

WHAT IS PSYCHOLOGY?

THE SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF HUMAN AND NON HUMAN ANIMALS MIND AND BEHAVIOUR



PSYCHOLOGY OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE



A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY:

Topics studied...

- Social influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Psychopathology

- Approaches
- Biopsychology
- Research Methods

- Issues and debates in psychology
- Cognitive Development
- Schizophrenia
- Addiction

A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY:

Topics studied...

- **Social influence** – obedience and conformity. We look at some controversial research here.
- **Memory** – different types of memory and how our memory is more fragile than you would think!
- **Attachment** - how children form attachments and what happens if attachments aren't formed.
- **Psychopathology** – within this we study OCD, depression and phobias.



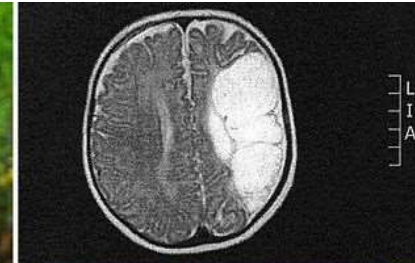
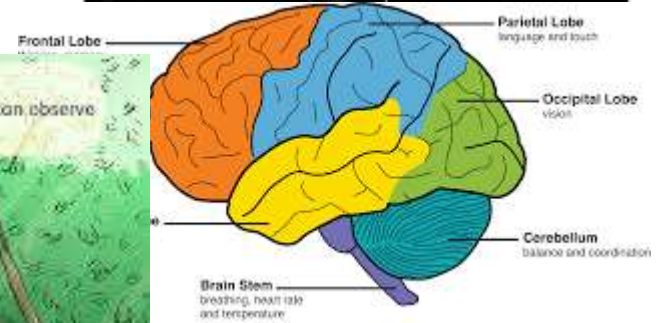
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Topics studied...

- Approaches – different ways of explaining the same disorder/behaviour.
- Biopsychology – parts of the brain, how the brain recovers from damage, biological rhythms and research into split brain patients.
- Research Methods – how we study behaviour e.g. experiments, observations and case studies.

Split-Brain Patients

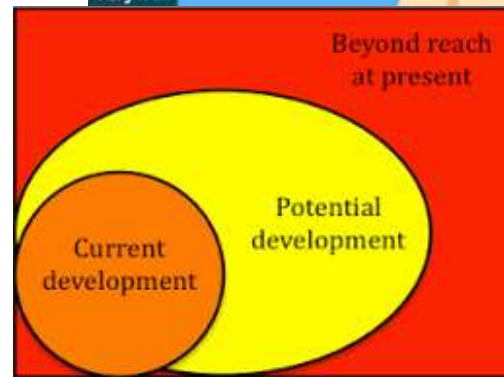
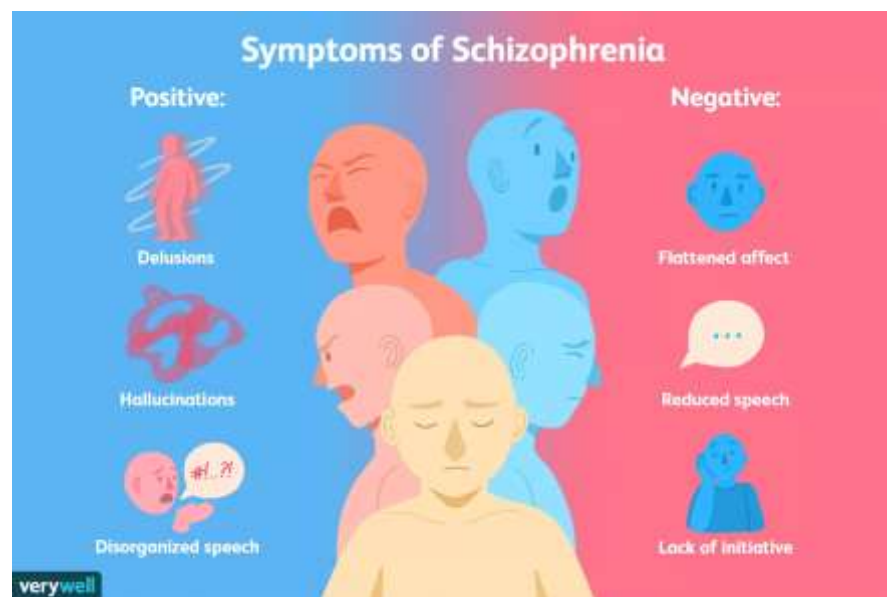
- "Split" = surgery in which the connection between the brain hemispheres is cut in order to end severe full-brain seizures
- Study of split-brain patients has yielded insights discussed at the end of the chapter



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Topics studied...

- Issues and debates in psychology – e.g. determinism (is all of our behaviour determined for us or do you decide your own behaviour?) Think about the following; did you really decide the clothing you are wearing? Did you make the decision to brush your teeth?
- Cognitive Development – how do children develop logic and knowledge about the world? When do they understand other peoples views/opinions? In this unit we look at autism.
- Schizophrenia – symptoms, causes and treatments.
- Addiction – symptoms, causes and treatments.



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How can I use it?



- You will learn skills that would be beneficial to a wide range of careers e.g ..
- Mental health nursing,
- Clinical psychologist,
- Education,
- Child Care,
- The Police Force,
- The Health Service,
- Social Work,
- Sport,
- Business,
- Legal system ...the list is endless!

