



Visual processing disability

Cerebral Visual Impairment CVI

How to diagnose the CVI?

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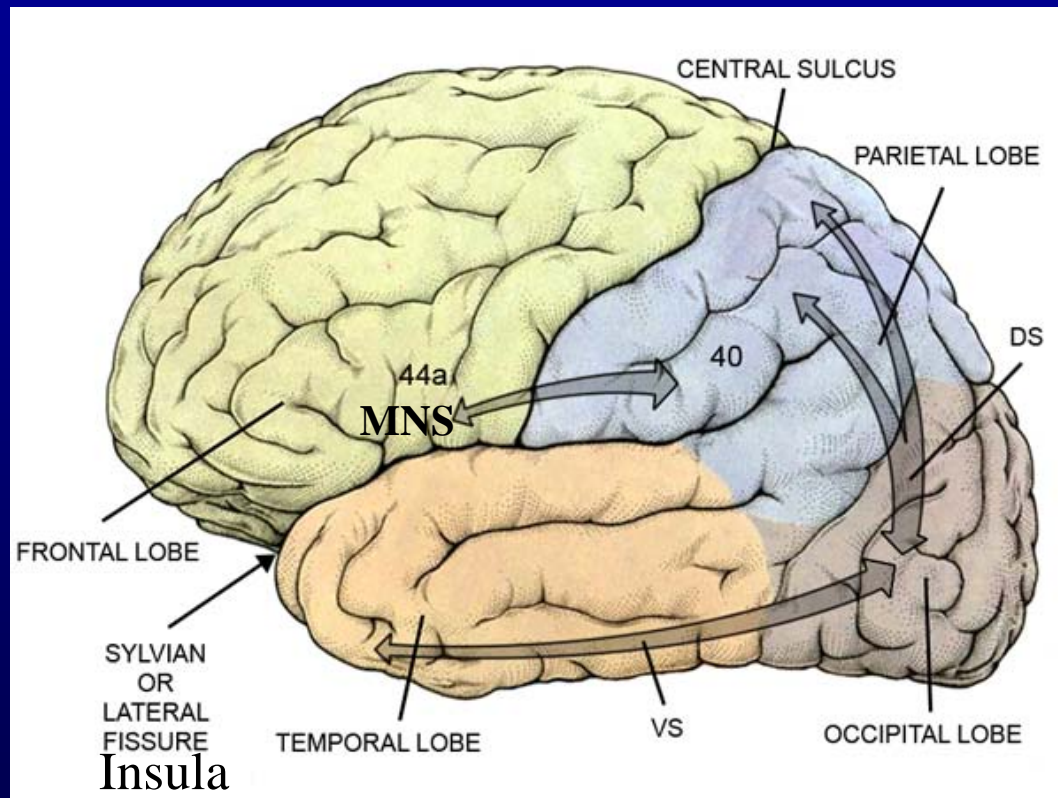
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Processing problems

- Primary visual cortex (& V5):
 - coding direction and length of lines, colour, motion
- Ventral stream functions:
 - recognition: face, landmarks, objects, form
 - facial expressions, body language, pictures, object – background, surface qualities, textures
- Dorsal stream functions:
 - orientation in space, eye-hand coordination

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Processing of visual information



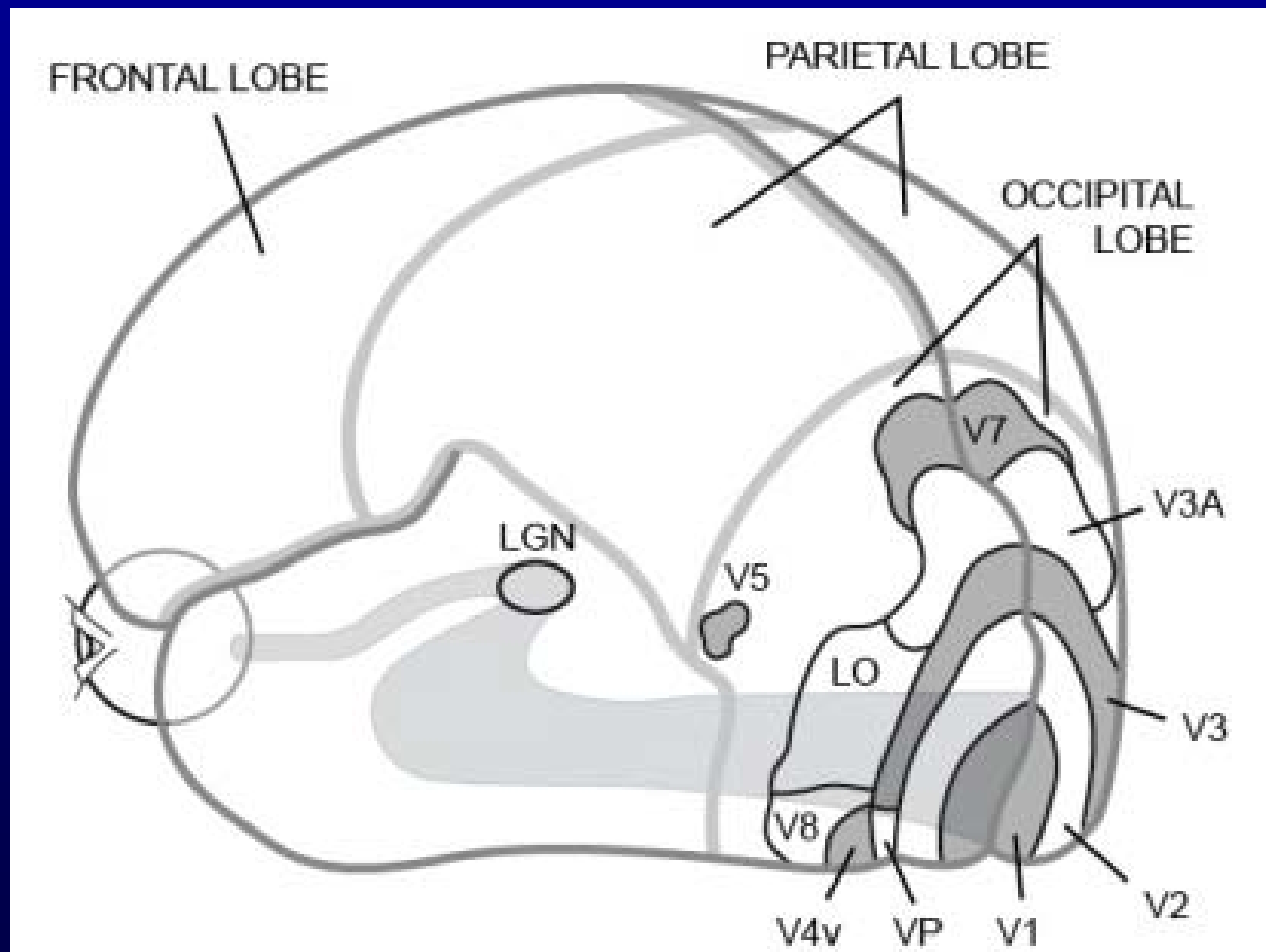
Early processing in the occipital lobe:  Ventral stream
Dorsal stream
Mirror neuron system

Assessment

for schools and for early intervention

- Oculomotor functions
- Quality of the image
- **Processing of the image**
 - ventral stream
 - dorsal stream

Retinocalcarine pathway



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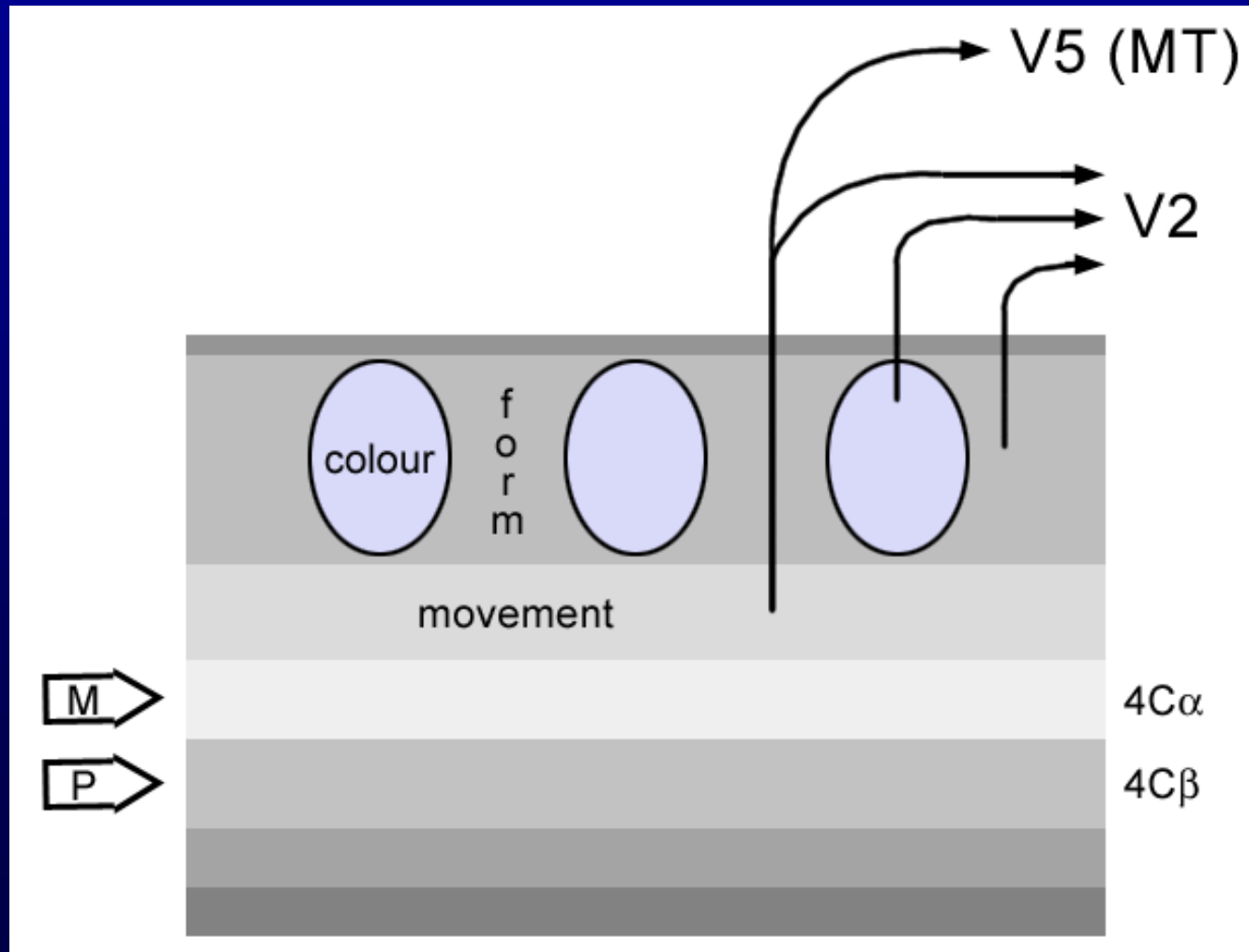
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Lea Puzzle

magnetic puzzle pieces for children with limited hand functions



Primary visual cortex



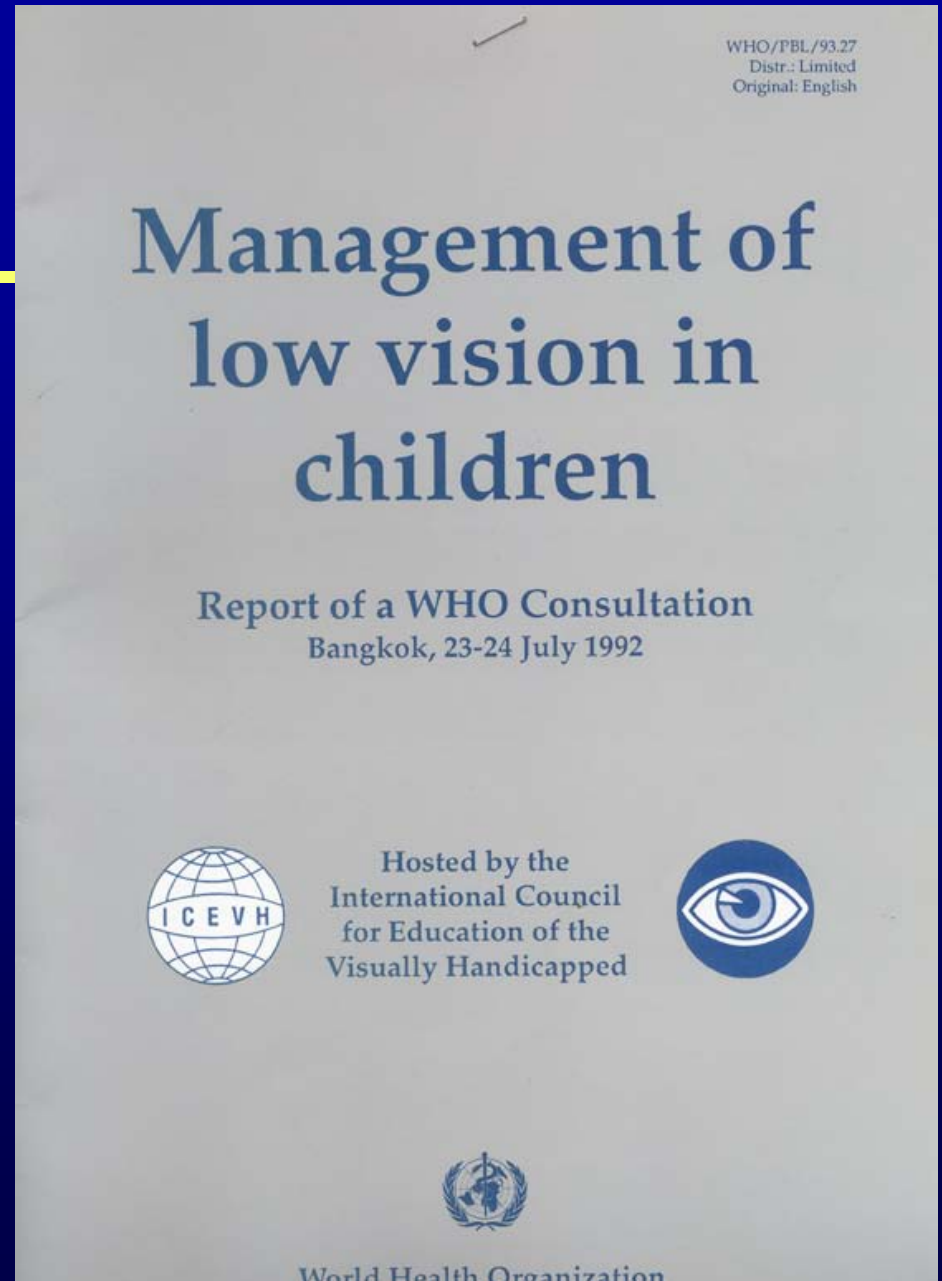
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Core domains

