



CNS PHYSIOLOGY

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Lecture
No.21

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Physiology of Speech

Objectives:

1. Describe brain speech areas as Broca's, Wernicke's and insula.
2. Explain sequence of events in speech production.
3. Explain speech disorders as aphasia with its types, dysarthria, and acalculia.
4. Explain difference between aphasia and dysarthria.

Overview

- ▶ It is the highest function of the nervous system.
- ▶ Involves understanding of spoken & printed words.
- ▶ It is the ability to express ideas in speech & writing.

Types of speech

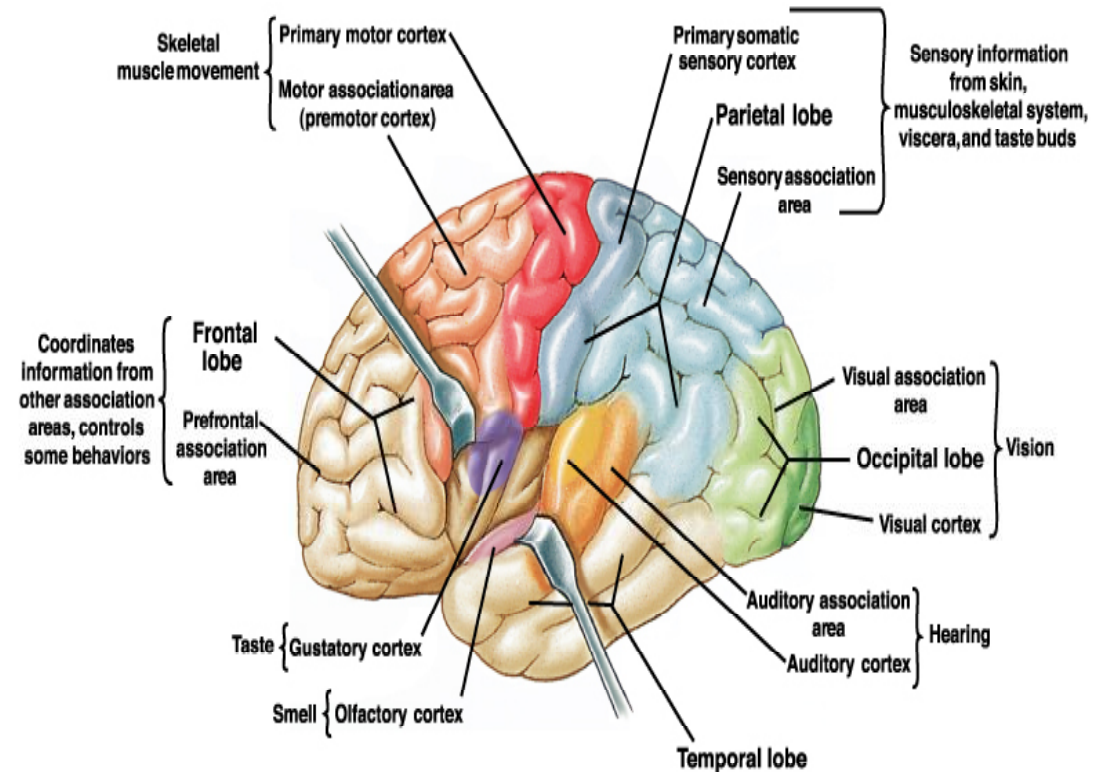
1. Spoken speech:

Understanding spoken words & expressing ideas in speech.

2. Written speech:

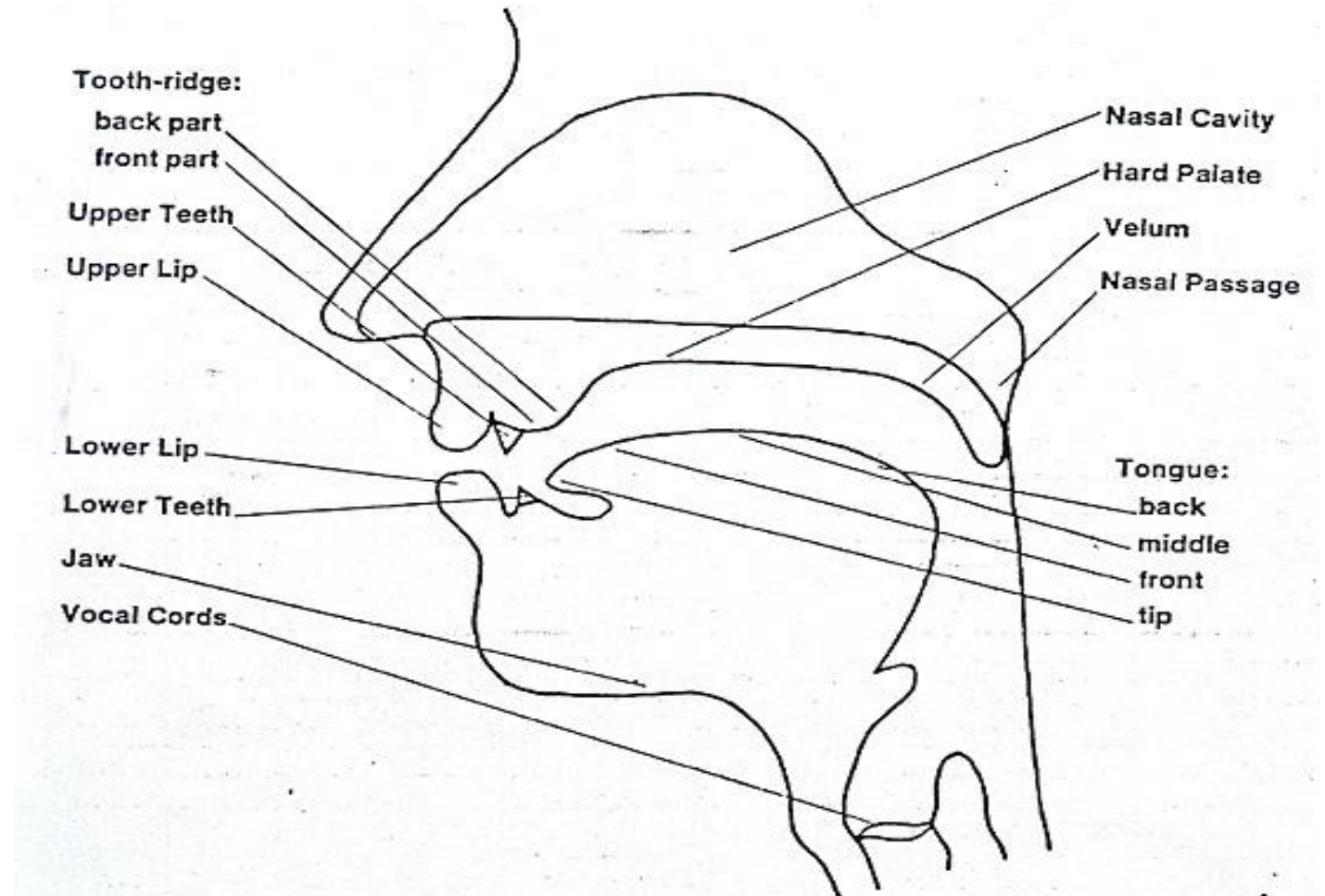
Understanding written words and expressing ideas in writing.

