

# Consequences of visual production training for neural object representations

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## Abstract

[Intro sentences go here.](#) The current study directly evaluates how practice drawing objects affects their underlying representation in ventral temporal cortex using fMRI. All three phases (pre, training, post) of the study were scanned. During training, participants alternately drew two objects (e.g., table, bed) on an MR-safe tablet. Before and after training, they viewed these and two other control objects (e.g., chair, bench), so that we could obtain estimates of the neural representation of each object. [More methods and results sentences go here.](#)

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# **1 Introduction**

## **2 Methods**

### **3 Stimuli**

### **4 Task and procedure**

### **5 Recognition task**

### **6 Production task**

### **7 fMRI data acquisition and preprocessing**

### **8 Measuring object representation during recognition and production**

### **9 Connectivity pattern similarity analysis**

### **10 Searchlight analysis**

## **11 Results**

### **12 Shared representations during recognition and production**

### **13 Sustained selection of target object during drawing within early visual, parietal, frontal regions**

### **14 Sustained selection of target object during drawing between regions**

### **15 Relationship between target selection and representational differentiation**

### **16 Distinct dynamics in target object representation in visual and frontal regions during drawing**

## **17 Discussion**

## **18 Code availability**

19 The code for the analyses presented in this article will be made publicly available in a Github repository upon  
20 acceptance of this manuscript.

## 21 **Data availability**

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