Learning Lab

3 Natural Science

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Do not write in this book. Do all the activities in your notebook.

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Be a scientist!

Scientists study the world around us. They **ask many questions**. They **use different skills** to find answers to their questions.

Observe





1 Can you answer these questions? Tell your partner.









Do plants grow towards the light?

How many red ladybirds are there?

What experiment can you do to show this?

Do all ladybirds have the same number of spots?

Predict



2 What will happen to the snowman next week if...

- a. the weather stays very cold?
- b. the weather gets warm?

Can you think of new questions 3 for all the photos?

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The human body

What do you know about the body?



Energy from food helps us to **grow** and to **be active**.

Observe

What activities can you see in the photos? Do we need energy for all of them? Tell your partner.

The girl in photo A is swimming.

I think she needs a lot of energy.



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• You already know!

- Muscles and bones work together to move our bodies.
- Our senses provide information about our environment.
- Each sense is connected to different organs in our body.

What is inside our body?

Our body has many organs inside to help it to work. С Bones and muscles are organs. The brain, the heart, and the **lungs** are also organs. D Ε EP) Think about it **Final task 2** Listen and say where the organs are. Explore the senses. Are they inside the head or the chest? Or, are they all over the body?

What is nutrition?

The process of obtaining energy from food is called **nutrition**. There are **four body systems** involved in nutrition.



1 Let's rap! Inside my body!

Think about it

2 Which systems work in each situation? Copy and write.

- a. When you go to the toilet. > Excretory system.
- **c.** When you eat an apple.

3 Is eating food the same as carrying out nutrition?

- **b.** When you run a fast race.
- d. When you breathe in and out.

Our **blood** carries nutrients and

What is reproduction?

Reproduction is the ability to have **offspring** similar to ourselves.

- Men and women have different reproductive organs.
- People can reproduce when they are adults.
- Children often look like their parents. They share physical characteristics.





4 Read and copy the correct words to make sentences.

- a. People are oviparous / viviparous.
- **b.** Our body is ready to reproduce when we are a child / an adult.
- c. The reproductive organs are the same / different in men and women.
- d. Men / Women carry babies in their womb.

Compare

Bring in photos of different families. Talk about 5 their physical characteristics.



What is sensitivity?

Sensitivity is the ability to **detect** and **respond** to information about the **environment**. We detect this information with our **senses**.



We receive information from the environment.



We think of a response.



We carry out the response.



2 Answer the questions in your notebook.

- a. What is the information the girl detects? > It starts to rain.
- **b.** Which senses help the girl to detect this information?
- c. How does she respond to the information?

Think about it

Think of an everyday situation, then draw three pictures in your notebook.

Picture 1 You detect information about the environment.

Picture 2

What do your senses detect?

Picture 3

How do you respond?

- Role-play your situation in front of the class.
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How do we control movement?

Two systems work together to move our body:

- The nervous system: our brain and nerves work together. Nerves are connected to all parts of our body. They send and receive messages to and from the brain. The brain interprets the messages and thinks of a response.
- The **locomotor system**: all our **bones** and **muscles** work together. They carry out the response to move our body.





4 How many bones and muscles do you know? Tell your partner.

5 Listen and say nervous system or locomotor system.

6 Write the sentences in order in your notebook.

- a. Your brain sends the message through your nerves.
- **b.** Your bones and muscles work together to bend your arm.
- c. Your bones and muscles receive the message.
- d. Your nerves are connected to your bones and muscles.
- e. You want to bend your arm. 🕨 1

How do we see things?

Our eyes are our organs of sight. We use them to identify colour, size, shape and distance.



1 Look at the diagram. Which part of the eye gives us our eye colour?

2 How do we see things? Write complete sentences in your notebook.

- **a.** Light enters the eye through the ... **b.** The ... focuses the light.
- **c.** The ... produces an image.
- **d.** The ... sends the image to the brain.

- Think about it
- **3** Why do we have two eyes? Investigate.
 - Close one eye at a time.
 - Hold a finger about 20 cm away from your eyes.
 - Then, look at your finger with both eyes open.
 - Can you draw what you see each time?
 - Write a conclusion: We see things better with **one eye / two eyes**.