Main functional areas:

- Communication **and interaction**
- Orientation & moving
- Activities of daily living
- Sustained, demanding visual tasks like reading

WHO 1993



Four-leafed clover of Visual Functioning

Management of low vision in children

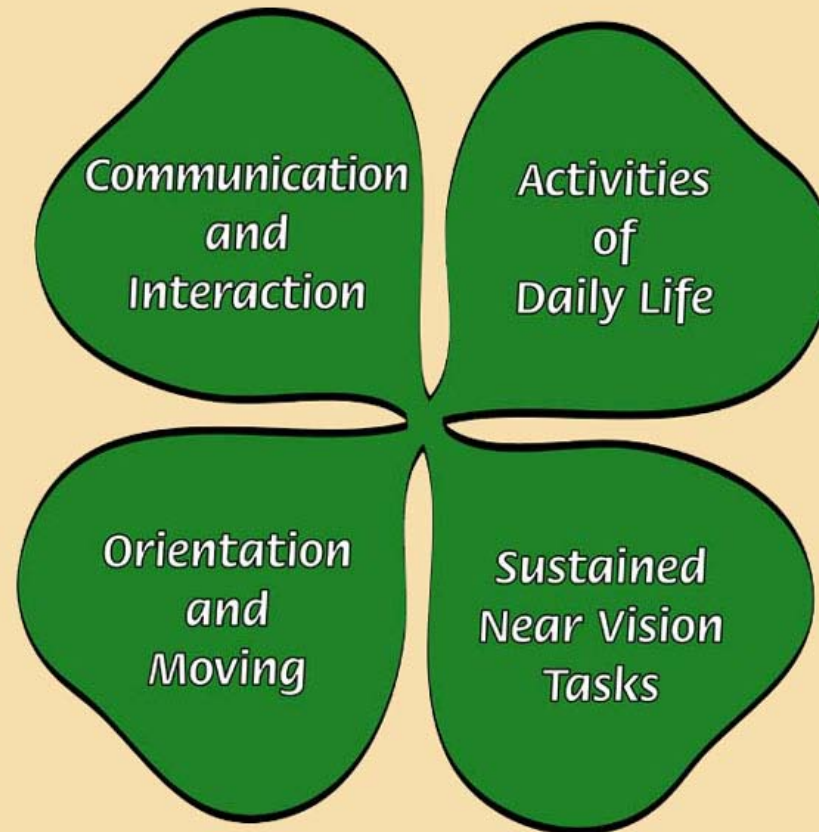
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Ventral Stream

Inferotemporal Networks

Details in pictures, Noticing errors and missing details

Perception of textures and surface qualities

Recognition of familiar and unfamiliar faces

Facial expressions, Body language

Landmarks, Concrete objects, Pictures of concrete objects

Abstract pictures of objects of different categories

Abstract forms (letters, numbers)

Reading words and lines of texts, Optimal reading strategy

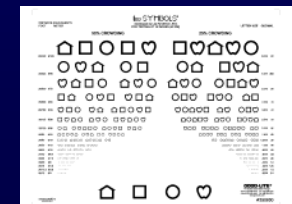
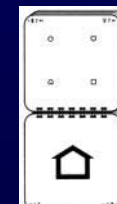
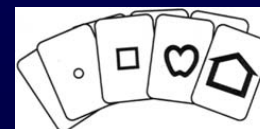
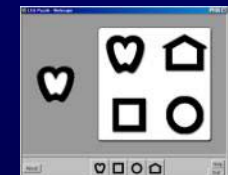
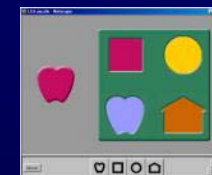
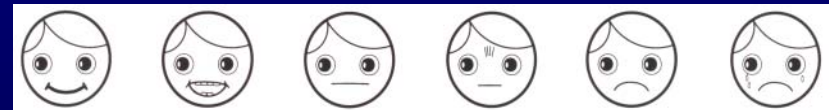
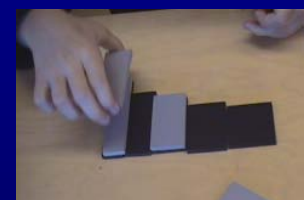
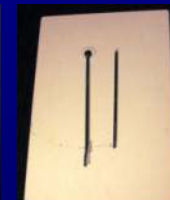
Comparison with pictures in memory, 'Reading' series of pictures

Visual problems in copying pictures from blackboard and/or at near

Crowding effect, Scanning lines of text

Cognitive vision test

- Hiding Heidi for communication
- LEA-Mailbox
- LEA-Rectangles
- Face pictures
- Heidi Expressions
- LEA Puzzle
- Crowding effekt
- Reading tests
- OBSERVATIONS
- Neuropsychological consultation



Dorsal Stream/ Parietal Networks

Awareness of surrounding space, directions and distances in space

Body awareness

Perception of near and far space

Orientation in space, map based, Memorising routes

Motion perception, Depth perception, Simultaneous perception

Eye-hand coordination, Grasping and throwing objects

Drawing, free hand, visual imagination

Copying from near/ from blackboard, motor planning and execution

Mathematics, Visual attention

Visual processing and its problems

VENTRAL STREAM

Direction and length of lines and objects

Object-background

Crowding – increased crowding X

RECOGNITION FUNCTIONS:

Concrete objects

Pictures of concrete objects

Visual closure – Filling in

Order of 3-4 pictures

Copying basic drawings, lines, cross, angle X
used for planning motor functions

Perception of textures, surface qualities Y

Reading as a visual task

Recognition of letters and words

Saccades in reading, reading without saccades

Recognition of numbers and numerals

Recognition of landmarks Y

Recognition of facial features Y

Recognition of facial expressions Y

Perception/recognition of body language Y

DORSAL STREAM

Awareness of space Y

Map based orientation in space Y

Orientation based on routes Y

Visual imagination

Mathematical abstract space x Y

Detection and discrimination of motion Y

Perception of distances and depth Y

Simultan perception, - agnosia y

Neglect X

Eye-hand- co-ordination

Copying from near space, from far Y

Use of egocentric near space

Use of allocentric space Y

Integration problems, sensory, sensomotor X

Hypersensitivity to noise, visual, auditory Y

Inhibitory functions, their insufficiencies Y

CASE		N	I	P
OCULAR MOTOR FUNCTIONS				
A Fixation				
B Following movements				
C Saccades				
D Nystagmus				
E Strabismus				
F Accommodation				
G Convergence				
CLINICAL FINDINGS, sensory				
H Binocularity				
I Visual Acuity				
J Grating Acuity				
K Contrast sensitivity, optotype, grating				
L Colour Vision				
M Adaptation speed, observation				
N Photophobia				
O Visual field, central scotoma?				
P Visual field, peripheral				
Q Motion perception, Pepi-test				
R Biological motion, Walking Man				
S Refraction				
T Correction of refractive errors				

EARLY PROCESSING				
V Length of lines				
W Orientation of lines				
X Objects/figures on a patterned background				
Y Textures and surface qualities				

DORSAL STREAM				
A Perception of near and far space				
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F Eye-hand coordination				
G Length of lines				
H Direction of lines				
I LEA-Puzzle				
J Grasping and throwing objects				
K Drawing, free hand				
L Copying from blackboard				
M Spatial problems in mathematics				
N Spatial problems in reading				

OTHER PROFILES AVAILABLE				
A Developmental level				
B Motor Functions				

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VENTRAL STREAM				
A Length of lines, purely visual test				
B Direction of lines, purely visual test				
C Recognition of details				
D Noticing missing details in pictures				
E Recognition of faces				
F Interpretation of facial expressions				
G Reading body language				
H Landmarks				
I Concrete objects				
J Pictures of concrete objects				
K Abstract pictures of objects of different categ				
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N Cartoons				
O Visual problems in copying pictures				
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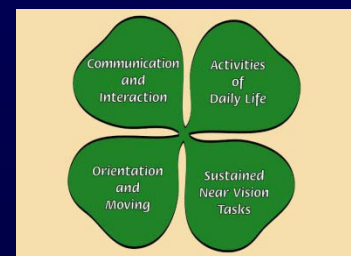
MIRROR NEURON SYSTEM				
A Early communication and interaction				
B Interpretation of emotions and intentions				
C Observation and copying of movements				
D Effect of image quality, motion perception				
E Effect of image quality, contrast sensitivity				
F				
G				

OTHER COMMON PROBLEMS				
M Integration of sensory information				
N Visual and auditory overload				
O Specific memory problems				
P Head control				
Q Body control				
R Hand functions				
S Moving				
T Hearing				
U Executive functions				
V Other				
W Use of devices at school, KG, work				
X Use of devices at home				
Y Services of educational resource centre				
Z Vision services as medical care				

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MAIN FUNCTIONAL AREAS				
A Communication				
B Orientation and moving				
C Activities of daily living				
D Demanding vision tasks				

PROFOUND loss of function in __ visual functions
 IMPAIRED but useful visual functions in __
 NORMAL visual function in __ functions



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Profile of visual Functioning

For IEP/ILP 2004, Learning strategies to be trained

N= normal (1), I= impaired but useful (2), P=profound VI or blindness (3)

	N	I	P
DORSAL STREAM			
A2 Perception of near and far space			
B1 Observation of surrounding			
C3 Orientation in space, map based			
D2 Route based orientation			
E1 Simultaneous perception			
F1 Eye-hand coordination			
G1 LEA-Rectangles			
H1 LEA-Mailbox			
I1 LEA-Puzzle			
J1 Grasping and throwing objects			
K2 Drawing, free hand			
L2 Copying from blackboard			

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CLINICAL FINDINGS, ocular motor funct			
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B1 Following movements			
C1 Saccades			
D1 Nystagmus			
E3 Strabismus			
F2 Accommodation			
CLINICAL FINDINGS, sensory			
G2 Binocularity			
H1 Visual Acuity			
I1 Grating Acuity			
J1 Contrast sensitivity, optotype			
K Contrast sensitivity, grating			
L1 Colour Vision			
M4 Adaptation speed	4		
N2 Photophobia			
O1 Visual field, central			
P1 Visual field, peripheral			
Q2 Motion perception, high speed			
R1 Biological motion			
S Depth perception			
T5 Vernier acuity			
U5 Other			
EARLY PROCESSING			
V1 Length of lines,			
W1 Orientation of lines,			
X2 Objects/figures on patterned background			
Y Visual closure			
Z2 Textures and surface qualities			
AA1 Short time memory, if text is large			
DORSAL STREAM			
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B1 LEA-Mailbox, purely visual part of the test			
C1 Recognition of details			
D1 Noticing errors and missing details in pictures			
E3 Recognition of faces			
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L1 Abstract forms (Roman letters, numbers)			
M1 Sequencing non-sense words			
N1 Comparison with pictures in memory			
O1 Funny pictures			
P1 Pictures of different activities, occupations			
R1 Reading series of pictures			
S1 Visual problems in copying pictures			
T2 Increased crowding effect			
U1 Recognition in mathematical tasks,			
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Early Diagnose



