

Gross Anatomy of the Brain and Cranial Nerves

The Human Brain

1. Match the letters on the diagram of the human brain (right lateral view) to the appropriate terms listed at the left.

_____ 1. frontal lobe

_____ 2. parietal lobe

_____ 3. temporal lobe

_____ 4. precentral gyrus

_____ 5. parieto-occipital sulcus

_____ 6. postcentral gyrus

_____ 7. lateral sulcus

_____ 8. central sulcus

_____ 9. cerebellum

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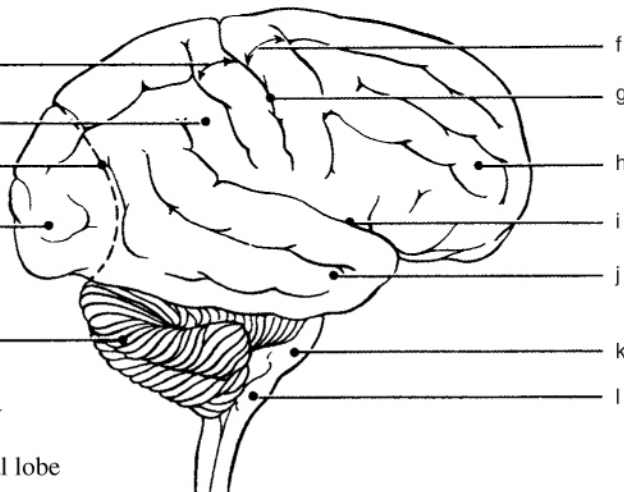
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_____ 10. medulla

_____ 11. occipital lobe

_____ 12. pons



2. In which of the cerebral lobes would the following functional areas be found?

auditory area: _____

olfactory area: _____

primary motor area: _____

visual area: _____

primary sensory area: _____

Broca's area: _____

3. Which of the following structures are not part of the brain stem? (Circle the appropriate response or responses.)

cerebral hemispheres pons midbrain cerebellum medulla diencephalon

4. Complete the following statements by writing the proper word or phrase on the corresponding blanks at the right.

A(n) 1 is an elevated ridge of cerebral tissue. The convolutions seen in the cerebrum are important because they increase the 2. Gray matter is composed of 3. White matter is composed of 4. A fiber tract that provides for communication between different parts of the same cerebral hemisphere is called a(n) 5, whereas one that carries impulses to the cerebrum from, and from the cerebrum to, lower CNS areas is called a(n) 6 tract. The lentiform nucleus along with the caudate nuclei are collectively called the 7.

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4. _____

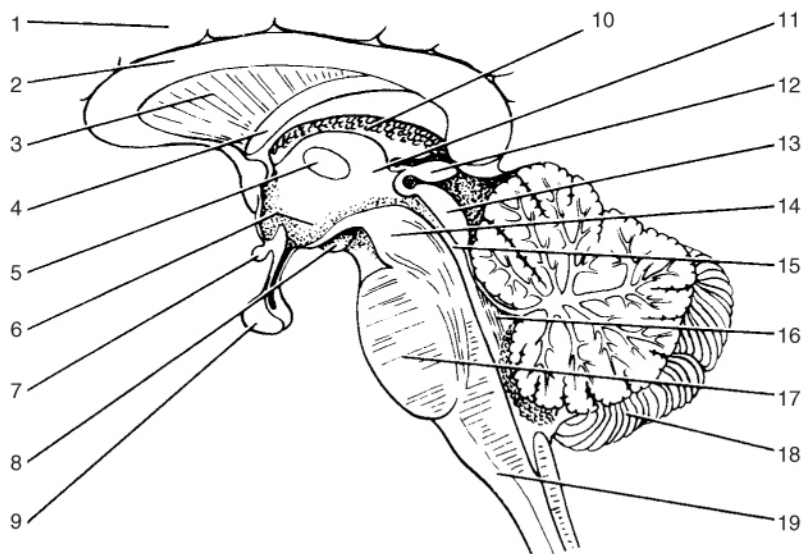
5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

5. Identify the structures on the following sagittal view of the human brain stem and diencephalon by matching the numbered areas to the proper terms in the list.

