Seeing, Smelling, Sensing

Humans

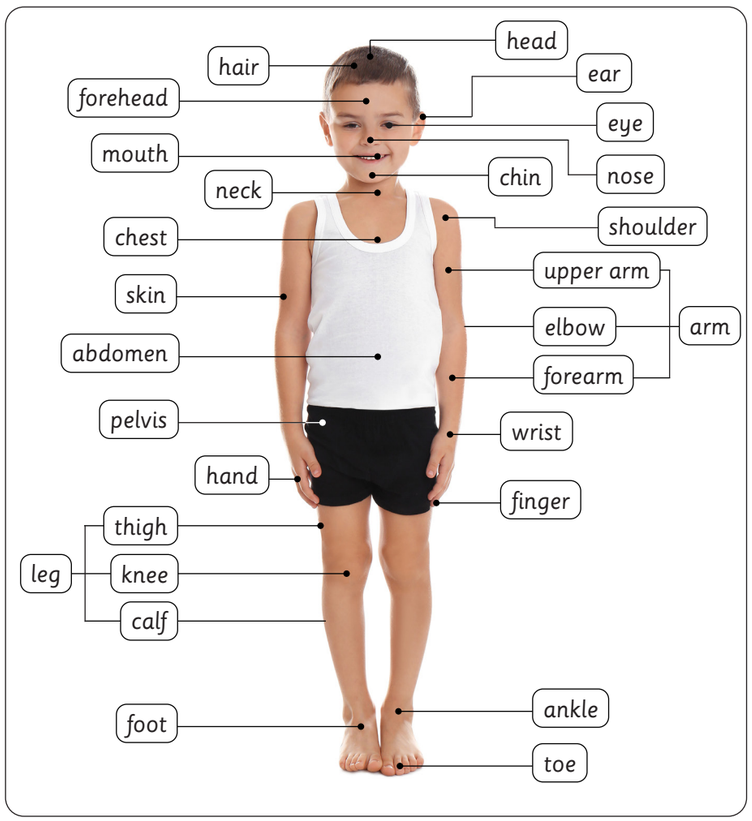
Humans are a type of animal called a mammal. Mammals have limbs, such as arms and legs, and hair or fur on their bodies. Other mammals include cats, elephants and apes.

All animals, including humans, are living things because they do the following to stay alive:

- use their senses
- breathe
- feed
- sleep
- get rid of waste
- grow
- move

Body parts

There are many different parts of the human body. Each body part has a function. For example, our head allows us to sense what is happening around us. Our neck supports and turns the head.



Five senses

Humans have five senses. They are sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch. We have body parts to allow us to sense our surroundings.



Eyes are used for sight. Our eyes see the things in our surroundings that are close to us and far away.



Ears are used for hearing. Our ears collect sounds around us so that we can hear. Humans can hear sounds that are quiet, loud, high and low.



The nose is used to smell. Smells enter our noses through our nostrils as we breathe.



The tongue is used to taste. Our tongues can taste different flavours.



The skin gives us our sense of touch. We can feel if something is soft or hard, smooth or rough, hot or cold.

Senses and danger

Our senses keep us safe. They can warn us if something is wrong and help identify dangers.

Similarities and differences

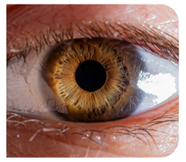
Most humans have the same body parts, such as skin, a head and limbs. Our body parts make us the same.

Humans are also different from each other. Humans can be female or male. They can be different ages, heights and skin colours. Some humans do not have every body part or have body parts that don't work well.

Other differences include:




hair type and hair colour

eye colour




nose shape




ear shape

Sensory loss

Sensory loss is when one of the five senses does not work as it should. Tools and technology can help people with sensory loss.

Sign language can be used to help people with a hearing loss. Brialle uses raised bumps for letters and numbers to help people with a loss of sight to read and write through touch.

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