Vocabulary

mystery science

Lesson: How does your brain control your body?

brain	a part of the body that receives and responds to signals from the senses and also stores memories
dissect	to take something apart to study it
experiment	a test used to discover new information about a question
optical illusion	something you see that tricks or confuses your brain
motor nerves*	the parts of the body that carry signals from the brain to muscles
muscle	a part of the body that attaches to bones and allows the body to move
nerves	the parts of the body that carry signals back and forth between body parts and the brain
nervous system	the brain and all the nerves in the body
sensory nerves	the parts of the body that carry signals from the senses (eyes, ears, nose, mouth, skin) to the brain

*The lesson currently uses the term “movement nerves” instead of “motor nerves”; the lesson will be updated to reflect this more widely used term.