

Module 5 Discussion

Fun with Senses

STEP 1: Respond to ONE of the following prompts in a primary post of at least 150-200 words:

Option 1: Sensory Superhero

Imagine you have the power to manipulate one of your senses, either enhancing it to superhuman levels or experiencing the world without it temporarily. Which sense would you choose, and how would it impact your daily life and interactions with the environment? Describe how your altered perception might influence your emotions, behaviors, and decision-making process. How might this new sensory ability shape your understanding of the world? Make sure you connect this new sense to something you learned in the course this week.

Option 2: Perception Benders

Find a mind-bending perceptual illusion, such as the Müller-Lyer illusion or the rotating snakes illusion, and delve into its mechanics and psychological implications. Share your chosen illusion with the class, explain how it tricks the brain, and discuss the possible reasons behind its effects. Reflect on the significance of perceptual illusions in understanding the limitations and adaptability of our senses. Additionally, speculate on how knowledge of these illusions might influence your everyday experiences and interactions with the world. Make sure you connect what you learn about the illusion to something you learned in the course this week.

Option 3: Sense and Memory

Consider the close relationship between our senses and memory. Recall a vivid personal memory that is strongly linked to a specific sensory experience, such as a distinctive scent, a particular taste, or a familiar sound. Share your memory with the class, describing the sensory aspects that made it so memorable. Reflect on how sensory triggers can evoke powerful emotions and associations in our minds. Find a peer reviewed journal article that relates to this sense and share it with your classmates. Include a link to the article as well as a brief summary of what the article is about.

Step 2: Return to the discussion forum to comment on at least one other post. Engage with your classmates' posts, offering thoughtful feedback, posing questions, and appreciating the diverse perspectives shared.

Criteria	Exemplary	Proficient	Developing	Not Evident	Points
Content & Originality	- The primary post demonstrates exceptional creativity and originality, showcasing a well-developed, imaginative scenario or an in-depth analysis of the chosen illusion or sensory memory.	- The primary post shows adequate creativity and originality, offering a thoughtful exploration of the chosen prompt and a decent analysis of the illusion or sensory memory.	- The primary post lacks originality and creativity, providing a generic response with limited depth in exploring the chosen prompt or analyzing the illusion/sensory memory.	- The primary post is missing or does not address the chosen prompt adequately.	___/2
Connection to Course Material	- The primary post effectively connects the new sense, the perceptual illusion, or sensory memory to relevant concepts and topics covered in the course material from this week.	- The primary post somewhat connects the new sense, the perceptual illusion, or sensory memory to concepts and topics covered in the course material from this week.	- The primary post shows limited connection to the course material, with vague references to concepts and topics covered this week.	- The primary post lacks any connection to the course material and does not reference the concepts and topics covered this week.	___/3
Engagement & Critical Thinking and Peer-Reviewed Journal Article (for Option 3)	- The primary post demonstrates exceptional engagement and critical thinking, with deep insights and thought-provoking reflections on the chosen prompt.	- The primary post shows adequate engagement and critical thinking, with decent insights and reflections on the chosen prompt.	- The primary post lacks substantial engagement and critical thinking, offering only basic insights and surface-level reflections on the chosen prompt.	- The primary post is superficial and lacks engagement and critical thinking, with little to no insights or reflections on the chosen prompt.	___/3

	- The primary post includes a relevant, peer-reviewed journal article that effectively relates to the sense and sensory memory shared. It provides a well-summarized description of the article's content and its connection to the personal memory.	- The primary post includes a peer-reviewed journal article related to the sense and sensory memory shared. It provides a summary of the article's content and its connection to the personal memory, but lacks depth.	- The primary post includes a journal article but shows limited relevance or does not effectively connect it to the personal memory. The summary of the article lacks coherence and fails to establish a strong connection.	- The primary post does not include a peer-reviewed journal article related to the sense and sensory memory, or it fails to provide a proper summary and connection to the personal memory.	
Comment on Another Post (Step 2)	- The comment on another post showcases thoughtful feedback, engaging questions, and an appreciative response to the classmate's contribution.	- The comment on another post provides some feedback, poses questions, and offers appreciation for the classmate's contribution.	- The comment on another post lacks depth, with limited feedback, questions, or appreciation for the classmate's contribution.	- The comment on another post is missing, or it does not offer feedback, questions, or appreciation for the classmate's contribution.	__/2
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