How do we hear things?

Our ears are our organs of hearing. We use them to identify different sounds.



4 What path does sound take? Copy the flow diagram and write the parts of the ear.



🔎 Mini Lab

Can you identify which direction sounds come from?

Do your experiment

- 1 Close your eyes.
- **2** Your partner claps their hands in front, above and behind you.
- **3** Say which direction the sound comes from.

Write your conclusion

• We **can / cannot** identify which direction sounds come from.

How do we feel things?

Our body is covered with **skin**. Our skin is our organ of **touch**. It is the largest organ in our body.

The skin has many **touch receptors**. We can feel **temperature**, **textures** and **pain** with our skin.



🔎 Mini Lab

Is your skin equally sensitive in all parts of your body?

You need

• some ice cubes • a blindfold

Do your experiment

- 1 Put on the blindfold. Your partner touches different parts of your body with the ice cube.
- 2 Copy the table and record your results.
- **3** Compare your results with your partner.



Write your conclusions

- The skin in different parts of our body **is / is not** equally sensitive.
- The skin in the more sensitive parts of our body has **more / fewer** touch receptors.

body part	very sensitive	less sensitive	
arm			
palm of hand			
back of neck			
bottom of feet			
lips	1		

How do we smell and taste things?



Answer the questions. Then, listen and check your answers.

- a. Where do smells enter the body? > Through the nostrils.
- b. What part of the nose helps us detect the different smells?
- c. How does the information reach the brain?

Compare

2 Collect these foods. What flavour are they? Taste them, then tell your partner.

- lemons
- ham
- vinegar

- ice cream
- dark chocolate
- cheese

What flavour is ice cream?

It's sweet.

Check your progress

Vocabulary

Listen and say nutrition, reproduction or sensitivity.

- 2 In your notebook, write the sense organ and the sense.
 - retina 🕨 the eye, sight
 - taste buds
 - eardrum

pupil

• nostrils

• touch receptors

- pinna
- olfactory nerve



Concepts

3 Copy and complete the sentences.

All our bones and muscles together form the ...

Our brain and nerves are part of our ...

Nerves are connected to all ...

Nerves send and receive messages to ...

• Copy and label the diagram of the eye. Then, draw the pupil.



Apply what you know





• Which senses are involved?

6 Complete the mind map about life processes.



My progress How is my work?

Think about your work in this unit. Copy and complete.

	Very well	ОК	I need practice
l can describe life processes.		•••	
I can identify some systems in the body.			•••
I can explain how the senses work.			

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Explore the senses

You need

- 5 sheets of card
- a pencil
- coloured pencils

How can we look after our sense organs?

When we look after our senses, we help them to do their job.



Make information cards

- In groups, choose one of the senses.
 - Find information about how to look after the sense organs.
- Make a card for each sense.

SIGHT Look after your eyes

Care tips

Don't touch your eyes with dirty hands. Always read or study with enough light.

eyelid

eyelashes

- Don't look directly at the Sun!
- Never rub your eyes.
- Present your information and care tips to the class.
 - First, practise in pairs what you will say.

How can I look after my eyes?

Never look directly at the Sun!

What parts protect the eye?

The eyelashes and the eyelids.

🖄 Be a scientist!

Explore the senses

Do experiments to find out more about the senses

O each experiment with your partner.

- Take turns to wear a blindfold for each experiment.
- Exchange conclusions. Which experiments are the easiest / the most difficult?



Explore smell

You need

• 5 zip bags

• an onion

toothpaste

- crisps
- a banana
- orange peel
- a glass of water
- Your partner puts on the blindfold.
- Put the foods in the zip bags. Careful your partner doesn't see them!
- Open each bag. Your partner smells the contents and tries to identify each smell.



Explore taste

- Your partner is still blindfolded. They pinch their nose.
- Give your partner a sample of the same foods on a toothpick. Don't give them the onion to eat!
- Your partner tastes each sample and tries to identify the flavour.
- Drink water between samples to clear your taste buds.

Create a new experiment about one of the senses.

- In groups, think of a new experiment to explore the senses.
- Exchange ideas with another group.
- Try out the experiment, then present it to the class.