERMORECEPTOR	temperature	Flow of heat

SENSORY RECEPTORS IN THE SKIN



Do you know you're wearing clothes?



- **Sensory adaptation** occurs once the **receptor** becomes accustomed to the stimulus
- Neurons stop firing even if the stimulus is still present
 - Ex. Jumping in a cold lake and bad smells

**Bozeman: Sensory
System 10:31**

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

How do we know where our hands are in space?



Limb Position:

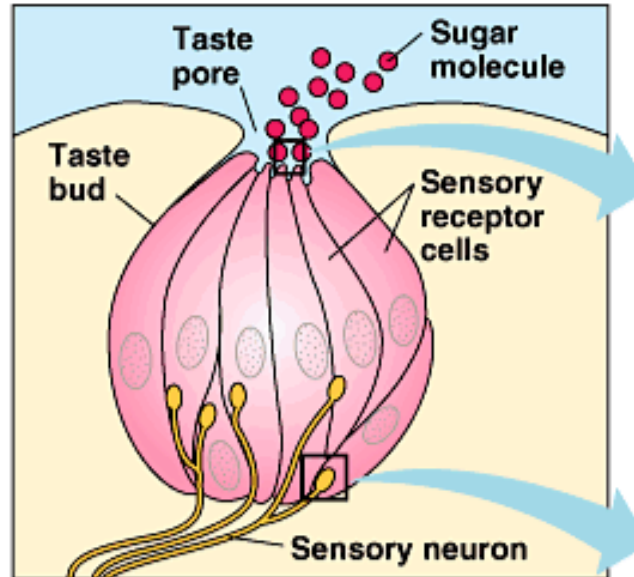
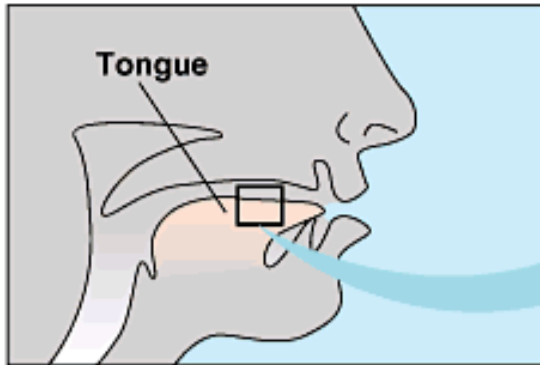
- **Proprioceptors** are stretch receptors in muscles, tendons and joints throughout the body.
- They send information about **body position** to the brain.
- Regular exercise makes these receptors very “smart”

Tasty!

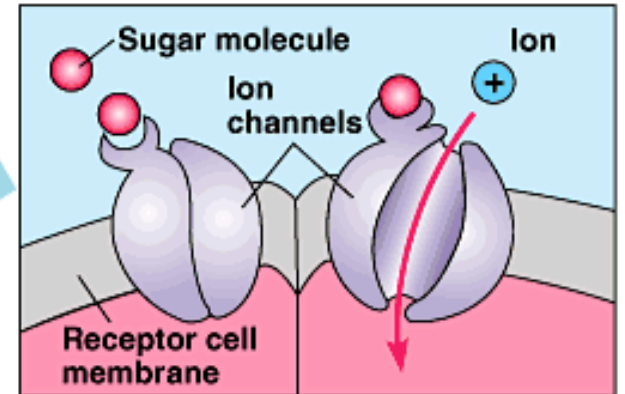


- Taste receptors (found inside taste buds) pick up the chemicals in dissolved food
- **Chemoreceptors** then send AP's down the neuron
- Each taste bud can actually detect various tastes because they contain many chemoreceptors

YUMMMM Tasty!

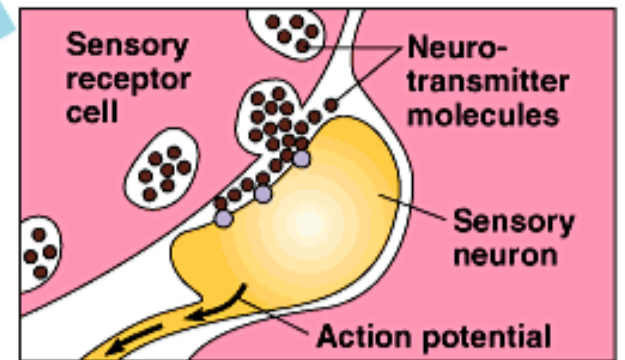


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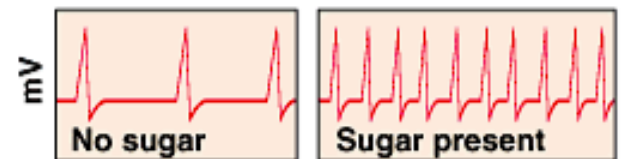


2 Sugar binding

3 Receptor potential



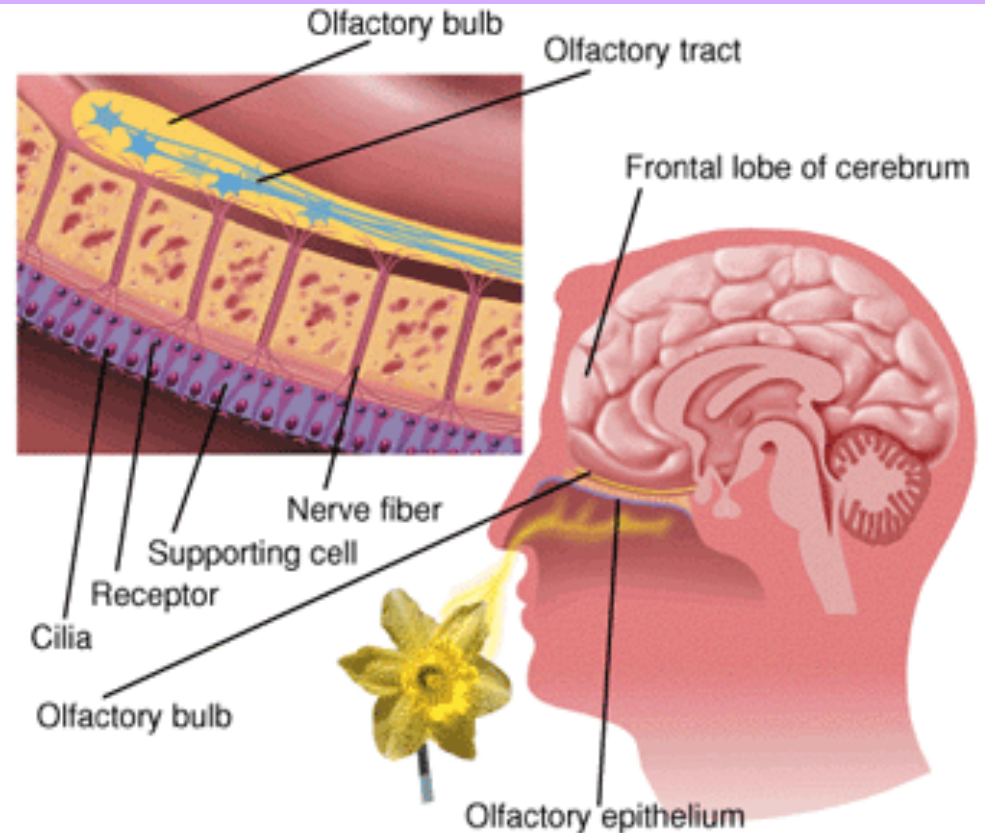
4 Synapse



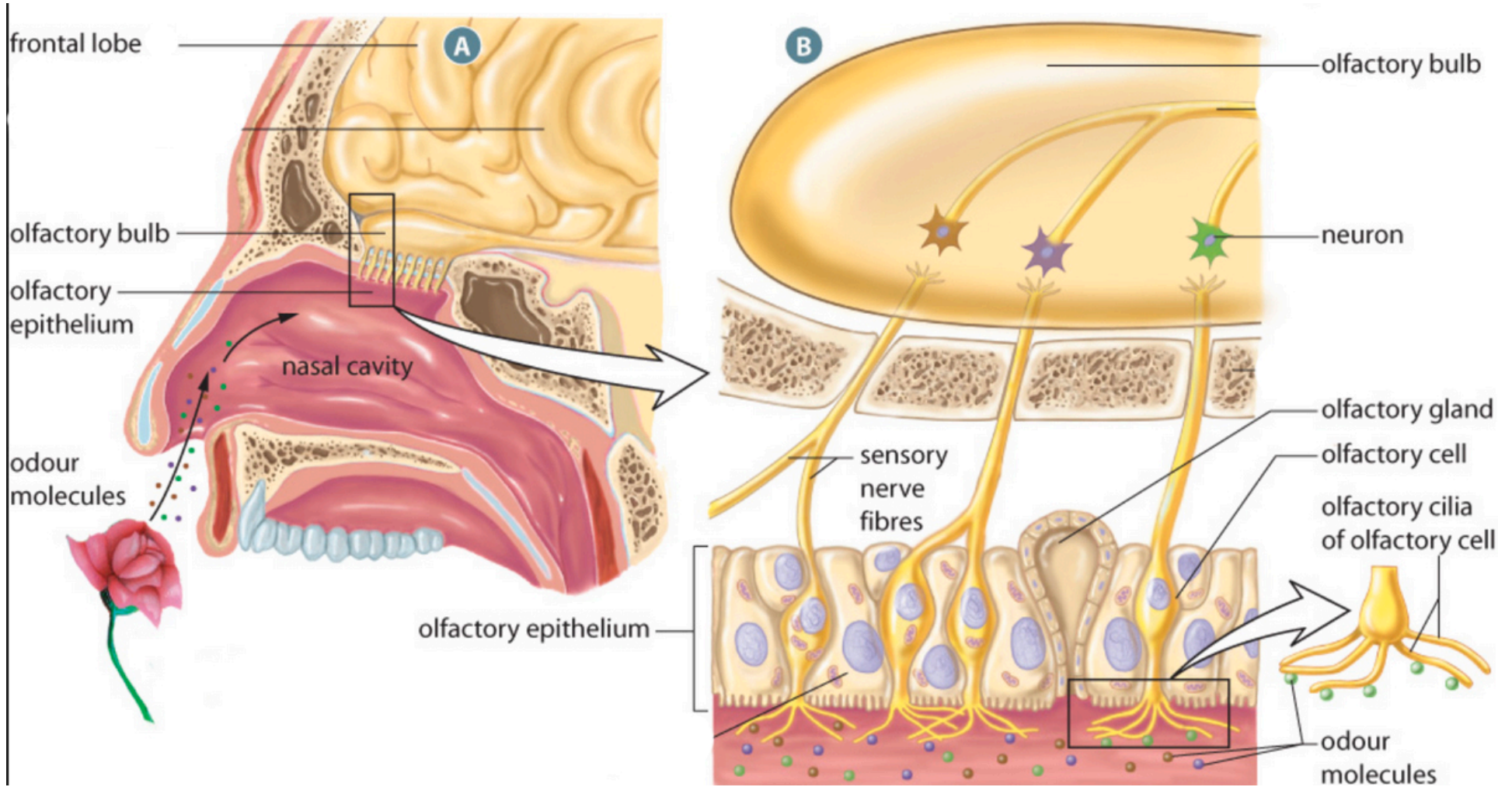
5 Action potentials

Olfactory: Smell

- Humans can distinguish 10 000 different smells
- Chemicals attach to **olfactory receptors** in the nose and nerve impulses are sent to the temporal lobe
- these are **3000x** more sensitive than taste receptors

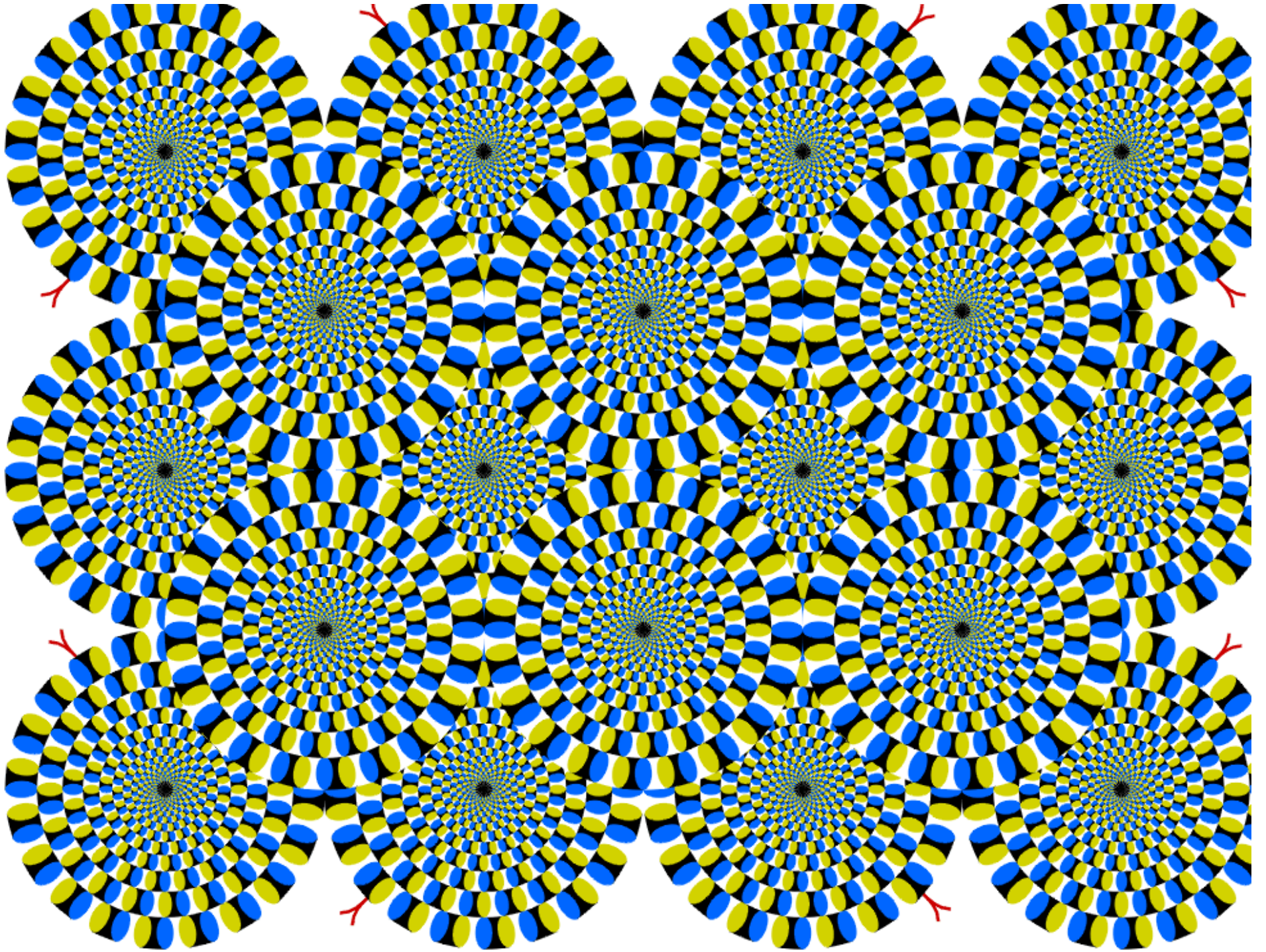


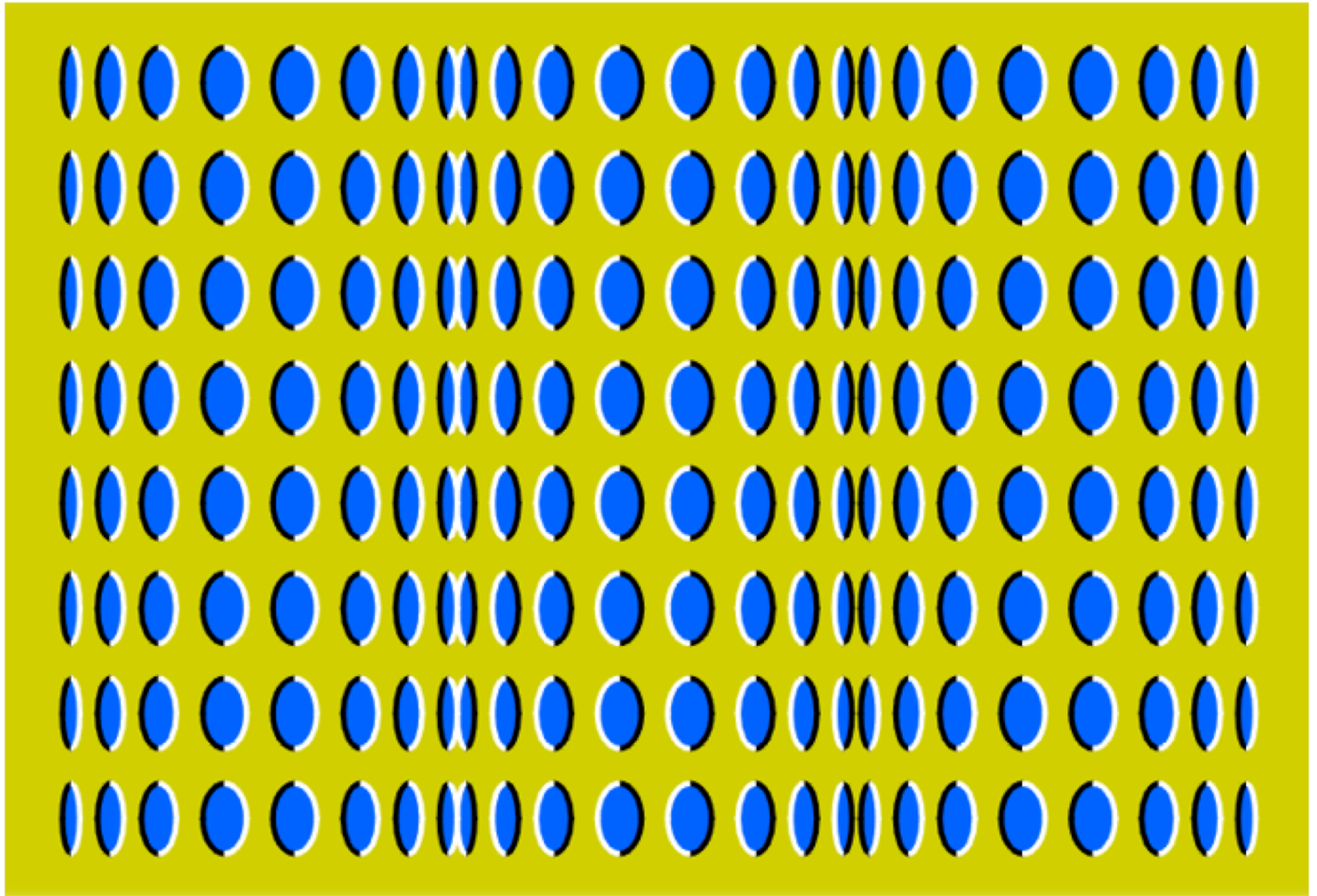
Olfactory: How do we Smell?





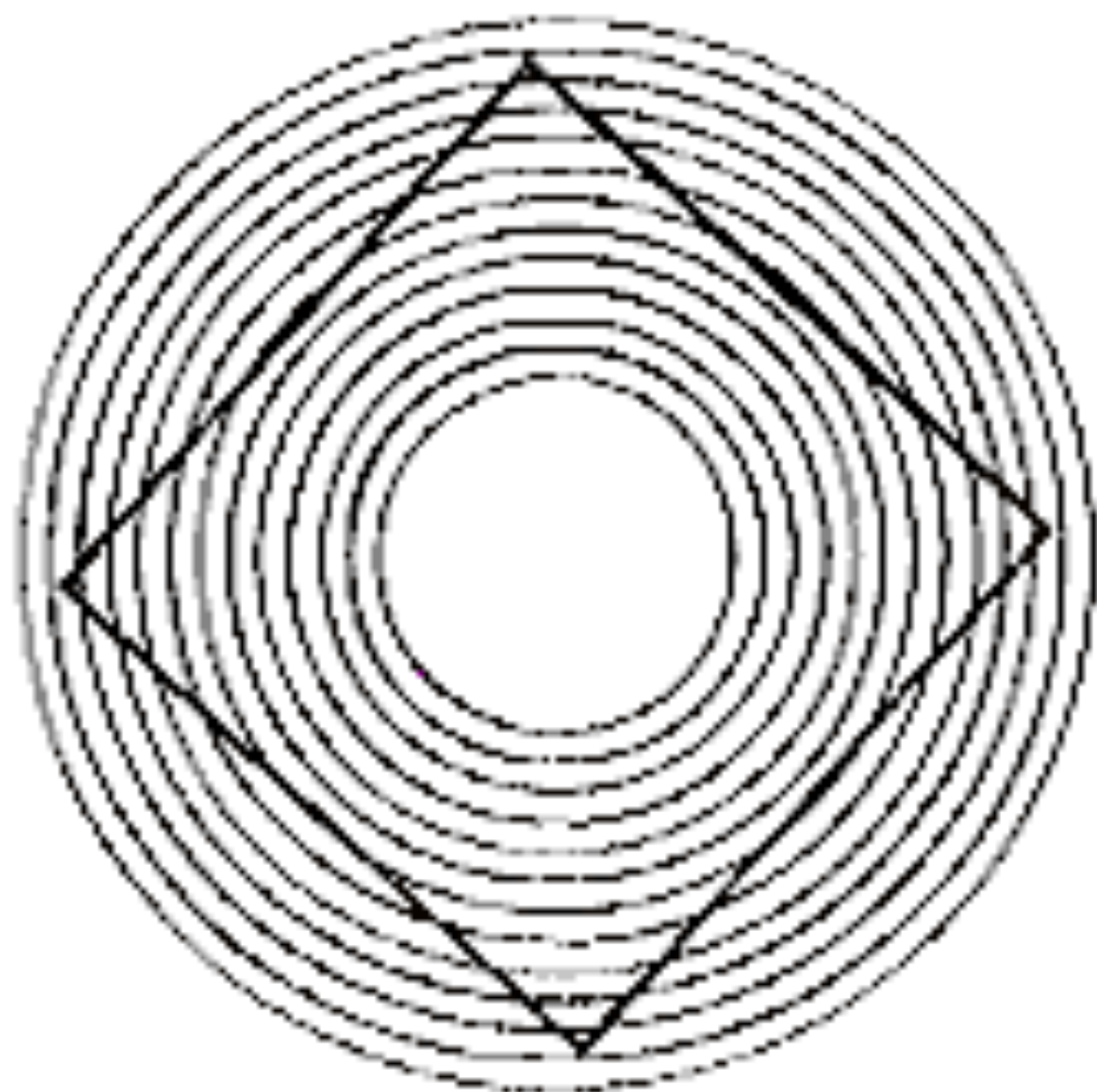
"It's only Wednesday but something in the air makes me obsess about the weekend!"



