

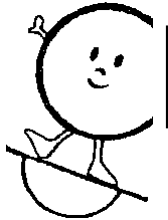
THE SENSORY GANG

Ms. Tactile



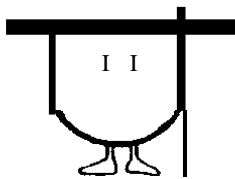
People say I am so touchy-feely! I can't help it! From head to toe and all over, my skin keeps me "in touch" with the world. Even inside my mouth I feel things - light touch, deep pressure, hard or soft, sharp or dull, vibration, temperature and ohhhh ... the pain!

Mr. Vestibular



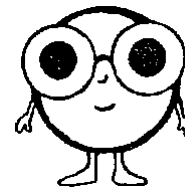
I keep everything "right with the world"! Because of me, you can deal with gravity when you are moving, no matter the direction or speed. Even when standing or sitting still, I am very important because of my sense of balance. Posture and muscle tone depend on the signals I interpret from the inner ear.

Ms. Proprioception



I do more than just push and pull, flex and stretch, pry and press! Information coming from my joints, muscles and tendons helps me adjust my body position for smooth movements with just the "right amount" of pressure. People say I am important for good "motor planning" when this information is accurate.

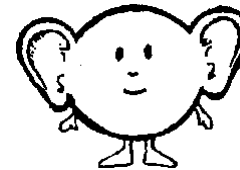
We three, Ms. T, Mr. V, and Ms. P, are a pretty tight group. Some say we are the foundation of the sensory system gang. Who and what we stand for is even greater when the rest of the gang is integrated!



Ms. Visual

I've got my eyes on you! I am on the lookout to deliver valuable details about what I see. Color, contrast, line, shape, form and movement have a part in how you perceive the world. My messages (with the collaboration of my friends) help determine what to pay attention to and what to ignore as well as help direct your actions and movements.

Ms. Auditory



Do you hear what I hear? I don't mean to whine but I can get your attention too. Listen to me, please, I'm all ears. It's not just about volume - consider also tone, pitch, rhythm and sequence of sounds. Processing me can be difficult but it is necessary if I am to be understood. If I don't have the others, help out, I'm just noise ... sigh.

Mr. Gustatory



Ah, to savor the "sweet taste of success," or was it bitter or salty? Maybe sour or spicy? Taste buds and saliva are the grounds for my great sensory contributions. I often get no respect but one thing's for sure, I know "what I like!" By the way, I am intricately linked with Ms. Olfactory.

Ms. Olfactory



Although some consider me not as refined as my other sensory friends, I go way back in time - kind of a survival thing. Strong memories are associated with certain smells. I subjectively consider the odor, especially when Mr. Gustatory is around. Remember, the "nose knows" and ... "Don't forget to stop and smell the roses."