

Subject: Making Sense of Senses Worksheet**I. True or False?**

- a. There are five main senses.
- b. According to a study conducted by JAMA Ophthalmology, most people value their sense of hearing the most.
- c. The sense of temperature is considered to be the least important of the eight senses researched by the medical journal.
- d. Vitamin A is known to help preserve sight.
- e. Proprioception is also known as the sixth sense.

Answer Key: a. true; b. false; c. true; d. true; e. false

II. Match the highlighted words with their synonyms.

seriously • responsible for • adapt • halt • vision

Taking care of your sense of **sight** is crucial.More than half of the cerebral cortex is **dedicated** to processing visual information.Without sight, our brain's interpretation skills would be **severely** limited.Vitamin A is known to help slow down age-related sight loss and help our eyes **adjust** better in the dark.

Answer Key: sight – vision; dedicated to – responsible for; severely – seriously; slow down – halt; adjust – adapt

III. Match the words with their definitions.

a. sensible	1. a device used to sense a physical phenomenon
b. sensual	2. impressive, attractive
c. sensational	3. relating to pleasure
d. sensitive	4. based on good judgement and reason
e. sensor	5. easily upset

Answer Key: a. 4; b. 3; c. 2; d. 5; e. 1

IV. Write questions to the answers.

- a. There are five main senses.
- b. Sensory organs allow us to experience the physical characteristics of a situation.
- c. One way to make sure you're taking care of your senses is regularly visiting a general practitioner.
- d. The term sixth sense refers to an unexplained phenomenon of sensing things we otherwise couldn't have sensed with the known senses.
- e. The idiom to smell a rat means to suspect something is wrong.

Answer Key: example questions: a. How many senses are there?; b. What's the role of sensory organs?; c. How do I take care of my senses?; d. What does the term sixth sense mean?; e. What's the meaning of the idiom to smell a rat?

V. Circle the words that could be associated with senses.

taste, lesser-known, substitute, exercise, gut feeling, balance, conduct, drawback, vision, scent, neuroscientist, qualification, cerebral cortex

Answer Key: taste, gut feeling, balance, vision, scent, neuroscientist, cerebral cortex

VI. Match the parts of the sentences.

- a. The word sense is...
- b. There are ways to enhance your senses, but...
- c. It's argued there are...
- d. There's truth to the saying...
- e. Senses are used to...

- 1. ...over twenty senses in total.
- 2. ...you shouldn't expect miracles.
- 3. ...receive information from the environment.
- 4. ...prevention is better than cure.
- 5. ...a rather loose qualification.

Answer Key: a. 5; b. 2; c. 1; d. 4; e. 3