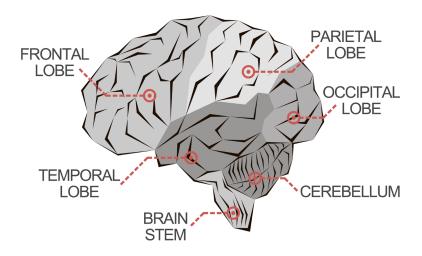
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FUNCTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH LOBES OF THE BRAIN



Frontal Lobe

Center for the emotions and thought processes that translate into personality. Controls high-level cognitive skills like:

- Sequencing
- Memory formation
- Judgment
- Attention
- Motivation
- Emotional, social, and sexual control
- Verbal expression
- ◆ Spontaneity
- ◆ Problem solving
- Decision making
- Expressive language
- ◆ Motor integration

Cerebellum

Controls functions like:

- ◆ Coordination of voluntary
 ◆ Postural control movement
- Gross and fine motor coordination
- Balance and equilibrium
- ◆ Eye movement

Occipital Lobe

Visual processing area of the brain that controls functions like:

- Visual perception
- Distance and depth perception
- Visual processing
- ◆ Reading

Parietal Lobe

Helps integrate sensory input and process language. Controls functions like:

- Tactile perception (touch)
- ◆ Pain
- Sensory perception: taste, hearing, sight, touch, smell
- Awareness of body parts
- Object naming
- Academic skills
- ◆ Right/left organization
- ◆ Visual attention
- ◆ Eye-hand coordination

Temporal Lobe

Controls functions like:

- ◆ Short-term memory
- ◆ Auditory stimuli and processing of auditory information
- Language comprehension
- Musical awareness
- Emotion
- Behavior
- ◆ Face and object recognition
- Memory acquisition
- Perception

Brain Stem

Responsible for regulating most of the body's automatic functions that are essential for life, including:

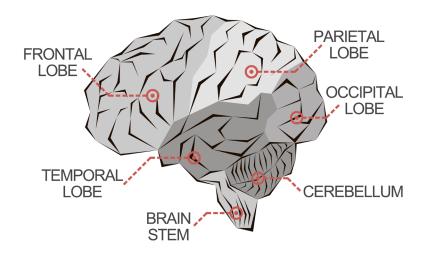
- ◆ Arousal and sleep regulation
- Swallowing food and fluid
- ◆ Autonomic nervous system (heart rate, breathing, temperature, and eating)
- Level of alertness

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CHANGES AFTER DAMAGE TO LOBES OF THE BRAIN



Frontal Lobe Damage

- Impulsivity
- Perseveration
- Difficulty concetrating or planning
- Impaired judgment
- Difficulty with problemsolving
- ◆ Loss of verbal expression
- Reduced sense of taste or smell
- ◆ Depression
- Uncontrollable emotion
- Social and sexual behavior changes
- Poor initiation of voluntary movements

Cerebellum Damage

- Impaired gross and fine motor coordination
- Dysmetria (inability to judge distance)
- ◆ Loss of ability to walk
- Slurred speech
- ◆ Poor postural control
- Inability to make rapid movements
- Impaired control of eye movements
- ◆ Tremors
- ◆ Dizziness

Occipital Lobe Damage

- Visual deficits (visual field cuts)
- Difficulty visually locating objects
- ◆ Difficulty identifying colors
- Hallucinations and visual distortions
- Word blindness
- Inability to recognize object movement
- Difficulty reading and writing
- Poor processing of visual information

Parietal Lobe Damage

- Difficulty distinguishing left from right
- Difficulty with academics (math/reading)
- ◆ Vision problems
- Sensory problems
- Lack of awareness of certain body parts and/or surrounding space (neglect)

Temporal Lobe Damage

- Disturbance of selective attention
- Impaired factual and long-term memory
- ◆ Short-term memory loss
- ◆ Persistent talking
- ◆ Emotional disturbance
- Increased aggressive behavior
- Difficulty understanding spoken words (receptive aphasia)
- Difficulty identifying and categorizing objects

Brain Stem Damage

- Difficulty with movement and balance
- Impaired arousal and sleep regulation
- Dizziness and vertigo
- Impaired regulation of temperature, heart rate, respiration
- ◆ Locked-in Syndrome