Extra picture

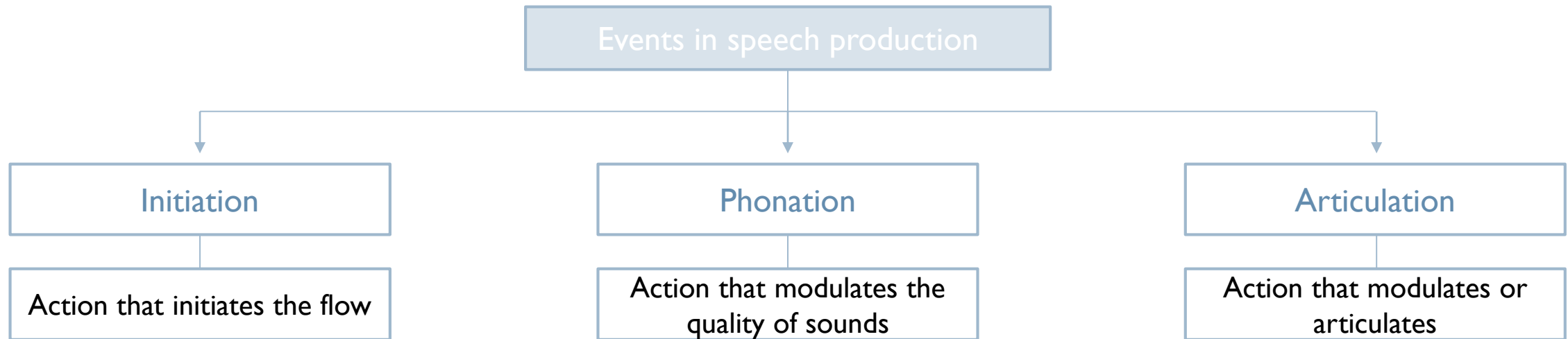


Speech

- ▶ **Definition:** speech may be defined as the means of communication between the two individual or group of individuals.
- ▶ **Speech structures:**
 - ▶ Oral Cavity.
 - ▶ Nasal Cavity.
 - ▶ Pharynx.
 - ▶ Larynx.



Basic events in speech production



Basic events in speech production (initiation)

▶ Setting the airstream in motion:

- ▶ Creating airstream is an essential process of sound production.
- ▶ Change in pressure.

▶ Three mechanisms of initiation:

1. **Pulmonic:** pulmonic airstream mechanism via lungs
95% of human speech sounds are produced in this way.
2. **Glottalic:** airstream mechanism via glottis.
3. **Velaric:** airstream mechanism via velum.

▶ Direction of air flow:

1. Egressive / pressure Sound

Exhalation: Deflation of lungs and consequent compression of the air (Hello.....Hello).

2. Ingressive / suction Sound

Inhalation: Sucking air into the lungs (Hi.....Hi).

Basic events in speech production (Phonation)

