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Read the introduction to a text about visual tricks to describe?

The parts of the body involved in seeing.

How our brains are changing.

The ways that mind tricks have been used in the past.

How the mind interprets what we see.

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Seeing is believing

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1 We're not aware of an everyday gap in our sight. Paragraph 3

2 We often see what we think we should see. Paragraph 4

3 We can be fooled by our expectation of distance. Paragraph 2

4 The brain isn't always so easily tricked. Paragraph 5

5 Seeing is all about the brain. Paragraph 1

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others. The 'colour spiral' illusion is so powerful, it is almost impossible not to be tricked by it. The image consists of blue, green, and pink spirals radiating out from a centre – except they're not blue and green. They are in fact the same shade of bluish-green. Your brain decides for you that there is a continuous orange circle going through the spirals, and adjusts the bluish-green colour into clearly separate blue and green to make the orange circle theory work.

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Task 2

There are several ways that the brain can be fooled. A favourite trick is the train track experiment, which works because the brain has specialized in understanding . Another experiment is the disappearing dot, which shows up a gap in our sight that we rarely exists. This is because the brain simply the bits of information that are missing from what it does know. The 'colour spiral' picture shows how much the brain sees just what it wants to see. There appear to be two colours in the picture, even though closer study shows that they are . Many of these experiments suggest that the brain only pays attention to things that seem to fit with past experiences. However, this ignores a more situation, as the part of the brain controlling seems to have an accurate appreciation of .

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