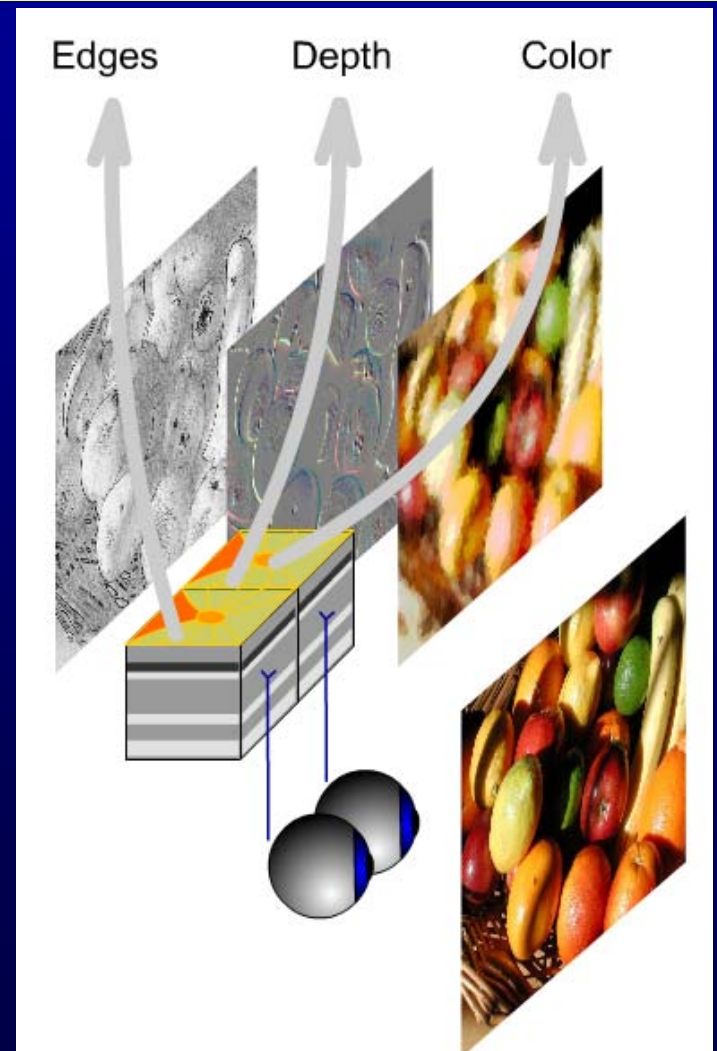
Strategies planned

Early processing

Primary visual cortex, V1

Decoding – encoding:

- contrast edges
- lines, length, direction
- binocular fusion > stereo depth
- movement, also directly to V5
- "filling-in" of scotomas
- short time memory



Mailbox Game



Mailbox Game – Orientation of lines in eye-hand coordination



Direction of lines



Eye-hand coordination



Copying

- Copying a parallell lines
 - drawing lines when the child watches
- Copying an angle
- Copying a cross
- Copying more complex pictures
- Naming geometric forms - language

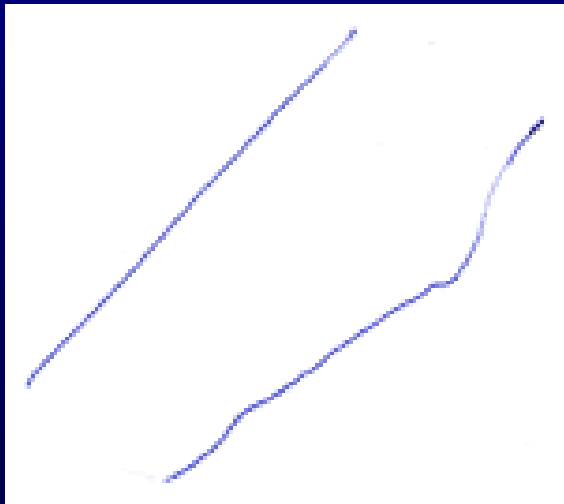
Length & parallel lines



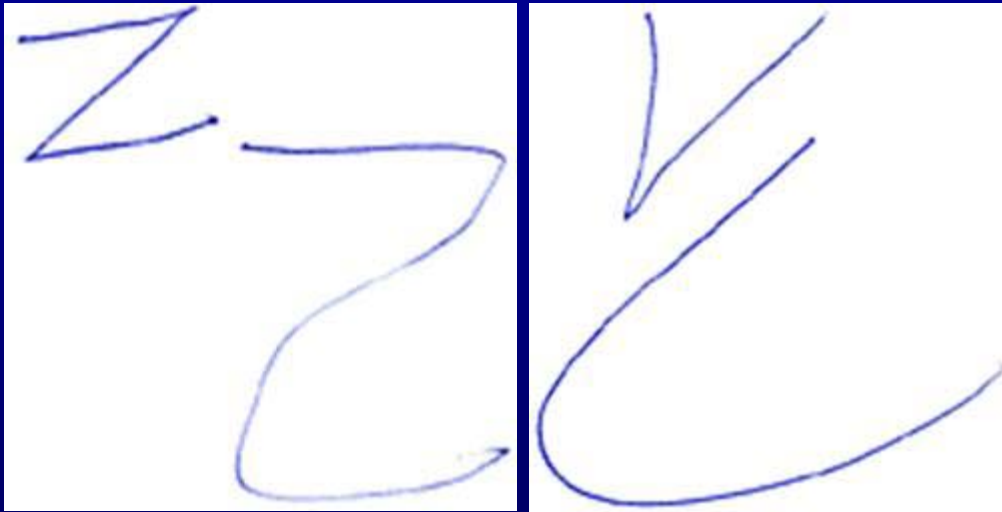
Angle & cross



Parallel v. crossing lines



Difficulties with angles



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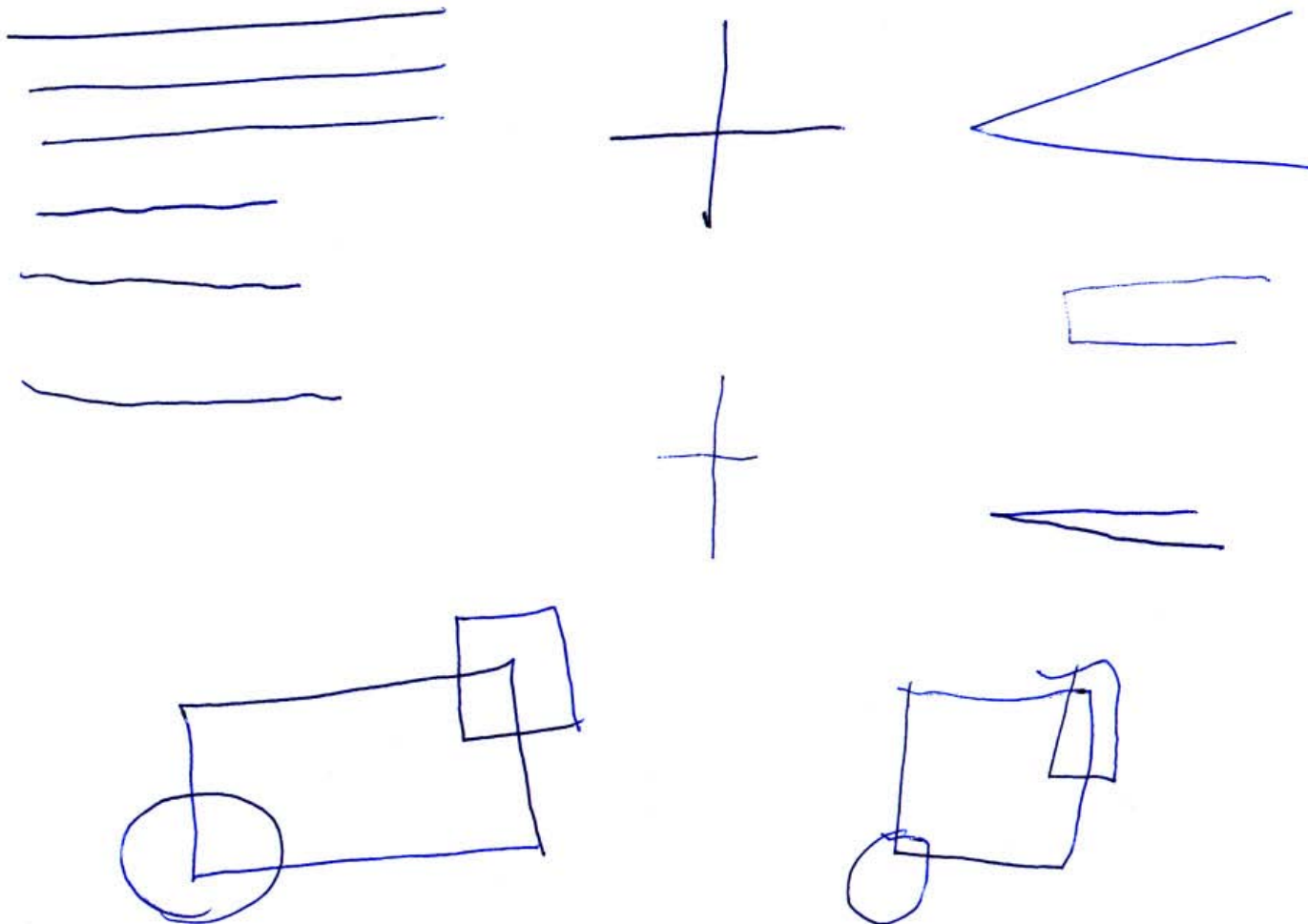
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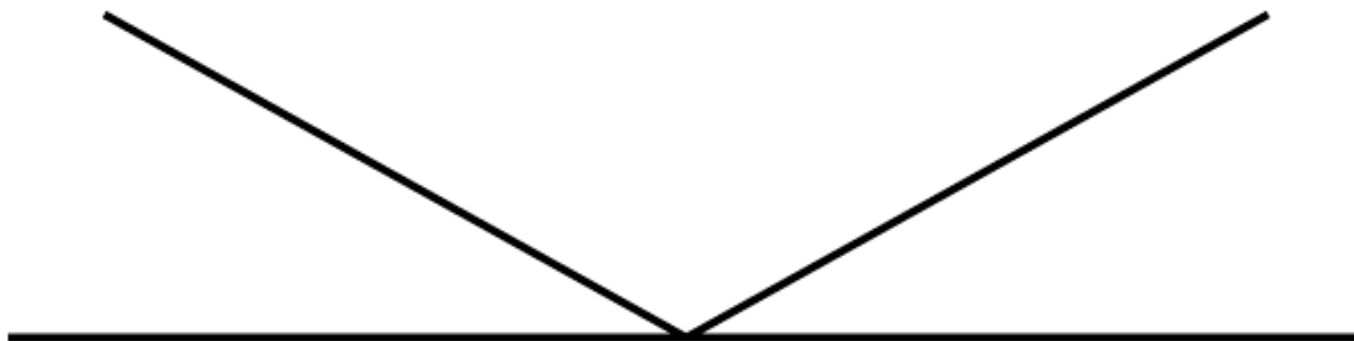
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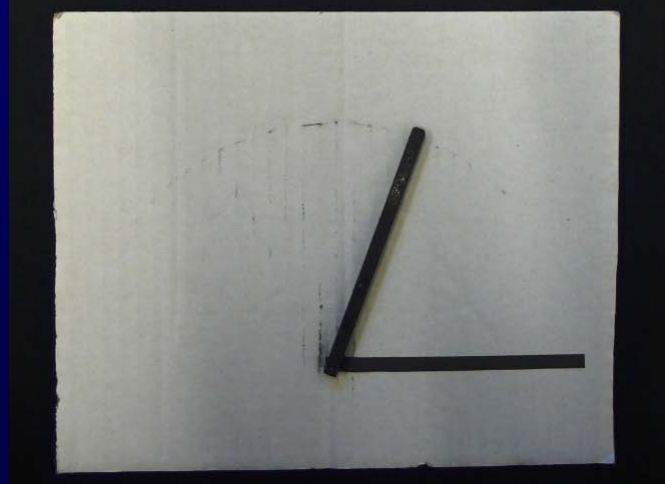
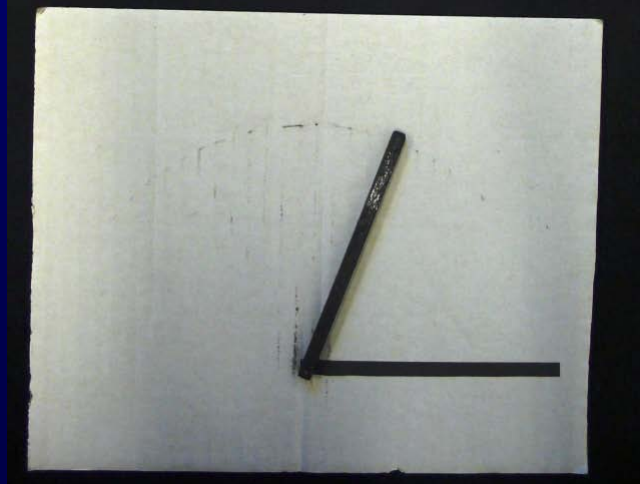
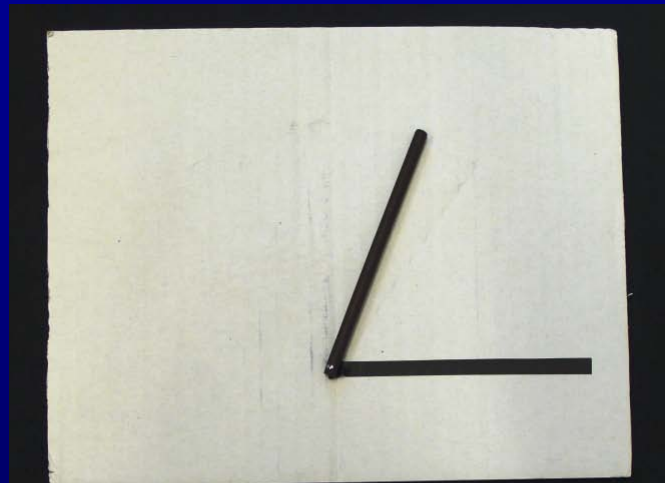
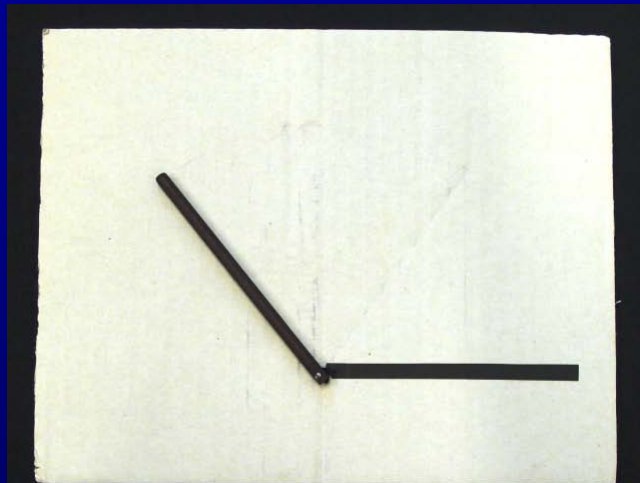
Copying tasks



