Sensory Needs



proprioception

pushing, jumping, banging, climbing, hanging, active high risk play fine motor tasks physical strength activities eats crunchy foods eats smooth foods closes eyes open / closed



interoception

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doesn't detect: where there is pain if something hurts thirsty / hungry when full need for toilet when too hot / cold when to go to sleep to take a deep breath

tactile

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being touched / hugs fabric / seams / tags clothes - tight / loose shoes / barefoot getting messy bathing / showering new foods food textures / temp



vestibular

moved by someone ride on equipment spinning activities head height / position balancing activities climbing up stairs climb down ladders being high up less stable ground surfaces riding in car / bus



auditory

loud sounds noisy settings watching TV / music speaking in busy places background noises games with rapid instructions conversations singing alone / with others



olfactory

new smells / scents odours; perfume, petrol, cleaners non-food; flowers, plastic, playdough, rubbish



gustatory

new foods only eats familiar foods strong flavoured foods



visual

learning to read shiny, spinning or moving objects hand eye coordination activities puzzles, mazes crowded places finding objects bright light / sunshine dim light action TV, films, games new visual experiences