

Brain Basics

Brain

nerve center of your body

Cerebrum

largest part of the brain divided into a left and right hemisphere

Corpus Callosum

bridge formed between cerebral hemispheres

Cerebral Cortex

deeply folded layers of nerve tissue

Frontal Lobe

front of brain, above eyes

Parietal Lobe

processes sensory signals from the skin, some visual information, and taste

Occipital Lobe

back of the brain

Temporal Lobe

sides of brain below the eyes

Hippocamous

part of temporal lobe; encodes new memories

Amygdala

integrates memory and emotion

Basal Ganglia

structures in the forebrain that help to control movement

Pons

influence breathing and posture

Medulla

an extension of the spinal cord into the skull that coordinates heart rate, circulation, and respiration

Neural Network

a group of nerve tracts connecting a series of regions in the brain



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