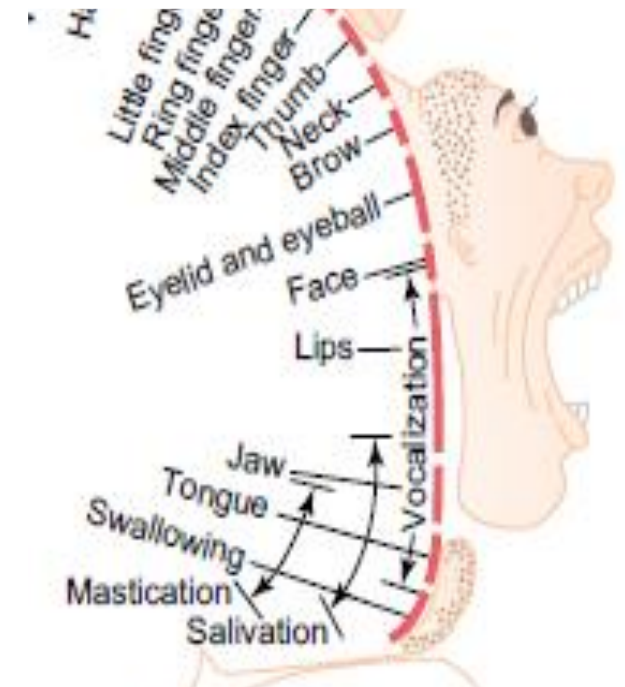
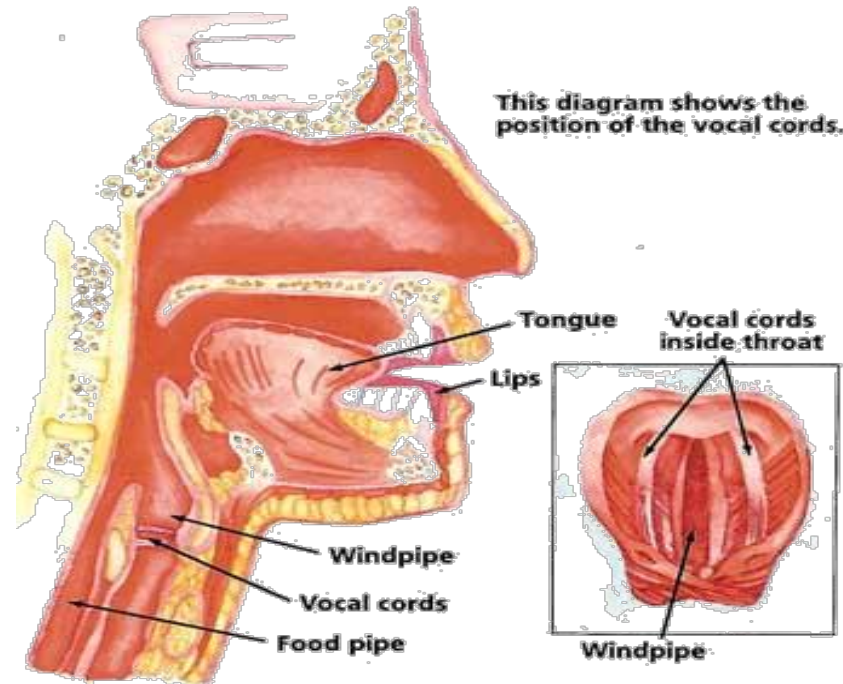
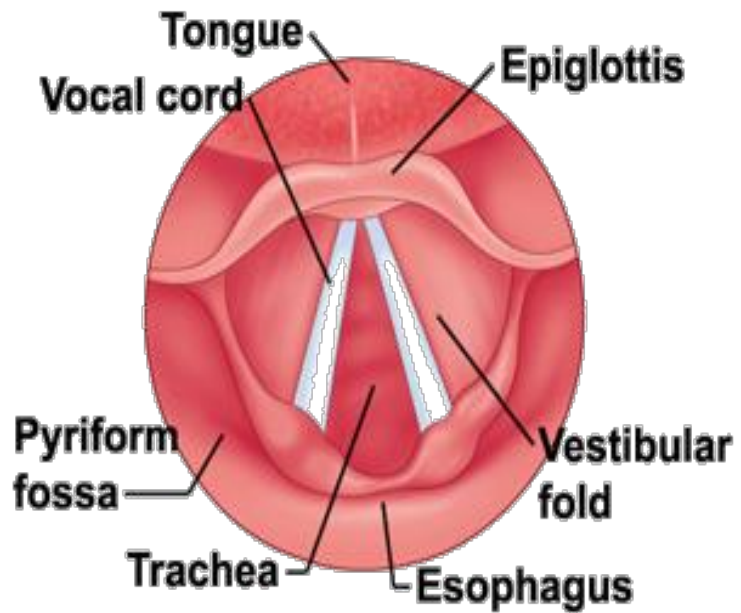
- ▶ Phonation is a process of changing air stream.
- ▶ Sound production by passage of air over the vocal cord.
- ▶ Produce speech sounds, air stream distorted in one way or another.
- ▶ Phonation is mainly achieved at **larynx, vocal cord**.
- ▶ **Major components:**
 - ▶ Vocal cords, Glottis, Epiglottis.
 - ▶ **Three** cartilages:
 1. Thyroid
 2. Arytenoid
 3. Cricoid

Basic events in speech production (Articulation)

- ▶ Contribution by structures to shape airflow.
- ▶ A variety of speech sounds can be produced in terms of another way of air stream change – Articulation.
- ▶ Articulation is done **mainly** at **vocal cord**.
- ▶ An specific part of the vocal apparatus involved in the production of a speech sound.
- ▶ **Active articulators:**
 1. Lips.
 2. Tongue.
 3. lower jaw.
 4. velum

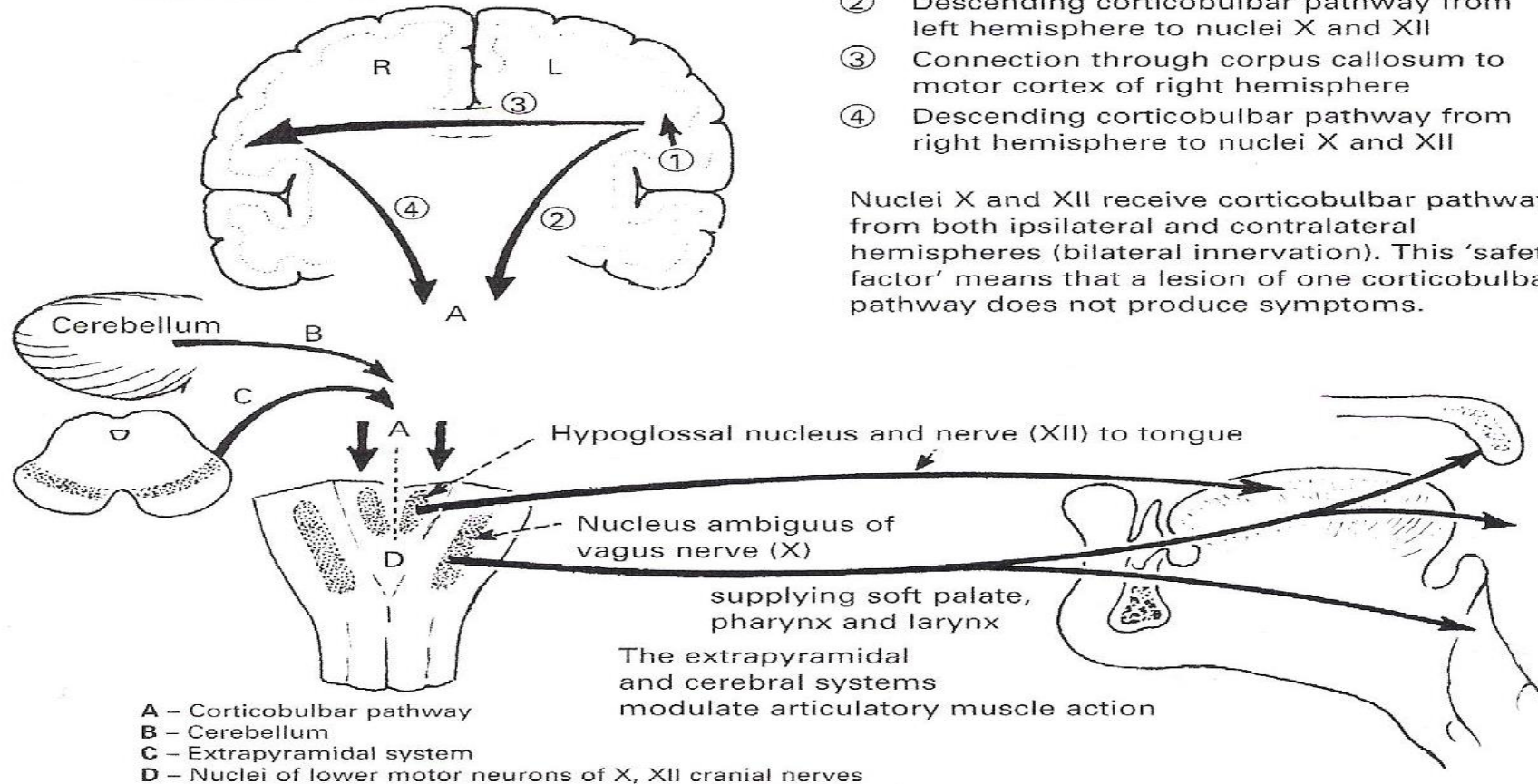
Cont. Basic events in speech production (Articulation)