Direction of lines



Angles

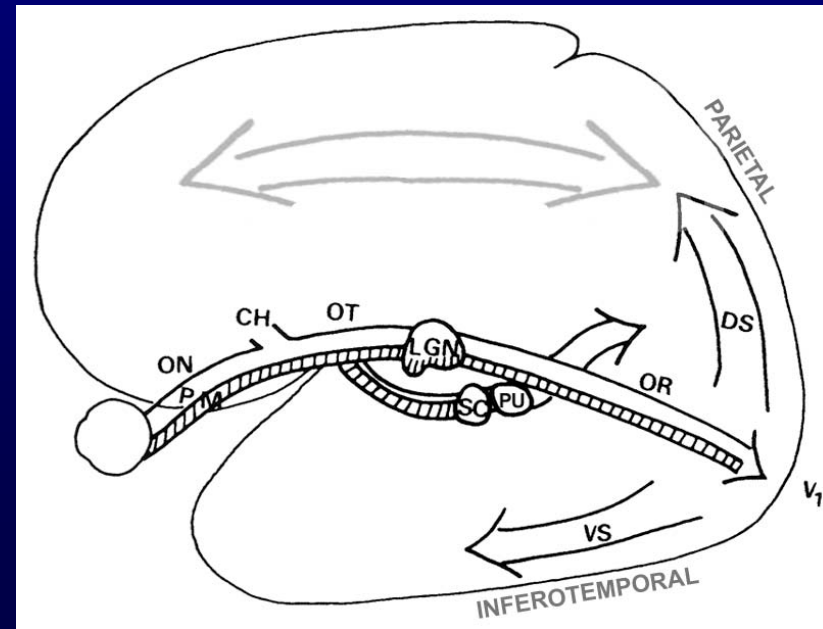


Orientation of lines



Orientation of Lines

- Information for hand movements and orientation in space in the **dorsal information stream** (vision for action) is combined with
- recognition functions and perception of orientation of lines in the **ventral information stream**



Purely visual task

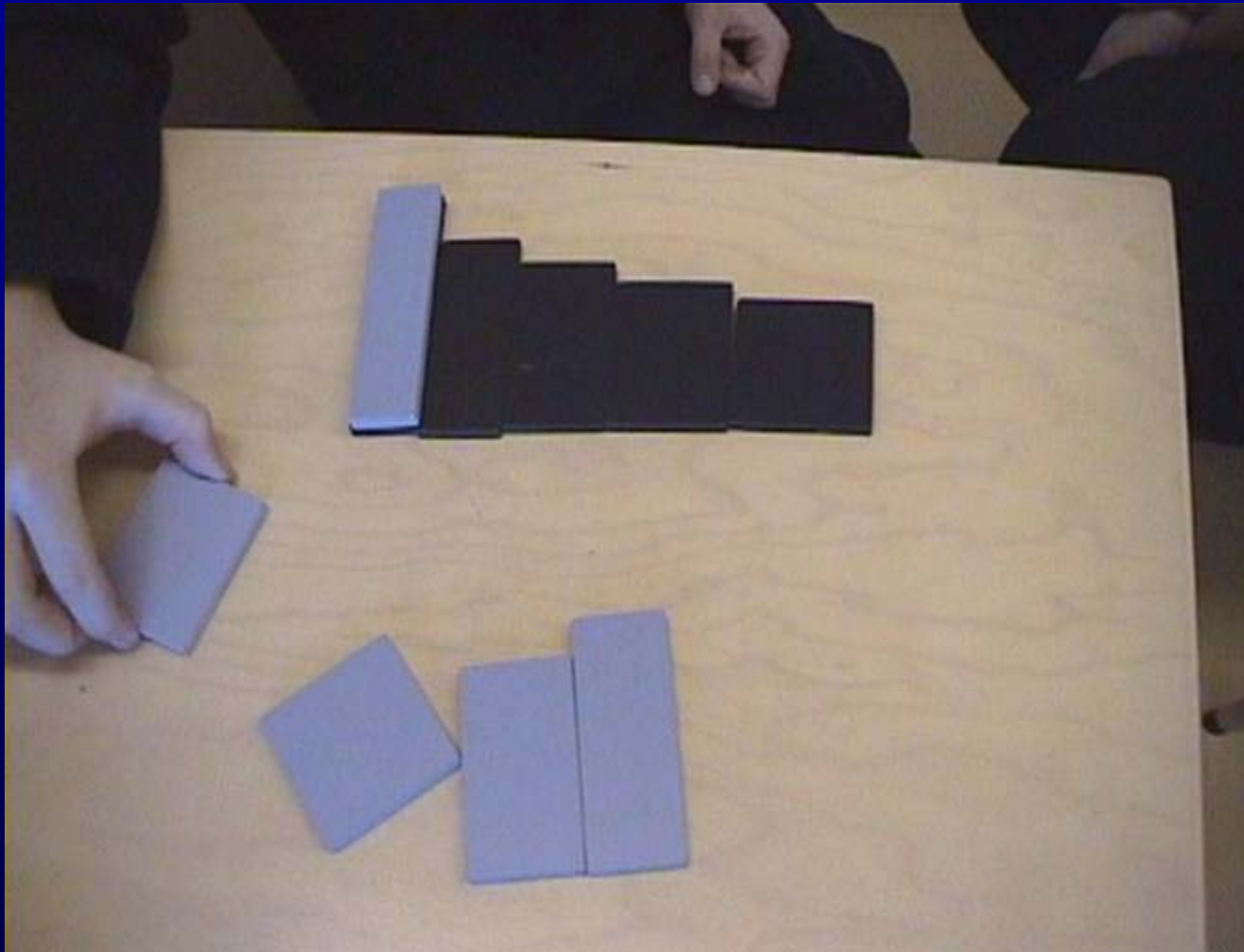
ventral stream function

LEA Rectangles Game

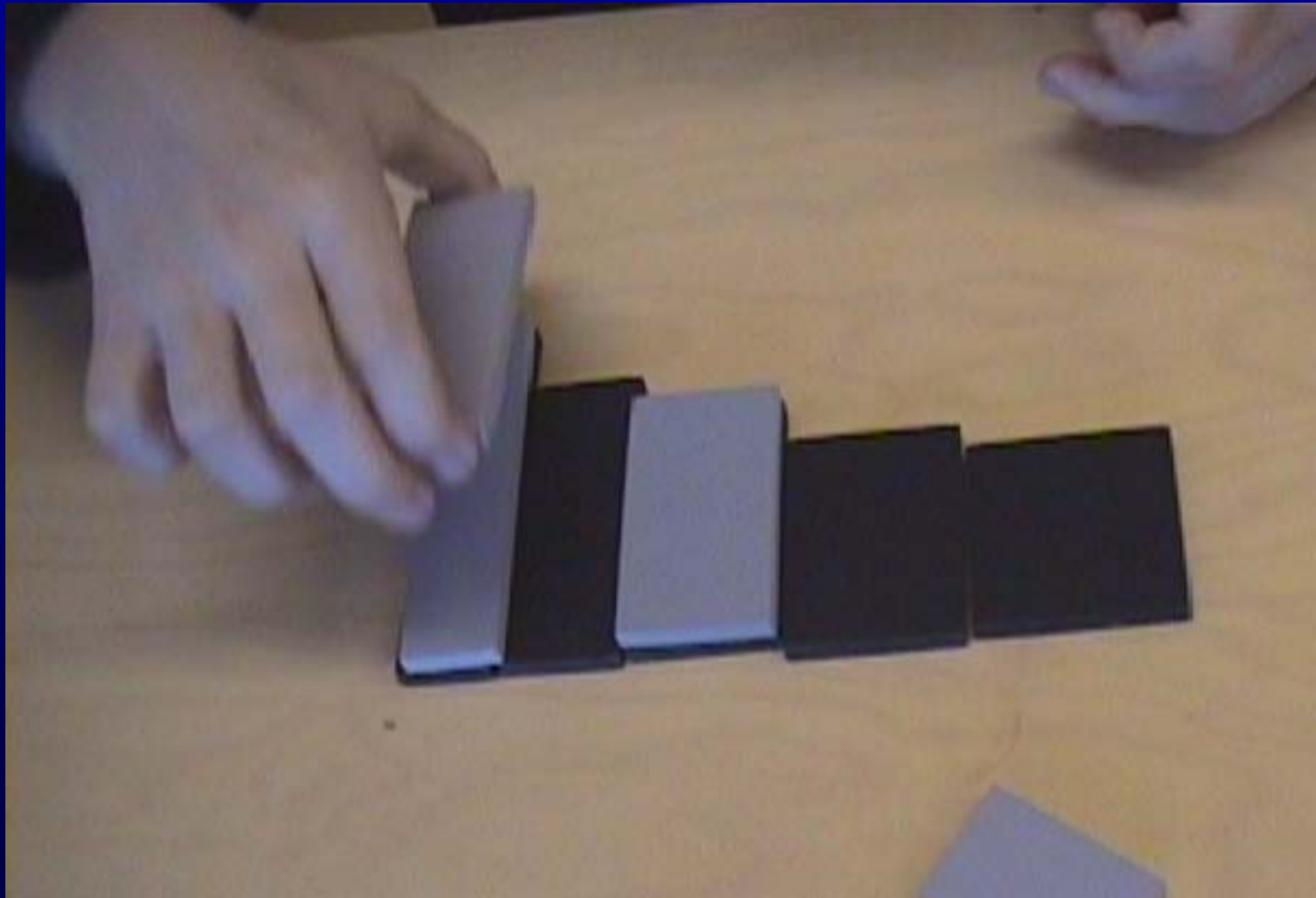
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LEA Rectangles Game



Rectangles Game



Increased space between rectangles



Lea Rectangles - Game



Colour matching OK



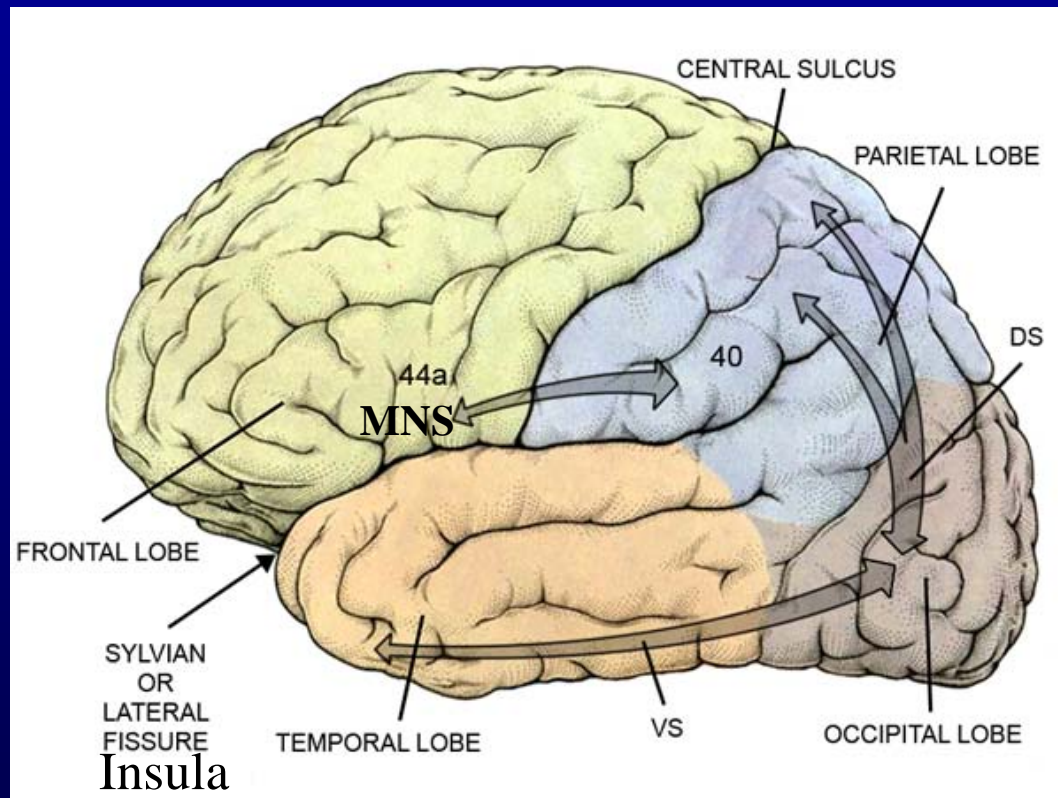
Black&white not perceived or not remembered?



