

GCSE Psychology

GCSE option choice



What is Psychology?

Psychology is the scientific study of the human brain and behaviour.

The course is suited to students who are interested in finding out how the brain works and how we can apply psychological theories to explain everyday behaviours.



Topics In GCSE Psychology

Development

Research methods

Memory

Psychological problems

Criminal psychology

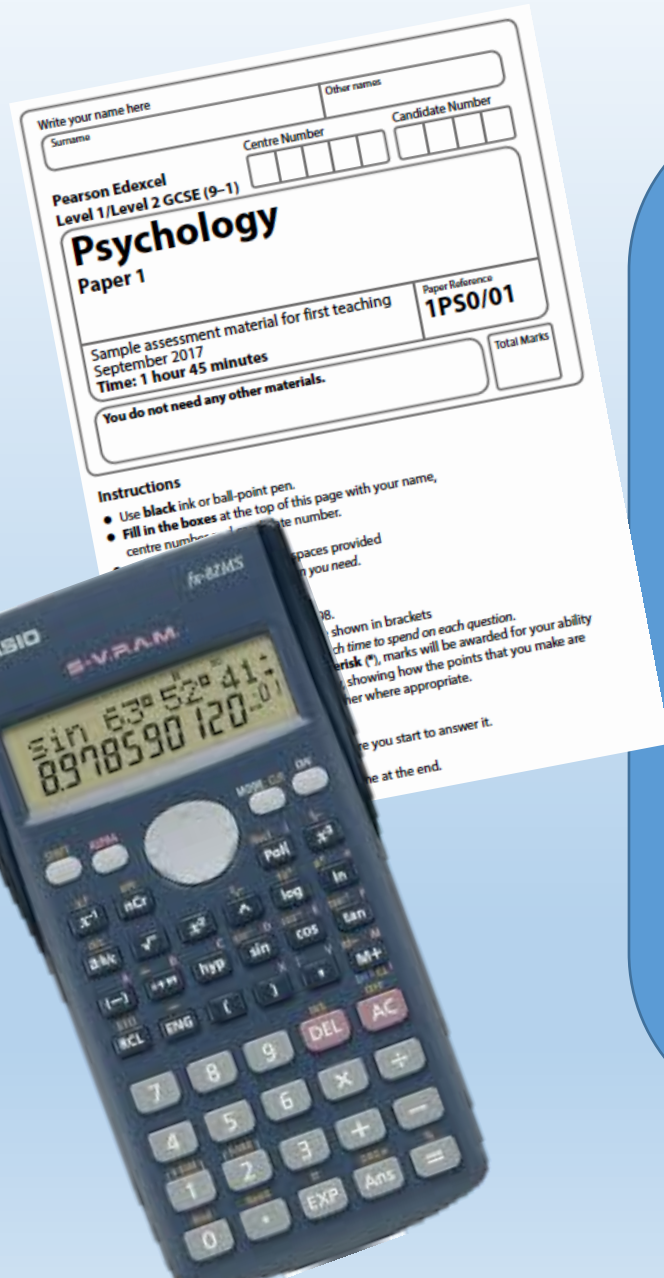
Social influence

The brain and neuropsychology

Language and Communication



How is GCSE Psychology Assessed?



Written exams only – no coursework

Two exam papers with both short-answer questions and essay questions

10% of the exam assesses mathematics skills

This is an academic subject, not vocational

Would GCSE Psychology Suit Me?



