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Vocabulary Strategy

SPECIALIZED VOCABULARY

Specialized vocabulary is vocabulary specifically suited to a particular occupation or field of study. For example, doctors and medical researchers have their own specialized vocabulary.

Directions: These specialized terms all have to do with the brain. Write the letter of the definition beside the correct term. Check a dictionary if you need to.

1. central nervous system
   
   A. a person who studies the nervous system

2. cerebrum
   
   B. the largest part of the brain; it controls your thinking, memory, and voluntary muscles

3. cerebellum
   
   C. this produces and releases hormones into the body; it keeps your metabolism (everything that is going on in your body to keep it alive, such as breathing and digesting food) going

4. pituitary gland
   
   D. connects the brain to the spinal cord

5. neurons
   
   E. microscopic cells with tiny connecting branches that send messages to your brain

6. brain stem
   
   F. controls balance, movement, and coordination

7. synapse
   
   G. the point at which a nerve impulse is sent from one nerve cell to another

8. neuroscientist
   
   H. made up of the brain and the spinal cord