Cognitive Vision Tests

- Orientation of lines, LEA-mailbox
- Length of lines, LEA-Rectangles, Effron
- Photographs of faces
- Heidi Expressions, photos etc.
- LEA Puzzle, Form and Colour
- VA tests, Crowding effect
- Motion Perception, LEA Gratings, ball games

Processing of visual information

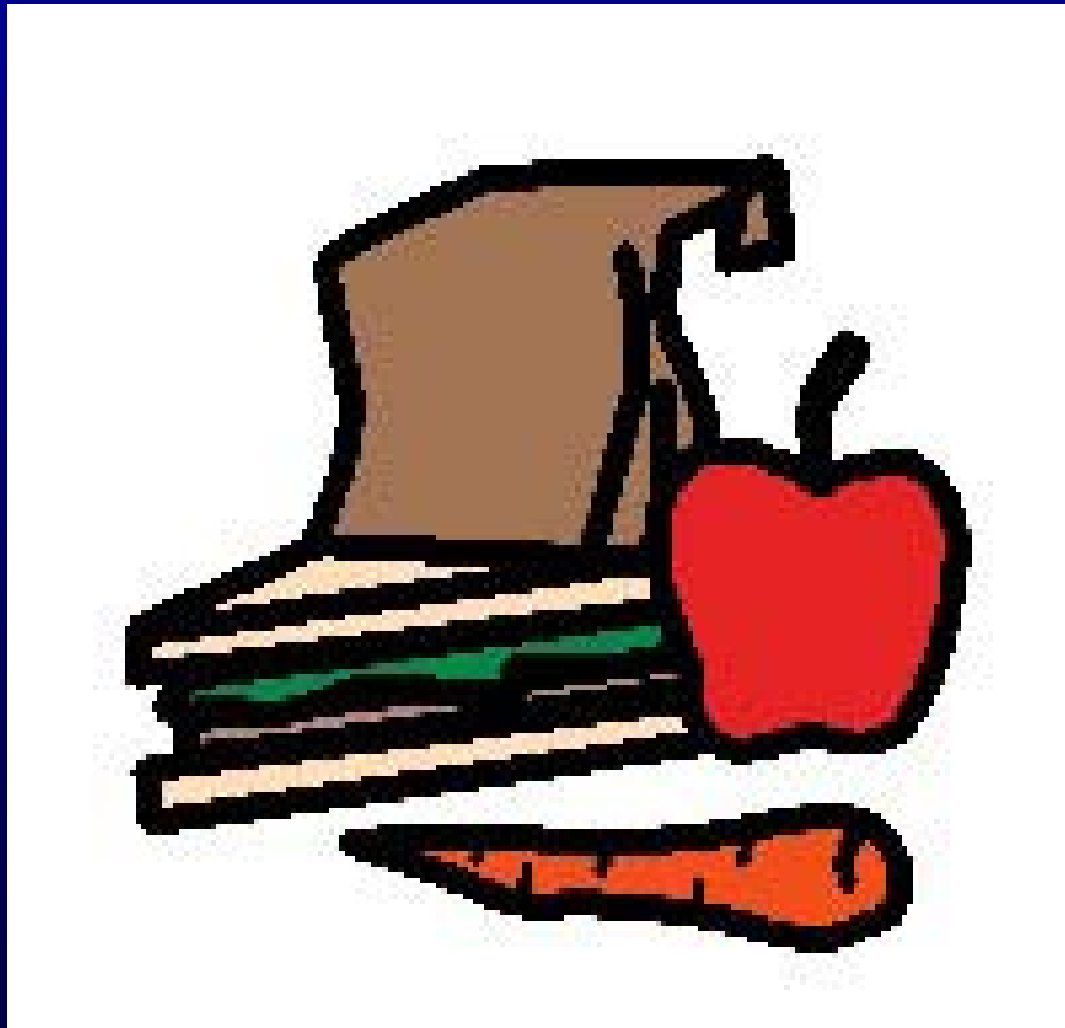


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Puzzles



Picture perception



Picture communication

How does the child

- see the picture?
- blurred? uncorrected refractive errors?
- colours?
- details?
- matching

Picture communication

Does the child

- see the picture?
- blurred? uncorrected refractive errors?
- colours?
- details in the picture?
- **see the picture as a representation of the object in the picture?**





Picture communication

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- **have picture comprehension?**

Picture communication

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- colours?
- details in the picture?
- see the picture as a representation of the object in the picture?
- have picture comprehension?
- **see a blob of colours as a signal of an activity?**

Text size and spacing

for the best reading speed and duration

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car Daddy school mine yesterday

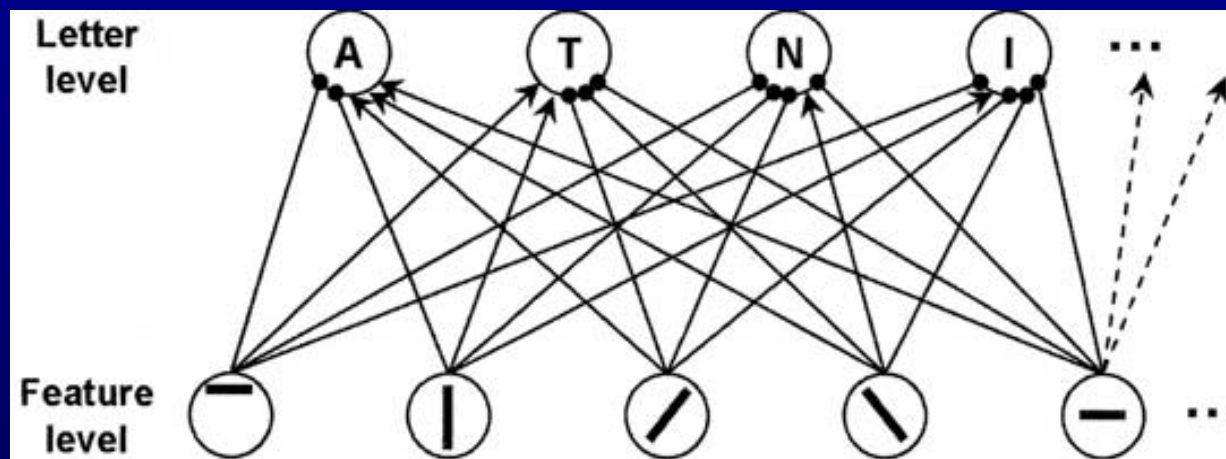
car Daddy school mine yesterday, 2 point extra spacing

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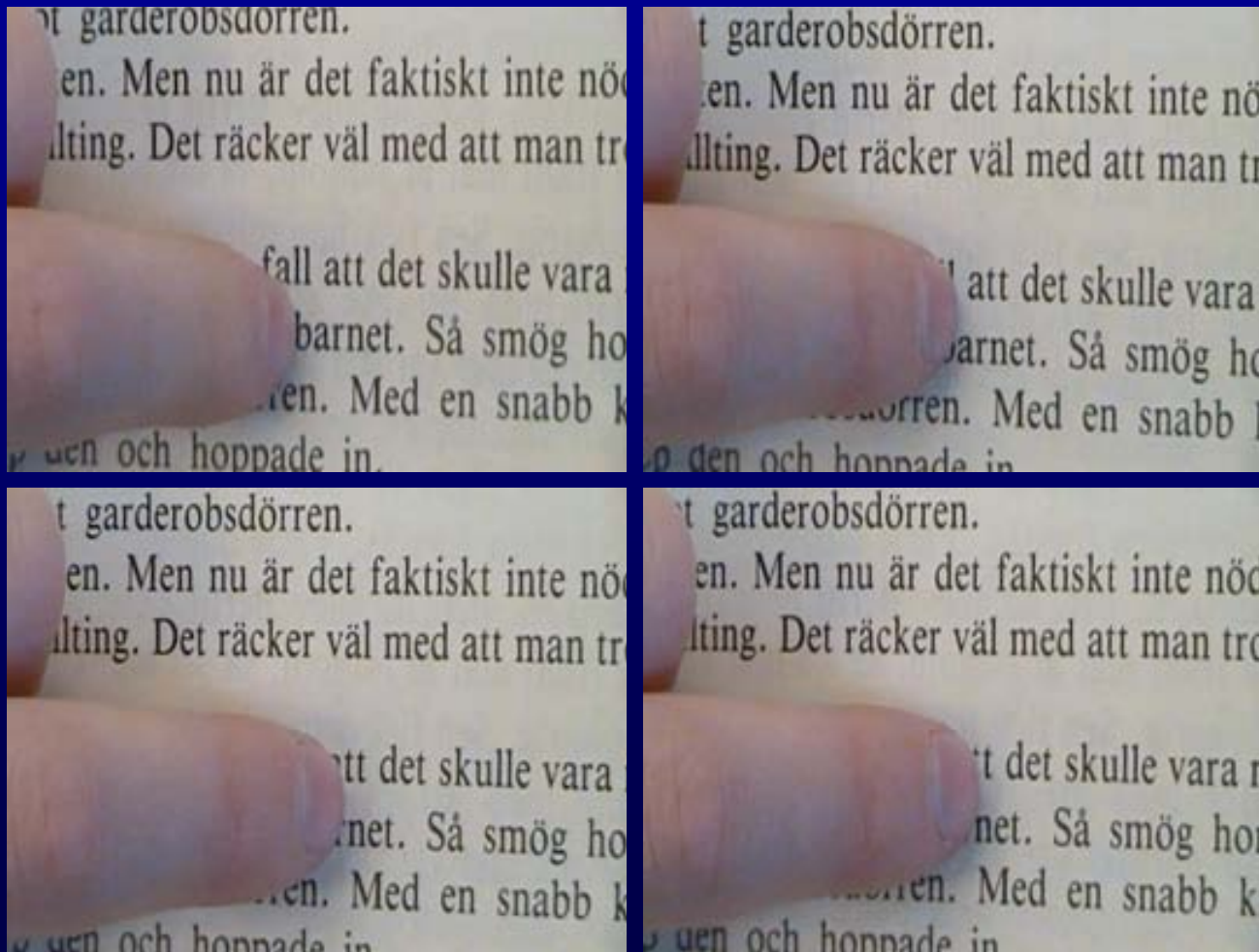
car Daddy school mine yesterday, 18 point

car Daddy school yesterday, 28p, 0.3p ex

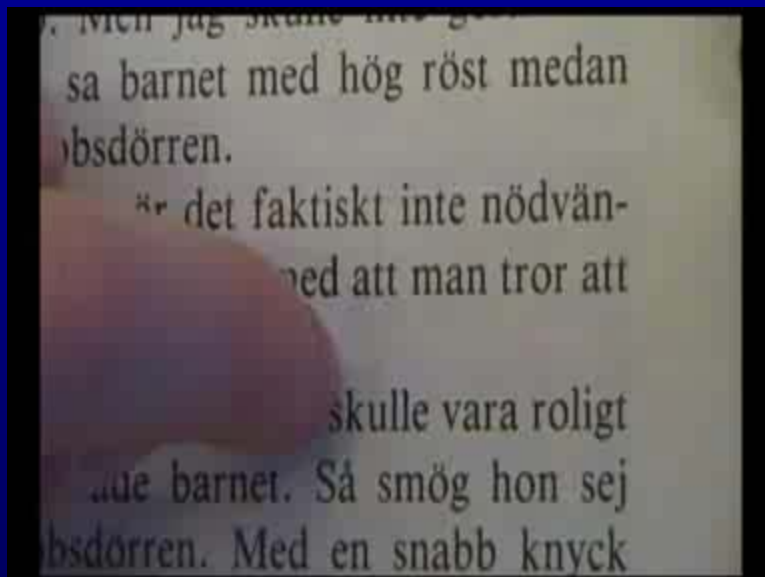
Daddy school yesterday,
36point, 2p extra spacing



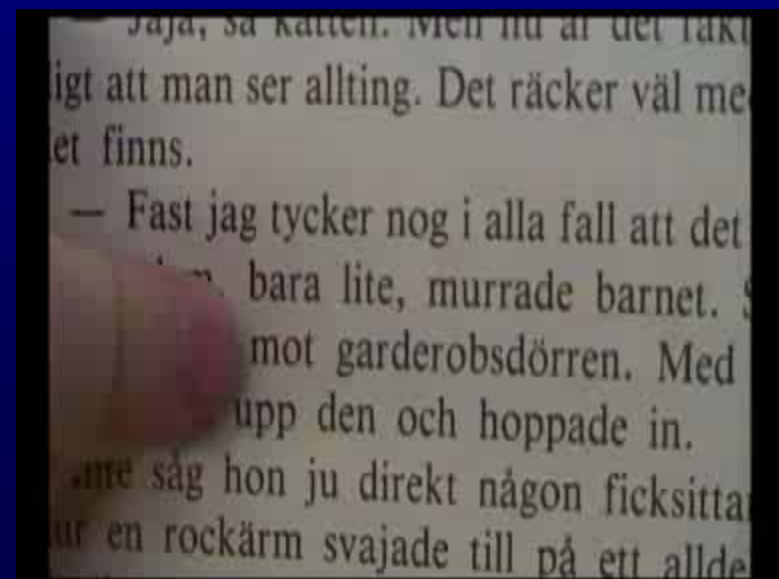
3 letters OK, more crowded



3 letters OK, more crowded



and in long words like
"garderobs-dörren"
he leaps over several letters
and says "garderoben"