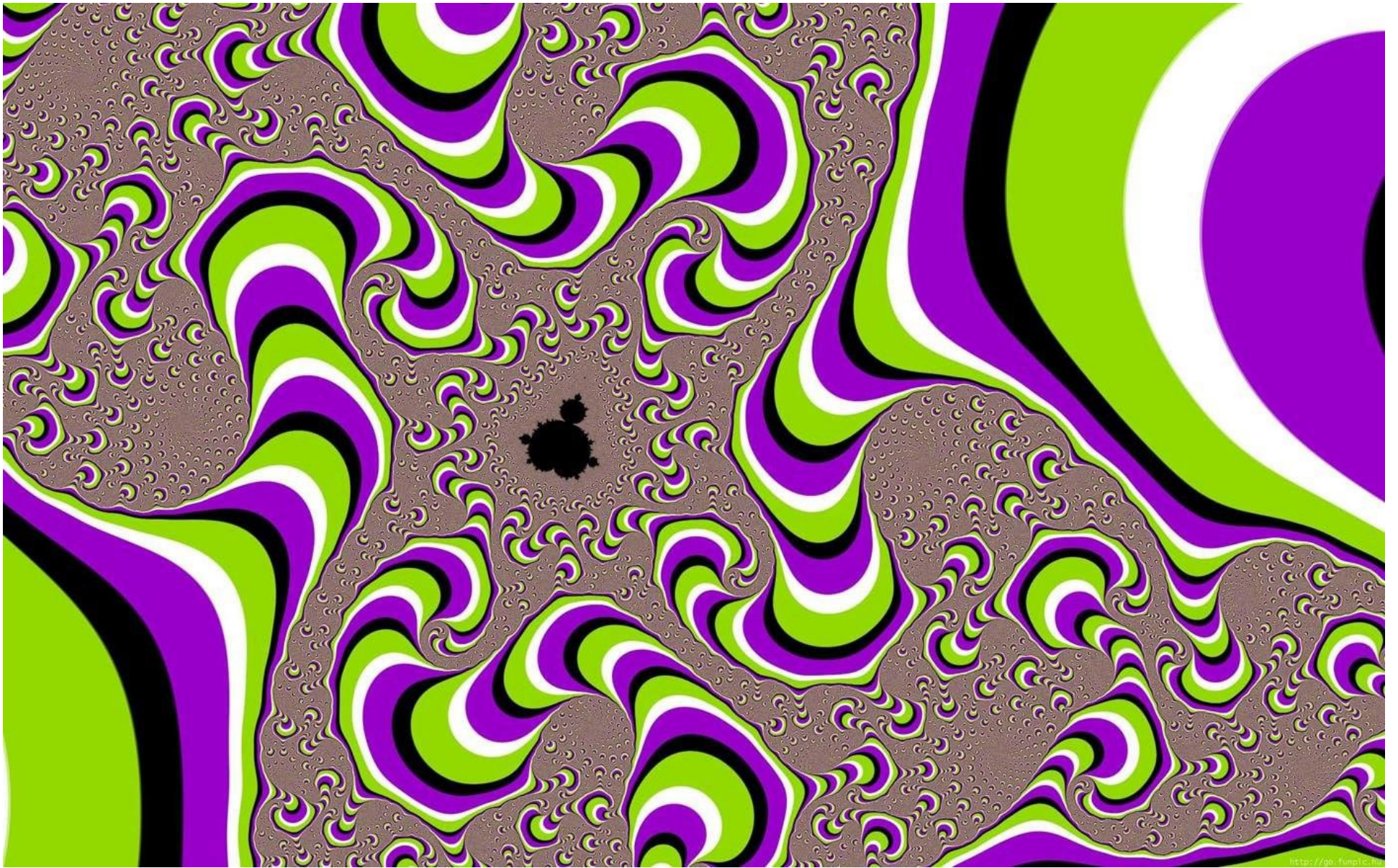












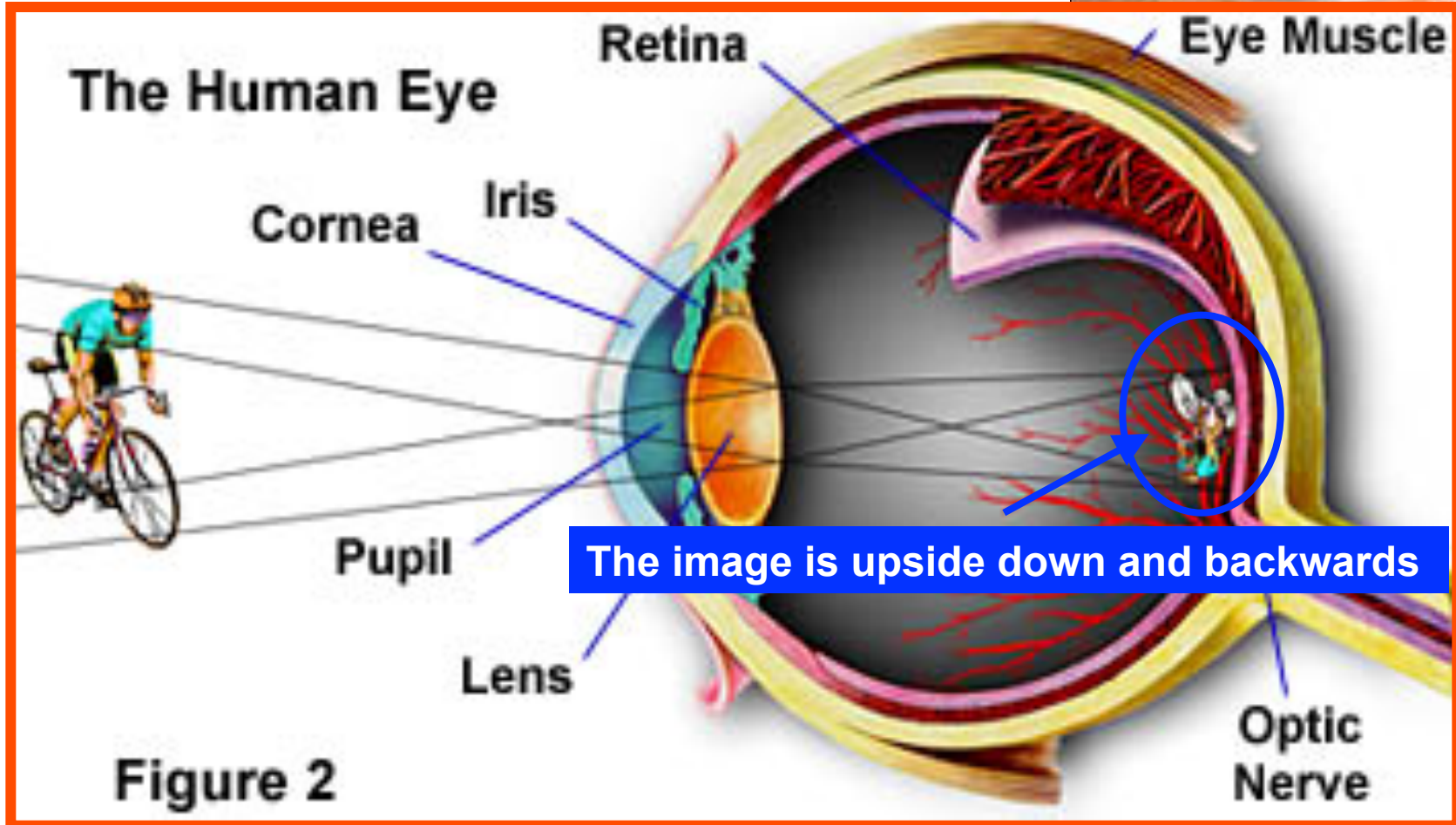
Charlie Chaplin Hollow Mask Illusion

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?
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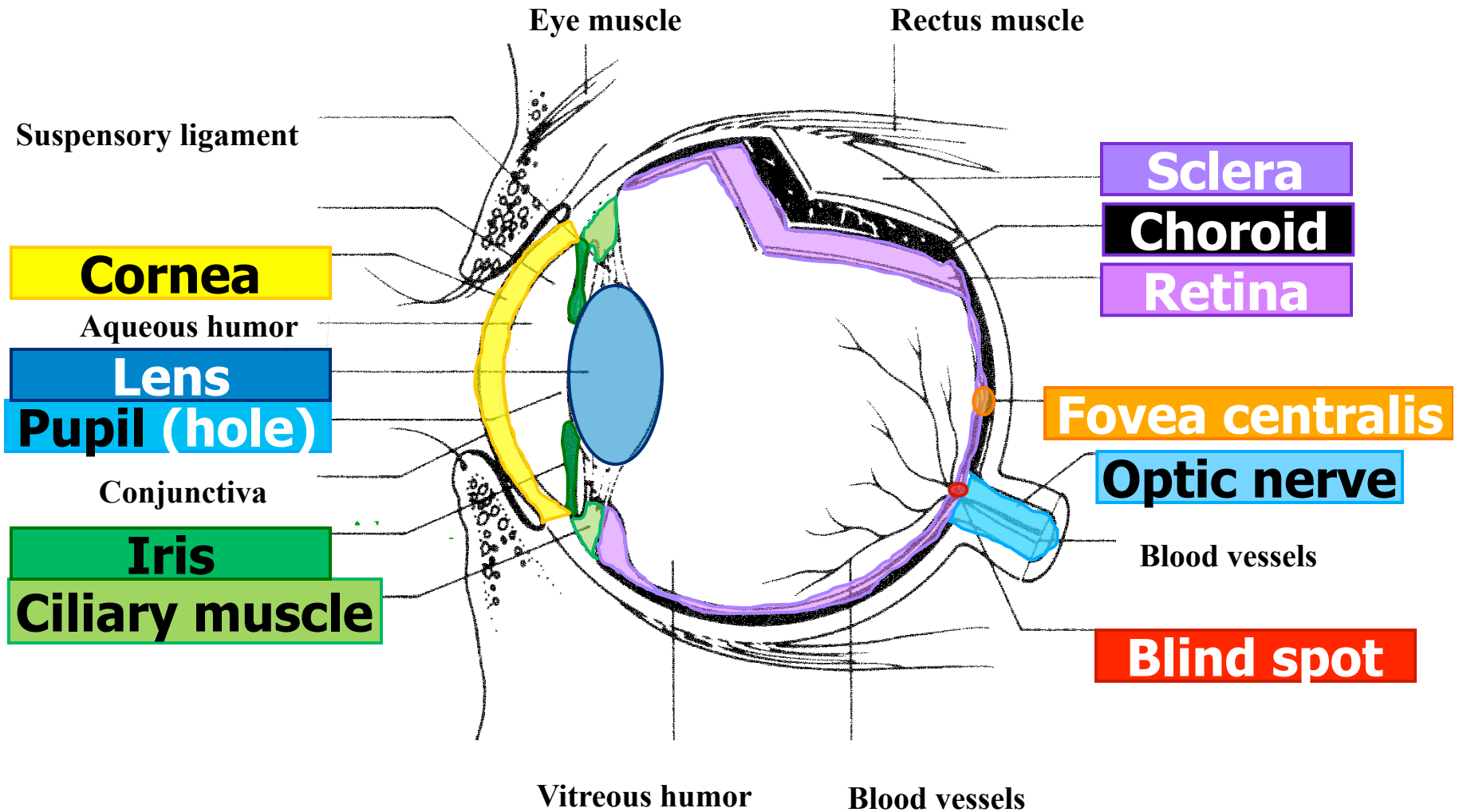
More Illusions:

<http://youramazingbrain.org/>

The Human Eye



The Eye



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

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

Sclera and Cornea (outer layer)

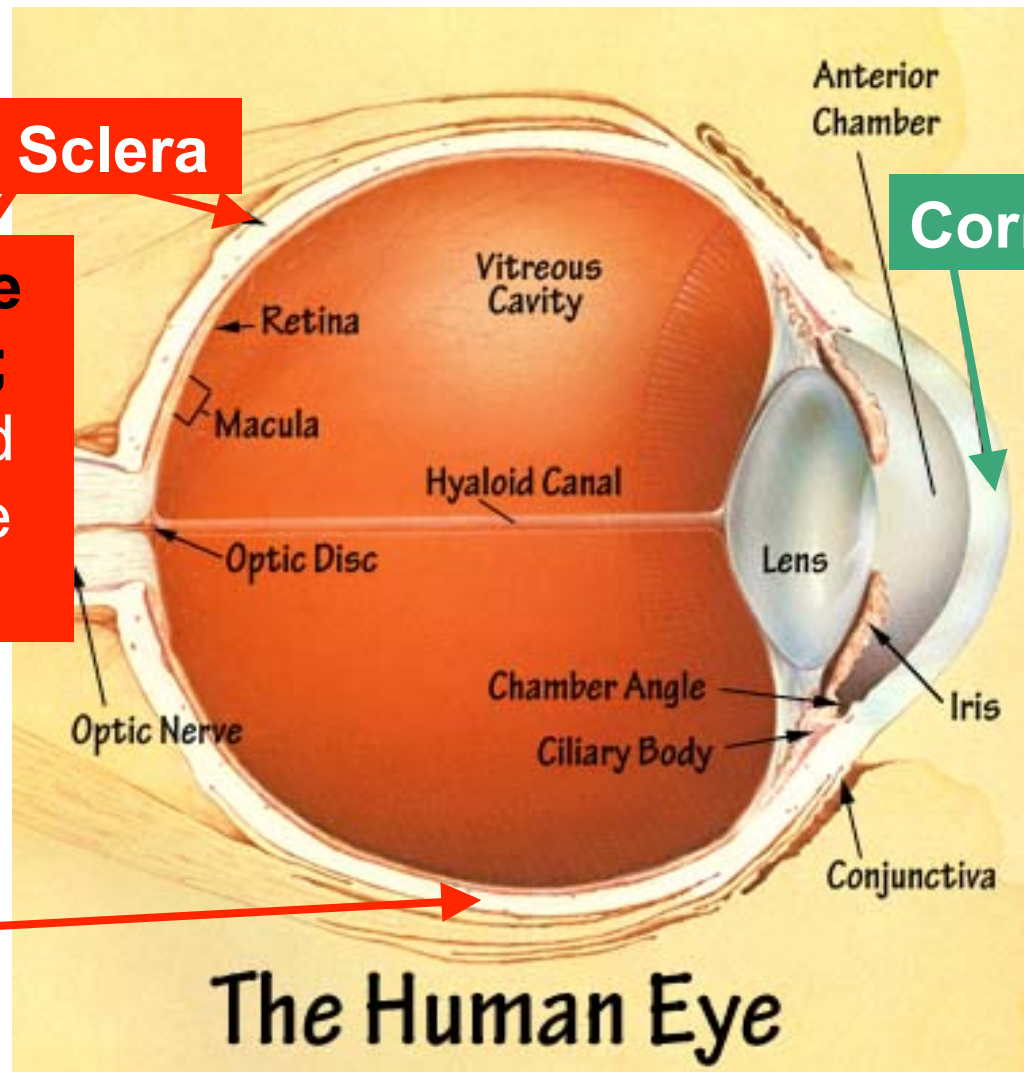


Sclera

Tough, white outer layer; Protects and supports the eye

Cornea

Tough, clear outer layer; Refracts (bends) light toward the pupil



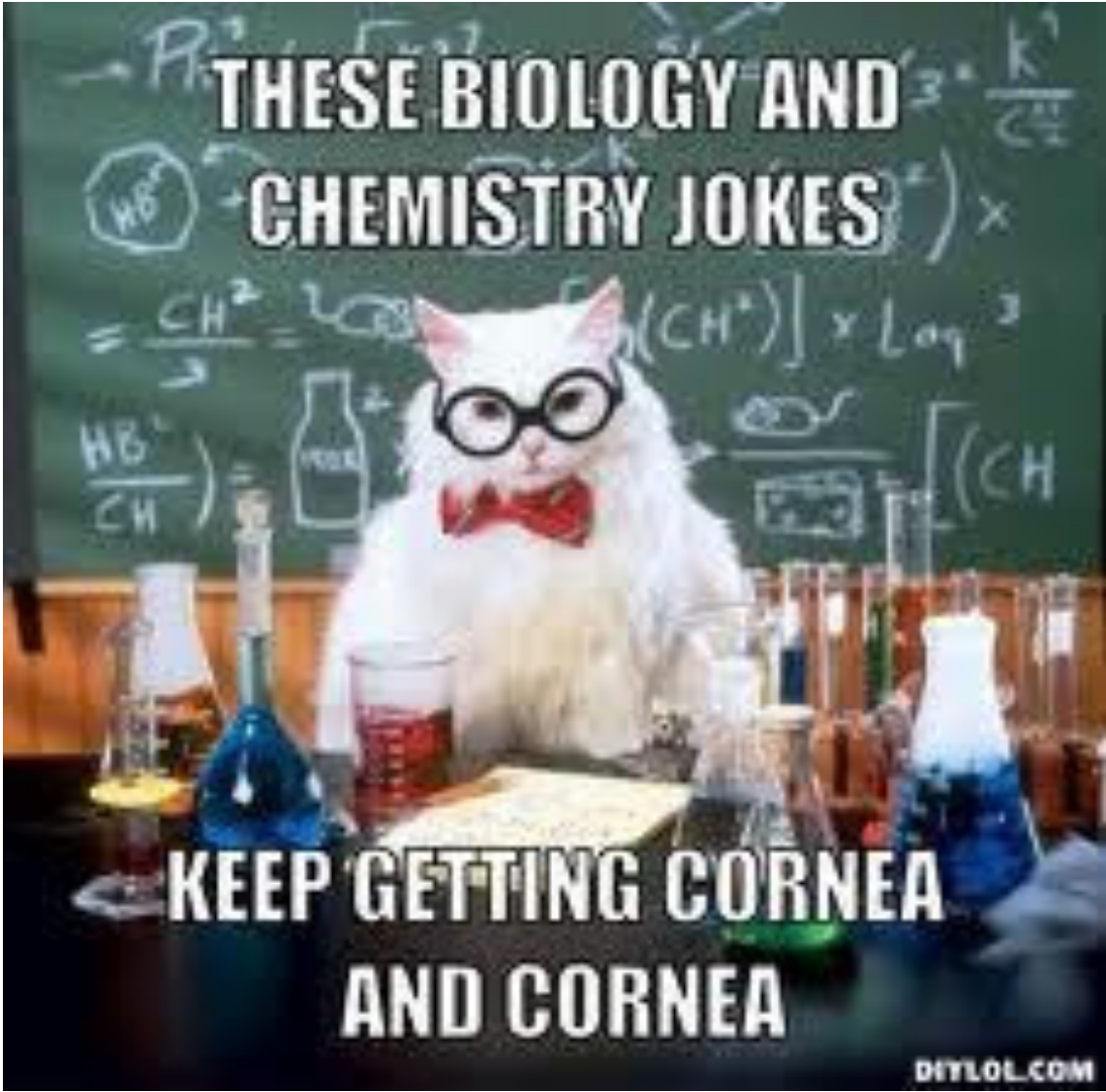
Sclera

The Human Eye

Check these out!!

An Excellent Tour of the Eye

<https://www.wisc-online.com/learn/natural-science/life-science/ap14304/the-sense-of-sight>



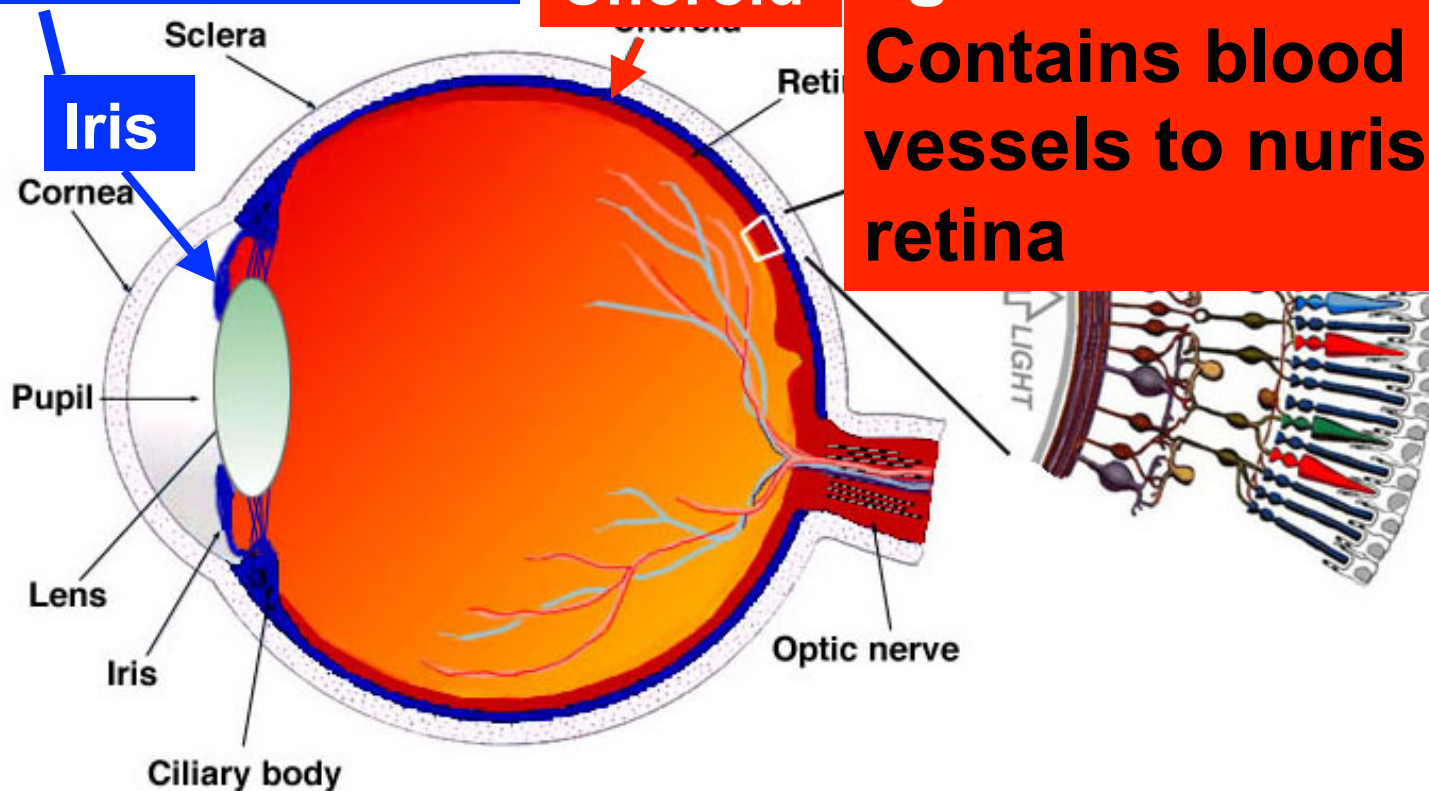
Choroid layer

(middle layer) and the Iris



Pigmented muscle, controls pupil size

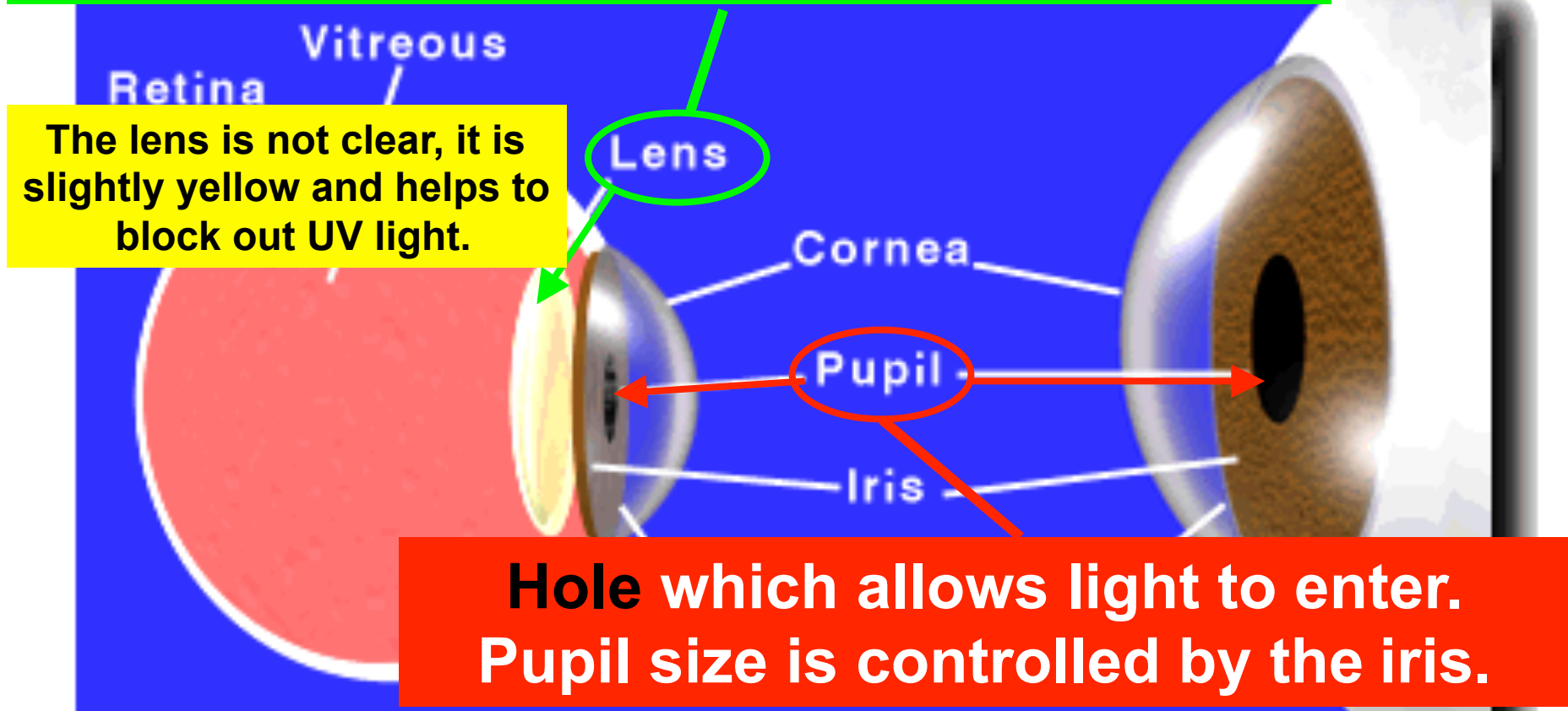
Black layer, prevents light from scattering. Contains blood vessels to nourish retina



