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## The Five Senses

Thanks to our senses, we can perceive what surrounds us, interact with our world, and enjoy our life. With the sense of sight, we can distinguish images in our environment. With smell, we can detect odors, and with taste, flavors. With hearing, we can recognize sounds, and with touch, we can feel contact with our skin.

### Importance of the senses

Although you can live without any of the senses, the lack of any one of them puts us at a serious disadvantage; for example, lacking smell we would not recognize that a food is spoiled before eating it.



### Other senses

Scientists do not agree on how many more senses we have. But we know that we also have a sense of balance, temperature, pain, and kinesthesia which lets you feel the position of your body. This sense is what makes it possible to touch the tip of your nose with your eyes closed.

### Answer the Following Questions.

1. Write three things we can do with our senses.

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2. What are the five traditional senses?

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3. List the four other senses we have.

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4. What is kinesthesia for?

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5. Write one example of the disadvantage of losing some of the senses. -

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