- ▶ Muscular movements of the mouth, tongue, larynx, vocal cords.
- ▶ Responsible for the intonations, timing, and rapid changes in intensities of the sequential sounds.



Mechanism of articulation

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- ① Speech initiated
- ② Descending corticobulbar pathway from left hemisphere to nuclei X and XII
- ③ Connection through corpus callosum to motor cortex of right hemisphere
- ④ Descending corticobulbar pathway from right hemisphere to nuclei X and XII

Nuclei X and XII receive corticobulbar pathway from both ipsilateral and contralateral hemispheres (bilateral innervation). This 'safety factor' means that a lesion of one corticobulbar pathway does not produce symptoms.

The extrapyramidal and cerebral systems modulate articulatory muscle action

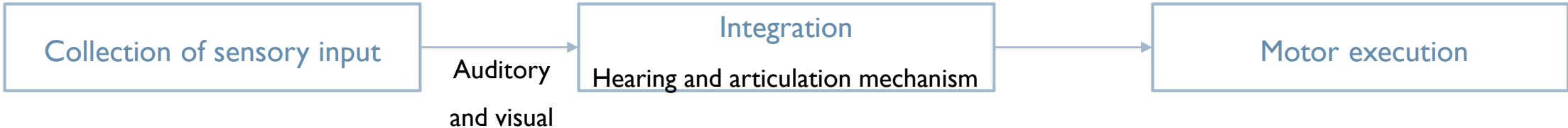
- A - Corticobulbar pathway
- B - Cerebellum
- C - Extrapyraximal system
- D - Nuclei of lower motor neurons of X, XII cranial nerves

Muscles of expression, innervated by the facial nerve, play an additional role in articulation and weakness also results in dysarthria.

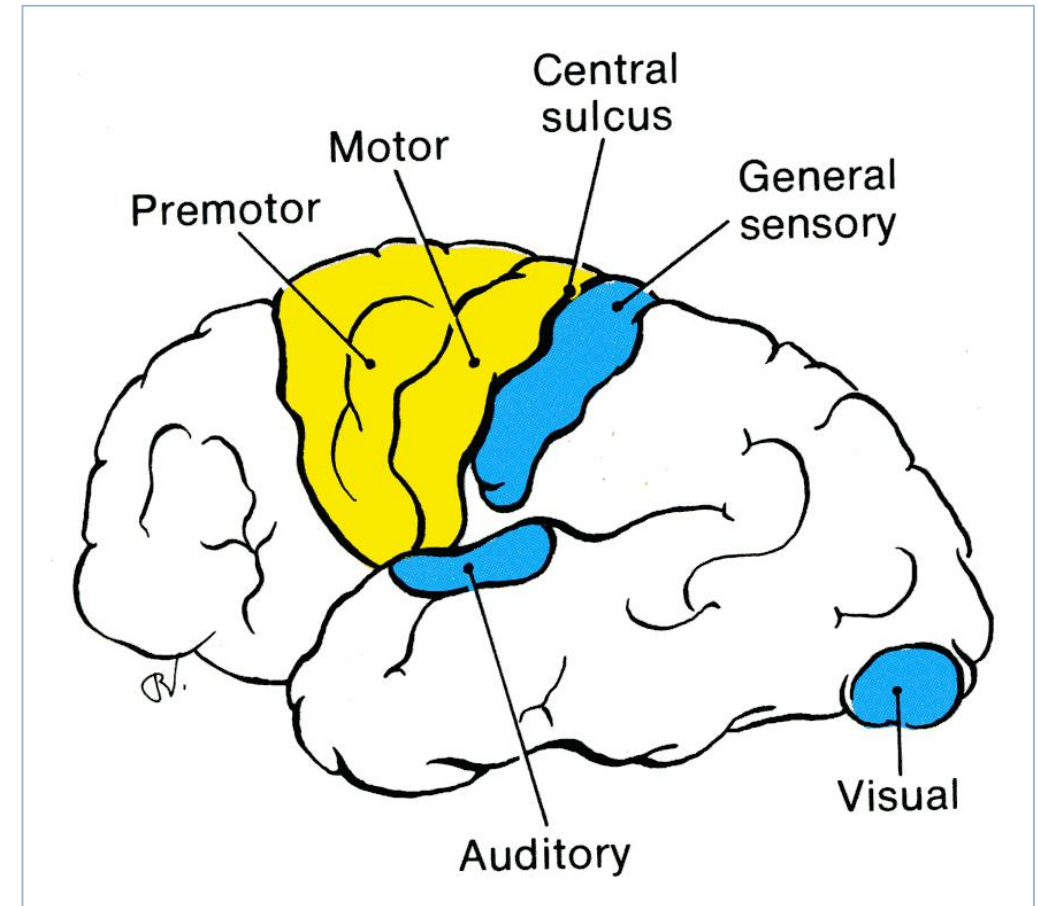
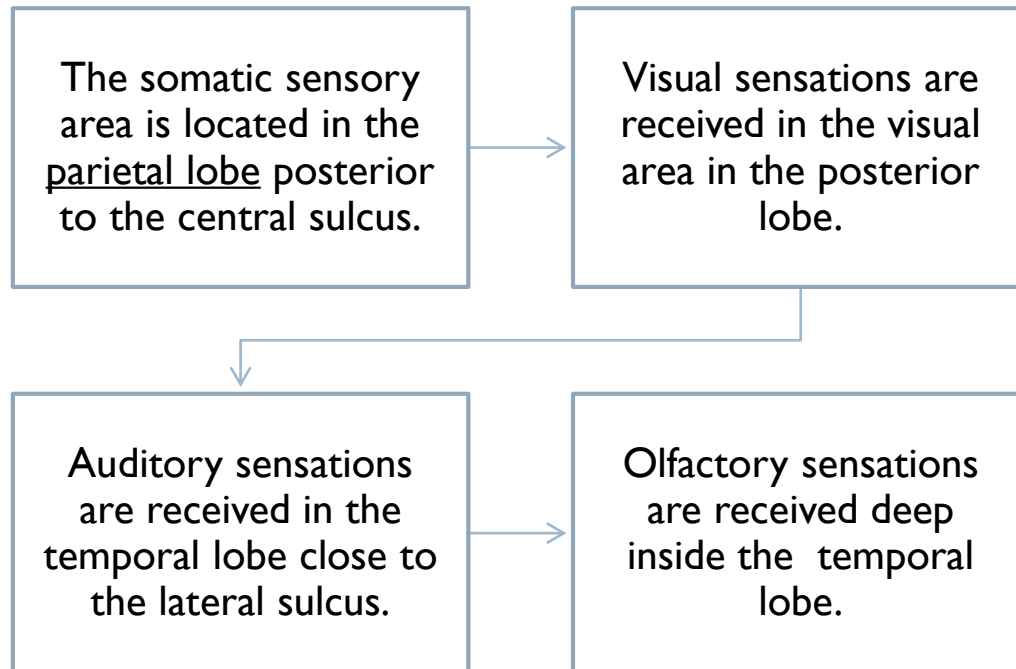
Communications