Works hard



Enjoys/good at Science



Enthusiastic to learn



Enjoys/good at English

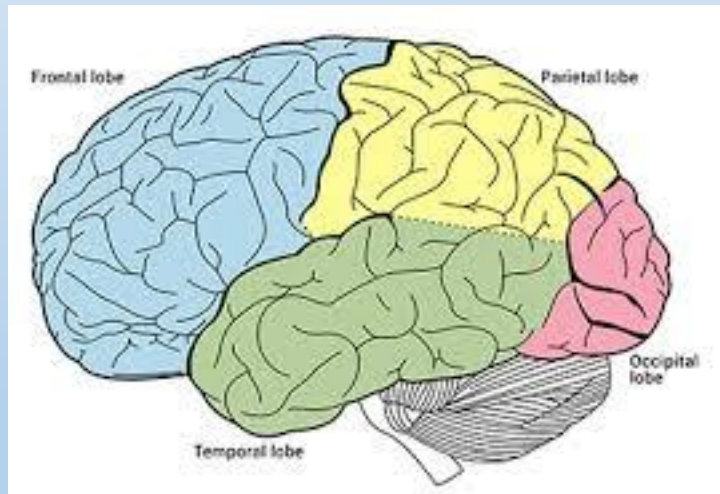
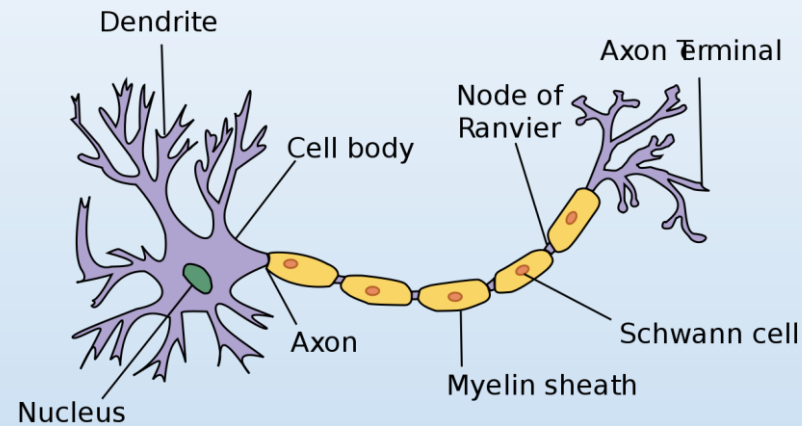
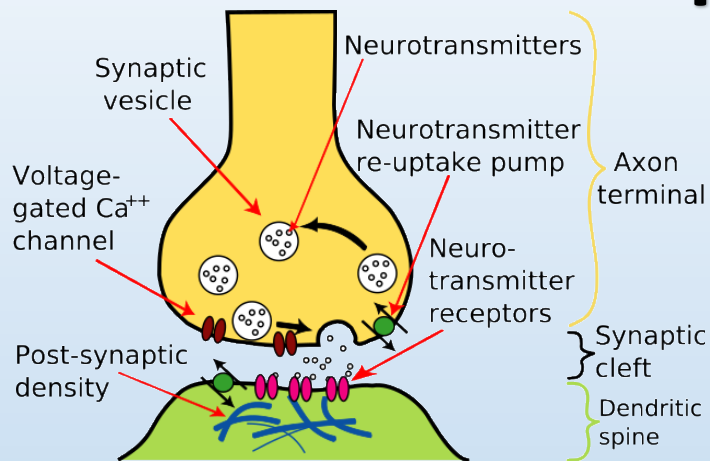


