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**Lab 23:** **Reaction Time**

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**Purpose**

To test the difference in reaction time based on different stimuli, and compare this to a reflex.

**Introduction**

The fast and automatic response to a stimulus is known as a **reflex**. All reflexes are **involuntary** and many prevent injury to the body. Reflexes control automatic activities in the body such as heartbeat, sneezing, gagging, and peristalsis. In a **reflex arc**, an impulse follows a definite pathway. **Reaction time** is a measure of how quickly a person can perceive a stimulus and react to it. Reaction time is important in athletics as well as in the operation of vehicles and other machinery. Fatigue, drugs, and distraction may affect reaction time. In this lab we will demonstrate some reflex behaviors and measure reaction time.

**PART ONE:** Reflexes

    A **reflex** is a simple, brief, automatic, involuntary response of part of the body to a specific stimulus and involves a reflex arc, where a **reflex arc** is the pathway of cells through which the information flows. The pathway begins with a **receptor**, a cell specialized to receive information of some kind.  Next a **sensory neuron** associated with the receptor passes the information to an **interneuron**, which processes the information and in turn relays the information to a **motor neuron**, which activates some **effector**.  An **effector** is a group of cells that are specialized to give some response, such as a muscle cell contracting.  Note that the brain is not usually involved at all in a reflex response.

**PART TWO:** Reaction Time

Reaction time is a measure of how quickly an organism can respond to a particular stimulus. Reaction time has been widely studied, as its practical implications may be of great consequence, e.g. a slower than normal reaction time while driving can have grave results. Many factors have been shown to affect reaction times, including age, gender, physical fitness, fatigue, distraction, alcohol, personality type, and whether the stimulus is auditory or visual. The signal must be carried up the spinal cord and processed by the brain, although this happens extremely quickly, it still takes longer than a reflex which doesn’t involve the brain.

The model for information flow within an organism can be represented in this way:

**Stimulus 🡪 Sensory Neuron 🡪 Spinal Cord or Brain 🡪 Motor Neuron 🡪 Response**

**Materials**

* Meter stick

**Pre-Lab Questions**

1. Observe your partners pupils reaction to an increase in light, record what happens below.

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1. How is the eyes response to light a protective reflex?
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2. Label the reflex arc below:

* receptor
* effector
* vertebrae
* spinal cord
* Interneuron
* sensory neuron
* motor neuron
1. Before you start hypothesize which type of stimulus will elicit the fastest reaction time: visual, auditory, or tactile. Why?

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**Procedure**

1. A meter stick will be held vertically between the experimental student’s thumb and index finger. They should rest their **dominant** elbow on the lab table with their arm extending over the side. The stick should be held so that the 10 cm (.1 meter) mark is between the thumb and index finger.
2. The lab partner will drop the meter stick and the experimental student must catch it between his/her thumb and index finger as quickly as possible. The distance the meter stick traveled before being caught will be measured and recorded on the Data Table (remember to subtract the 10 cm that were below the finger level at the beginning of the experiment) for visual stimuli.
3. The experimental student will repeat the procedure for a total of three trials and then determine the average reaction distance for visual stimuli, recording it on the Data Table.
4. The experimental student will now measure reaction to an auditory signal; the experimental student will close his/her eyes and their lab partner will hold the meter stick as before. As the student releases the meter stick he/she will say, “Now,” and the experimental student will catch the meter stick. The distance will be measured and recorded on the Evidence Table. After three trials, the average reaction distance for auditory stimuli will be calculated and recorded on the Evidence Table.
5. Finally, the reaction distance for tactile (touch) stimuli will be measured. This time the experimental student will close his/her eyes, and the while their lab partner holds the meter stick in one hand, he/she places the other hand on the experimental student’s shoulder. When they drop the meter stick, he/she should simultaneously lightly squeeze the experimental student’s shoulder. After three trials, the average reaction distance for tactile stimuli will be calculated and recorded on the Evidence Table.
6. Use Table 1 to determine the reaction time.

**Data**

**DISTANCE – REACTION TIME CONVERSION TABLE**

 Catch Catch

Distance Reaction time Distance Reaction time

(cm) (milliseconds) (cm) (milliseconds)

1 50 16 180

2 60 17 190

3 70 18 190

4 80 19 200

5 90 20 200

6 100 21 210

7 120 22 210

8 130 23 220

9 140 24 220

10 140 25 230

11 150 26 230

12 160 27 230

13 160 28 240

14 170 29 240

15 170 30 250

 **REACTION TIME RATING**

 Reaction time Rating Comment

 (milliseconds)

 0-50 Ultra-fast A clairvoyant catcher… are you cheating?!

 50-130 Superb Impressive, do you play computer games?

 131-175 Excellent Well done, are you a text messager?

 176-200 Good Keep trying, you're not top gun yet!

 201-240 Average Not bad – but you’re just an average Joe.

 241-250 Fair You’d get faster if it were money instead of a ruler!

 251+ Slow …ouch! Did the ruler hit your foot? Keep trying!

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| **Type of stimuli** | **Trial 1 (cm)** | **Trial 2 (cm)** | **Trial 3 (cm)** | **Avg Distance (cm)** | **Reaction speed (sec)** |
| Visual |  |  |  |  |  |
| Auditory |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tactile |  |  |  |  |  |

**Analyze and Conclude**

1. Specifically, which parts of the nervous system were used when the student responded to the dropped meter stick in the tests for visual stimuli? (include the parts of the brain and the systems involved)
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2. If you continued to repeat the test for visual stimuli, do you think you would get faster? Why or why not?
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3. What factors would ultimately limit your speed of response?
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4. How does a reaction differ from a reflex?
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5. Why are reflexes faster than reactions involving the brain? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. What is the benefit of a reflex? What is the cost of a reflex? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. Draw a simple reflex arc that would occur when a person steps on a nail. Label all of the neurons involved.
8. At the scene of a car accident the paramedic removes the victim’s shoes and socks and pokes his toes with a pin. What is the purpose of this, what information might the paramedic determine?
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9. A police officer pulls over a driver at night, near a streetlight. As she approaches the driver side window she turns on her flashlight and points it into the drivers face. What information might the officer determine?
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10. Do you think reaction time is more heavily influenced by genetics or the environment?
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11. How are reaction times involved in maintaining homeostasis?
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12. Write a conclusion and another logical question that could be tested.
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**Extend your Inquiry**

1. Go to the following website: www.getyourwebsitehere.com/jswb/rttest01.html

You will be instructed to test your reaction time using a simulation of a stoplight. Complete the five trials and record your average time (seconds) below.

**Average visual reaction time (seconds**) =\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. How does your average reaction time calculated by the website compare to your average visual reaction time calculated using the meter stick? Which do you think is more accurate, and why?

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