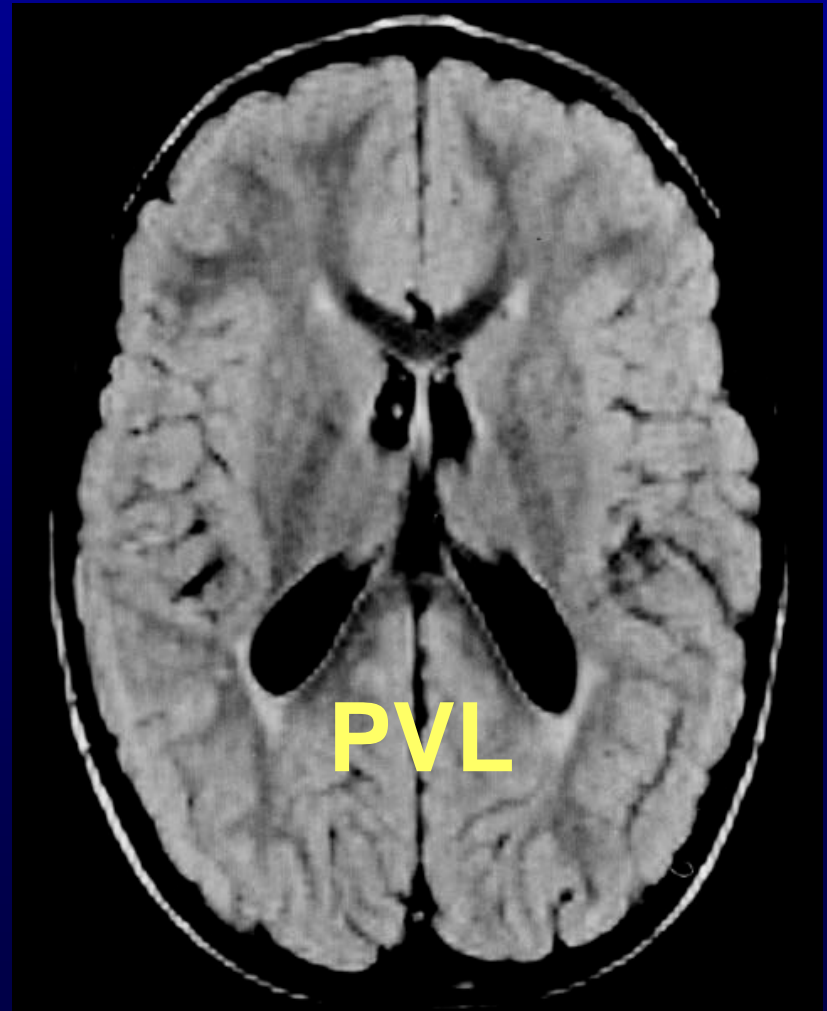


Pause 11.1.
afternoon

Periventrikuläre Leukomalazie

Außen herum - Ventrikel - weiß - Krankheit

- Premature birth, 1996
25weeks + 6 days
- 520g >> 435g
- Dysplastic lungs
- Impaired swallowing
- Tube feeding, gastrostoma
- Mild CP, walking < 1km
- Diagnosis of visual problems
and PVL at 2 years 9 months



Körperteile zu zeichnen



Visuo-motorische Pläne



Klettern



Feinmotorische Training



Fine motor training



Balls



Rectangles – Mailbox Heidi Expressions- Colorama



26.2.2000; 3years 8 (corr. 5) months



Testing early and higher visual processing



Colour & Form Training

Time for learning
correct matching

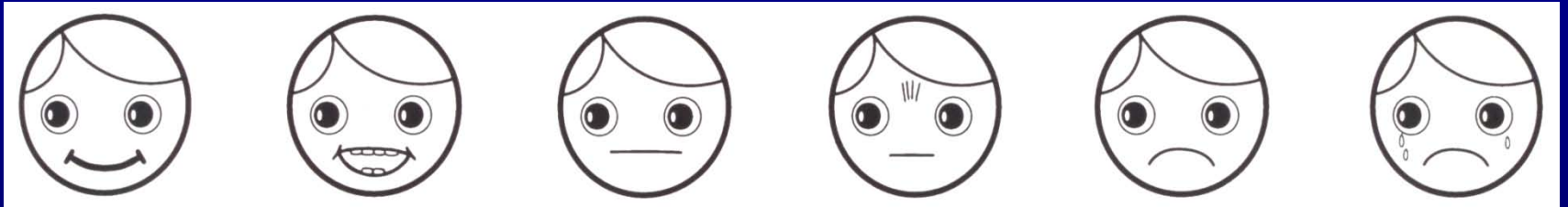


PVL

No face recognition



Vision for communication



- Real life situations, drawing/making pictures
- Photographs, colour and B&W
- Videos, tactile exploration, magnifying mirror
- **Intervener in communication situations**

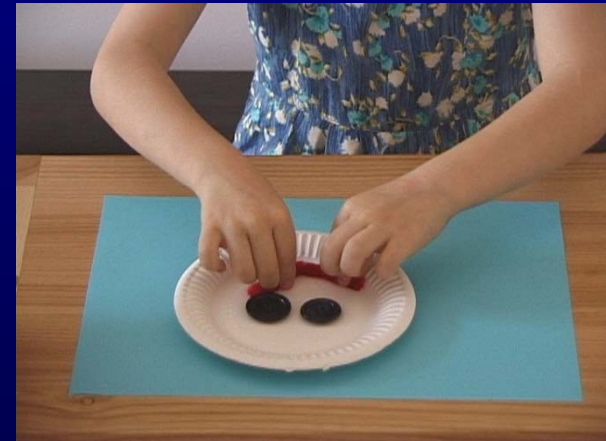
Training facial expressions



Drawing with the child



Magnifying mirror



Visuotactile pictures

Matching and recognition of pictures



Recognition of faces

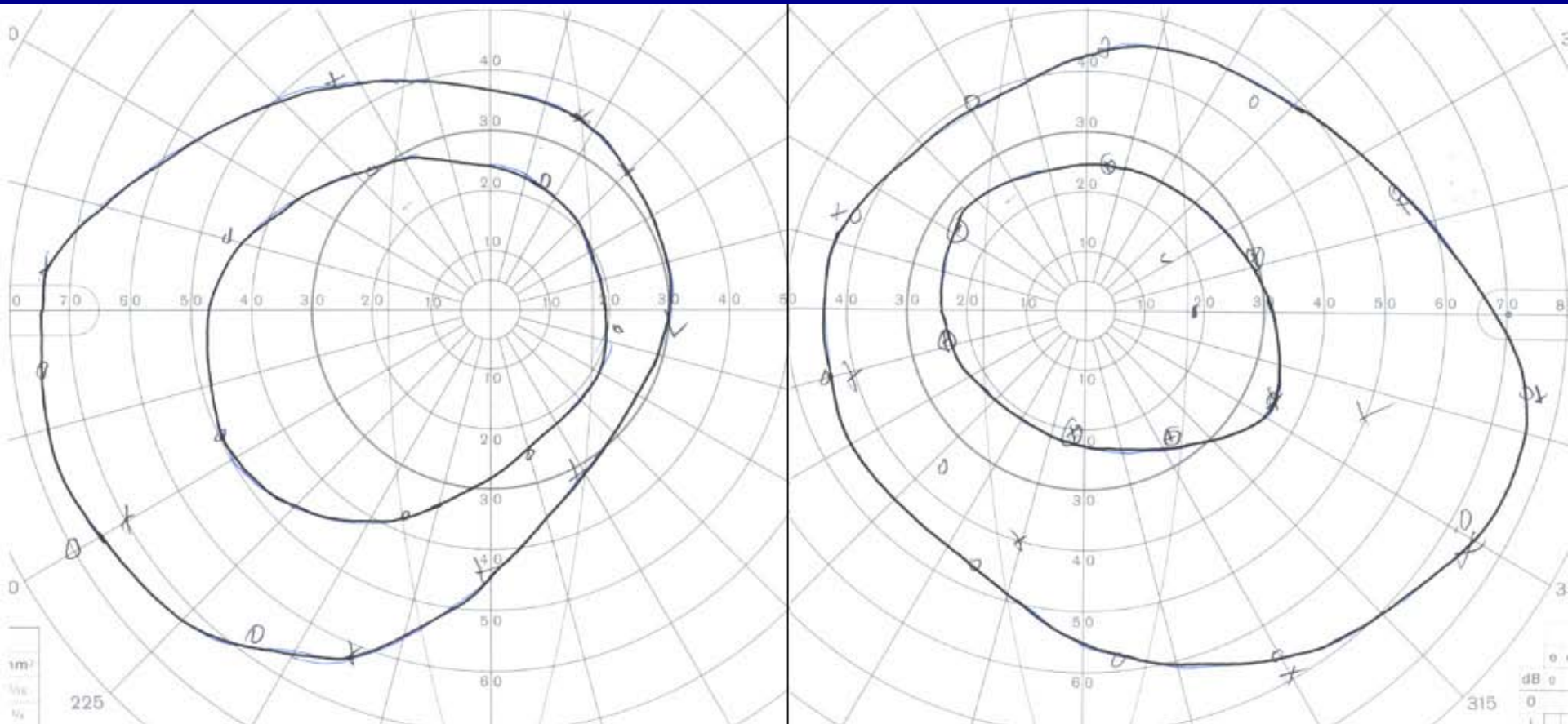
Re-cognition:

- facial features are seen well enough
- a **template** is formed in memory
- the face is seen again
- template is found and matched
- the name of the person is remembered
- in normal development infants recognise faces at the age of 6-8 months, latest at 10 months

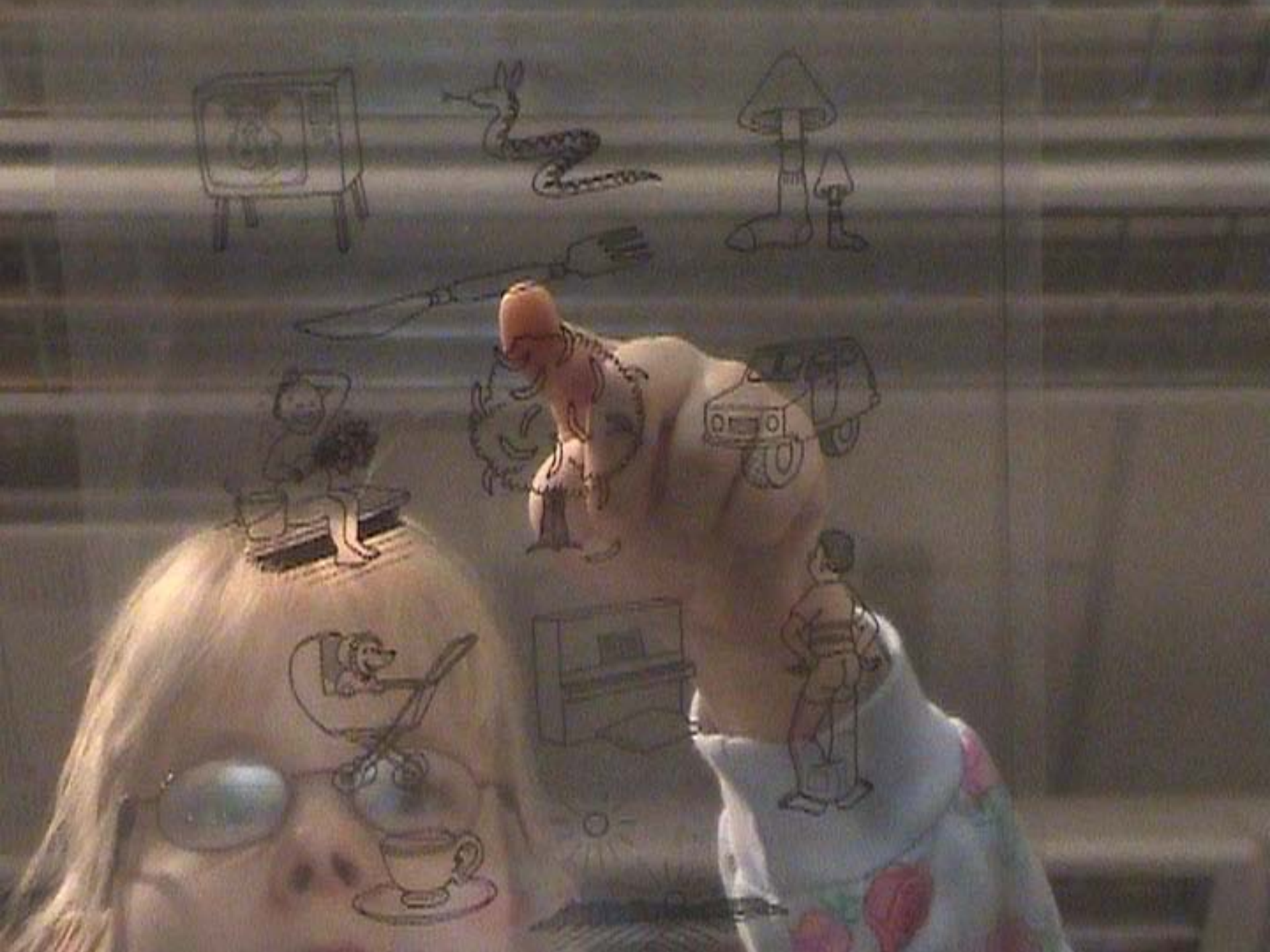
Finding the correct piece



CVI









Spatial orientation



Hands are the 'second eyes' of children with vision loss.



