

## Parts and Functions of a Nervous System

The nervous system can be divided into two main parts:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ which includes the brain and spinal cord
2. \_\_\_\_\_ which consists of nerves that lie outside the brain and the spinal cord

Peripheral nervous system	Central nervous system
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Concept Map:

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Answers:

brain	Cranial nerves	CNS	Spinal cord
Spinal nerves	Nervous system	XXXXXXXXXX	PNS

The nervous system receives information from the environment through special nerve endings called \_\_\_\_\_.

These receptors are found in the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ where different types of \_\_\_\_\_ are received.

The nervous system directs the \_\_\_\_\_ whenever you are thinking.

The nervous system controls the \_\_\_\_\_ whenever you throw a ball or catch one.

eyes	skin	tongue
Thought processes	receptors	movements
ears	information	nose

## Neurons and Impulses

Nerve cells or \_\_\_\_\_ are highly specialized body cells that convey impulses from one part of the body to the CNS or vice versa.

Neurons have important properties like \_\_\_\_\_ or the ability to respond to stimuli and \_\_\_\_\_ or the ability to transmit a signal.

A neuron consists of a \_\_\_\_\_ and spreading branches that send or receive impulses to and from other cells. The cell body varies in shape.

\_\_\_\_\_ are short thread-like branches found in neurons. These are extensions of the cell body.

There is only one \_\_\_\_\_ and it is slender and extends from the cell body. This carries nerve impulses away from the cell body.

The \_\_\_\_\_ is the structure that wraps around the axon. It is made of fat-like substances and consists of more than 100 layers.

Between neurons is a small space called a \_\_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_ are messages carried throughout our body by nerves which travel along sensory motor and associative neurons on definite pathways. There are two kinds of pathways, the long and the short. Most of our actions are caused by long impulse pathway which is controlled by the brain.

A \_\_\_\_\_ is a quick automatic reaction to the environment and these are attributed to the short impulse pathways.

reflex	dendrites	excitability	impulses	sheath
conductivity	neurons	synapse	axon	cell

### 3 Kinds of Neurons

Sensory Neurons	Pick up info from your body and bring this info to your brain or spinal cord
Motor Neurons	Carry messages from your brain or spinal cord to your body parts causing them to react
Associative Neurons	Process and carry info between the two other neurons