► Steps of communications:



Main sensory areas of the cortex



Brain areas concerned with language

- ▶ **Wernick's area:** understanding (comprehension) of speech.
- ▶ **Broca's area:** motor area of speech , production of words.
- ▶ **Speech articulation area** → in insula.
- ▶ **Motor cortex:** controls muscles of speech production.
- ▶ **Angular gyrus.**
- ▶ **Assoc Areas** (only in male).
- ▶ **Arcuate fasciculus** (only in female).

Wernick's area

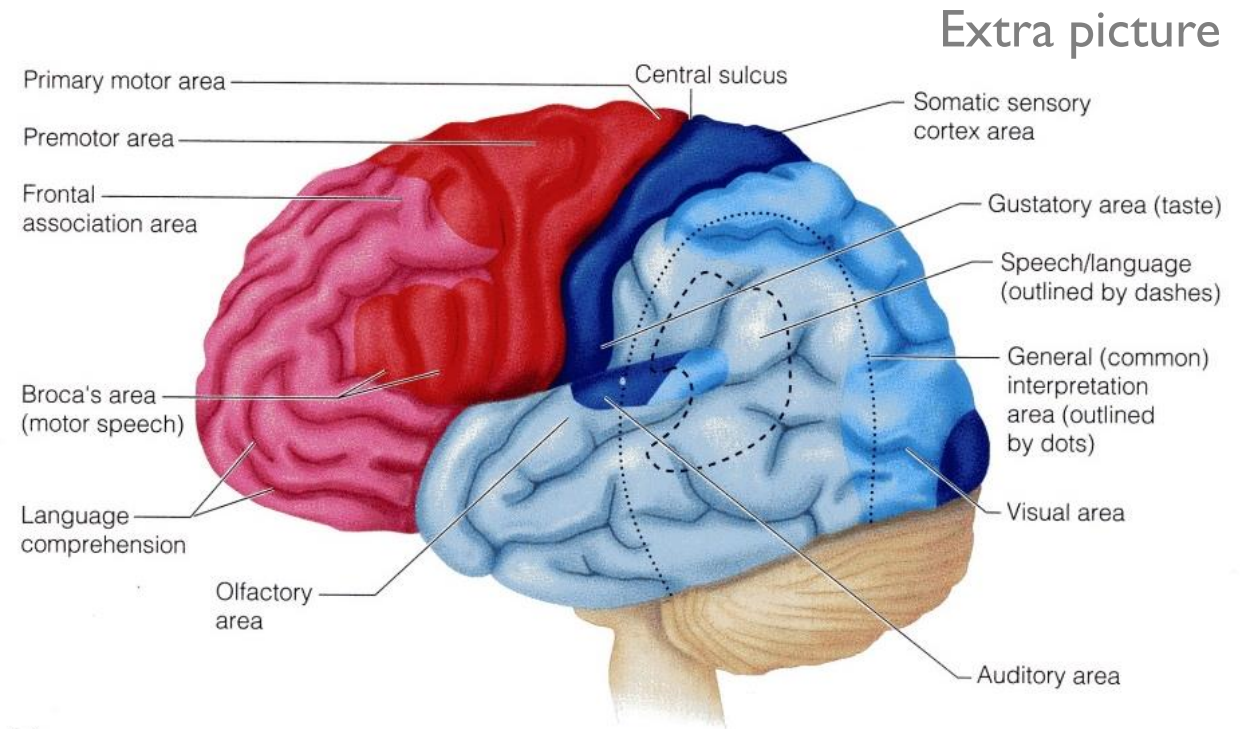
Wernick's area	
<p>At the posterior end of the superior temporal gyrus.</p> <p>في كل منطقة يصير فيها lesion يصير عندنا disorder مختلف.</p>	<p>Closely associated with 1 & 2 auditory areas</p>
<p>Responsible about comprehension of auditory & visual information, then project it to Broca's area via arcuat fasciculus.</p>	<p>Interpretations of sensory experience</p>
<p>Formation of thought in response to sensory experience.</p> <p>المنطقة مرتبطة بالسمع والفهم – اختيار الكلمات وترتيبها – التخطيط واختيار الردود.</p>	<p>Choice of words to express thoughts</p>

Broca's area

- ▶ At the lower end of premotor area.
- ▶ Process information received from W. Area into detailed & co-ordinated pattern for vocalization.
- ▶ Then project it to motor cortex to initiate the appropriate movement of the lips & larynx to produces speech.
- ▶ In adult who learn second language during adulthood. The MRI shows portion of Broca's area concerned with it is adjacent to but separate from area concerned with the native language.