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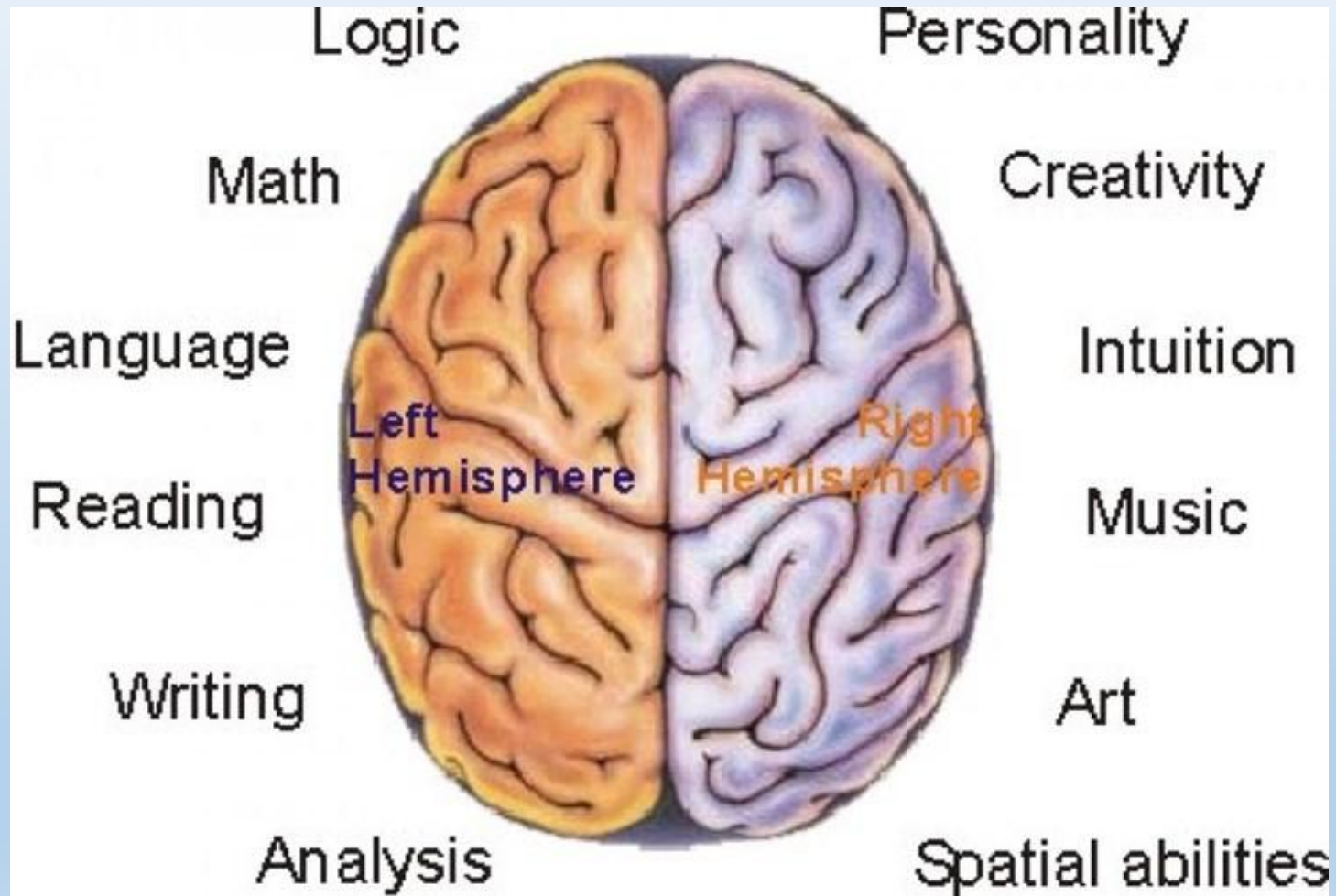
Enjoys/good at Maths

A very quick look into “The Brain and Neuropsychology” unit...