Pupil and lens



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

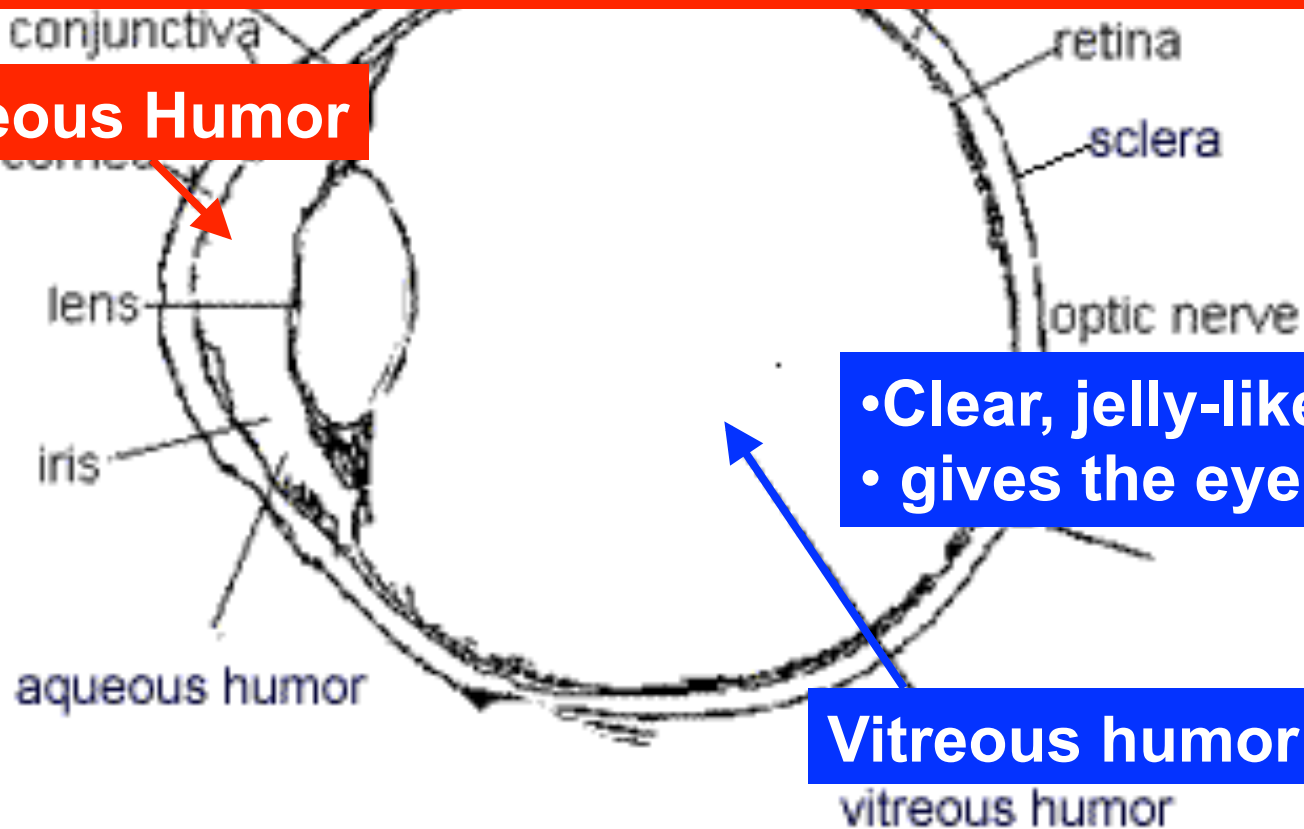


Aqueous Humor and Vitreous Body



Watery fluid in the anterior chamber. It supplies the cornea and lens with **nutrients**, and maintains shape.

Aqueous Humor

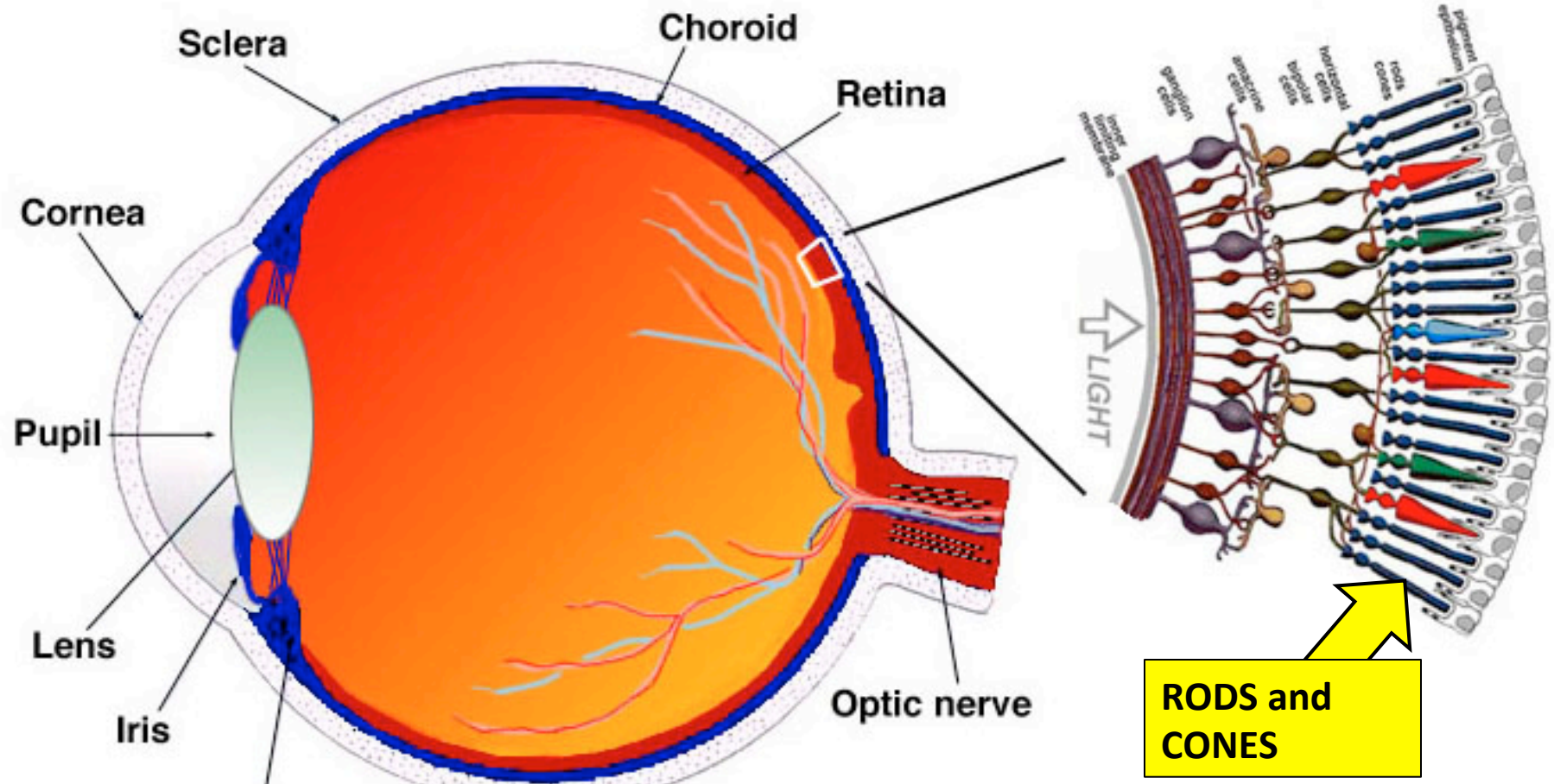


- Clear, jelly-like fluid
- gives the eye structure

Vitreous humor

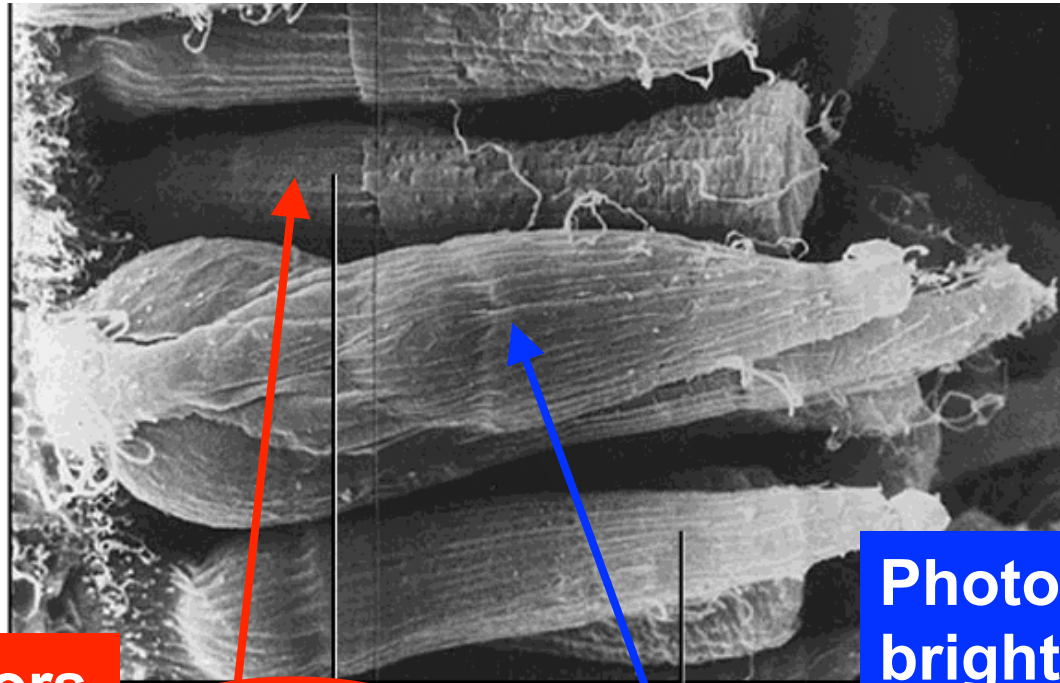
vitreous humor

The Retina (inner most layer)



Contains light sensitive cells (rods and cones) that convert light energy into action potentials.

Rods and Cones



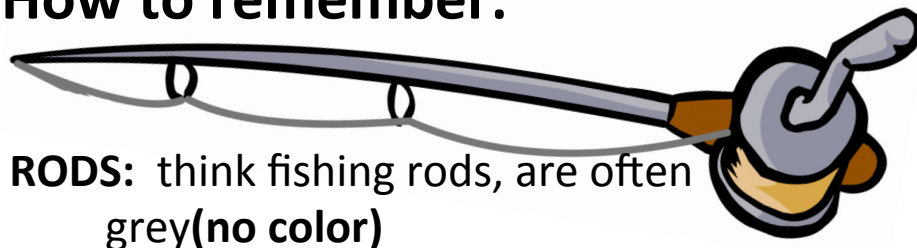
Photoreceptors
for dim light

Rod cell

Cone cell

Photoreceptors for
bright light, **color**
and
fine detail

How to remember:



RODS: think fishing rods, are often
grey(no color)

CONES: think bright orange pylon cones...
also... they both start with
"C" "Colour)



Do animals have rods and cones?



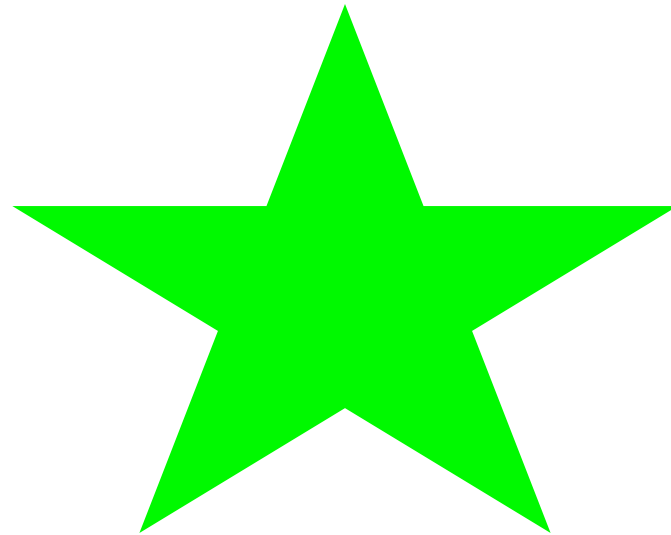
- Hawks have 600 million rods in the center of their retina
 - This means their eye sight is **8X better** than humans
- Chickens on the other hand **only have cones**
 - So can chickens see at night?



- 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

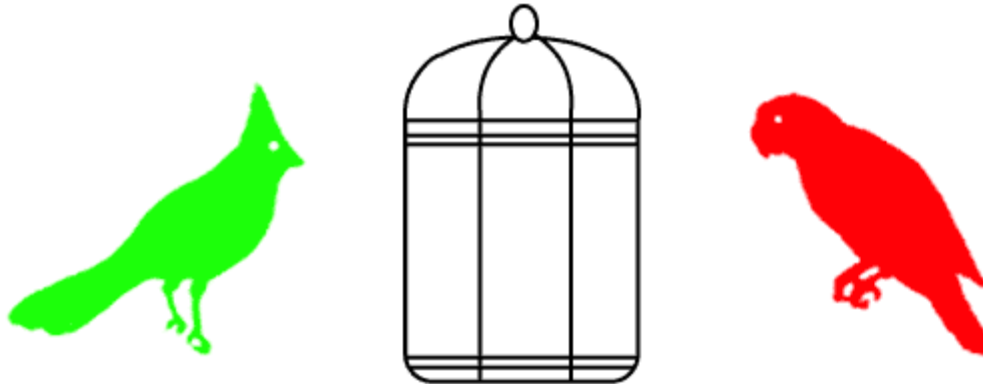
Stare at the following picture for 15 seconds!



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!**



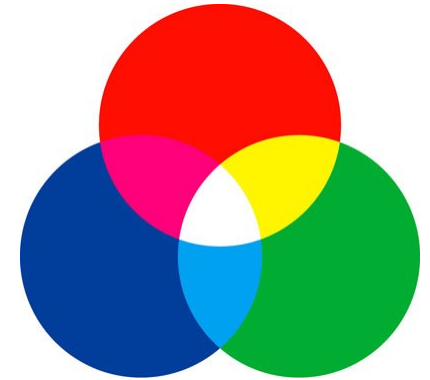
Did you take your vitamin A?



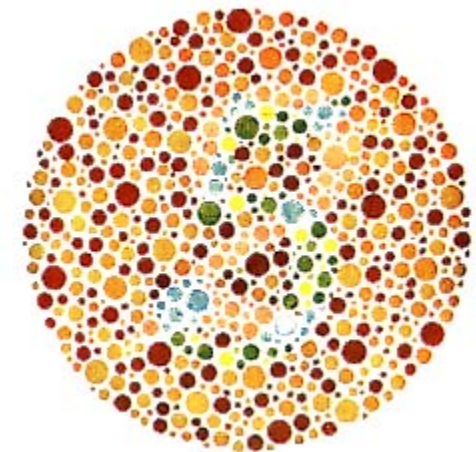
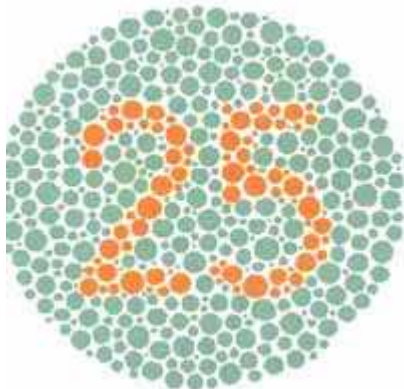
- **Vitamin A** is essential to rhodopsin, an important pigment found in rods
- **Vitamin A** is also an essential component to **red**, **blue** and **green** pigments found in cones
 - **Yellow** is produced by stimulating **red** and **green** cones
 - **Purple** is produced by stimulating **green**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



Color blindness



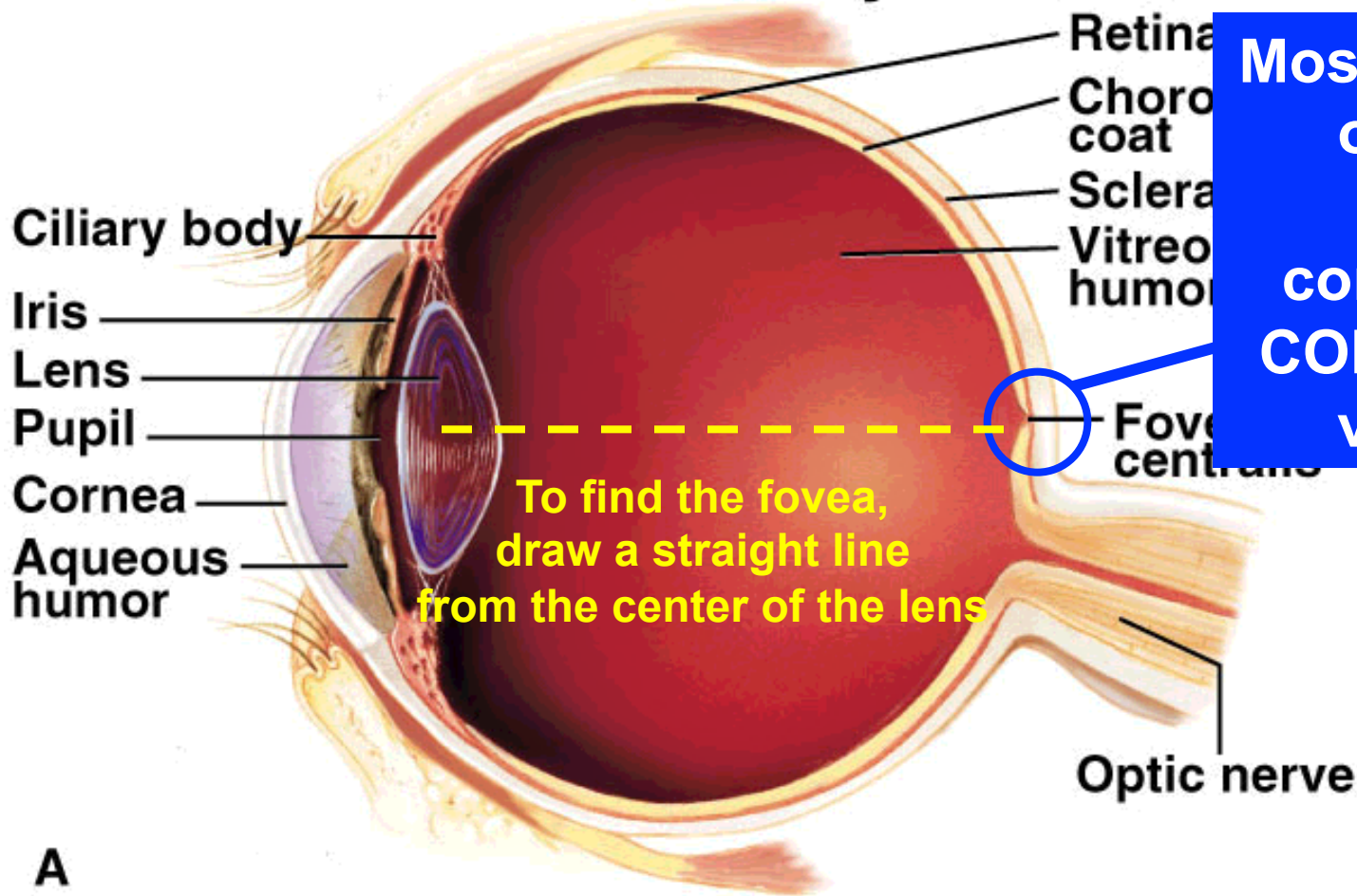
- Color blindness occurs when **one or more cones** are defective
- **Red-green** color blindness is most common
- Caused by a genetic defect on the X chromosome



Fovea centralis (macula)



Vertebrate eye

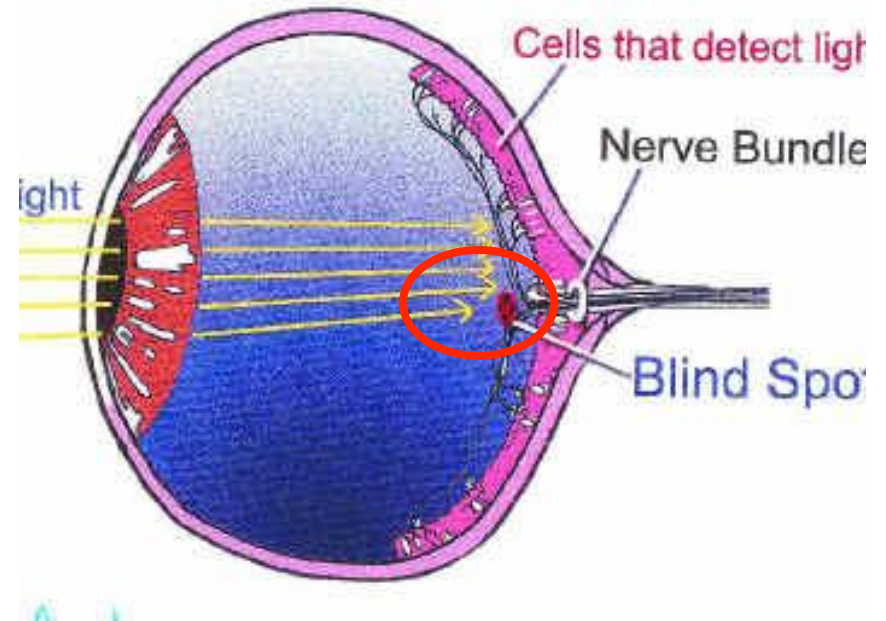
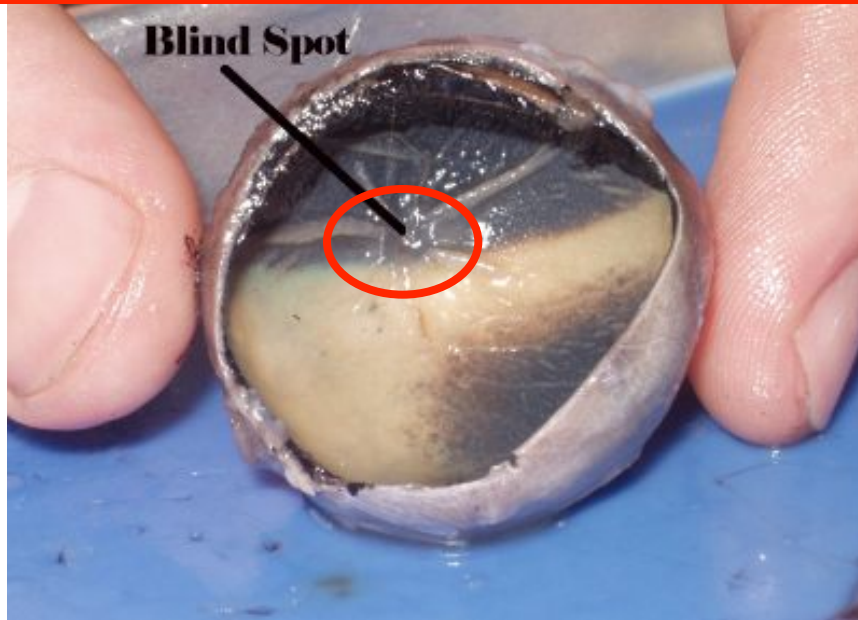