تتكون عندهم Broca's area صغيرة في الدماغ «منطقة مرتفعة»

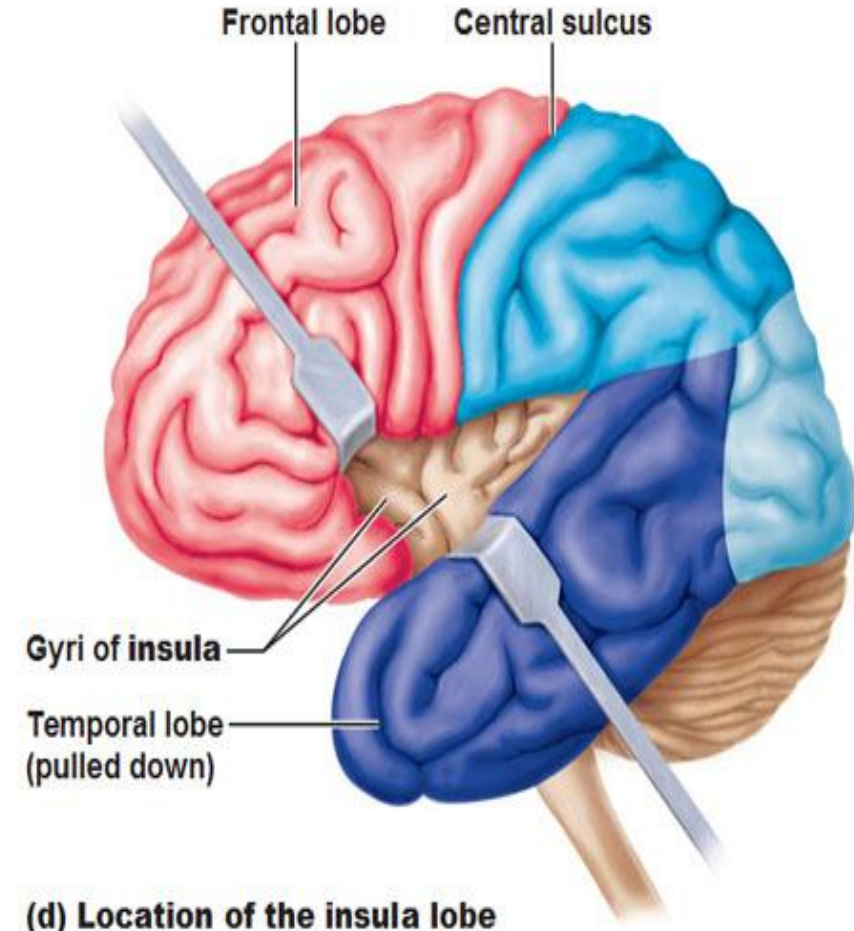
- ▶ But in children who learn second language early in life there is only single area involved for both languages, **It'll diffuse in one area.**



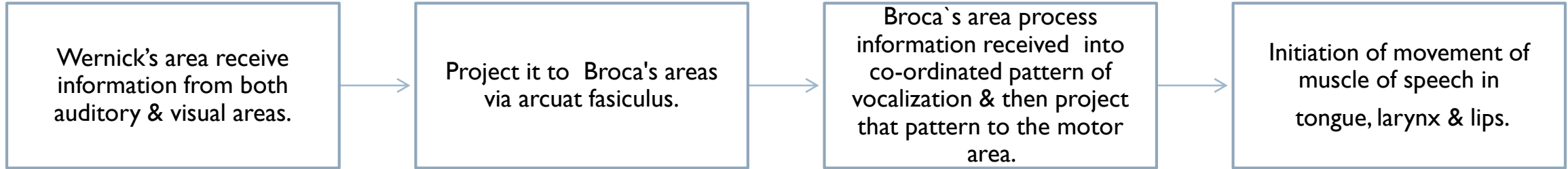
Angular gyrus and insula

- ▶ **Angular gyrus:**
 - ▶ **Angular gyrus** (brodmann area 39) → a region of the brain in the parietal lobe
 - ▶ Lies behind Wernikes area fused posteriorly into the visual cortex.
 - ▶ **Function:** interpretation of information obtained from reading from visual cortex.
- ▶ **Insula:**
 - ▶ It is a portion of the cerebral cortex folded deep within the lateral sulcus.
 - ▶ Hand and eye motor function.
 - ▶ **It's important in motor execution.**

