

# The Brain

## Review Key Words

- brain**            The brain is the part of the body inside the head that controls how a person or animal thinks, feels, and moves.
- command center**    A command center is a place where orders are given out.
- signals**            Signals tell you what is going on around you.
- complex**            Complex means hard to understand; not simple.



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## Read the Story<sup>24</sup>

6            The **brain** is the **command center**  
 13 of the body. Your eyes, ears, nose,  
 20 tongue, and skin tell your brain what  
 27 is going on around you. Other parts  
 35 of your body tell your brain what is  
 42 going on inside of you. Your brain  
 49 takes in the **signals**. It tells your  
 56 body what to do about them. When  
 64 you touch a fire, your skin tells your  
 71 brain that your finger is too hot.  
 78 Your brain tells you to move your  
 84 finger. All of these things happen  
 very fast. Your brain also **controls**

90 your breathing, blinking, and  
 94 **heartbeat**. It controls your feelings  
 99 and thoughts too.

102            The **human** has the most **complex**  
 108 brain of all animals. Yet it is not the  
 117 largest brain. The human brain  
 122 weighs about 3 pounds. The brain of  
 129 an elephant weighs about 11 pounds.  
 135 So the largest brain is not the most  
 143 complex. But, no matter what the  
 149 size, the brain controls the body.  
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words read in 1 minute				
– number of mistakes				
= total words read correctly				
adult initials				

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## Answer the Questions

1. What is the main idea of this story?
  - a. The brain controls the body.
  - b. The brain takes in signals.
  - c. The brain works very fast.
2. What happens after the brain takes in signals from the body?
  - a. The brain becomes more complex.
  - b. The brain tells the body what to do.
  - c. Body parts tell the brain what is going on.
3. What does the word **controls** mean in this story?
  - a. is the most complex one
  - b. makes a person or thing do something
  - c. takes in signals from many places
4. Which brain is the largest?
  - a. the elephant's brain
  - b. the most complex brain
  - c. the human brain
5. What are some things that the human brain does?

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## Parent Tips

1. Have the student read the ENTIRE story to himself & answer the questions.
2. Time the student while he reads aloud for exactly 1 minute. Do not help fix mistakes.
3. If the student is stuck on a word for 2 seconds, say the word & count it as a mistake.
4. Record the number of words read and the number of errors. Subtract: words read – errors = total words read correctly.
5. Now, help fix mistakes.
6. You may wish to read the story out loud as a model for fluent reading.
7. Repeat the steps on other days.

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