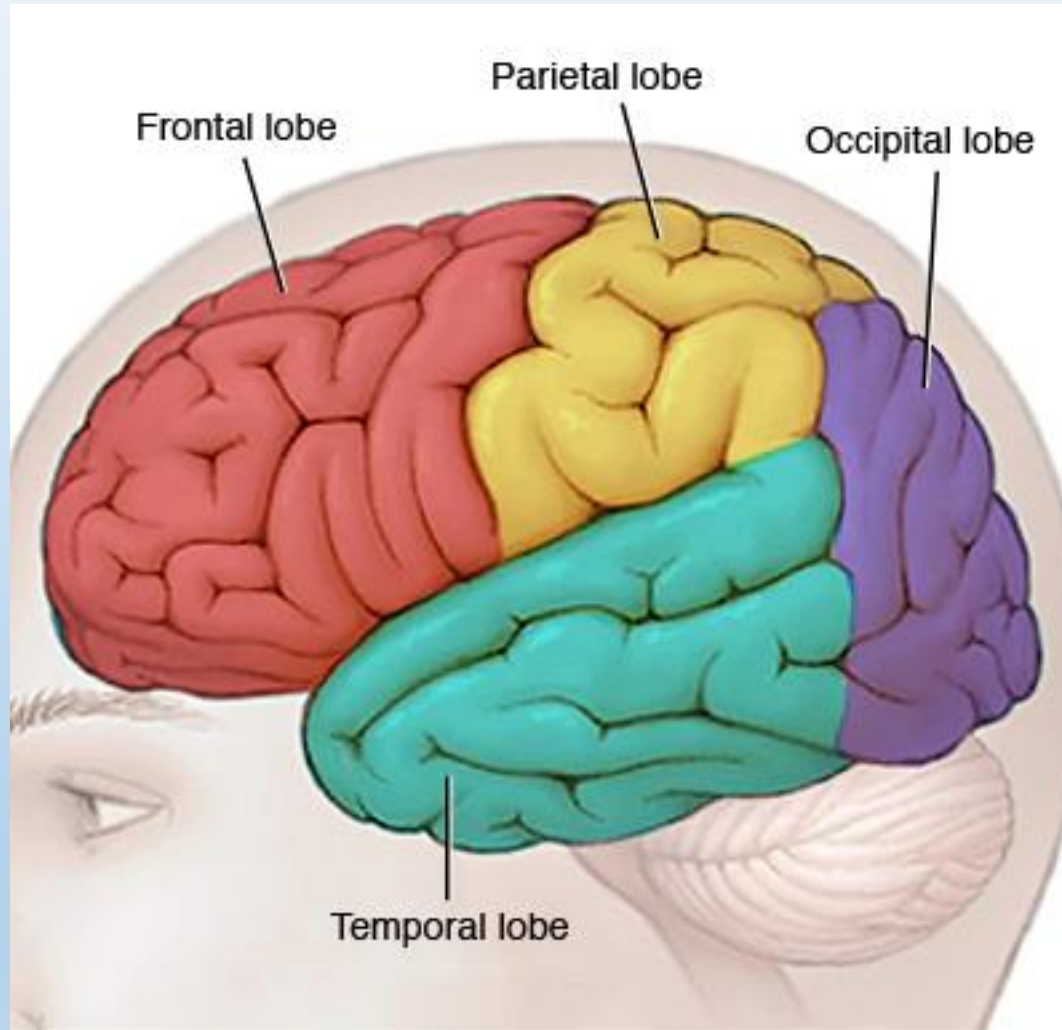


We look at brain structure, brain differences between the genders, neurons, synaptic functioning, neurotransmitters, neurological disorders, brain scans etc.

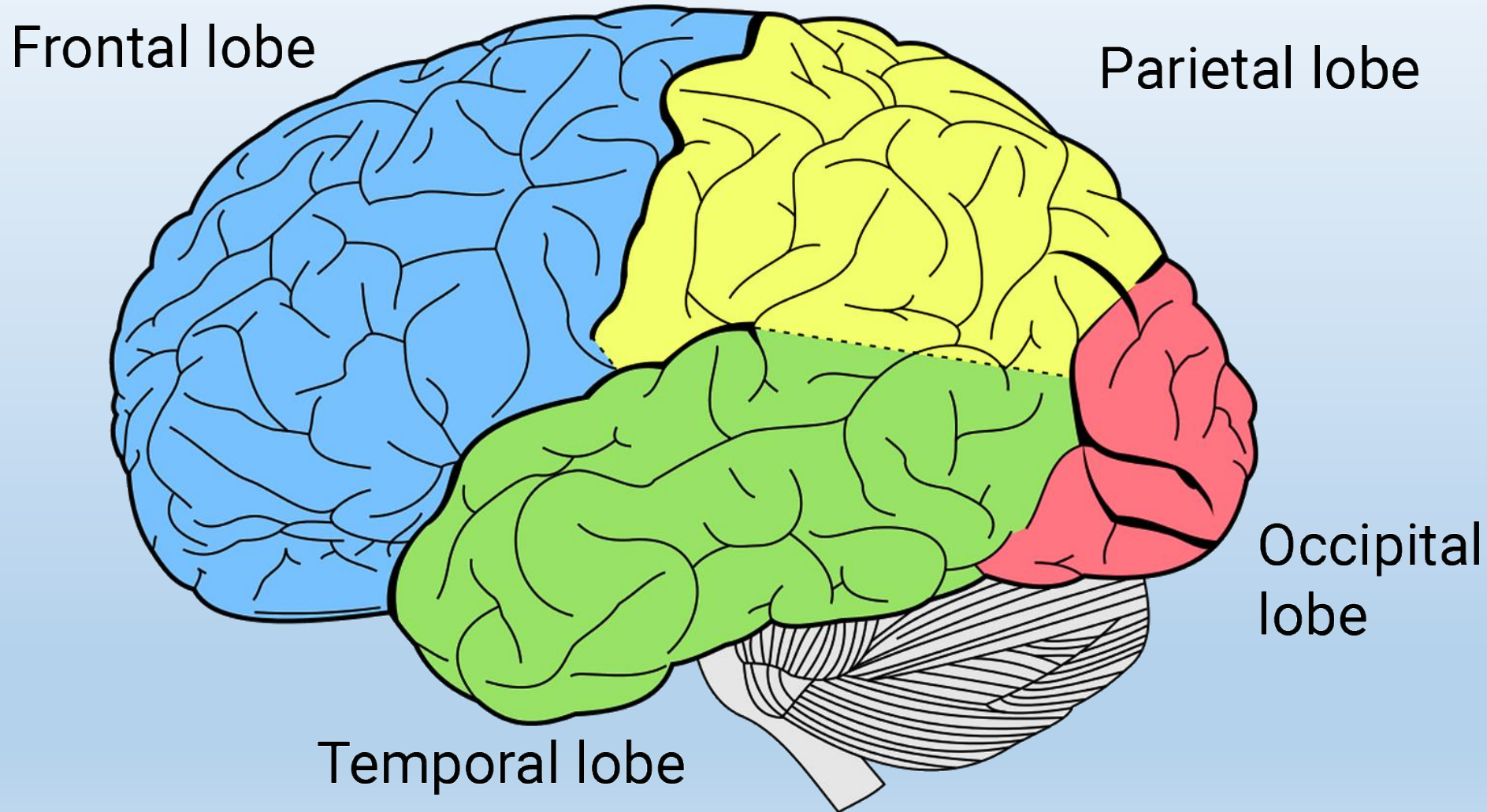
The brain is split into two hemispheres (halves)