Most sensitive area of the retina, highest concentration of CONES = greatest visual acuity

Blind Spot



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



Optic nerve carries info to the occipital lobe

Find Your Blind Spot

<https://visionaryeyecare.wordpress.com/2008/08/04/eye-test-find-your-blind-spot-in-each-eye/>

Ciliary Muscle and Suspensory Ligaments



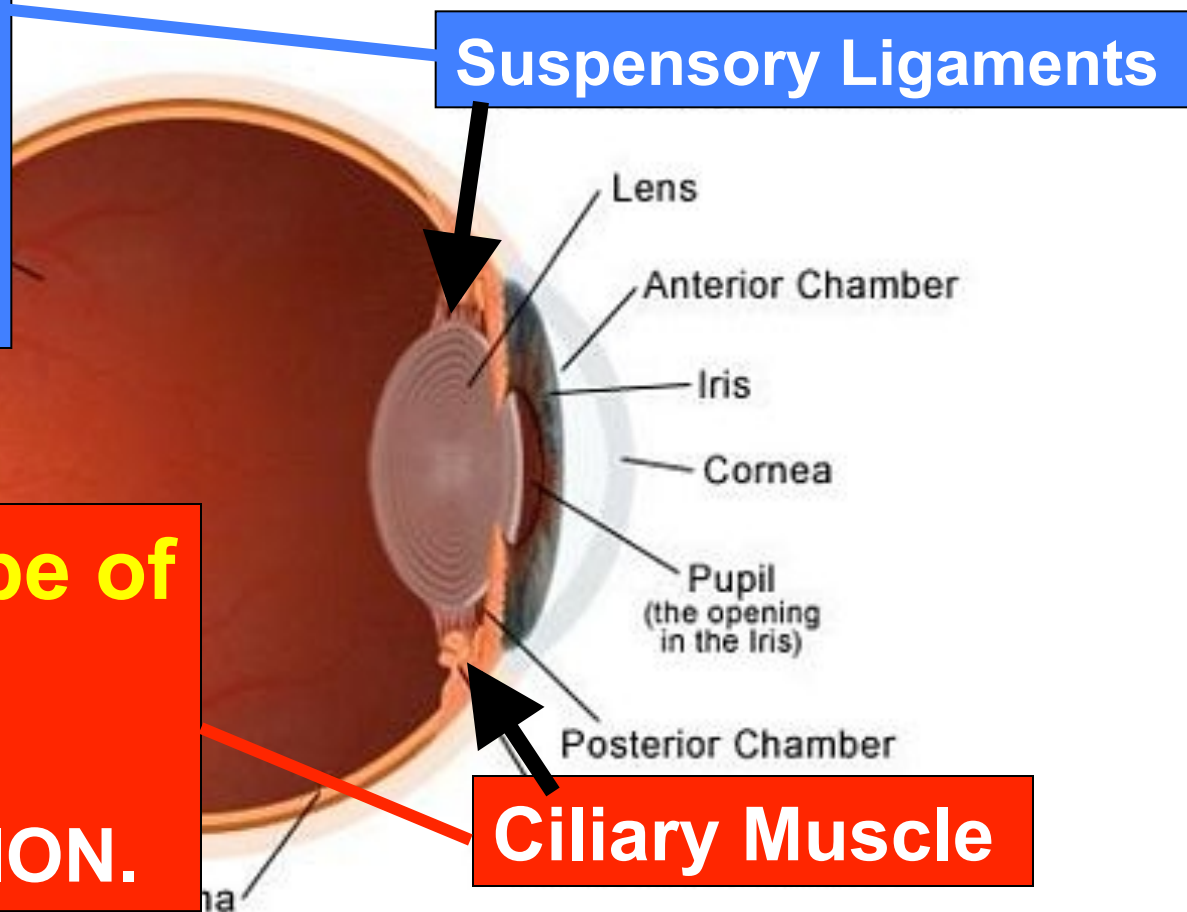
Important in accommodation (focusing) to maintain tension

Suspensory Ligaments

Blood Vessels

Alters the **shape of the lens**, for **ACCOMODATION.**

Ciliary Muscle

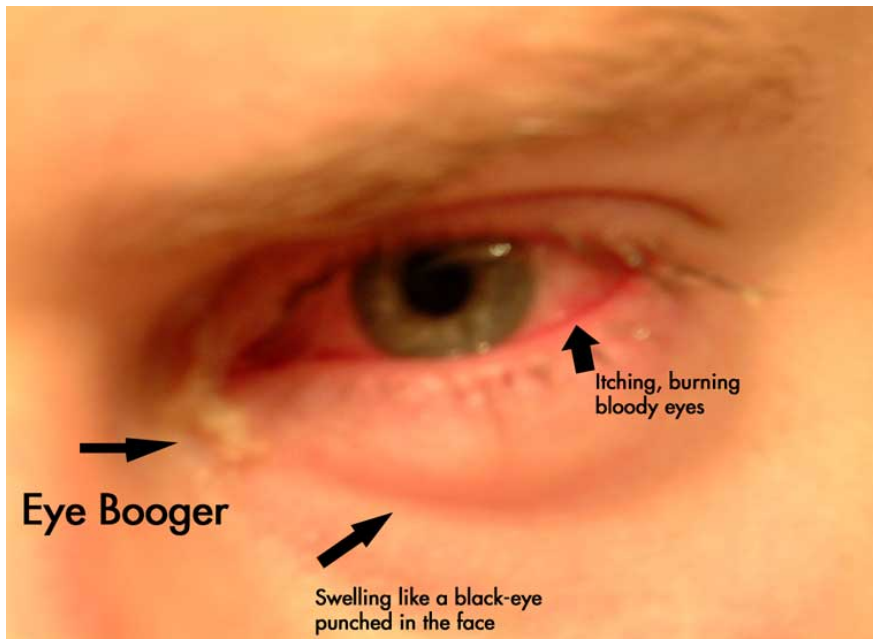
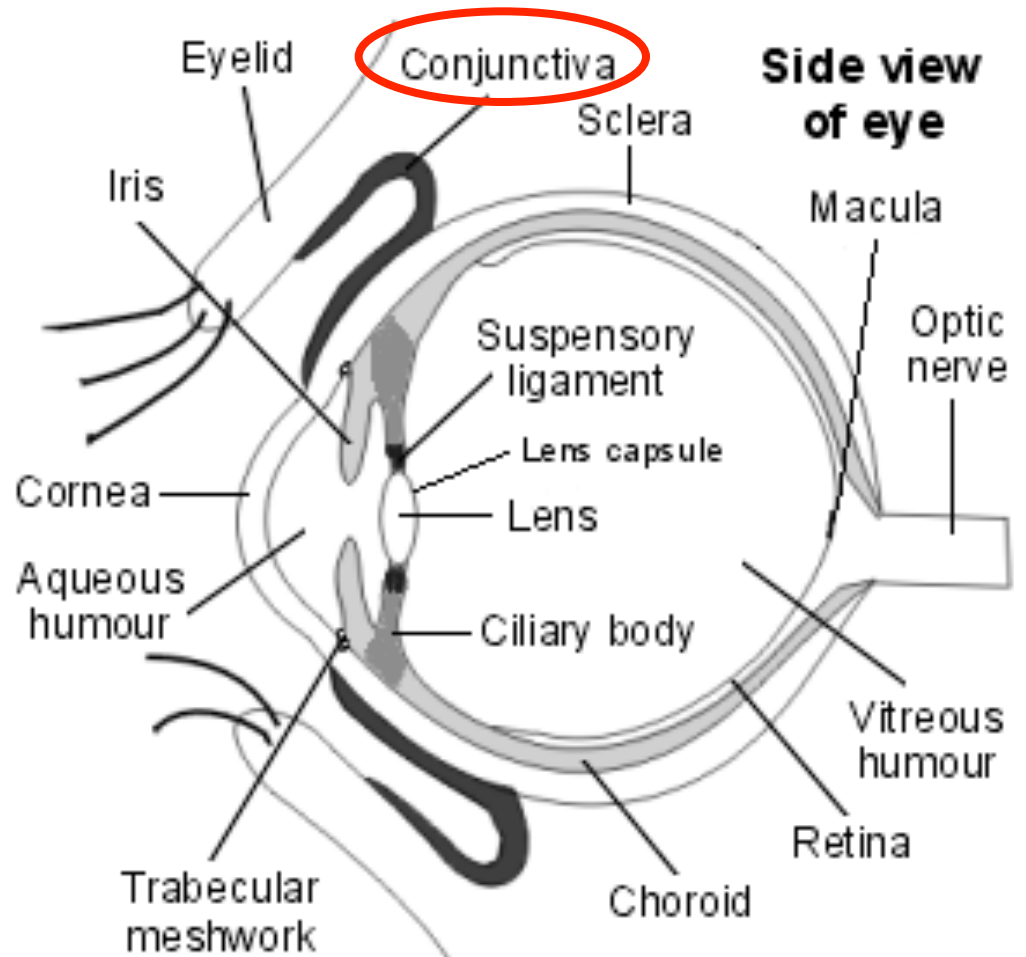


Conjunctiva

Pink eye = infection of the conjunctiva

Thin layer on top of the cornea for protecting the eye

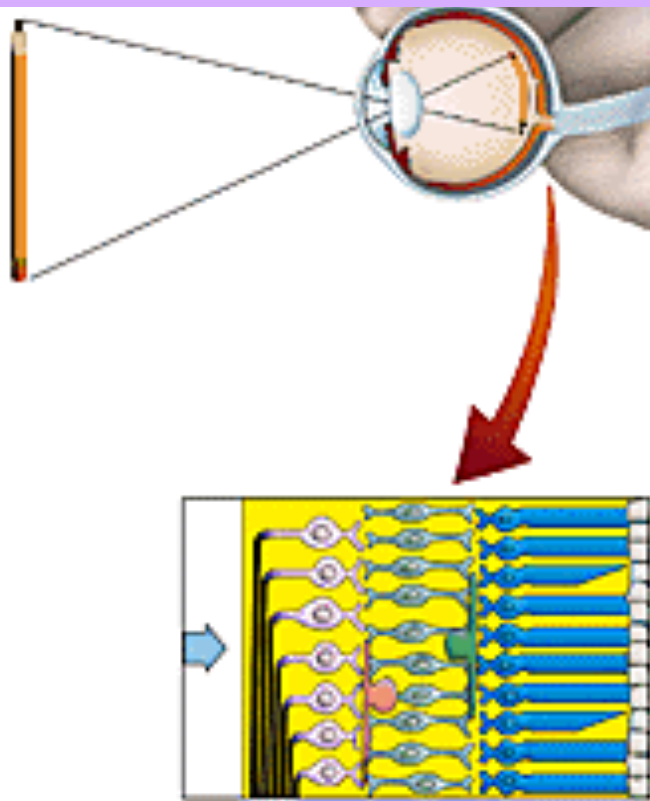
Blocks entry of pathogens into the eye



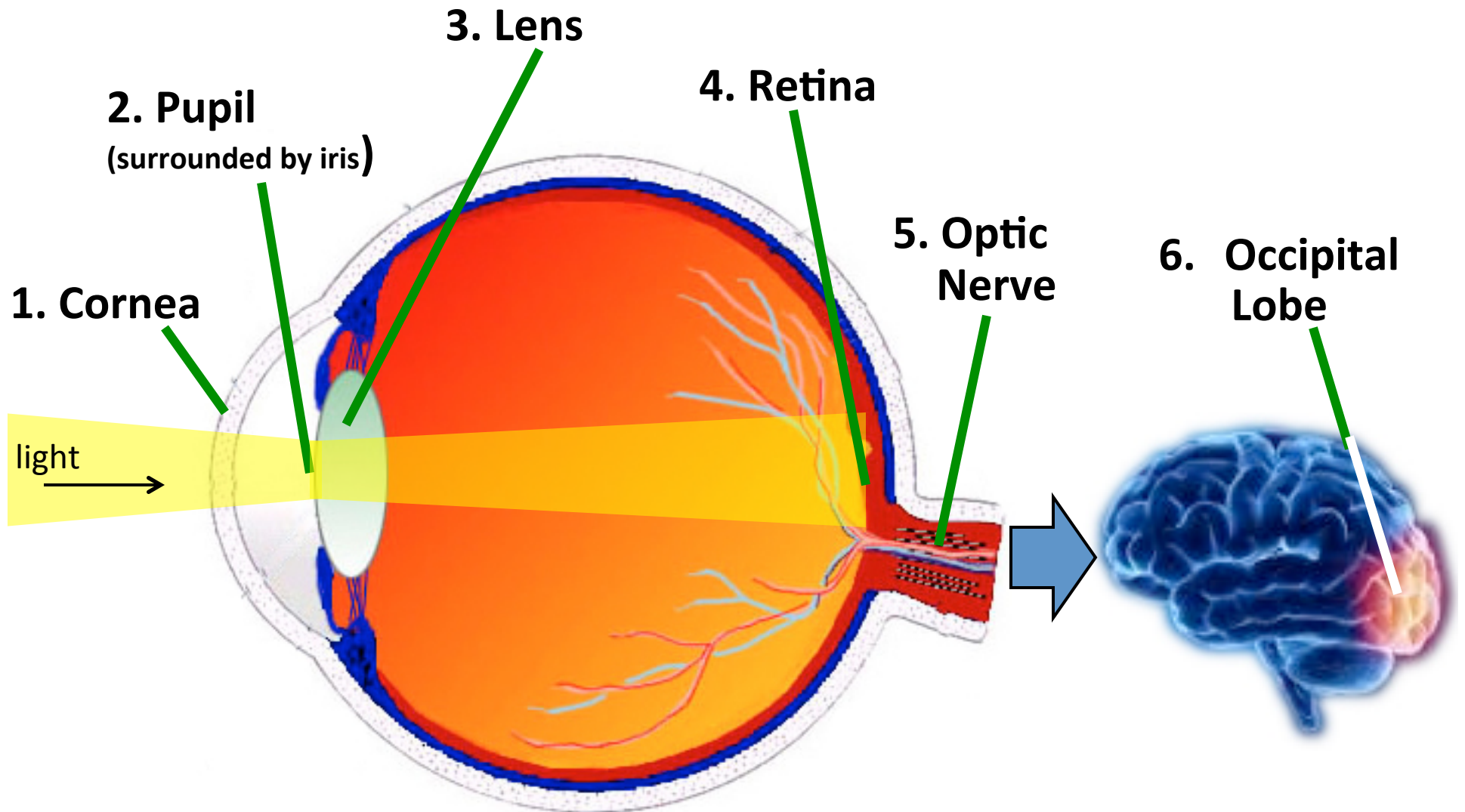
The image is inverted

**Thalamus
(relay station)**

Occipital Lobe

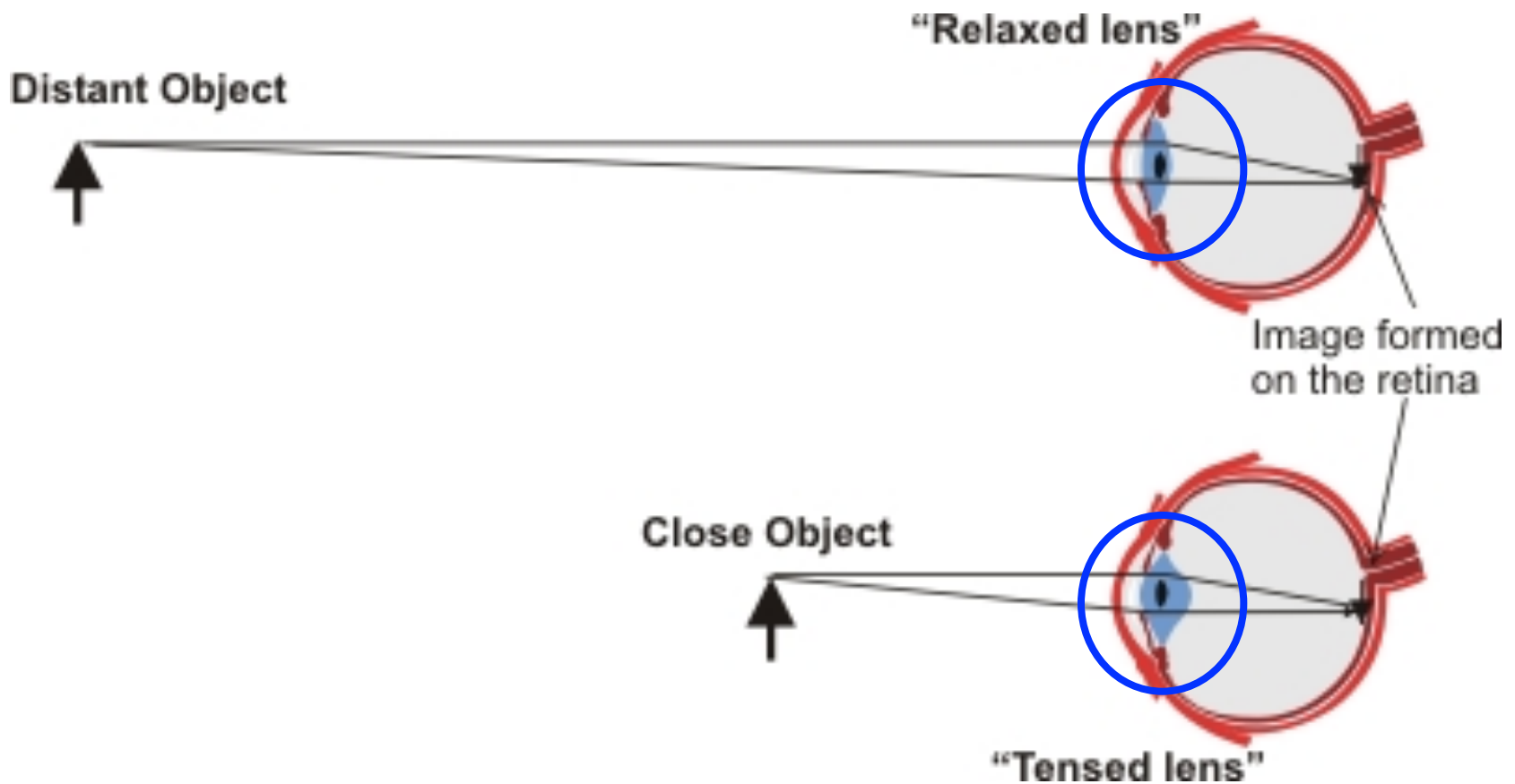


Pathway of Light into Eye (and brain)



Accommodation

Lens changes shape to focus.

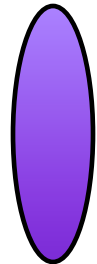


accommodation

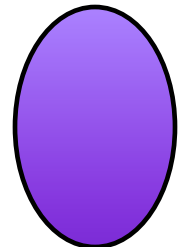
****Lens changes shape to focus****

Accommodation is controlled by ciliary muscles.

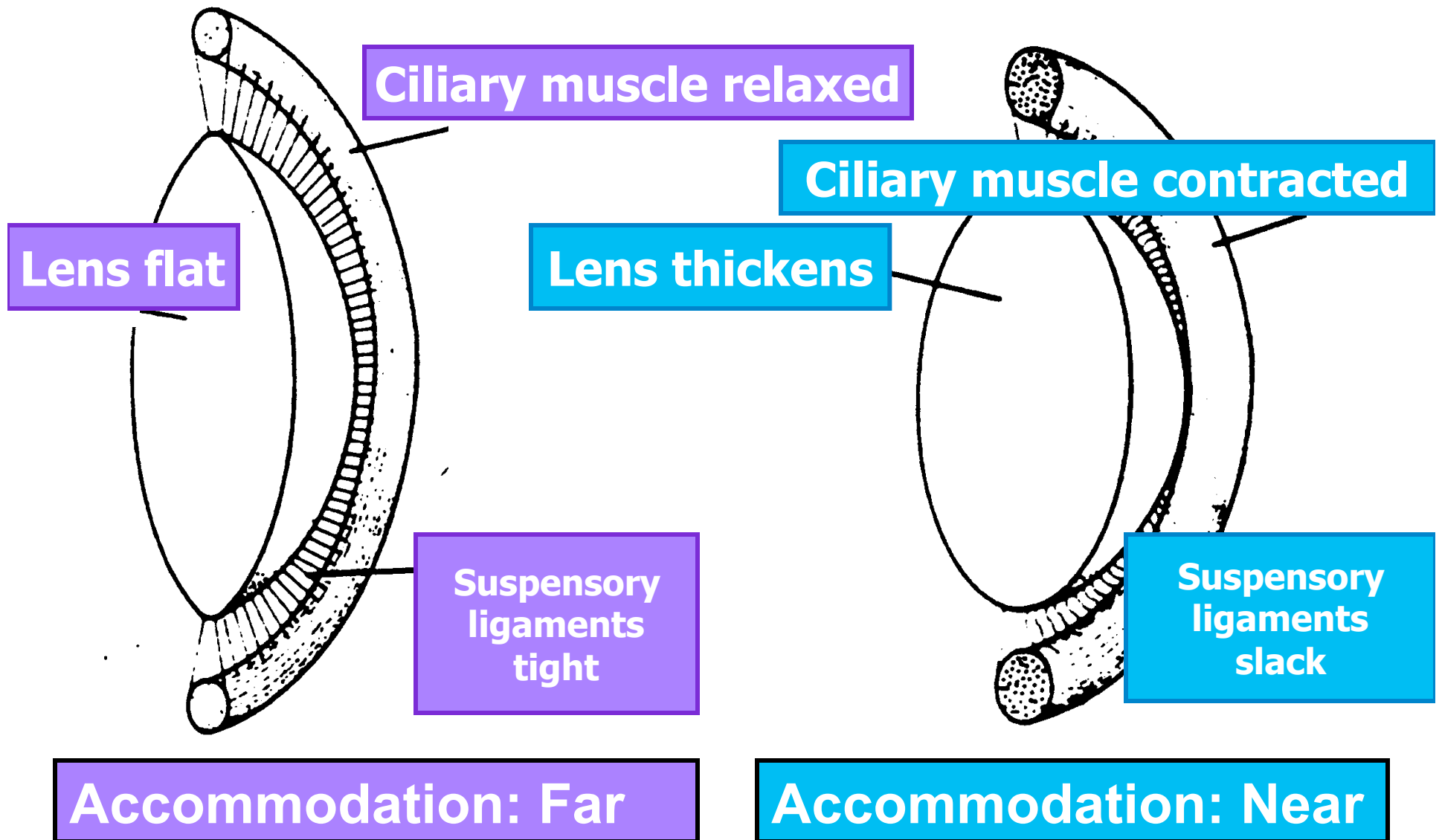
Flat lens: used to view far away objects



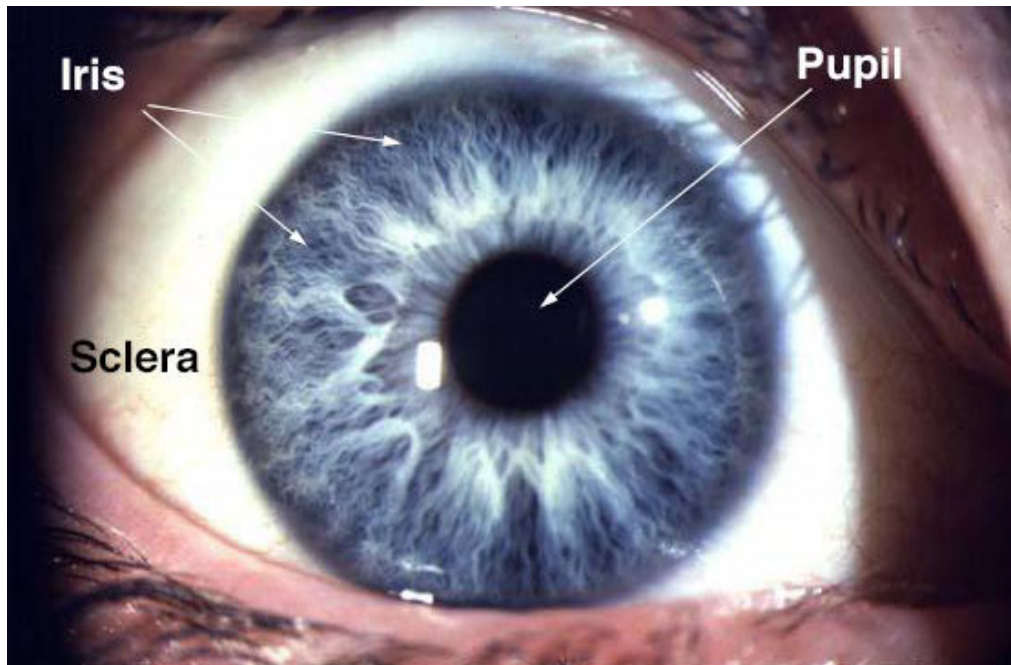
Thicker lens: used to view closer objects



Accommodation (focusing)



Accommodation and the pupil



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?

