

FUN BRAIN FACTS



The brain's consistency resembles a ripe avocado.

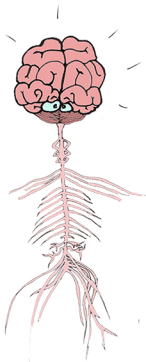
The brain is mostly made up of water (~73%).



The average adult brain weighs around 1.2-1.5Kg.



Tree shrews have the highest brain-to-body ratio of all mammals.



Neurons are nerve cells that build the brain's core: they can communicate with each other.



There are about 86 billion neurons in the brain.

Each neuron has many, many connections (synapses). They build networks.

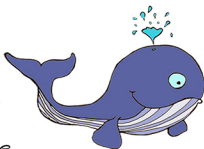


Some connections are extremely fast...

...others are slow.



At two-years of age, the brain is about 80% of the size of an adult's brain.



Brain size is related to body size. Little animals like ants and mice have smaller brains than bigger animals, like elephants or whales.



Female bodies and brains are on average slightly smaller than males. Also, neanderthals had bigger brains than us.

Size is not everything! Our brain-body ratio, the number of neural connections and the folding of our brain (the brain's organization) are important to consider too.