Visual processing disorder

- No face recognition
- Recognition of facial expressions weak
- Perception and recognition of many pictures good
- Perception of complex pictures difficult
- Perception of surface qualities fails > cane



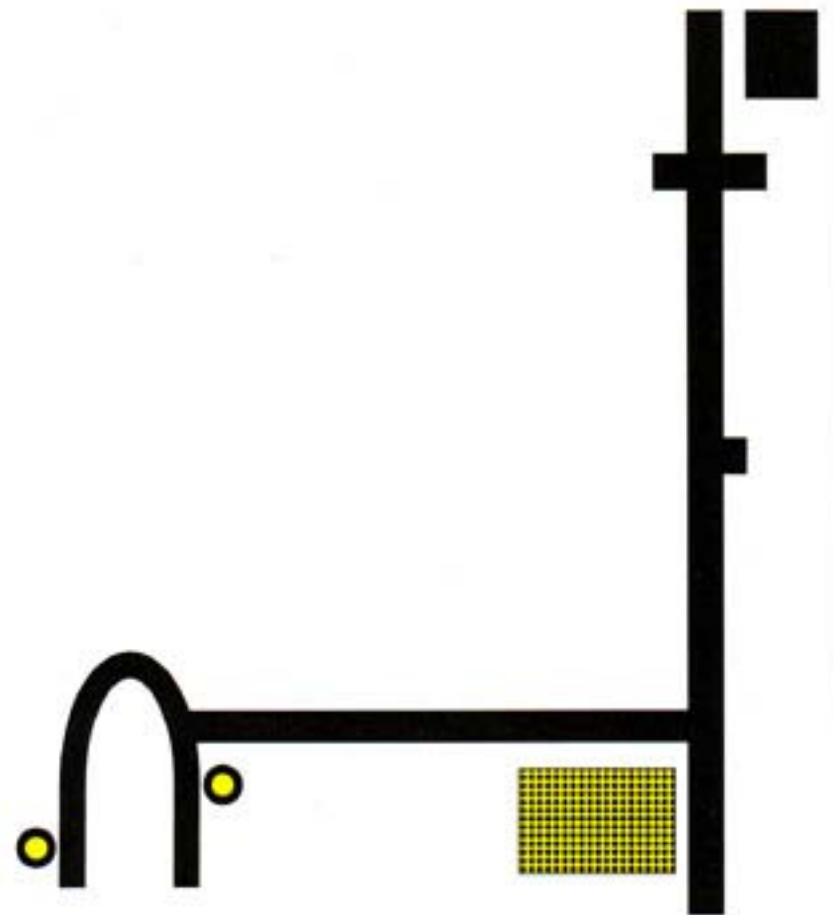
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- In the egocentric small space, eye-hand coordination is under control. School bag is never correctly packed.





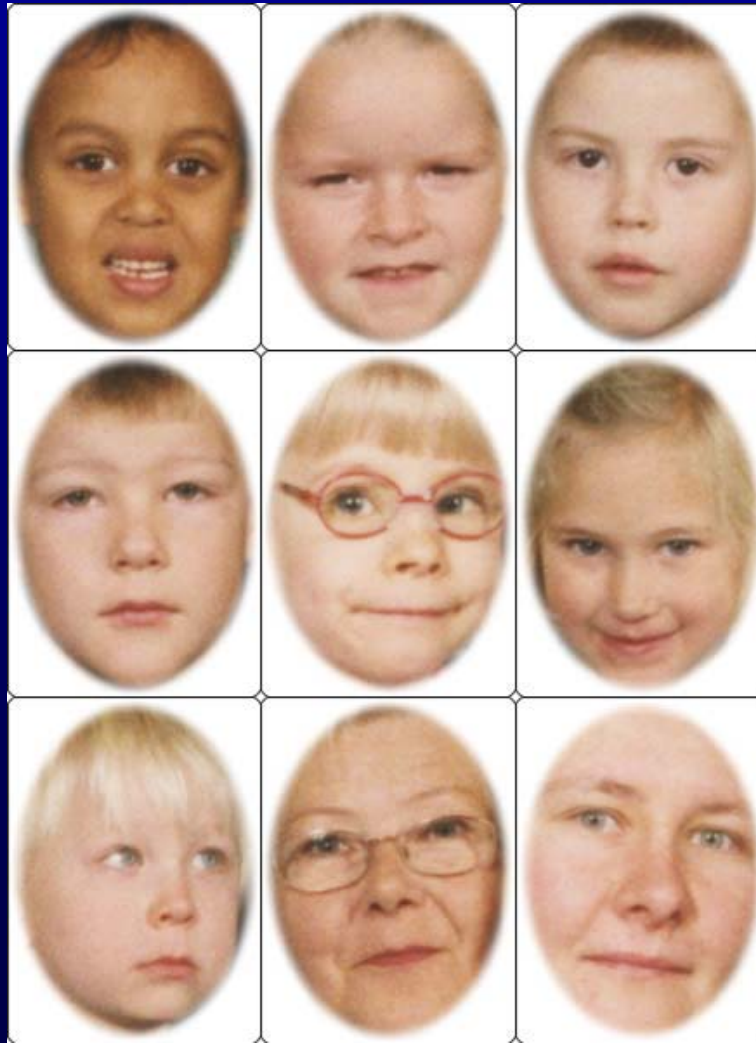
Prisma



SAIRAALAN
PYSÄKIT



Face recognition



435g premie
panic reactions
in sauna, reason?

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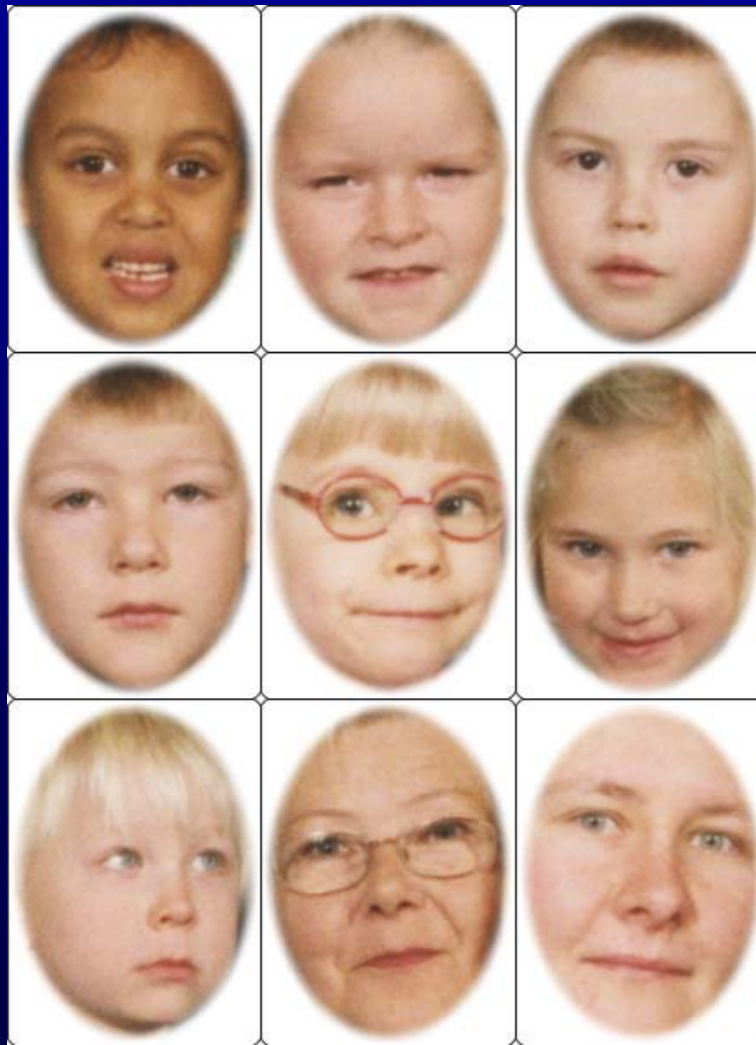
Matching pictures



Recognising pictures of faces



Face recognition



Strategies

Remembering

jewellery

clothing

way of moving

gestures

voice

smell

Asking "What is your name?"

Other problems

Spatial concepts

- improved by early intensive training

Recognition of landmarks

Perception of surface qualities and depth, cane

Routes still not possible, on the 3rd grade

Hypersensitivity of mouth, poor swallowing reflex,

small ventricle (tube feeding 12>8 hours/day, 10-15dl),

constipation

Motor functions nearly normal.

Vision problems experienced most difficult.

Problems in orientation

- Major problems with directions "up, down, right, left", even "here".
- Does not recognise places, own door, day care rooms, yard.
- Does not perceive surface qualities, walks better with cane than without, also in stairs.
- Other "non-visible" disorders, hypersensitive mouth, swallowing problems, constipation, malnutrition.
- Measured during therapies and day care.

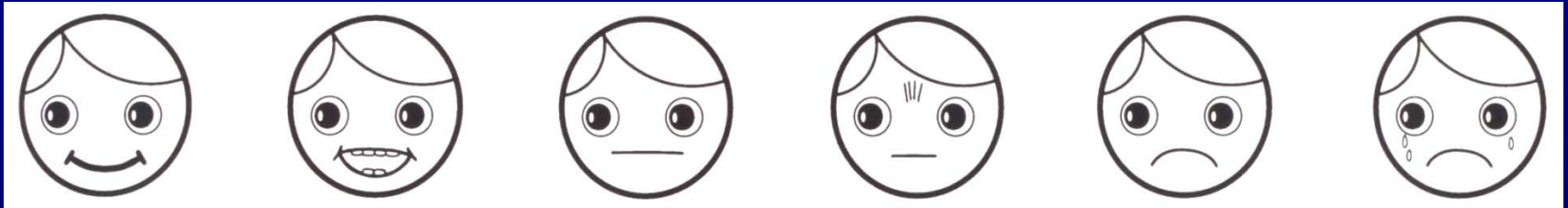
A sighted blind girl

- hypersensitive mouth, swallowing difficulties
- undernourishment
- bright, motor functions nearly normal
- clinical findings close to normal
- does not recognise faces, but expressions
- spatial awareness weak
- does not recognise landmarks
- does not see surface qualities – cane user

Cognitive Vision Tests

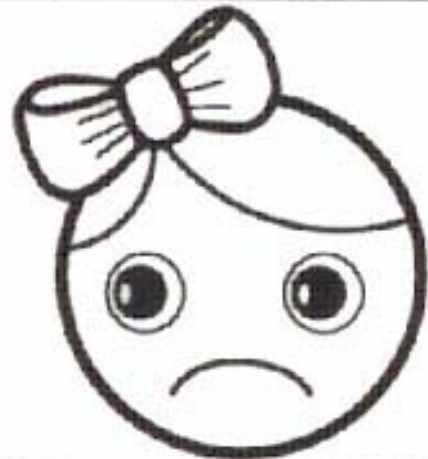
- Orientation of lines, LEA-mailbox
- Length of lines, LEA-Rectangles, Effron
- Photographs of faces
- **Heidi Expressions, photos etc.**
- LEA Puzzle, Form and Colour
- VA tests, Crowding effect
- Motion Perception, LEA Gratings, ball games

Vision for communication



- Real life situations, drawing/making pictures
- Photographs, colour and B&W
- Videos, tactile exploration, magnifying mirror
- **Intervener/ Interpreter**

Heidi expressions



Sensory integration

Often problematic:
the child can use
only one modality
at a time.

”Everything disappears”

Intermodal functions

- Congenital severe vision loss > competition between vision and tactile information > tactile info wins > no fusion of the two infos > alternating use of the two informations.
- Very late moving >> the child looks, takes a few steps, stops, looks, moves – functioning in sequences

Table 2.