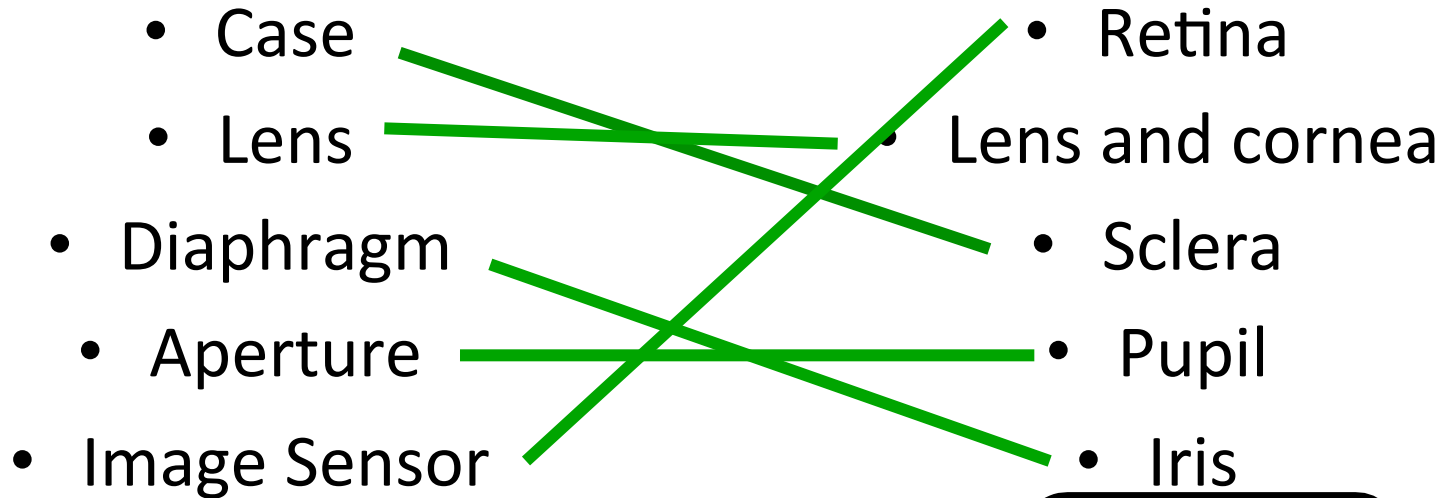
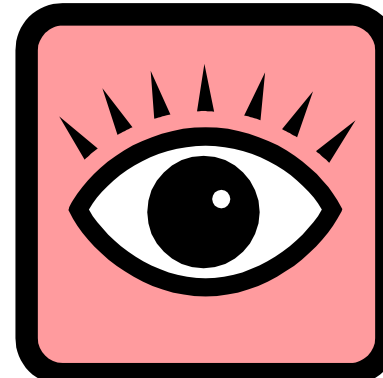
Camera

- Case
- Lens
- Diaphragm
- Aperture
- Image Sensor



Human Eye

- Retina
- Lens and cornea
- Sclera
- Pupil
- Iris

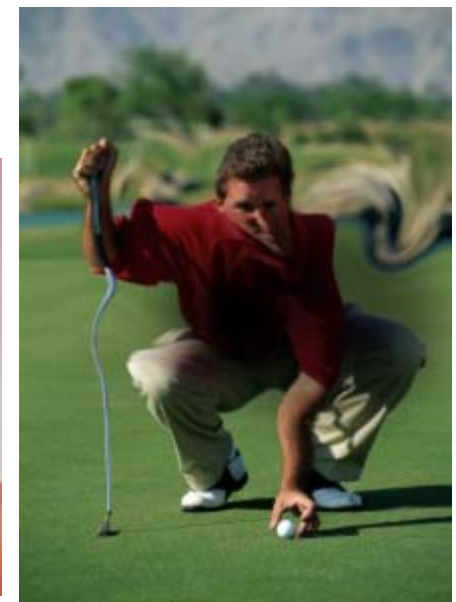


Eye Quiz

1. **opening** in centre of eye _____ **pupil**
2. contains **photoreceptor** _____ **retina**
3. **controls shape** of lens _____ **ciliary muscle**
4. photoreceptors for **night** vision _____ **rods**
5. **Stimulus that initiates** nervous impulse (action potential) **light**
6. photoreceptors for **detailed vision** _____ **cones**
7. **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 _____ **Occipital lobe**
11. liquid **maintains eye shape** and nourishes cornea _____ **Aqueous humor**
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**

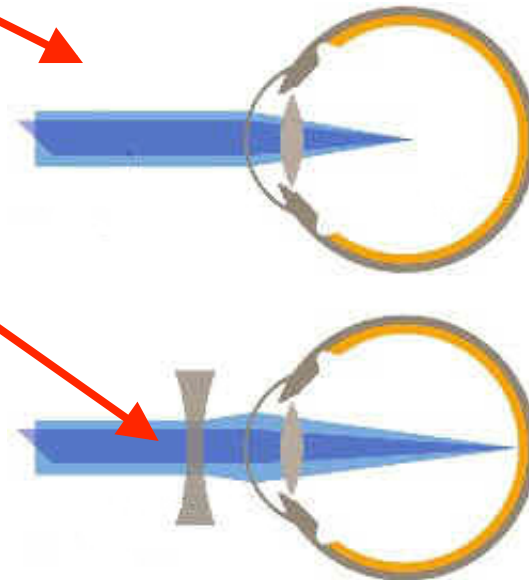
Visual Defects



Myopia (nearsightedness)



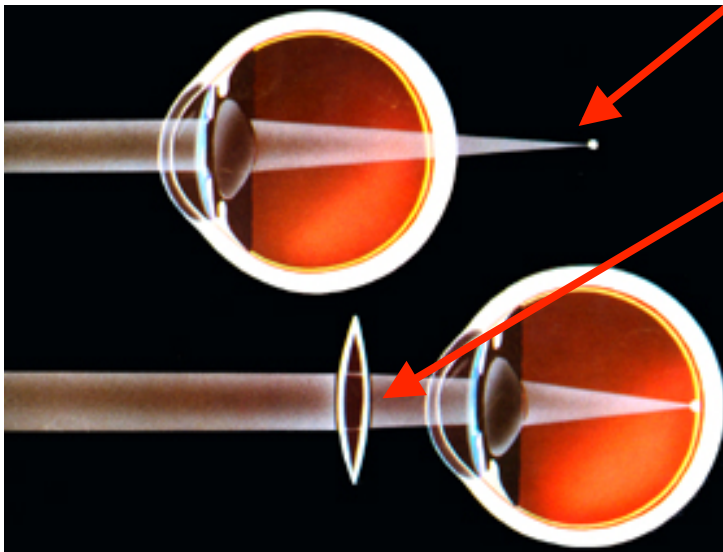
- Can you see near or far?
 - Near
- The eyeball is **too long**, so images are focused **in front** of the retina
- Corrected by a **concave** lens



Hyperopia (farsightedness)



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

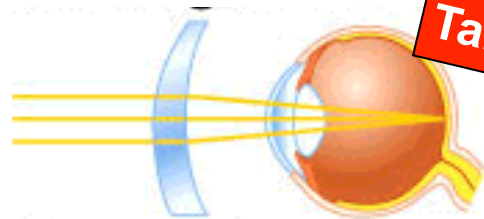
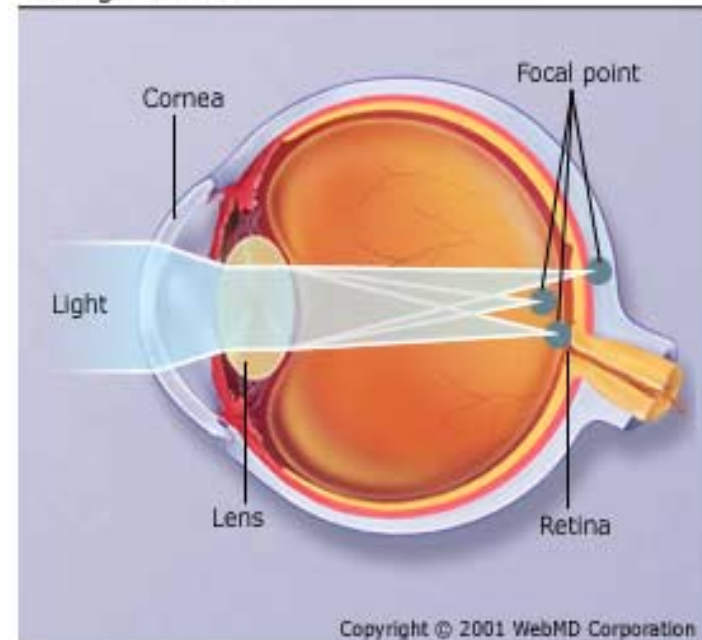


Astigmatism



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

Astigmatism

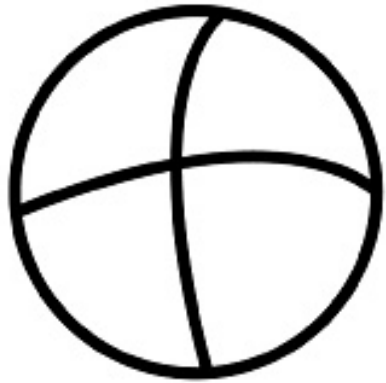


Uneven lens corrects
astigmatism

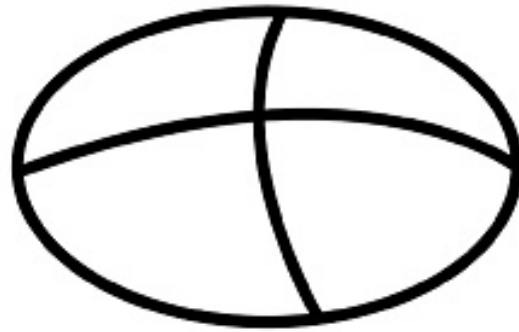
Take the astigmatism test!



Normal cornea



Cornea with astigmatism



Normal vision



Vision with astigmatism



Glaucoma

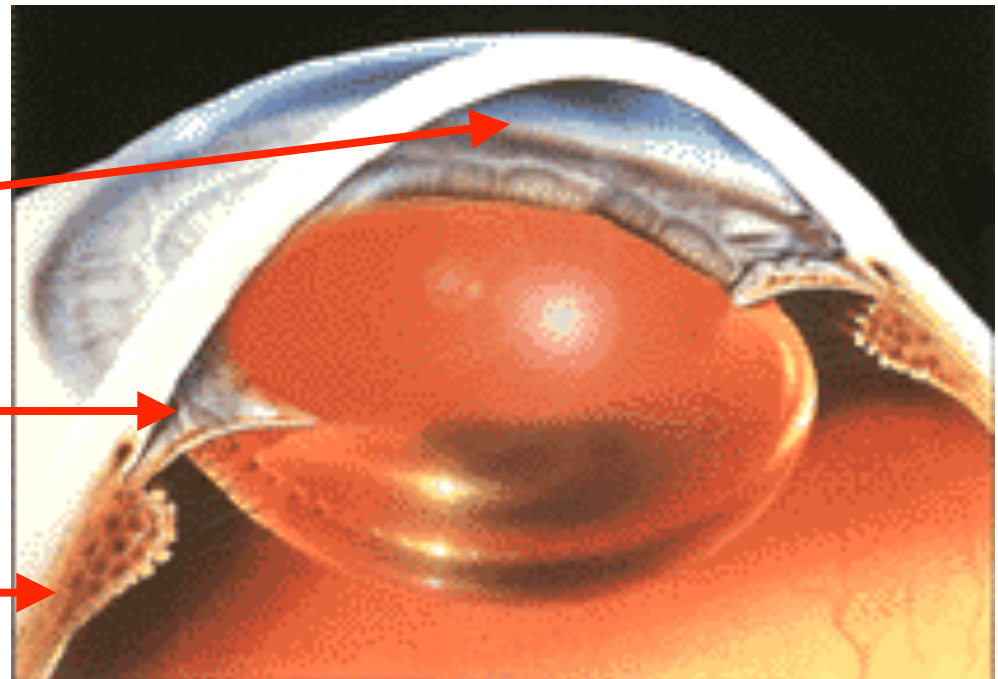


- Build up of **aqueous humor** in the anterior chamber of the eye due to overproduction by ciliary body
- **Canal of Schlemm** blocked and excess fluid builds up

Anterior chamber

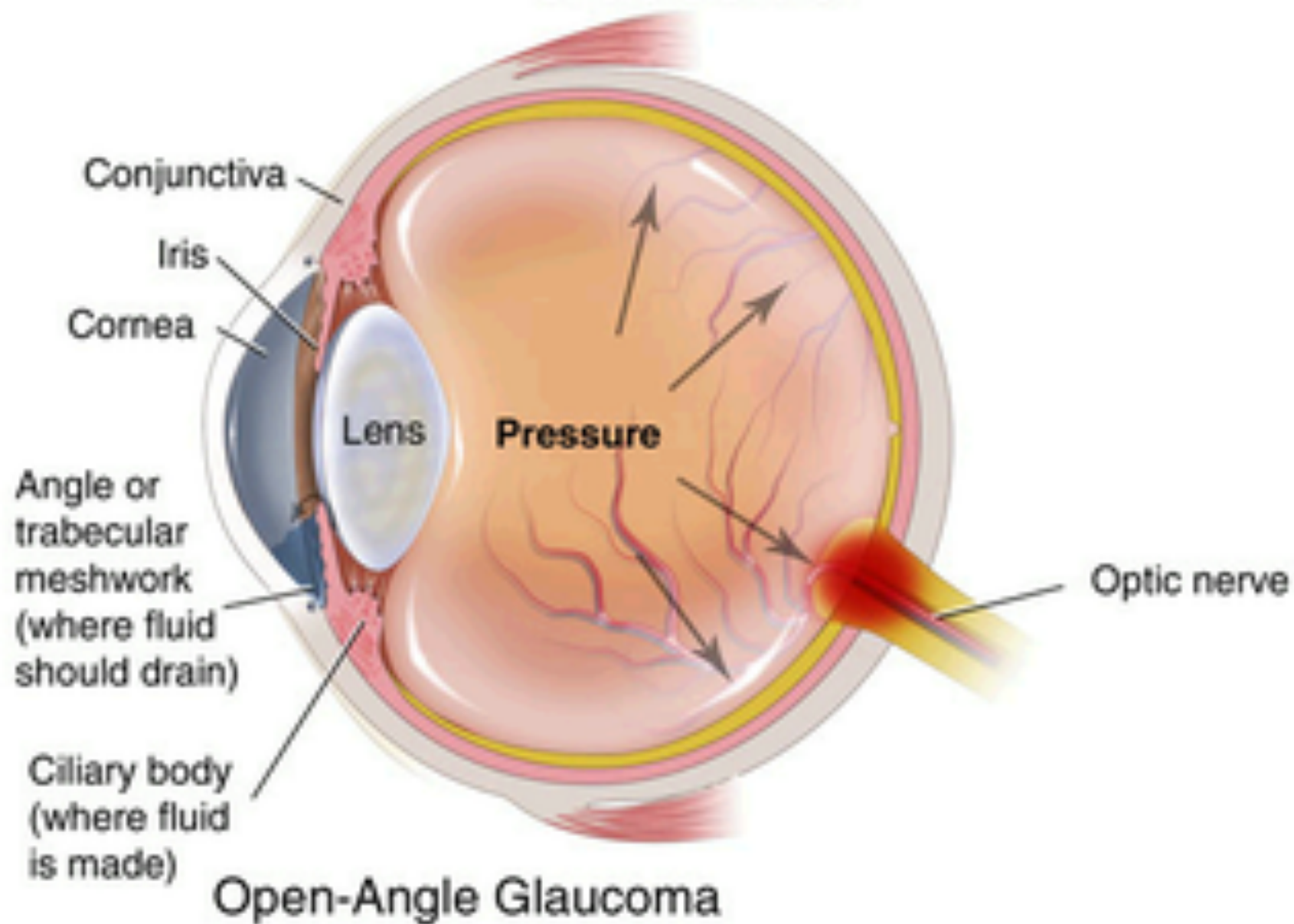
Canal of Schlemm

Ciliary body



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJwsBXGlf7c>

Glaucoma



Glaucoma



A gradual loss of side vision
noticeable symptoms of gl



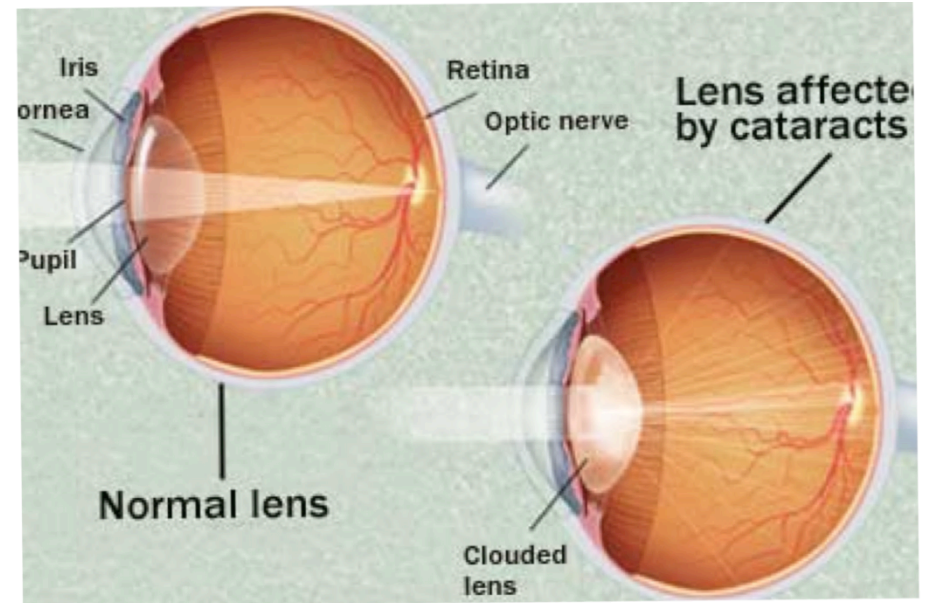
Blurred vision may be another
symptom of glaucoma.



- **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

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





Macular Degeneration

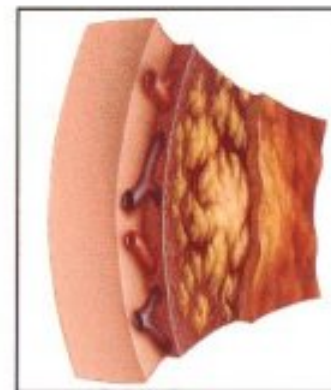


- Breakdown of the **retina** near the **macula** (fovea centralis)
- Main cause of blindness for people over 65
- Pressure on back of eye due to fat (“dry”) or blood leakage (“wet”)

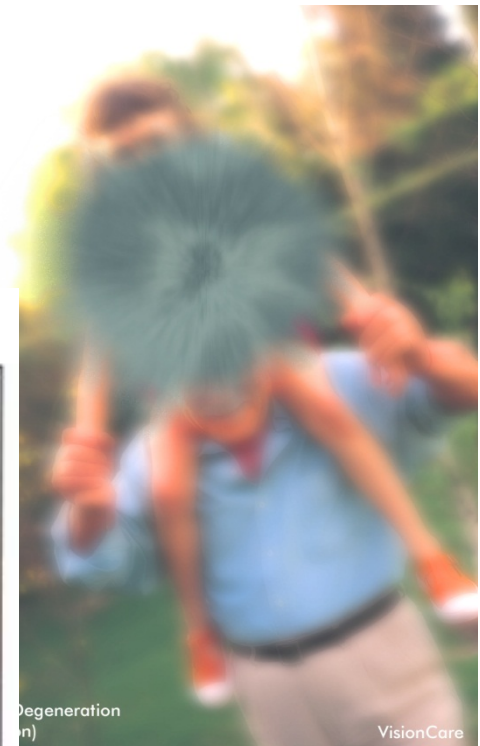
Effect of Macular Degeneration



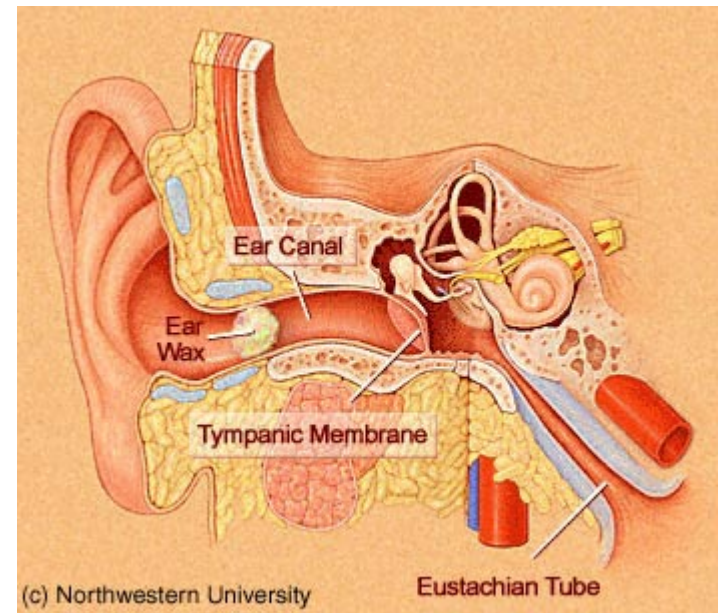
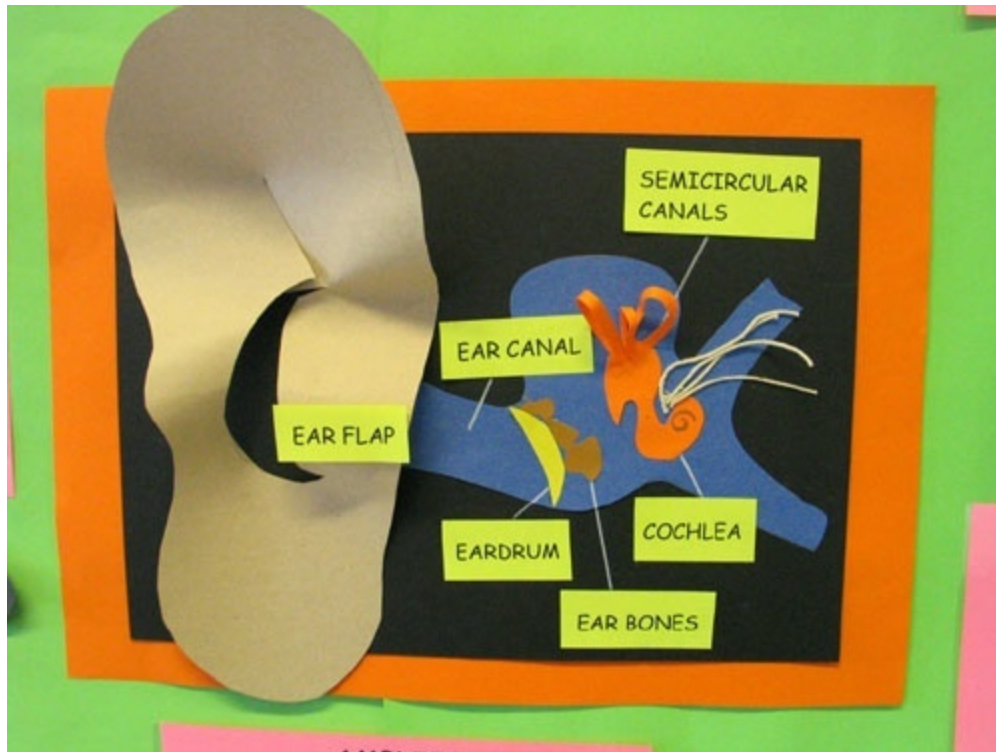
Normal macula