Each hemisphere (half) is split into four lobes



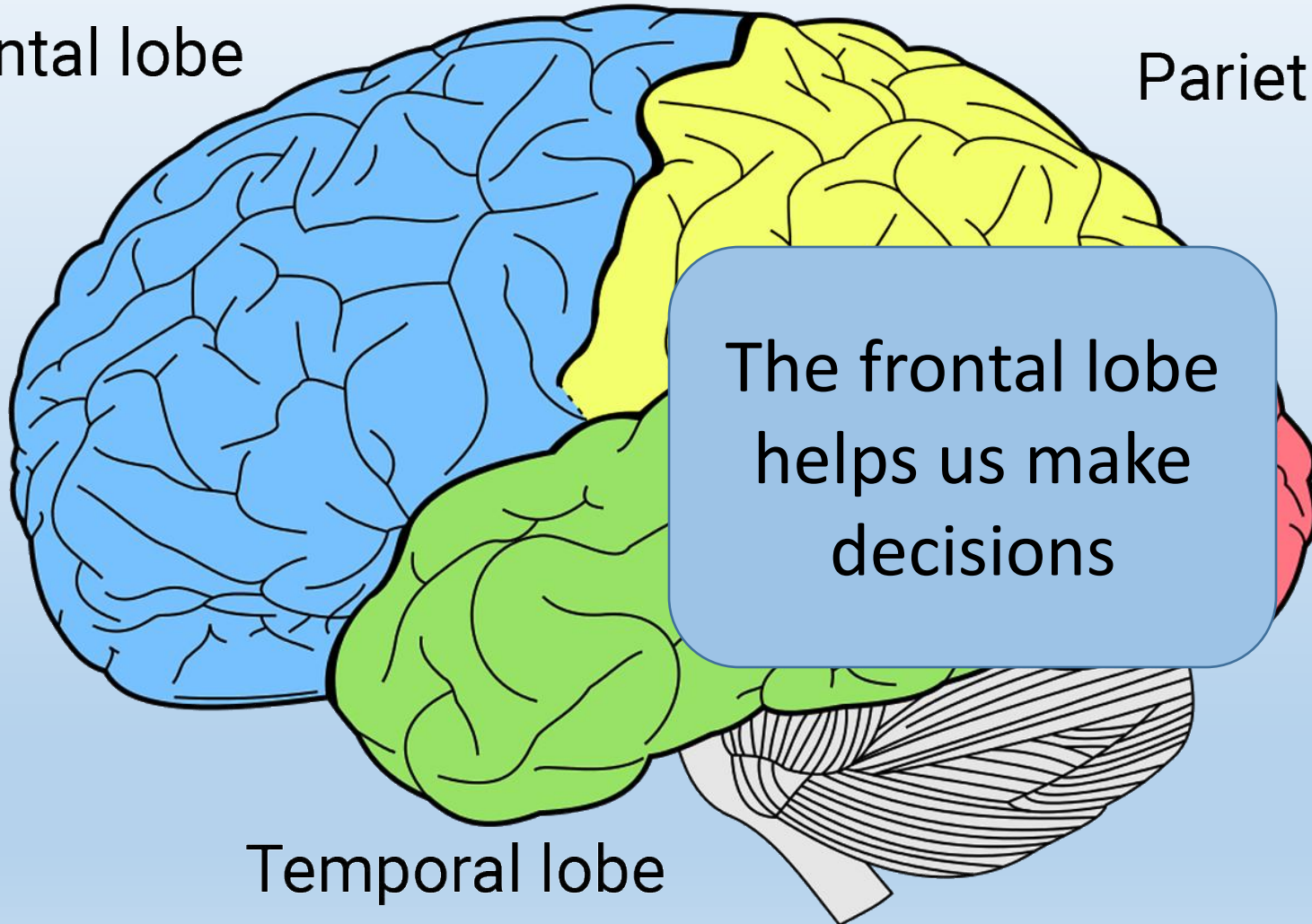
Each lobe has different functions (jobs)