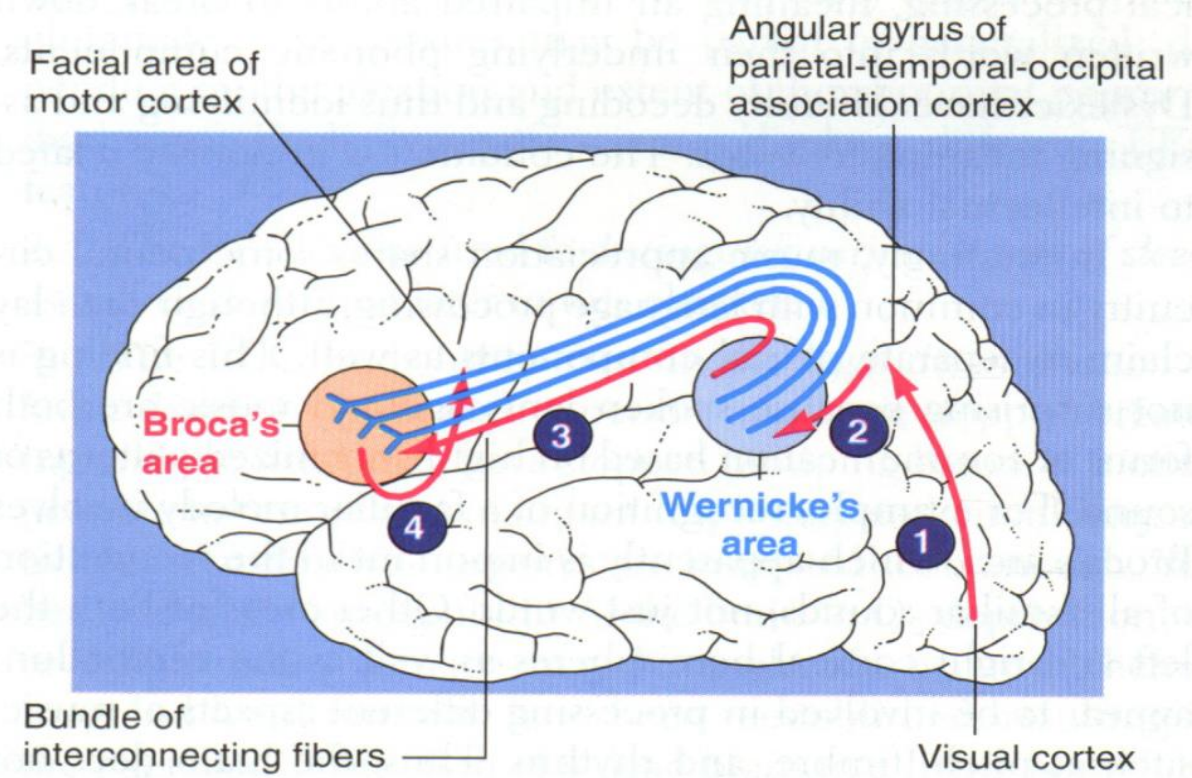
The Cerebral Hemispheres – one more lobe



Summary of the speech pathway

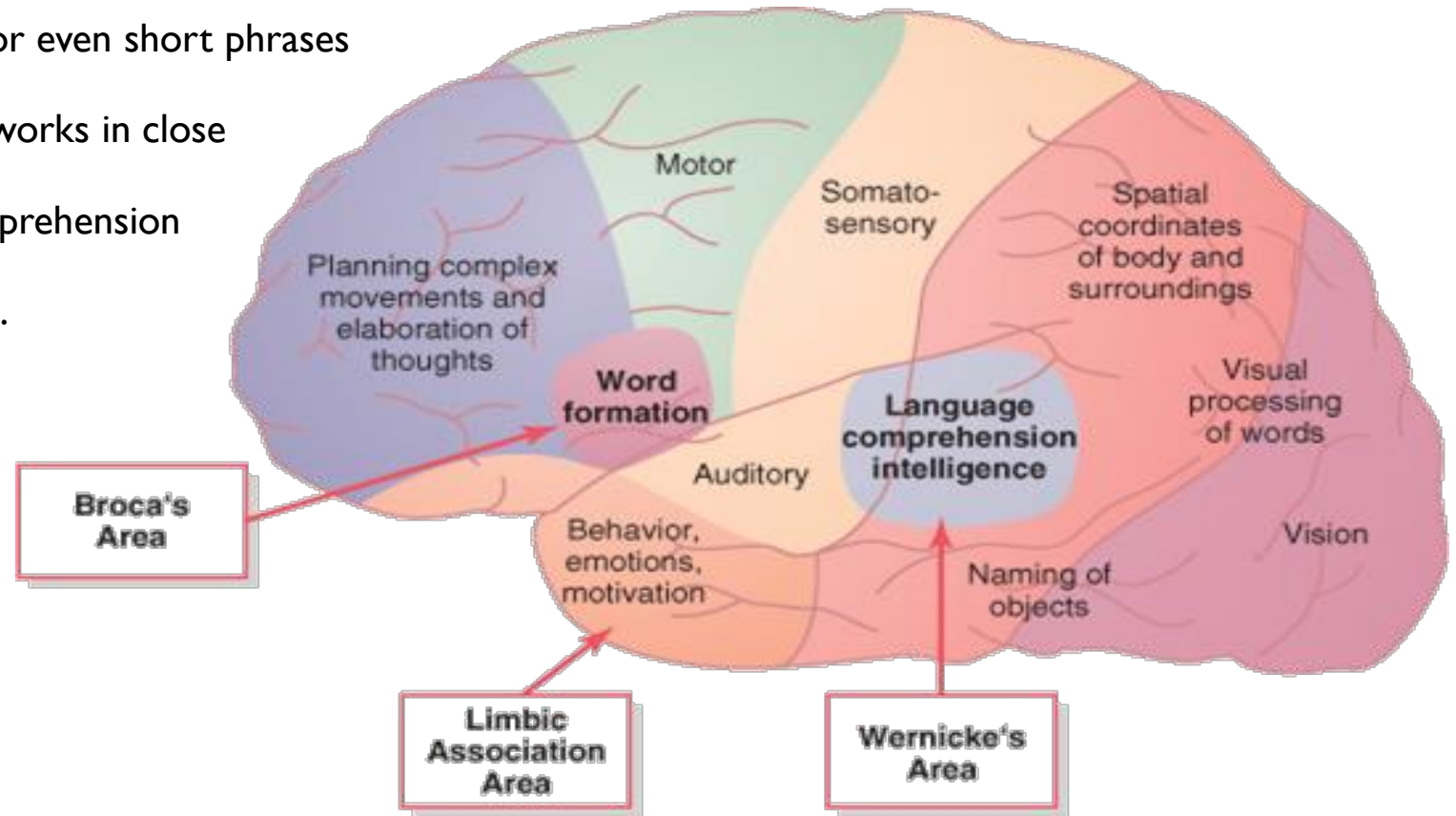


- ▶ If writing is concerned, then information received from wernick's area is processed in the area of hand skills.
- ▶ Co-ordinated pattern of muscle movement projected to the arms & hand region of the motor cortex.
- ▶ Initiation of necessary muscle movement in the hand & arms required for writing a particular word.