Degeneration of macula



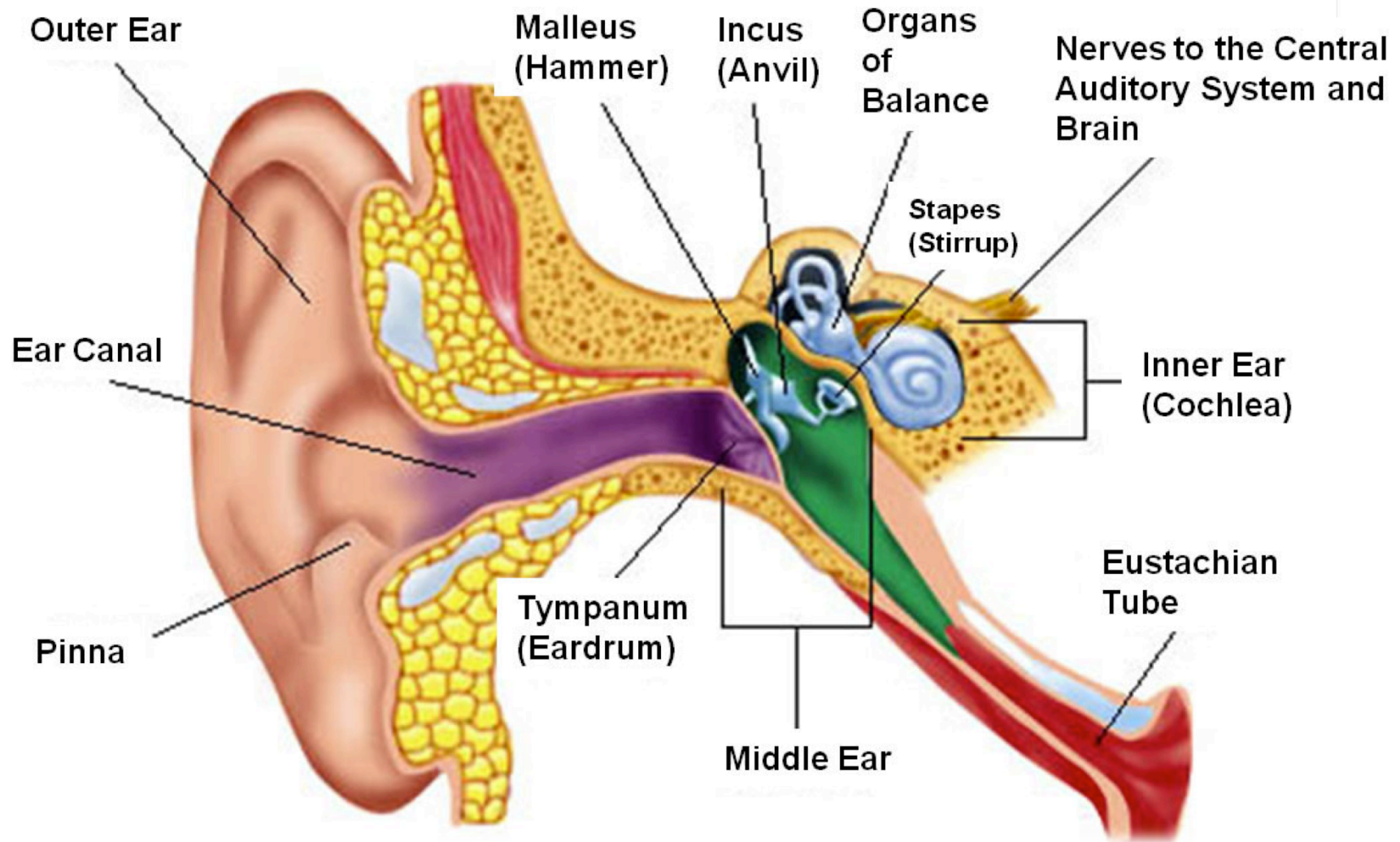
Did you hear?



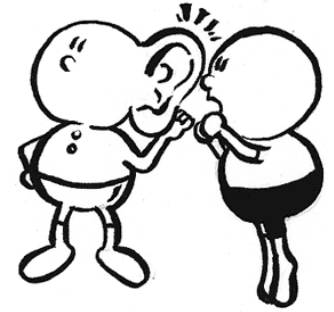
It's all about the ear!

MECHANORECEPTION

THE EAR



Functions



- The ear has 2 separate functions:

Hearing and balance/equilibrium (dynamic and static equilibrium)

Do you know where the smallest bones in the body are?



The ear ossicles.
They are fully developed
at birth.

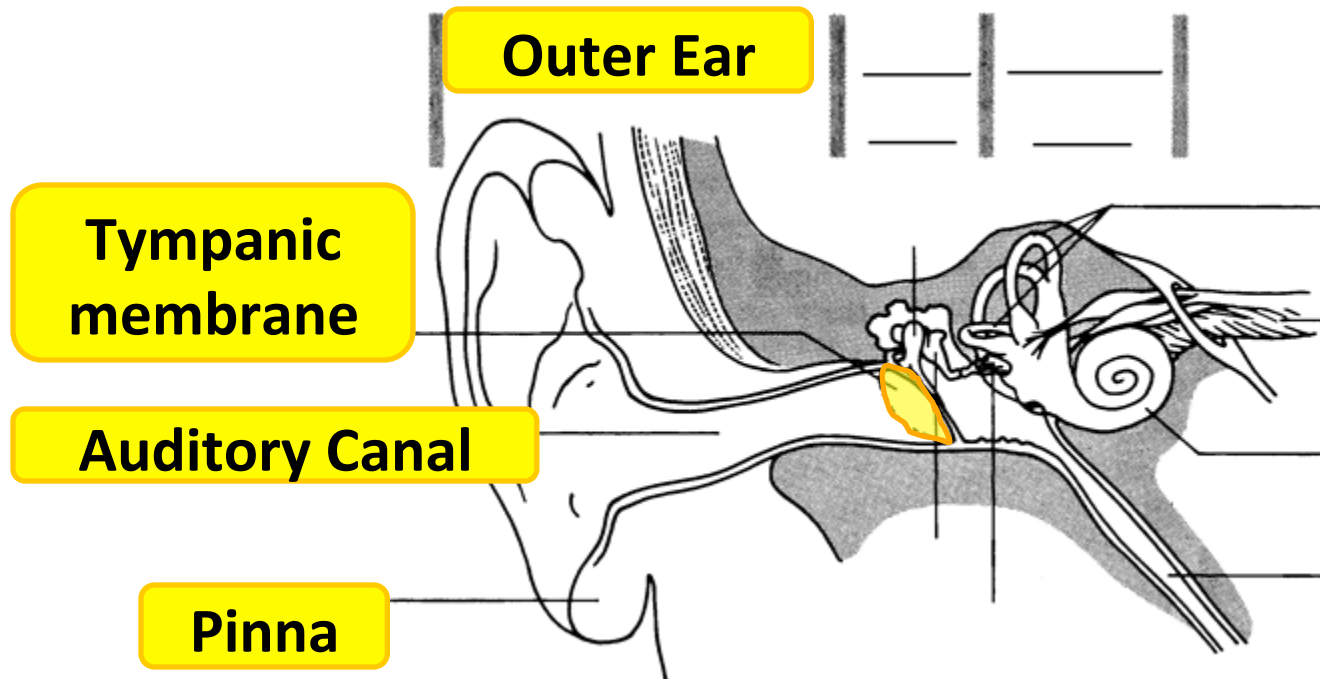
Outer Ear

**Amplifies
sound**

Pinna – external ear flap. funnels sound into ear

Auditory canal – amplifies sound. (makes it louder)

Tympanic membrane (ear drum) - vibrates



How the ear works: (1:33)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MXt_gX2Srgo

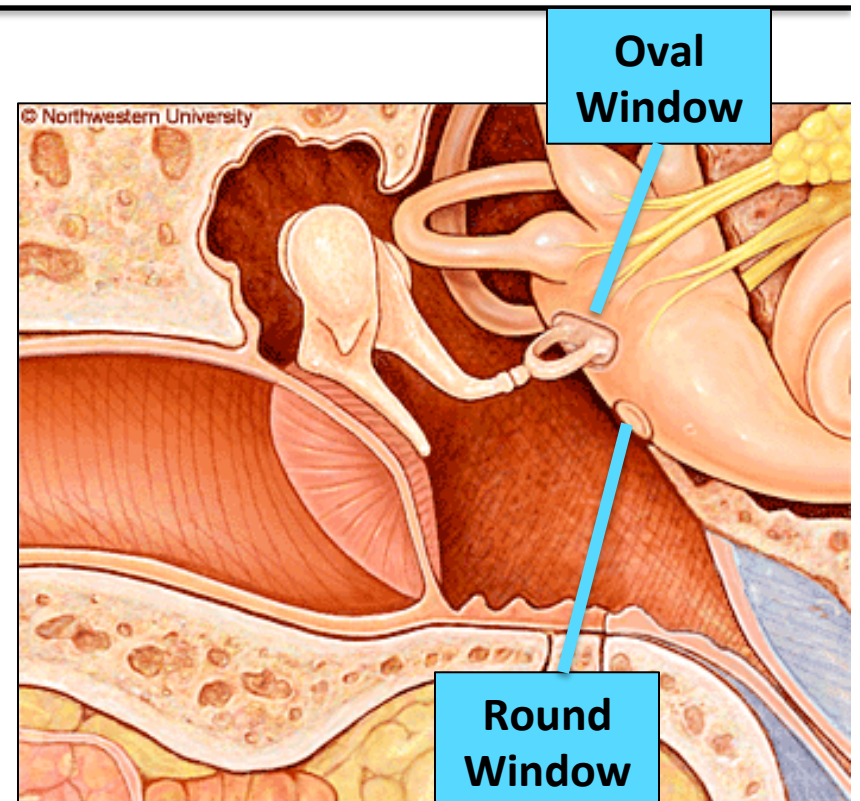
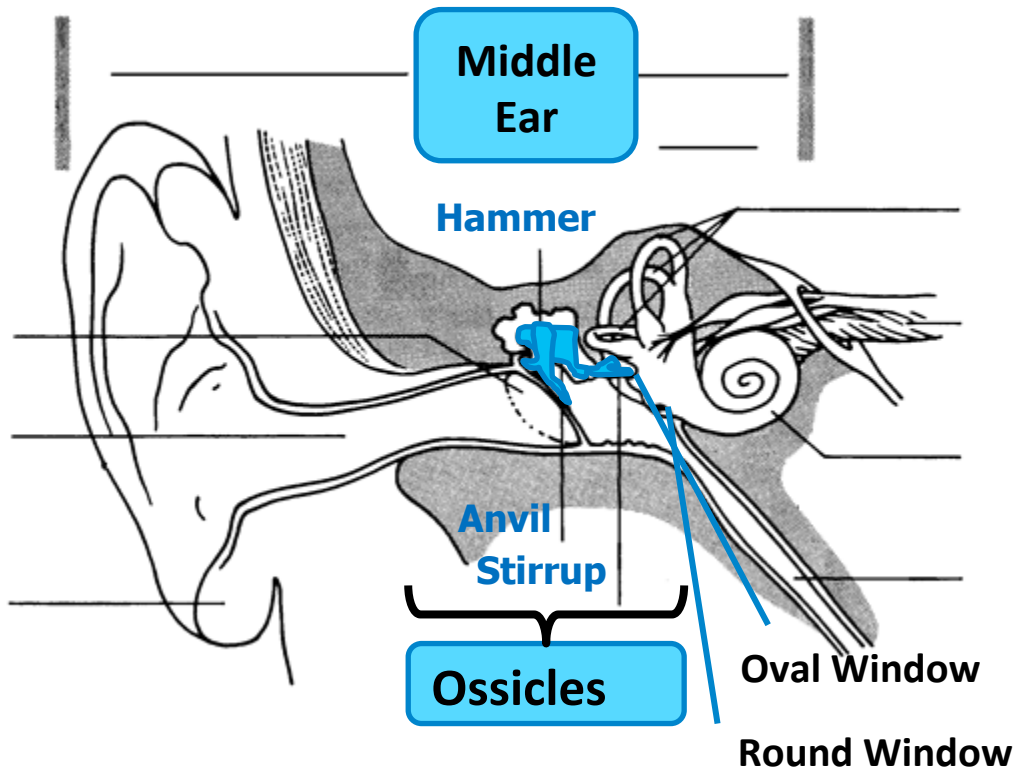
Middle Ear

air-filled

Amplifies
sound

Ossicles (bones) – vibrate and amplify sound

Oval Window – sends vibrations to inner ear. Smaller than ear drum to amplify sound. As the stapes pushes in on the oval window, the **round window** membrane moves out, and this allows movement of the fluid within the cochlea, leading to movement of the cochlear inner hair cells and thus hearing.



Middle Ear

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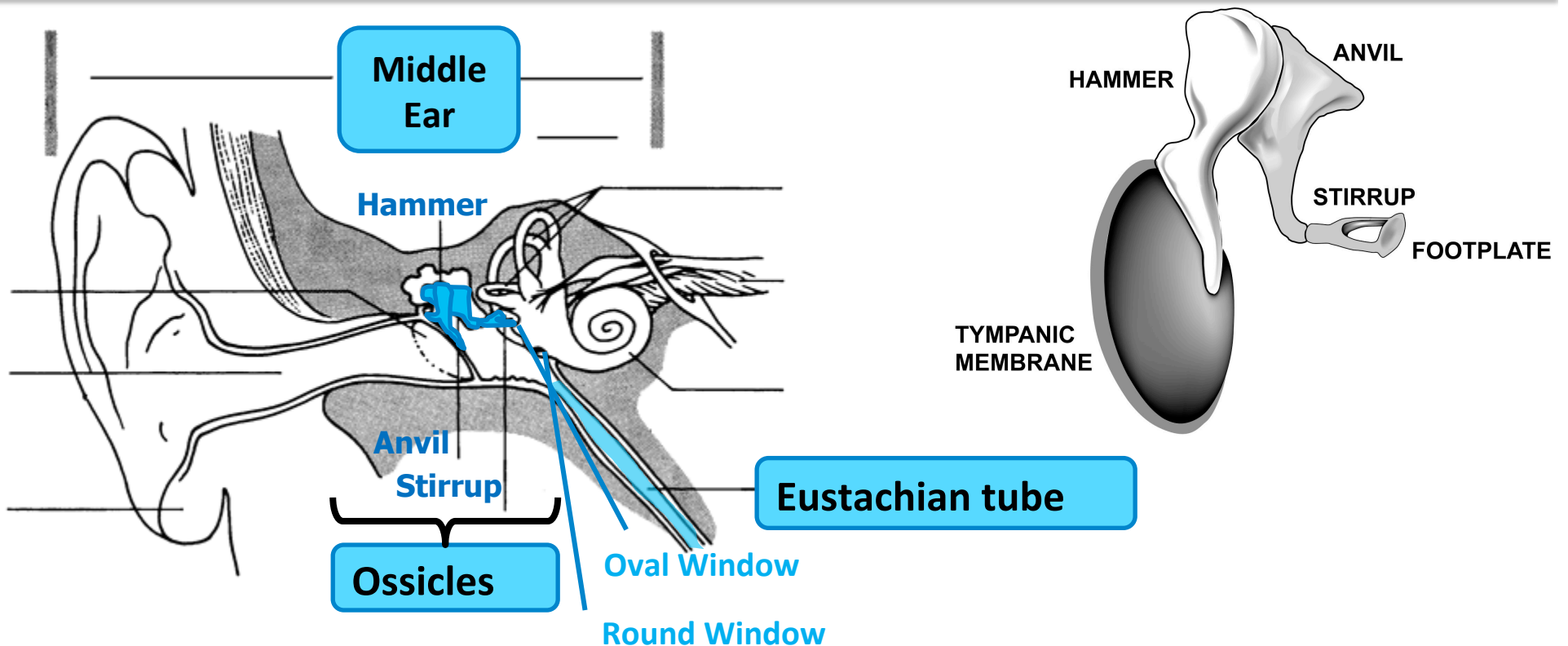
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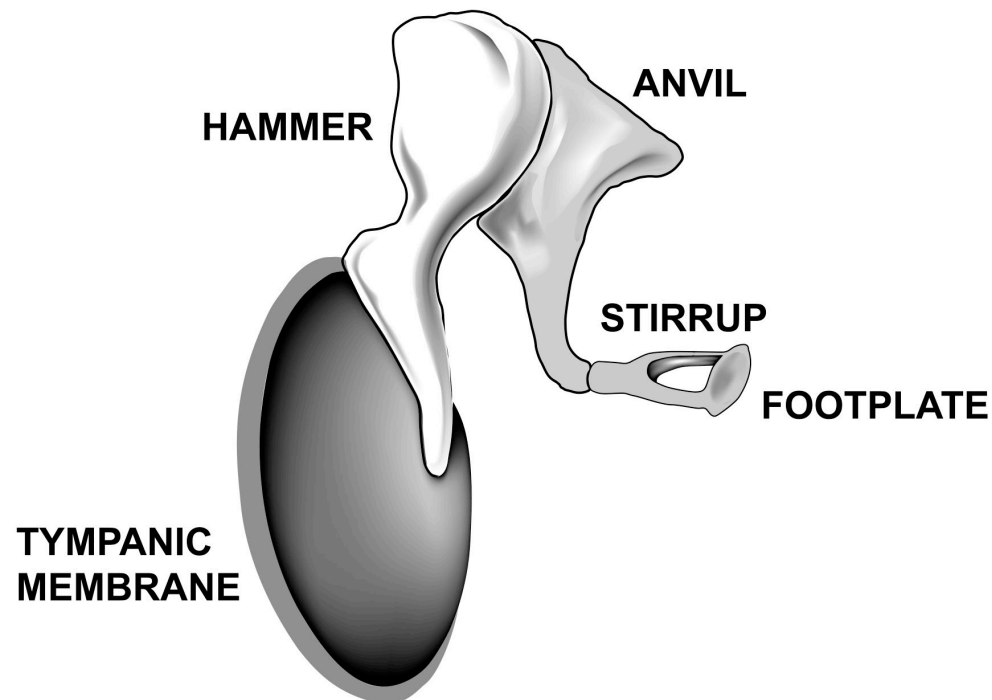
Oval Window – sends vibrations to inner ear.

Eustachian tube – Connects the middle ear to the mouth and nose.
Allows for **equalization** of pressure between the internal and external ear.

Build-up of liquid in the Eustachian tube can cause deafness and poor balance.

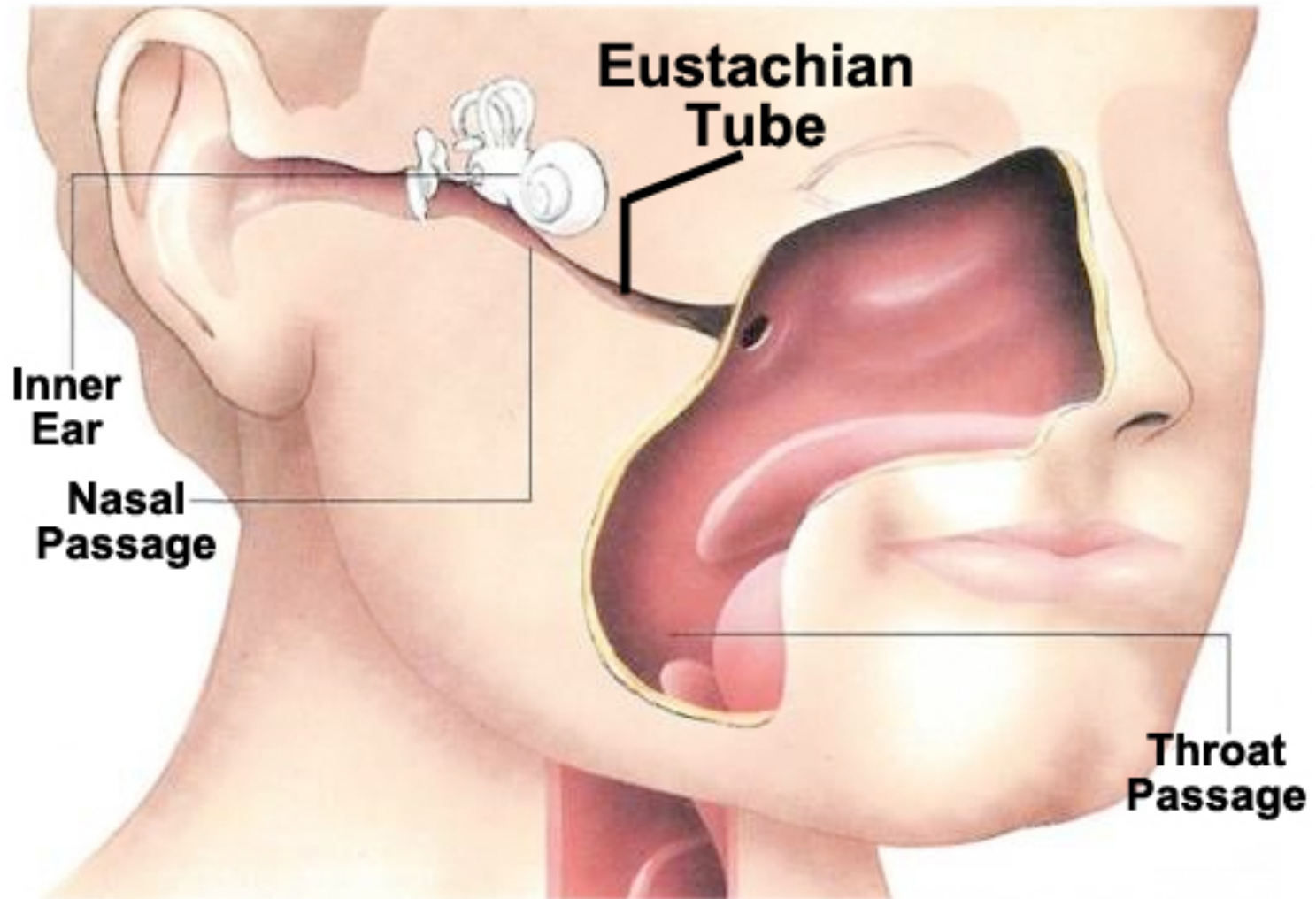


**Ossicles: the ossicles convert sound vibration
FROM AIR to sound vibration
IN FLUID(within cochlea)**



Eustachian Tube

-normally closed, the Eustachian tube will “pop” open to equalize pressure in the inner ear