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Frontal lobe

Parietal lobe

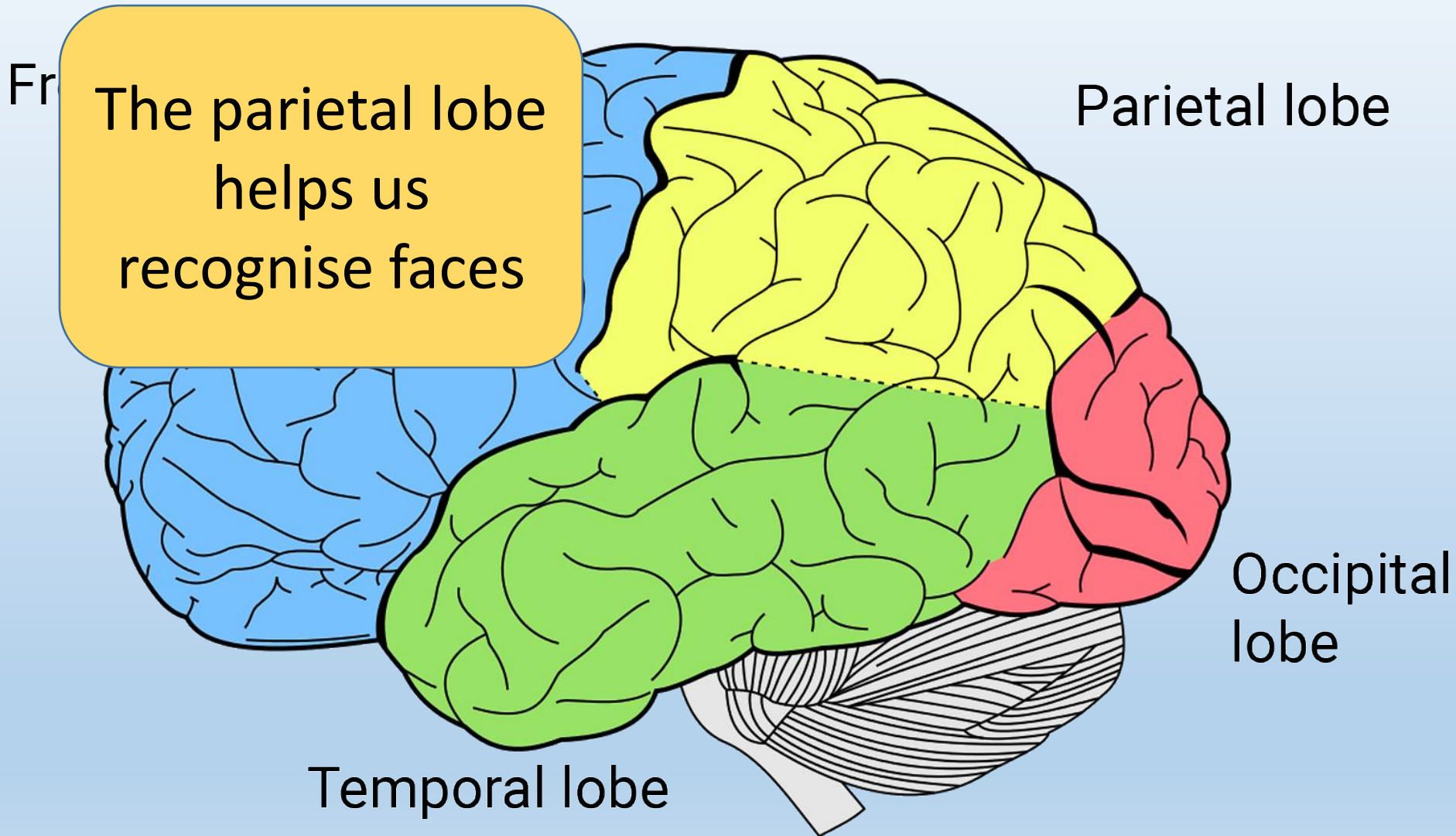


The frontal lobe
helps us make
decisions

Occipital
lobe

Temporal lobe

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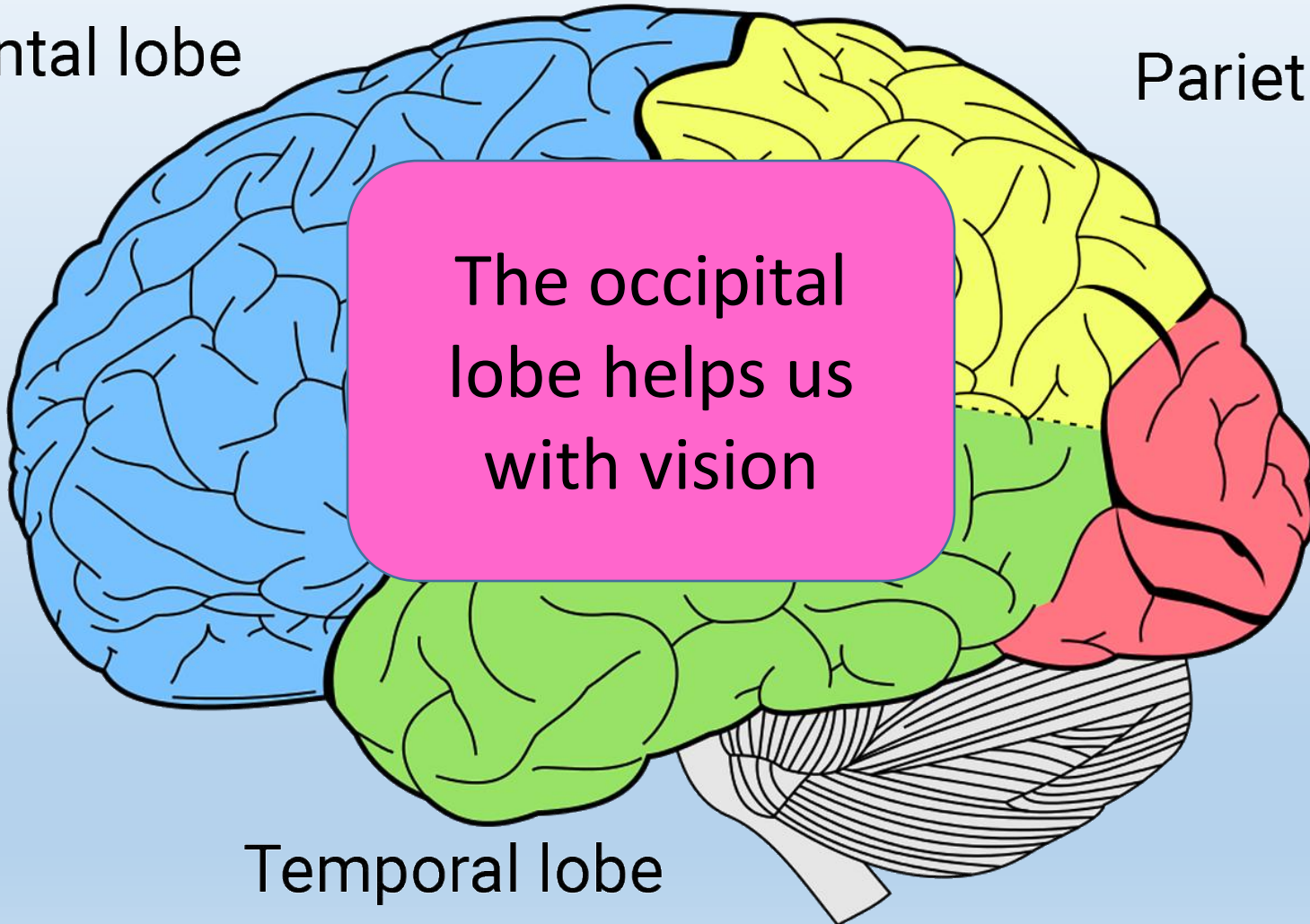
Frontal lobe

Parietal lobe

The occipital lobe helps us with vision

Occipital lobe

Temporal lobe



Each lobe has different functions (jobs)

Frontal lobe

Parietal lobe

The temporal lobe helps us with hearing

Occipital lobe

Temporal lobe