- _____ a. cerebellum
- _____ b. cerebral aqueduct
- _____ c. (small part of) cerebral hemisphere
- _____ d. cerebral peduncle
- _____ e. choroid plexus
- _____ f. corpora quadrigemina
- _____ g. corpus callosum
- _____ h. fornix
- _____ i. fourth ventricle
- _____ j. hypothalamus



- _____ k. intermediate mass
- _____ l. mammillary bodies
- _____ m. medulla oblongata
- _____ n. optic chiasma
- _____ o. pineal body
- _____ p. pituitary gland
- _____ q. pons
- _____ r. septum pellucidum
- _____ s. thalamus

6. Using the terms from question 5, match the appropriate structures with the descriptions given below.

- _____ 1. site of regulation of body temperature and water balance; most important autonomic center
- _____ 2. consciousness depends on the function of this part of the brain
- _____ 3. located in the midbrain; contains reflex centers for vision and audition
- _____ 4. responsible for regulation of posture and coordination of complex muscular movements
- _____ 5. important synapse site for afferent fibers traveling to the sensory cortex
- _____ 6. contains autonomic centers regulating blood pressure, heart rate, and respiratory rhythm, as well as coughing, sneezing, and swallowing centers
- _____ 7. large commissure connecting the cerebral hemispheres
- _____ 8. fiber tract involved with olfaction
- _____ 9. connects the third and fourth ventricles
- _____ 10. encloses the third ventricle

7. Embryologically, the brain arises from the rostral end of a tubelike structure that quickly becomes divided into three major regions. Groups of structures that develop from the embryonic brain are listed below. Designate the embryonic origin of each group as the hindbrain, midbrain, or forebrain.

_____ 1. the diencephalon, including the thalamus, optic chiasma, and hypothalamus

_____ 2. the medulla, pons, and cerebellum

_____ 3. the cerebral hemispheres

8. What is the function of the basal ganglia? _____

9. What is the corpus striatum, and how is it related to the fibers of the internal capsule? _____

10. A brain hemorrhage within the region of the right internal capsule results in paralysis of the left side of the body.

Explain why the left side (rather than the right side) is affected. _____

11. Explain why trauma to the base of the brain is often much more dangerous than trauma to the frontal lobes. (Hint: Think about the relative functioning of the cerebral hemispheres and the brain stem structures. Which contain centers more vital to life?)

12. In “split brain” experiments, the main commissure connecting the cerebral hemispheres is cut. First, name this commissure.

Then, describe what results (in terms of behavior) can be anticipated in such experiments. (Use an appropriate reference if you need help with this one!)

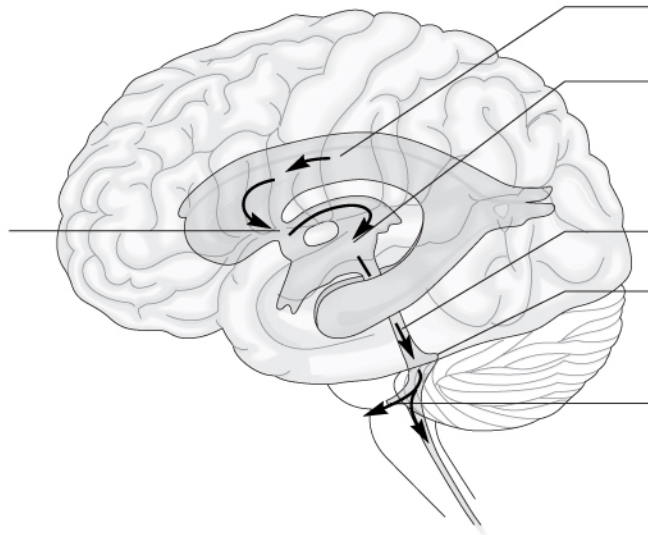
Meninges of the Brain

13. Identify the meningeal (or associated) structures described below:

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| _____ | 1. outermost meninx covering the brain; composed of tough fibrous connective tissue |
| _____ | 2. innermost meninx covering the brain; delicate and highly vascular |
| _____ | 3. structures instrumental in returning cerebrospinal fluid to the venous blood in the dural sinuses |
| _____ | 4. structure that forms the cerebrospinal fluid |
| _____ | 5. middle meninx; like a cobweb in structure |
| _____ | 6. its outer layer forms the periosteum of the skull |
| _____ | 7. a dural fold that attaches the cerebrum to the crista galli of the skull |
| _____ | 8. a dural fold separating the cerebrum from the cerebellum |

Cerebrospinal Fluid

14. Label the structures involved with circulation of cerebrospinal fluid on the accompanying diagram.



Add arrows to the figure above to indicate the flow of cerebrospinal fluid from its formation in the lateral ventricles to the site of its exit from the fourth ventricle. Then fill in the blanks in the following paragraph.