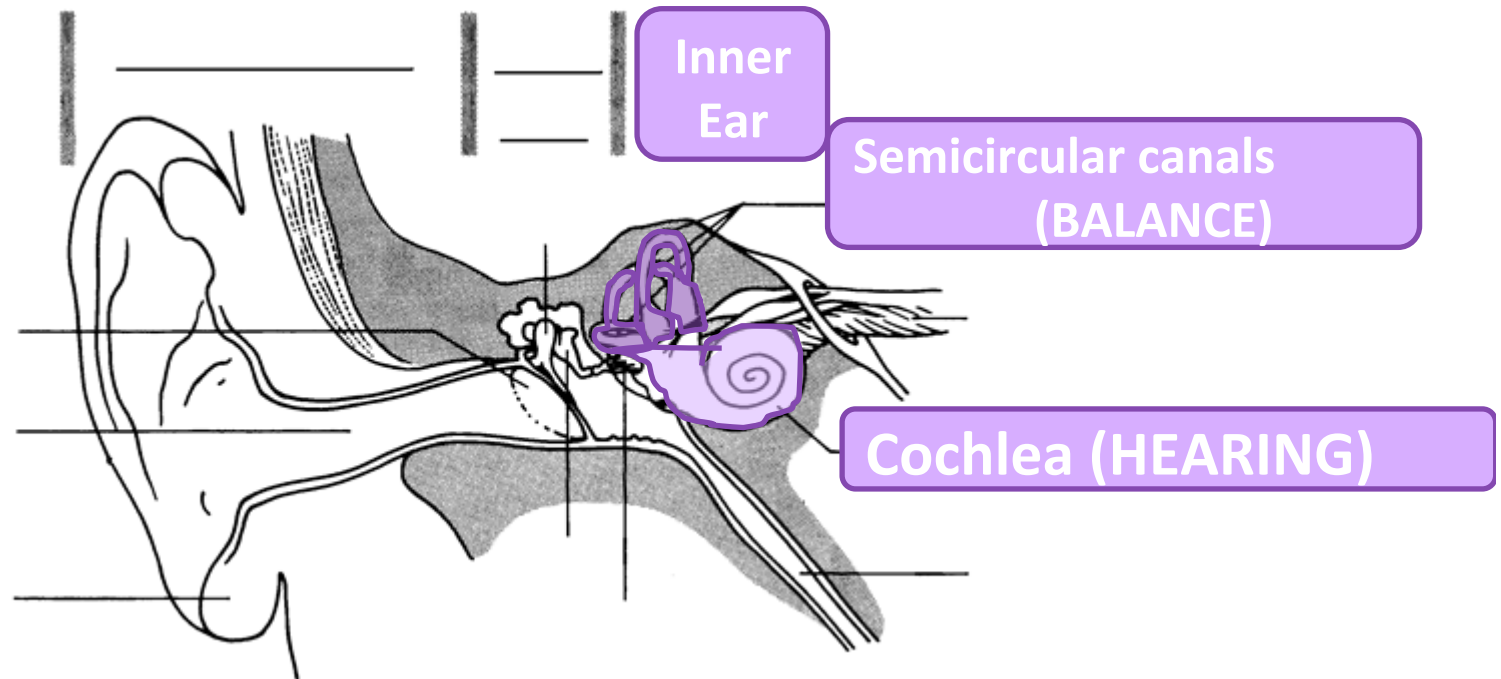
Inner Ear

Fluid-filled

Converts vibrations into electrical impulses

Cochlea (HEARING) Hair cells on the basilar membrane identify sound waves and **convert them** into **action potentials**

Semicircular canals (BALANCE) Movement of fluid in the canals provides information about body movement **dynamic equilibrium**



Bozeman: Sensory System 10:31

The ear starts at 5:30

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

Hearing Animation

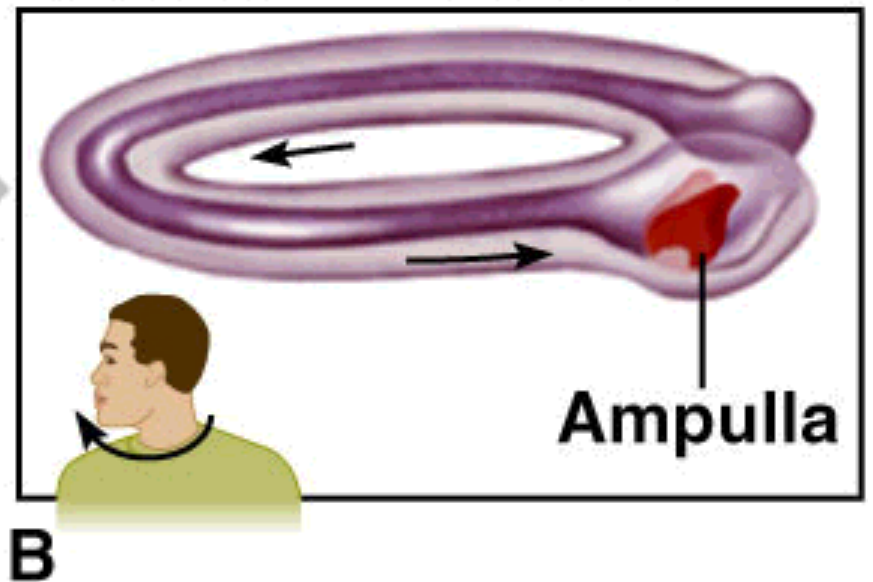
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Equilibrium and Balance

Semicircular canals

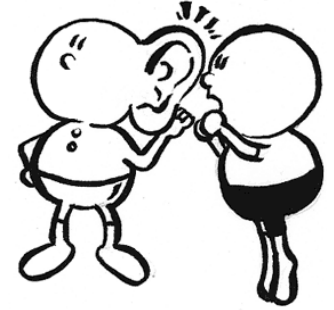


Rotational movement

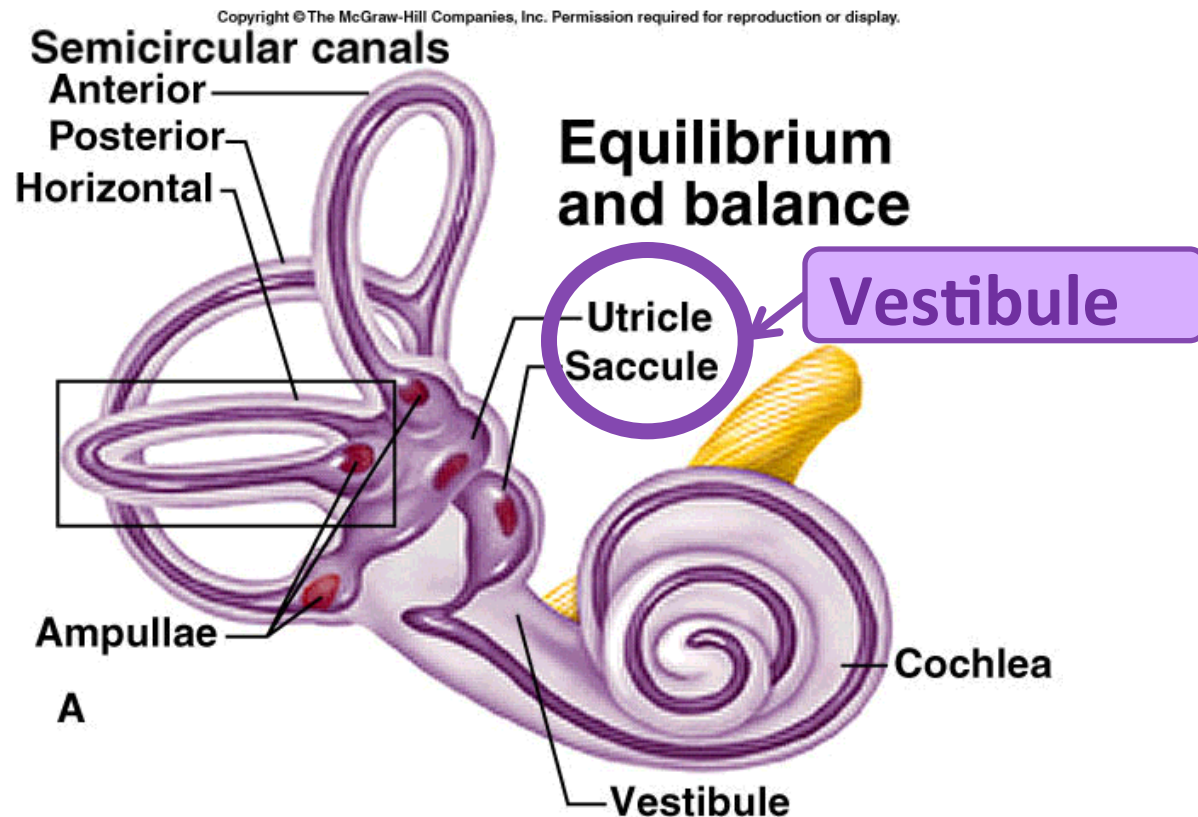


What causes motion sickness?

Inner ear - the vestibule



- Found at the **base** of the semicircular canals
- Connected to the middle ear by the oval window
- Provides information about **head position** - **static or gravitational equilibrium**



Vestibule

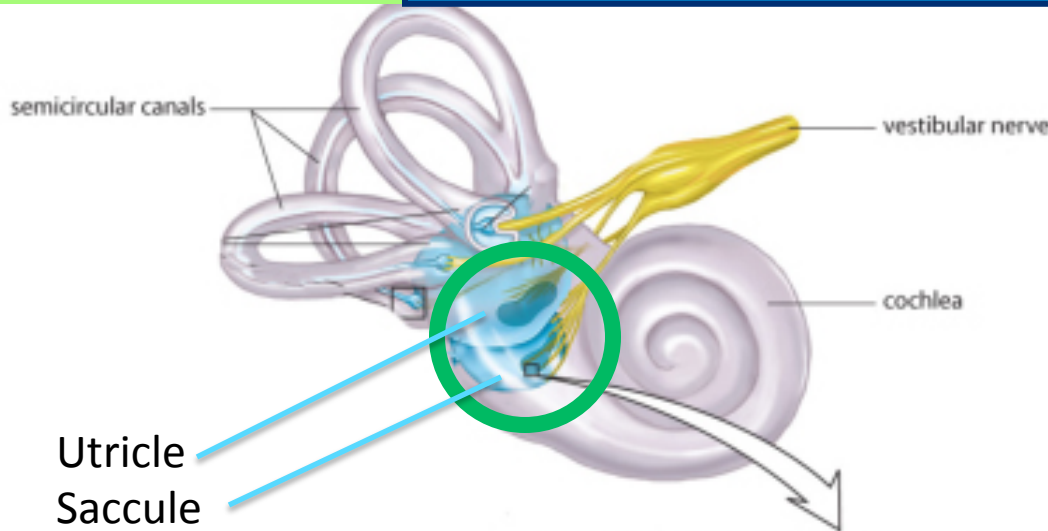
Static or gravitational equilibrium

The utricle and saccule make up the vestibule.

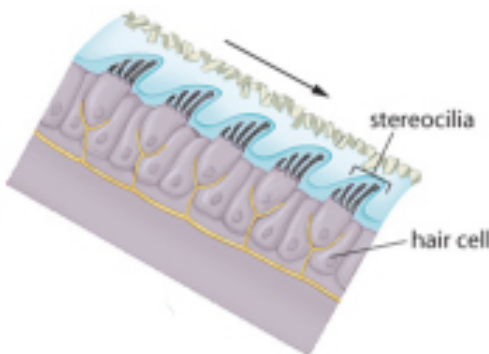
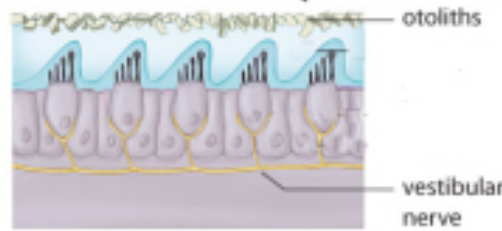
Both of these structures contain calcium carbonate granules, called **otoliths**.

When the head dips forward or back, gravity pulls on the otoliths.

This pulls on the hair cells, causing them to send a neural impulse to the brain.

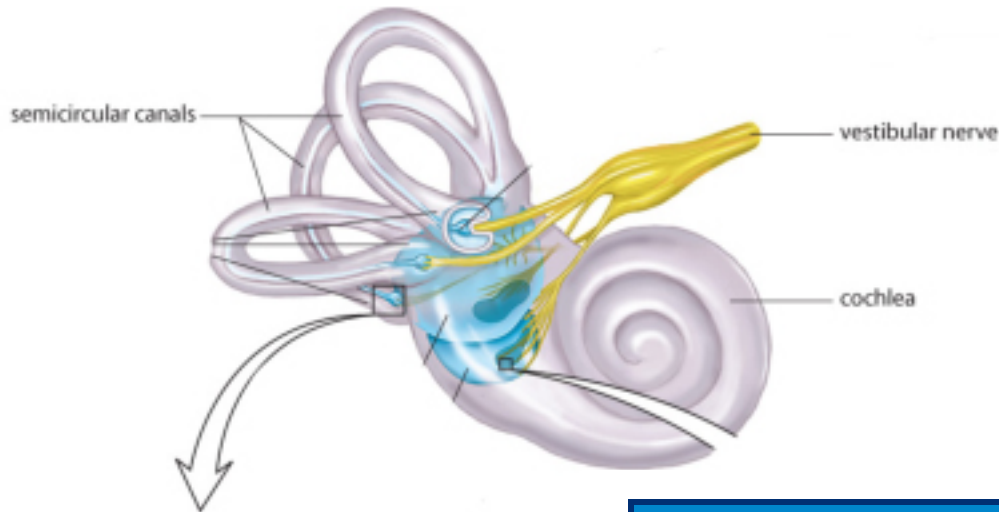


Utricle
Saccule
=
Vestibule

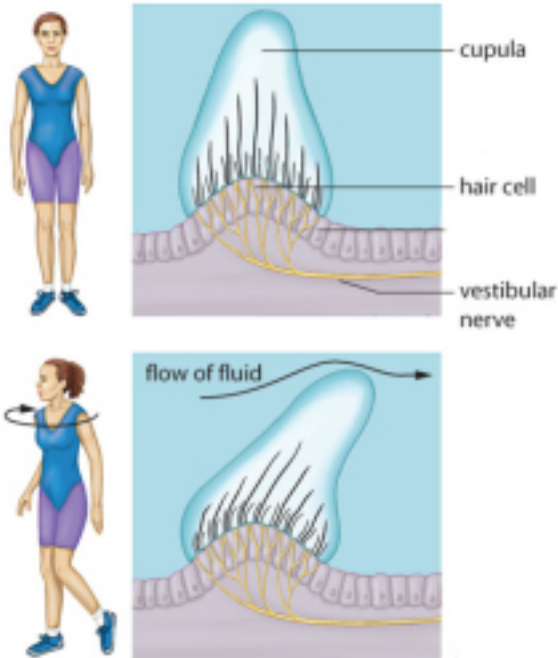


Semicircular canals

Dynamic or Rotational Equilibrium

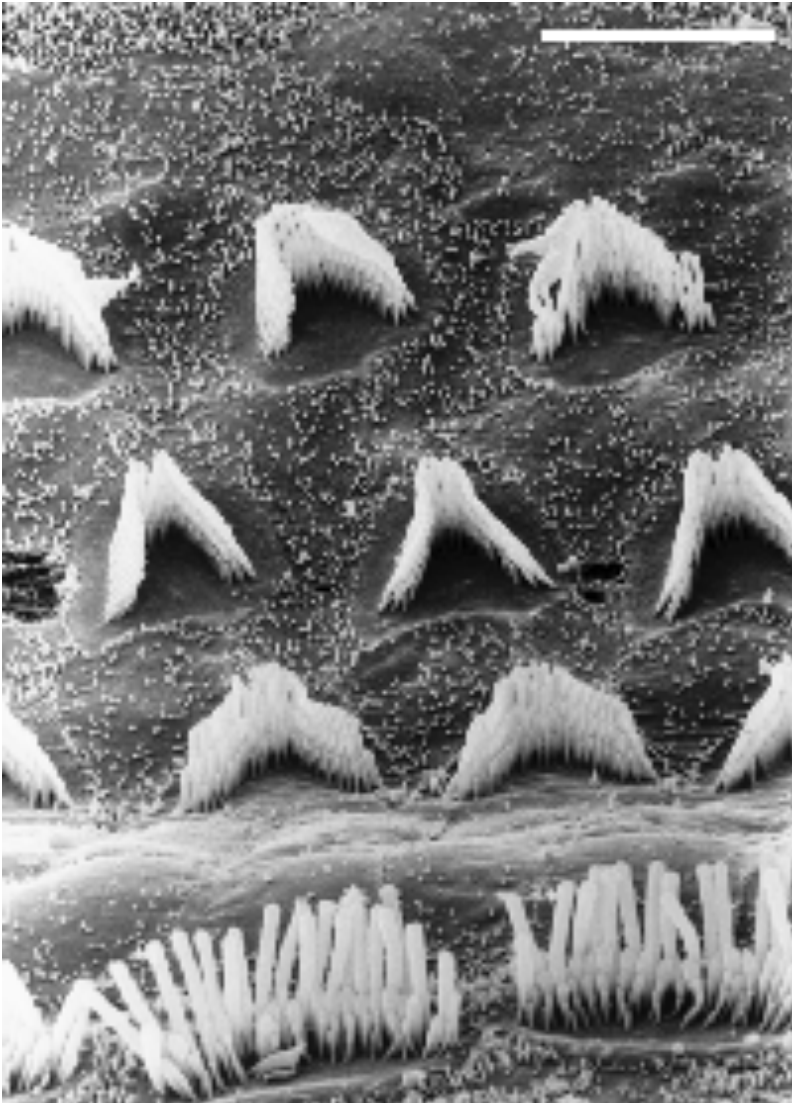


The semicircular canals contain mechanoreceptors that detect head and body rotation.



When the head rotates, the fluid inside the semicircular canals moves and bends the stereocilia in the cupula causing the hair cells to send an action potential through the vestibular nerve to the brain. (cerebellum)

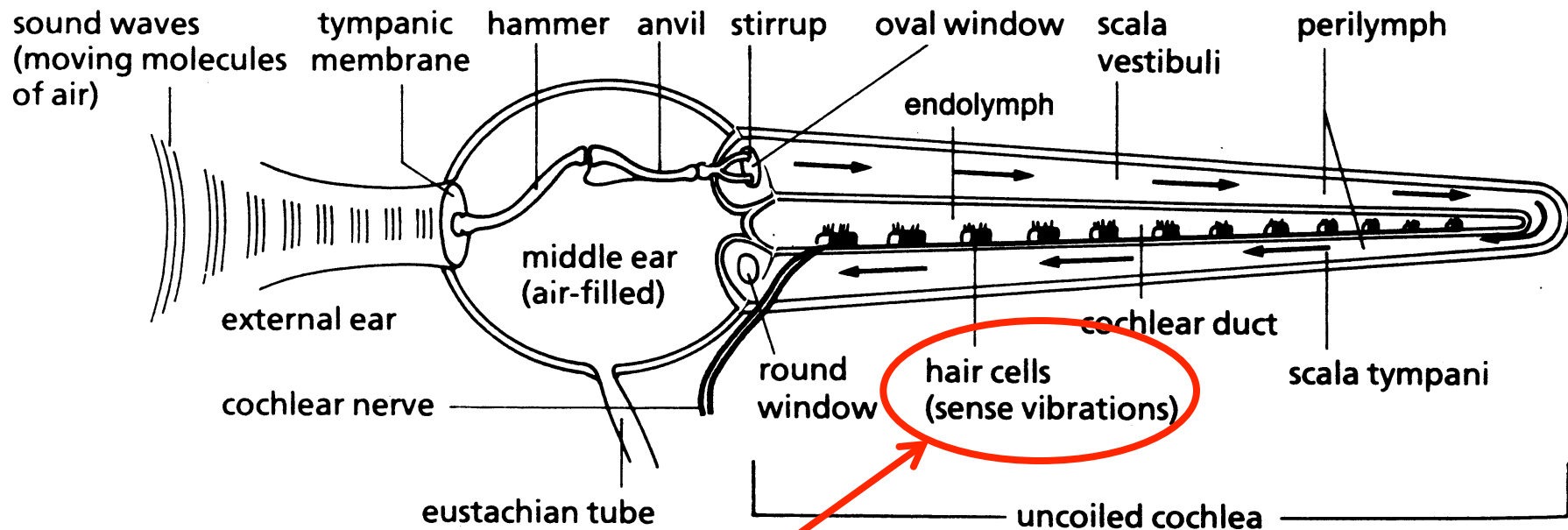
HOW WE HEAR...



