

## 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.

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| ___ 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  |