RECOGNITION and READING

Concrete objects

Landmarks

Faces, familiar and unfamiliar

Facial expressions, Body language

Pictures of concrete objects

Geometric forms

Letters

Numbers

Words

Crowding effect

Reading speed

Scanning lines of text

Efficiency of reading

PERCEPTION OF PICTURES

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Details of pictures

Figure-ground

Visual closure

Noticing errors

Noticing missing details

Comparison with pictures in memory

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MATHEMATICS

Calculations, logical reasoning

AWARENESS OF AND ORIENTATION IN SPACE

Perception of one’s body in space

Depth perception

Perception of near space and far space

Simultanagnosia

Perception of textures and surface qualities

Orientation in space

Memorising routes

Vision in traffic situations and in playgrounds

EYE-HAND COORDINATION

Grasping and throwing objects

Drawing, free hand

Copying, from near/ from blackboard

Copying, motor planning and execution

INTEGRATION PROBLEMS

Vision not used when listening or exploring

Vision not used when moving

Balance

COMPENSATORY STRATEGIES

Auditory information

Tactile, kinaesthetic and haptic information

Memory, reasoning

DISTURBING FACTORS

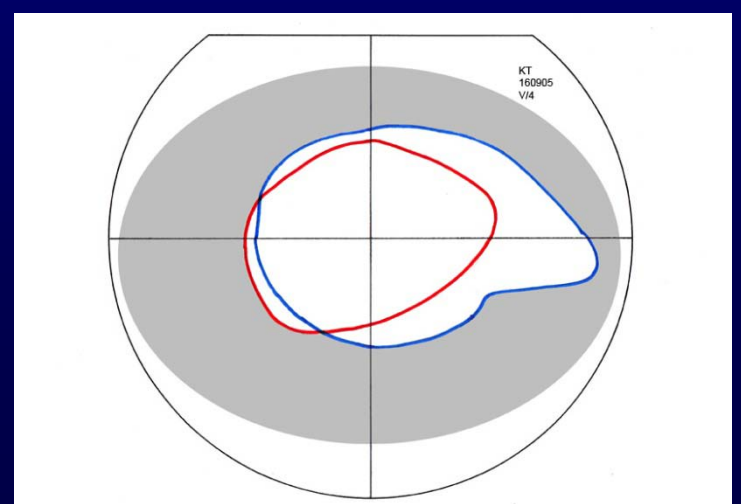
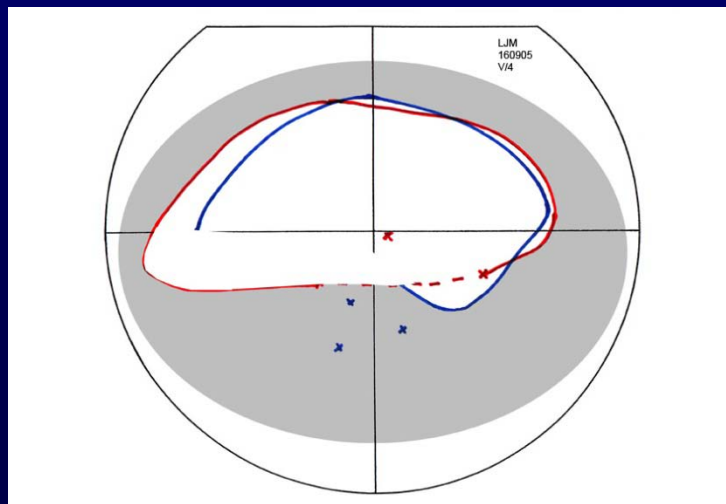
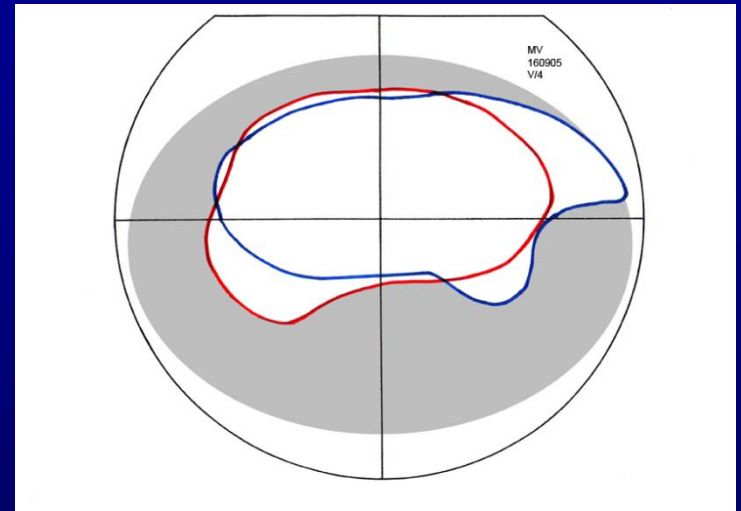
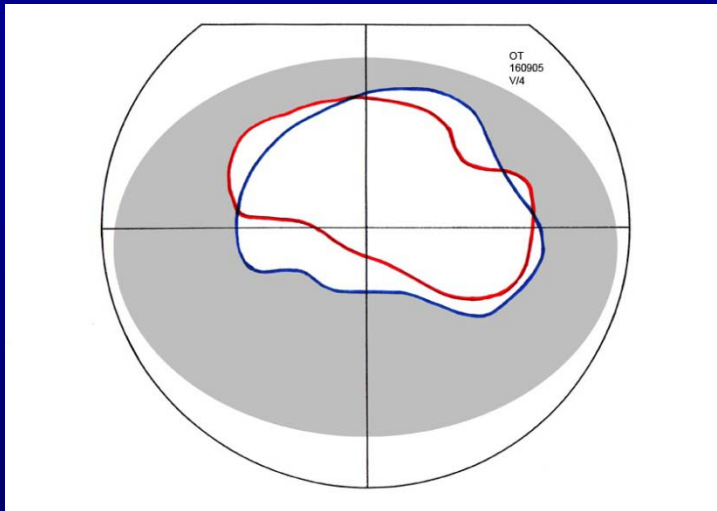
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Balance problems and motor problems

Medications, epilepsy

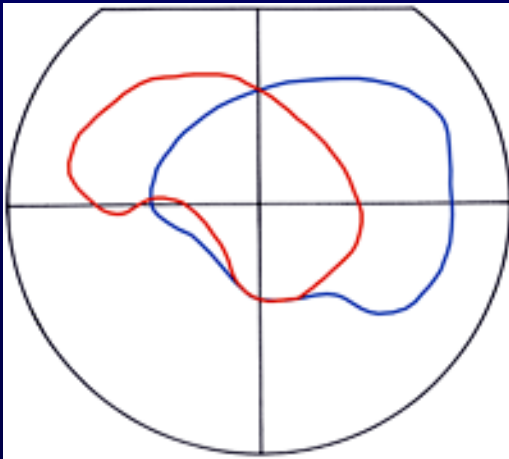
Visual field

typical findings in diplegic conditions

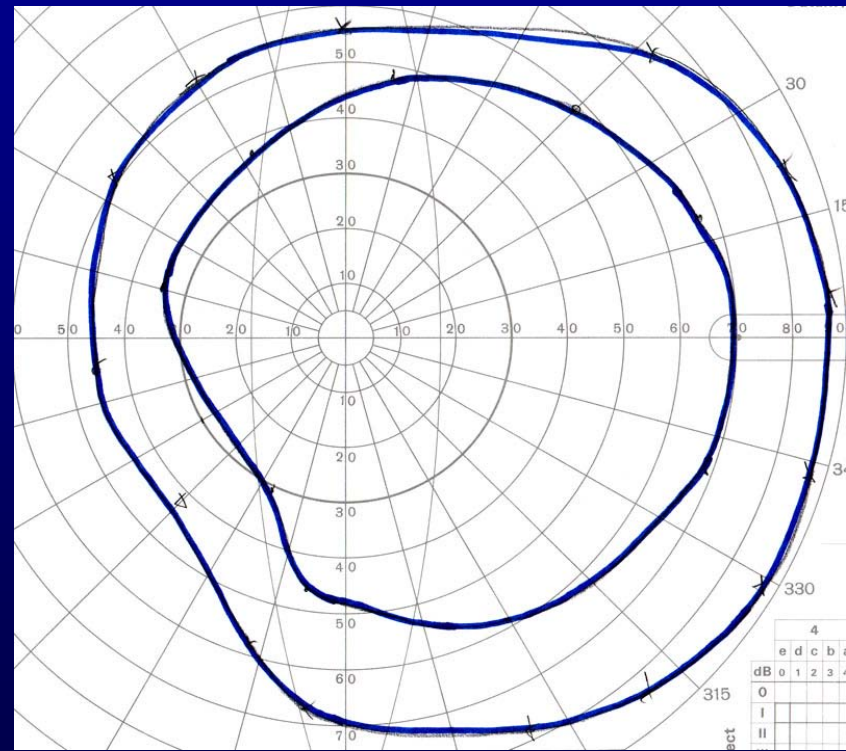
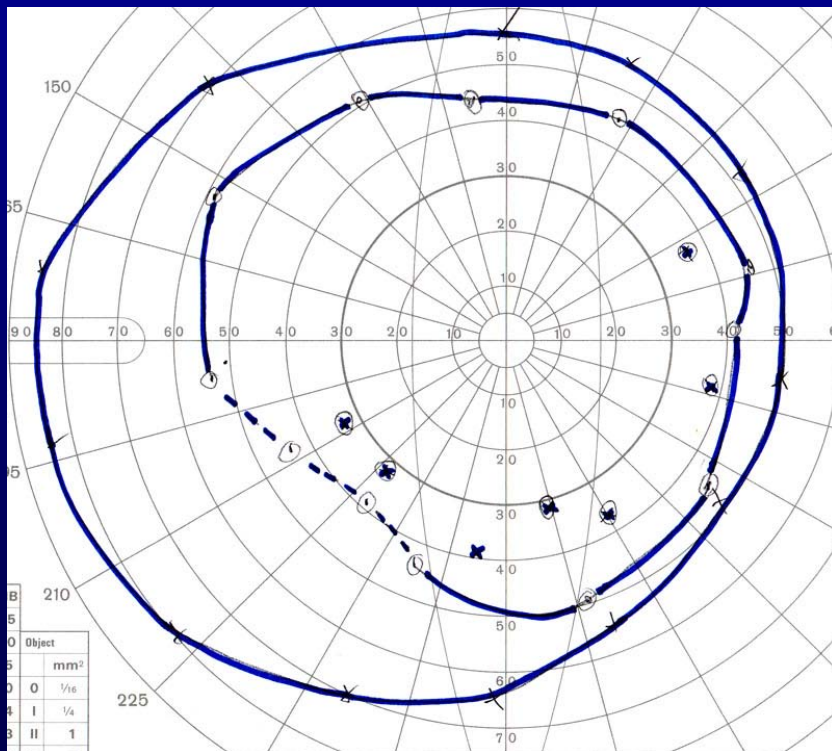


Spatial awareness

Orientation in environment



Improved visual fields





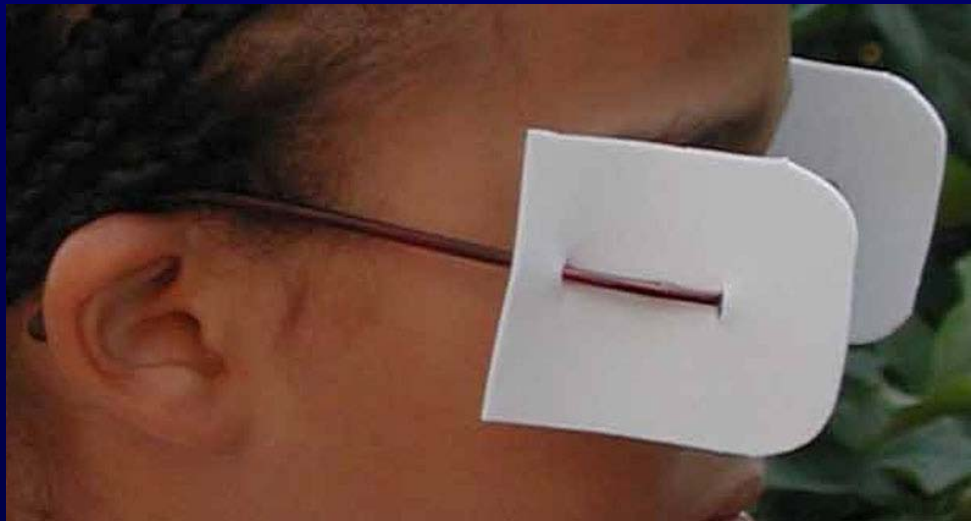




Environmental disturbance



Side shields



at the age of 7 years

- Poor motion perception confirmed
- Stress tolerance in use of vision low, peripheral visual noise highly disturbing > side shields >> **falling stopped**







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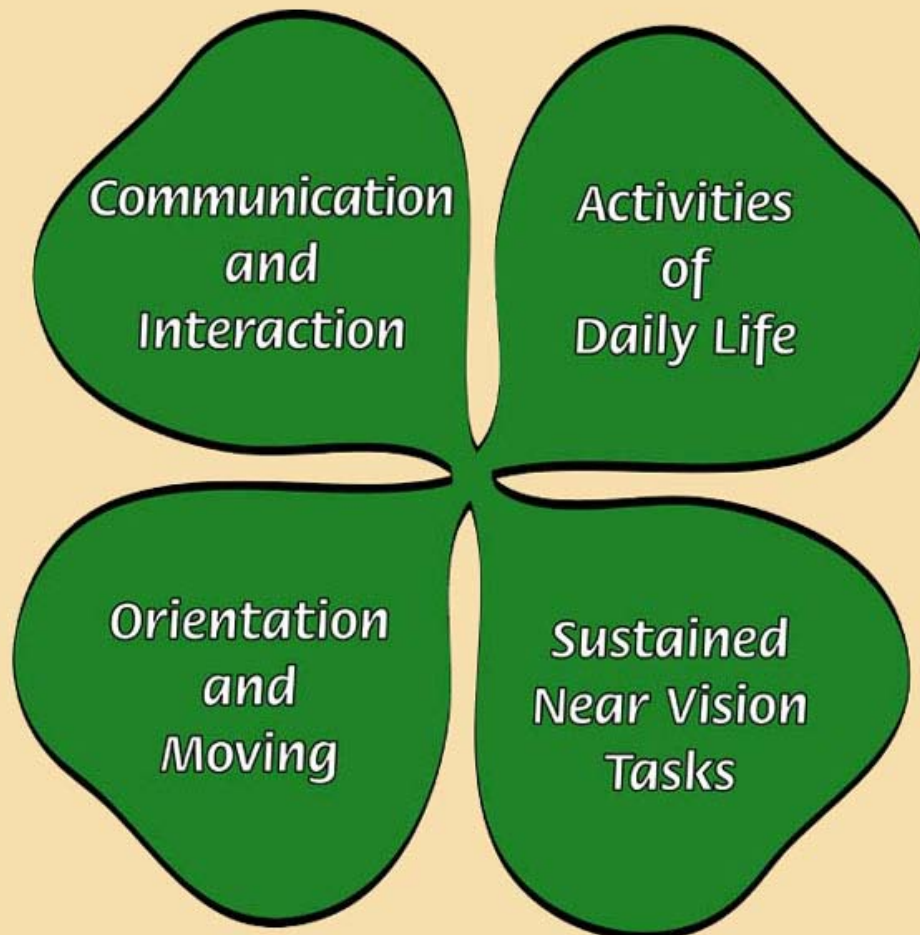


Assessment

for schools and for early intervention

- Oculomotor functions
- Quality of the image
- Processing of the image
 - ventral stream
 - dorsal stream
- Compensatory strategies

Four-leafed clover of Visual Functioning





Thank you for your attention

End day 3



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