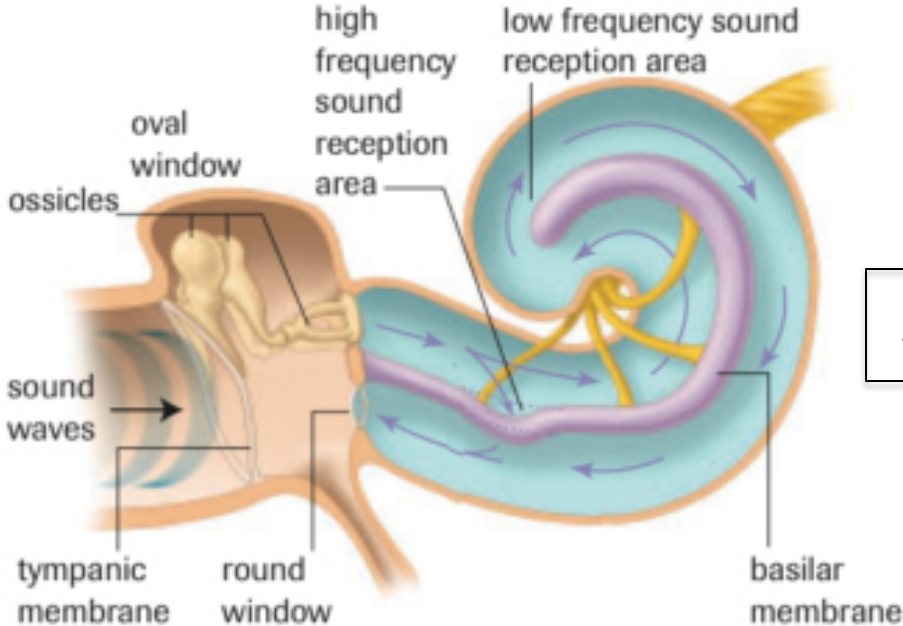
Outer

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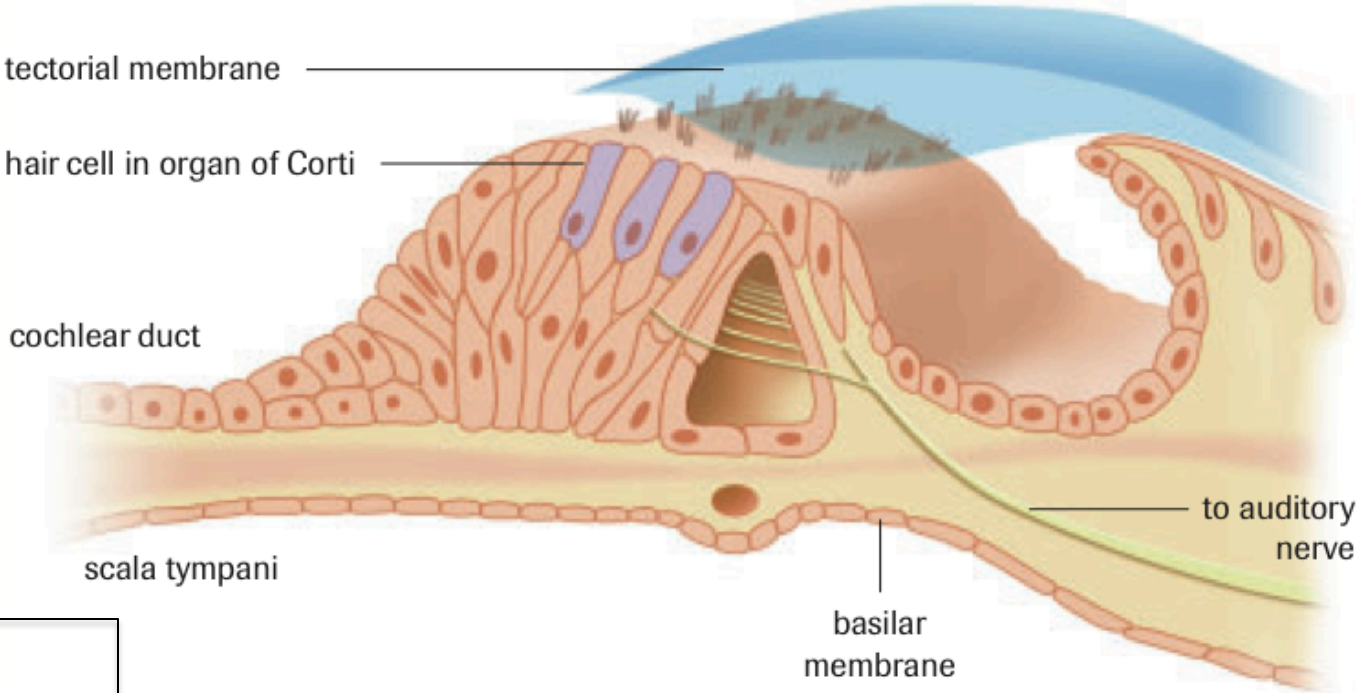
Inner



Sensory receptors = convert sound vibrations into action potentials

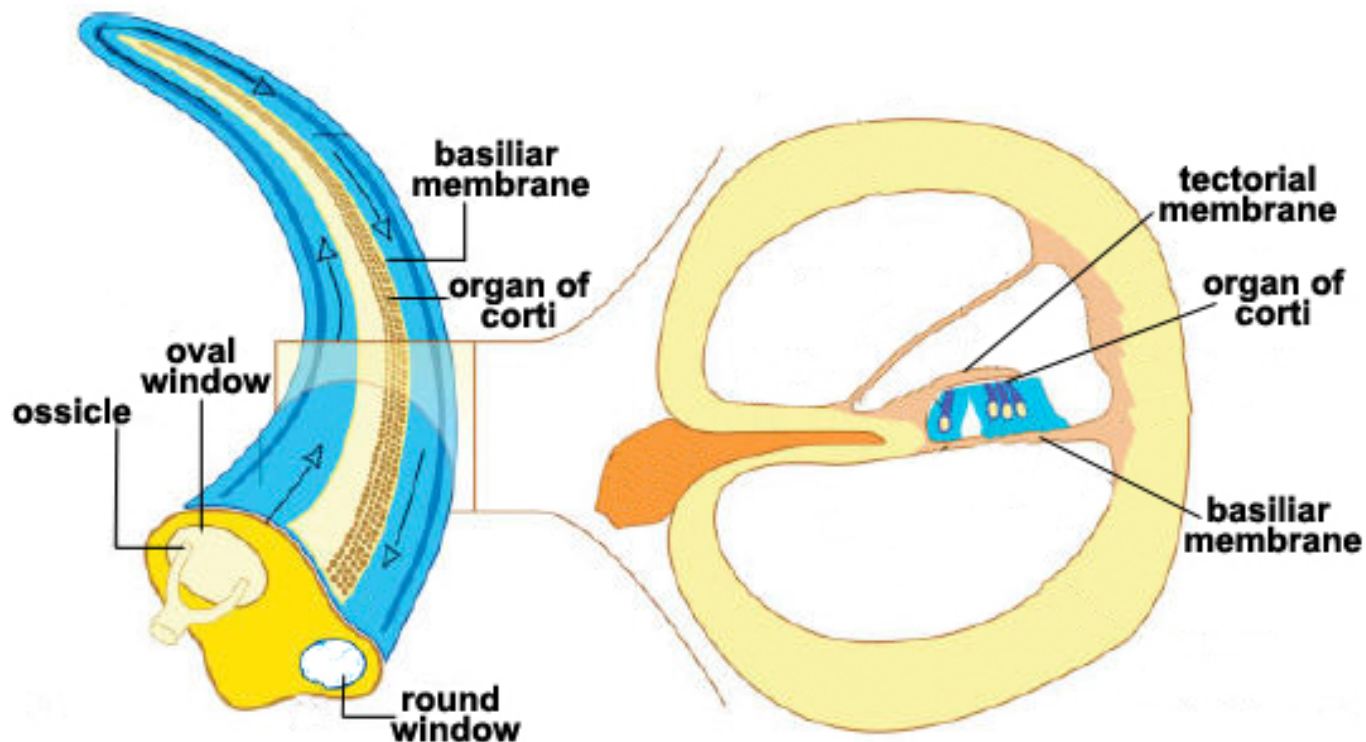


Sound Wave Travel Route in COCHLEA

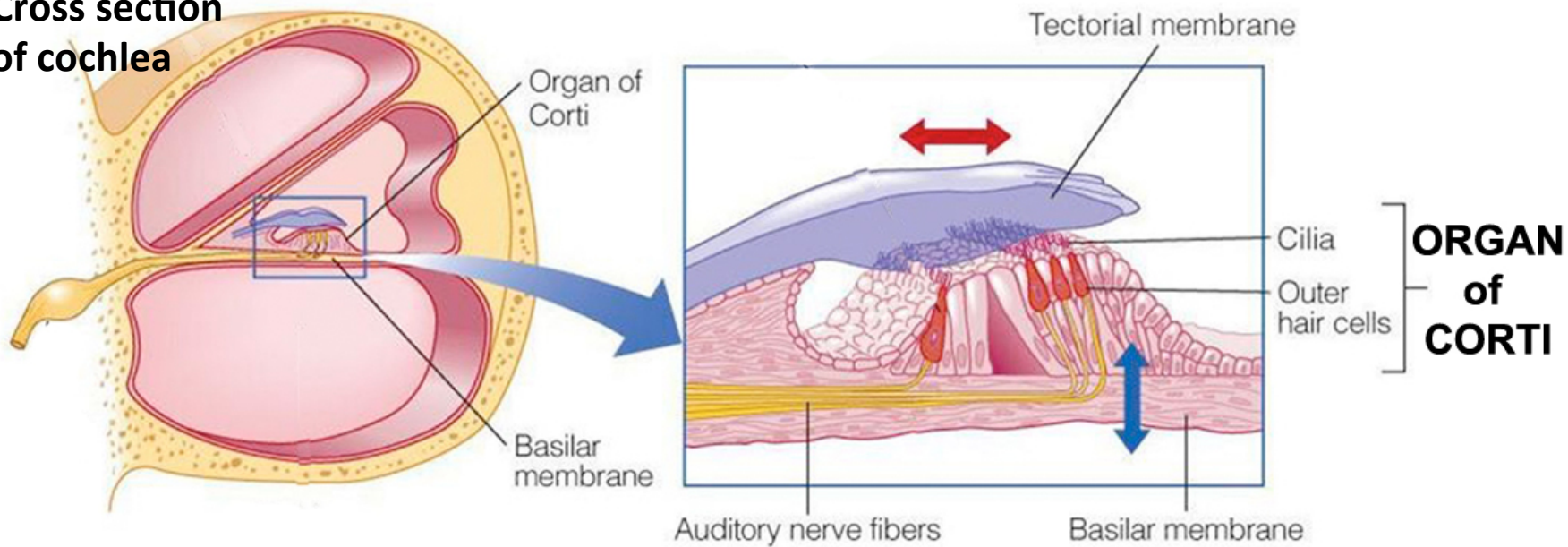


Organ of CORTI

Unwound Cochlea



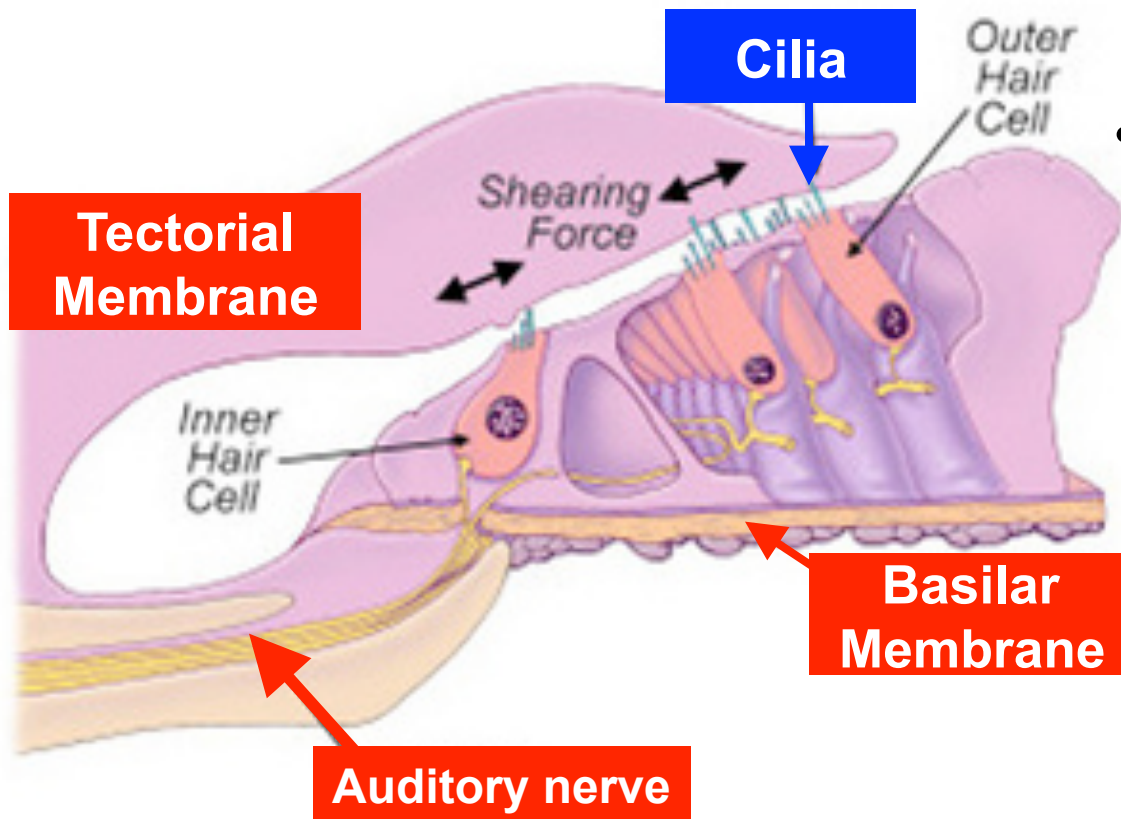
Cross section of cochlea



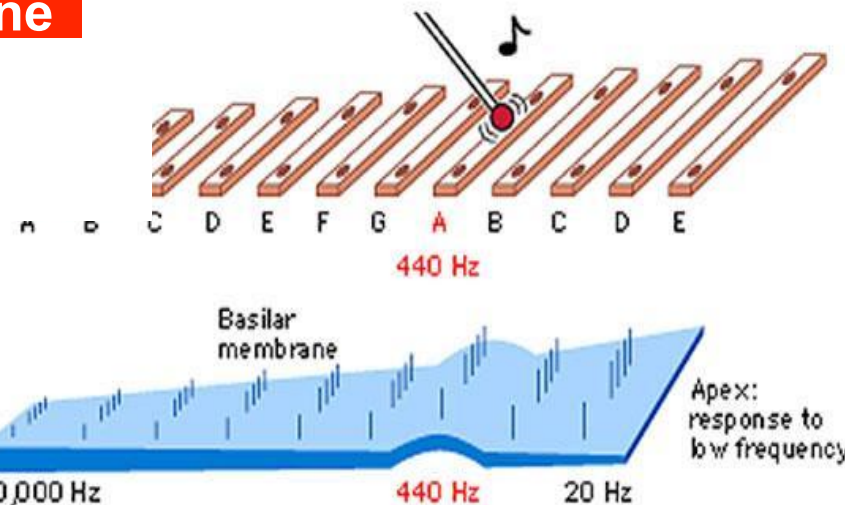
ORGAN of CORTI- the hair cells or cilia

(where hearing occurs)

- **Basilar membrane** starts out stiff and narrow and becomes flexible and broad
- **When the basilar membrane moves, it causes bending of the hair cells and action potentials** are sent to the **temporal** lobe of the brain



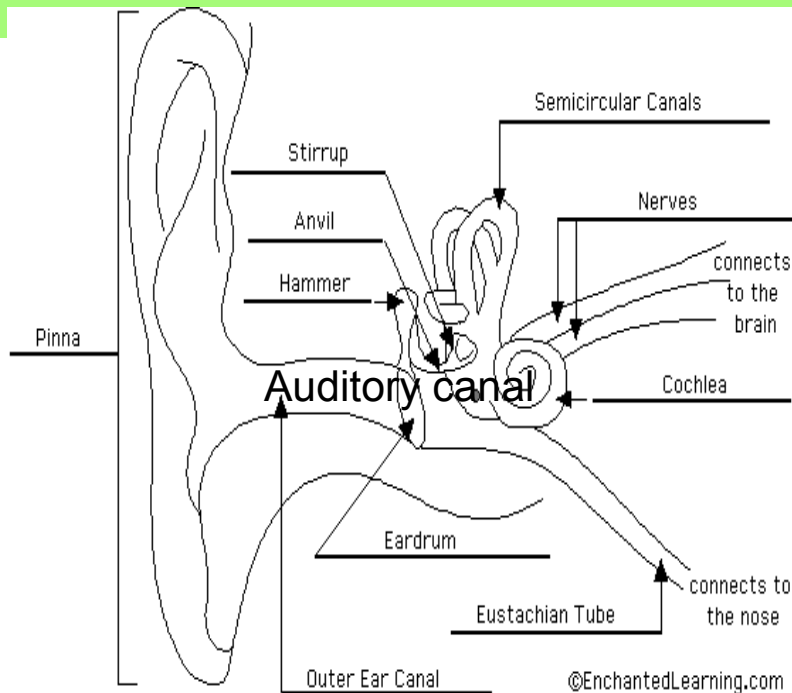
[Basilar Membrane Movement Video](#)



List the path that sound takes through the ear to the temporal lobe

1. Pinna
2. Auditory canal
3. Tympanic Membrane
4. Ossicles
 - Hammer
 - Anvil
 - Stirrup
5. Cochlea
 - Organ of Corti
 - Basilar membrane
 - Hair cells
6. Auditory nerve
7. Temporal lobe

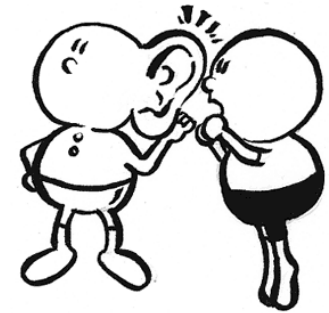
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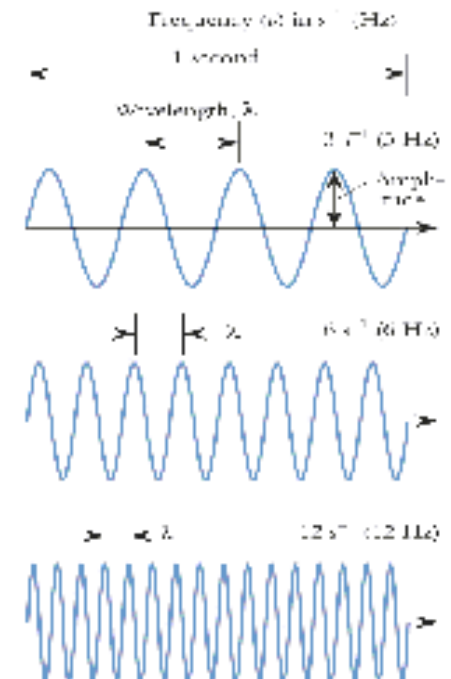
Auditory Transduction video:

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Pitch and Loudness

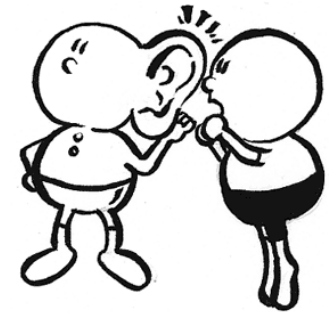


- **Cochlea** is responsible for identifying **pitch** and **loudness**
- The **stiff, narrow basilar membrane** and rigid hair cells detect **high frequency** (pitch) sounds
 - These sounds die faster
- The **wider and more flexible** part of the **basilar membrane** further down detects **low frequency** (pitch) sounds
 - These sounds resonate in the ear






Humans can hear between 20 and 20 000 Hz

FYI: Just how loud is loud?



- Loudness is measured in **decibels (db)**

[Click here for an article about iPods and hearing](#)

Sound	Intensity (db)	
Ticking of a Watch	20	
Whisper	30	
Normal Speech	50-60	
Car Traffic	70	
Alarm Clock	80	
Lawn Mower	95	
Chain Saw	110	
Jackhammer	120	
Jet Engine	130	

Music above 90 db is said to cause hearing loss

Damage to the hair cells of the inner ear causes hearing loss

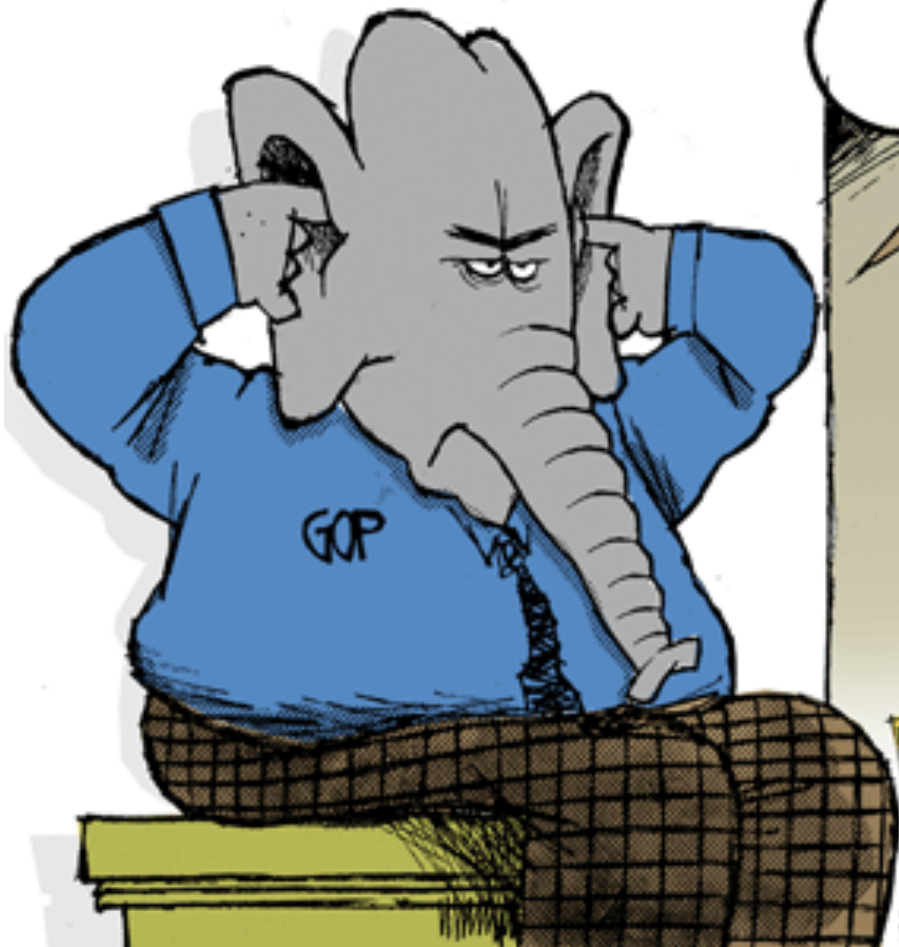
Reasons for Hearing Loss

Conductive causes: blockage of the ear canal.

Sensorineural causes: damage to the hair cells or nerves.

Prolonged exposure to LOUD NOISES causes the hair cells on the cochlea to become less sensitive or damaged.

Ototoxic drugs - Certain drugs can affect hearing by damaging the nerves involved in hearing. Antibiotics, aspirin, ibuprofen.



WE'VE DIAGNOSED YOUR HEARING PROBLEM...



VIA
HANDELSMAN
newspaper

Treatments for Hearing Loss

1. If a foreign body is found in the ear canal, the doctor will try to **take it out**.
2. People with conductive hearing loss can have the middle ear reconstructed by an ear, nose, and throat specialist. (**surgery**)
- 3. Hearing aids** are effective and well tolerated for people with conductive hearing loss.
4. People who are profoundly deaf may benefit from a **cochlear implant**.





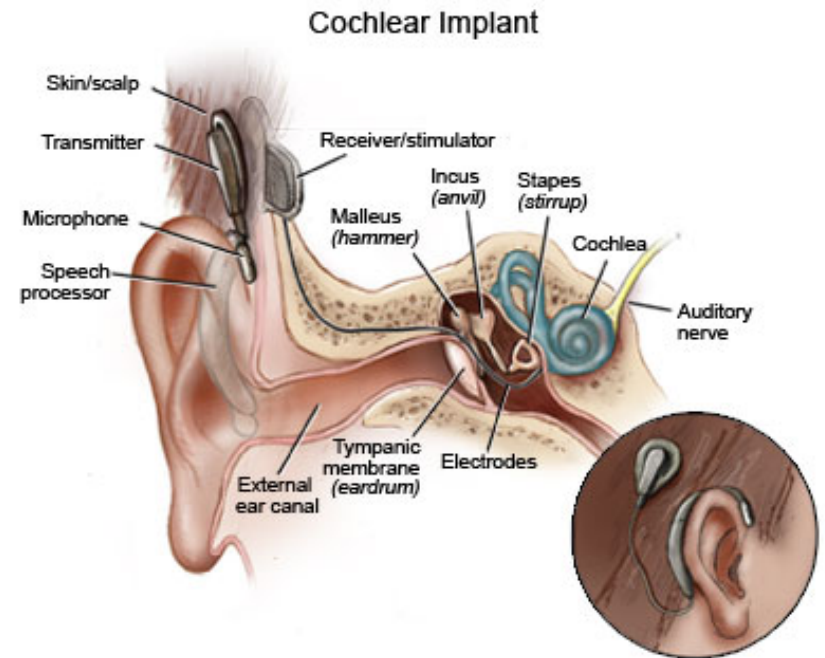
**"My wife said I don't listen to her.
At least I think that's what she said."**



Being hard of hearing made Ursula every pharmacy customer's worst nightmare.

Cochlear Implant

A small complex electronic device that is surgically placed (implanted) within the inner ear to help persons with certain types of deafness to hear.



A cochlear implant has four basic parts:

- 1) a microphone, which picks up sound from the environment;
- 2) a speech processor, which selects and arranges sounds picked up by the microphone;
- 3) a transmitter and receiver/stimulator, which receive signals from the speech processor and convert them into electric impulses; and
- 4) electrodes, which collect the impulses from the stimulator and send them directly to the brain.

Baby hears for first time

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HTzTt1VnHRM>

Cochlear Implant

What parts of the ear do the 4 parts of the cochlear implant correspond to?

A cochlear implant has four basic parts:

- 1) a microphone, which picks up sound from the environment; **Pinna, auditory canal, tympanic membrane**
- 2) a speech processor, which selects and arranges sounds picked up by the microphone; **Cochlea or Organ of Corti**
- 3) a transmitter and receiver/stimulator, which receive signals from the speech processor and convert them into electric impulses; and **hair cells**
- 4) electrodes, which collect the impulses from the stimulator and send them to the brain. **Auditory nerve**