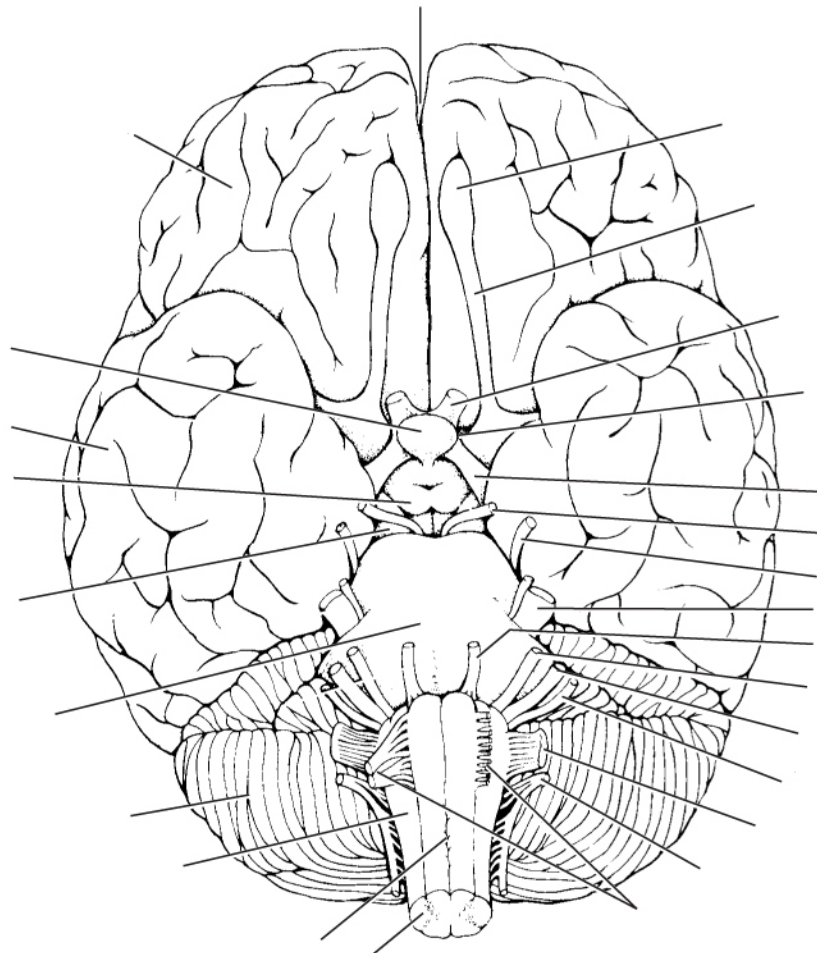
Cerebrospinal fluid flows from the fourth ventricle into the central canal of the spinal cord and the (1) space surrounding the brain and spinal cord. From this space it drains through the (2) into the (3).

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Cranial Nerves

15. Using the terms below, correctly identify all structures indicated by leader lines on the diagram.

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| a. abducens nerve (VI) | j. longitudinal fissure | s. pituitary gland |
| b. accessory nerve (XI) | k. mammillary body | t. pons |
| c. cerebellum | l. medulla oblongata | u. spinal cord |
| d. cerebral peduncle | m. oculomotor nerve (III) | v. temporal lobe of cerebral hemisphere |
| e. decussation of the pyramids | n. olfactory bulb | w. trigeminal nerve (V) |
| f. facial nerve (VII) | o. olfactory tract | x. trochlear nerve (IV) |
| g. frontal lobe of cerebral hemisphere | p. optic chiasma | y. vagus nerve (X) |
| h. glossopharyngeal nerve (IX) | q. optic nerve (II) | z. vestibulocochlear nerve (VIII) |
| i. hypoglossal nerve (XII) | r. optic tract | |



16. Provide the name and number of the cranial nerves involved in each of the following activities, sensations, or disorders.

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| _____ 1. rotating the head | _____ 7. listening to music; seasickness |
| _____ 2. smelling a flower | _____ 8. secretion of saliva; tasting well-seasoned food |
| _____ 3. raising the eyelids; pupillary constriction | _____ 9. involved in “rolling” the eyes (three nerves—provide numbers only) |
| _____ 4. slows the heart; increases motility of the digestive tract | _____ 10. feeling a toothache |
| _____ 5. involved in Bell’s palsy (facial paralysis) | _____ 11. reading the newspaper |
| _____ 6. chewing food | _____ 12. purely sensory in function (three nerves—provide numbers only) |

Dissection of the Sheep Brain

17. In your own words, describe the firmness and texture of the sheep brain tissue as observed when cutting into it.

Because formalin hardens all tissue, what conclusions might you draw about the firmness and texture of living brain tissue?

18. When comparing human and sheep brains, you observe some profound differences between them. Record your observations in the chart below.

Structure	Human	Sheep
Olfactory bulb		
Pons/medulla relationship		
Location of cranial nerve III		
Mammillary body		
Corpus callosum		
Intermediate mass of thalamus		
Relative size of superior and inferior colliculi		
Pineal gland		