

SIGHT, TOUCH, SMELL, HEARING AND TASTE

The five senses are one set of tools the brain uses to do its job. Then the brain has to figure out what the sense information means, and for that, it needs another tool – memory.

Memory is information stored in the brain that tells the brain what the signals from the senses mean. Here's an illustration of memory and the senses at work:

With your sense of sight, you see a man in a suit walk into the room. With your sense of hearing, you hear people speaking respectfully to him. With your sense of touch, you feel the man shake your hand. But, without your memory, you still don't know what's happening.

Your memories are necessary to add up all the information from your senses to let you know that you are meeting the leader of your country. Your memory reminds you what the leader looks like and how you should act if you meet him. In addition, your ability to create new memories is necessary for you to remember.



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