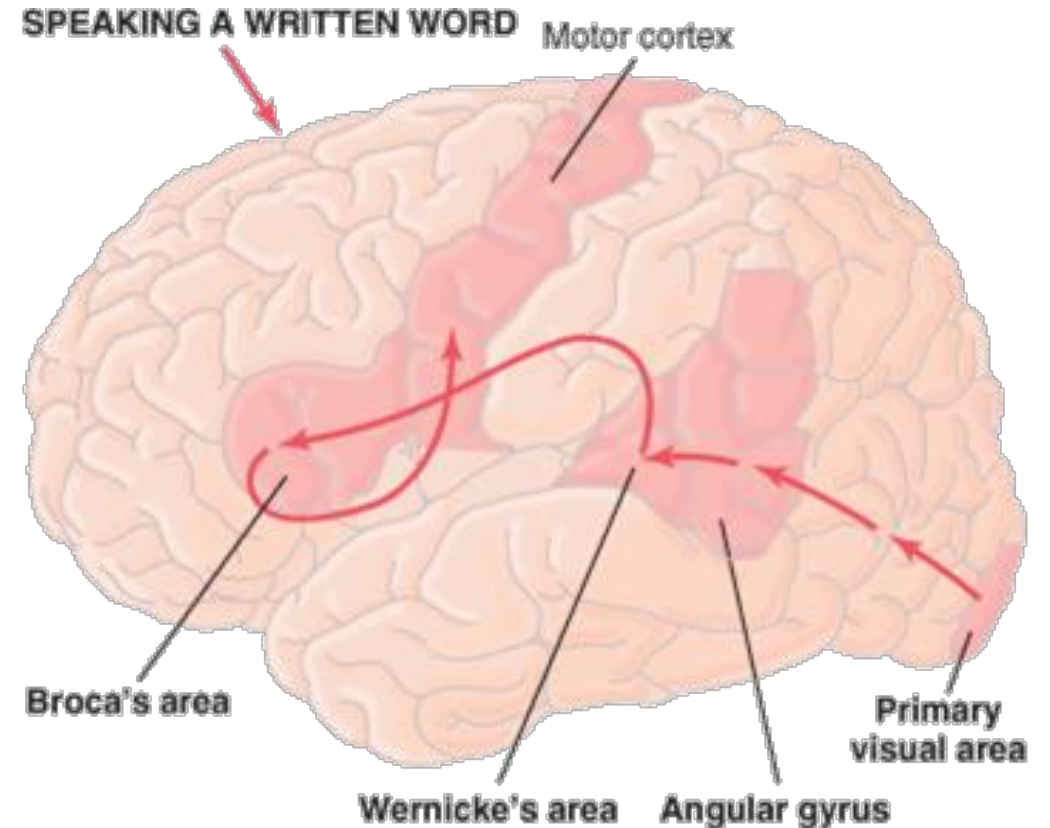
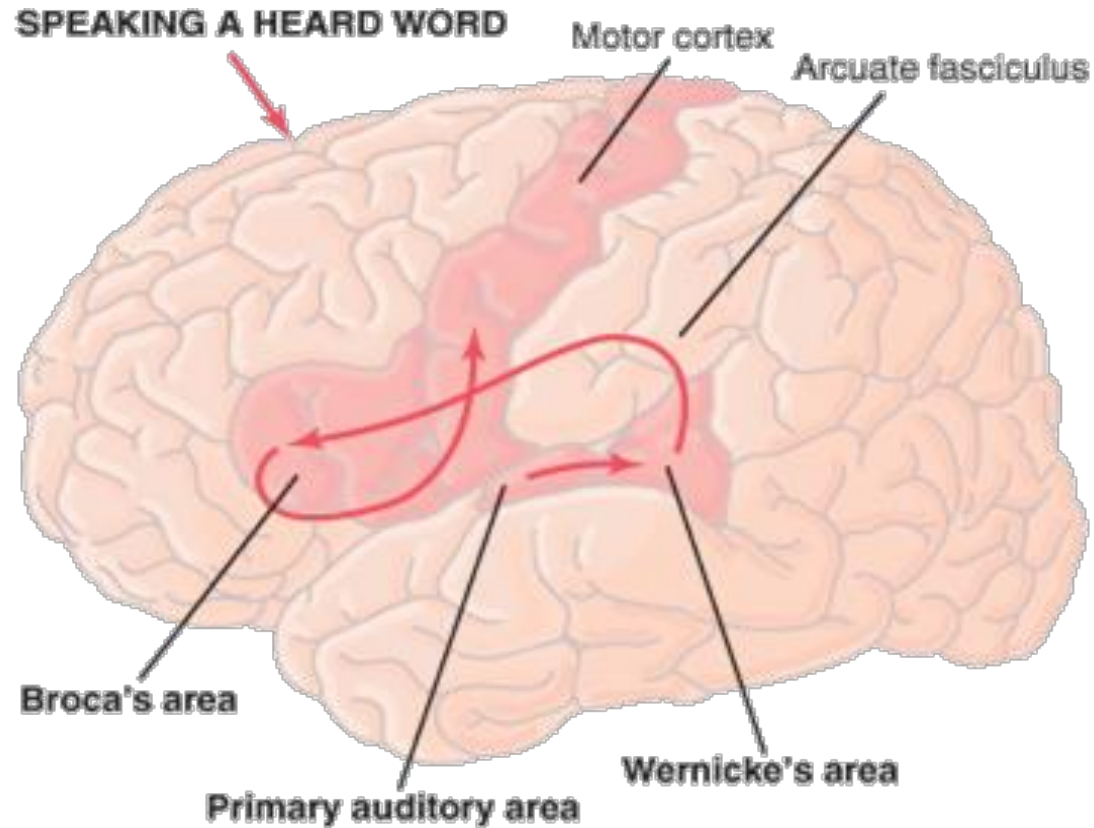
Speech centres

- ▶ **Broca's Area.** A special region in the frontal cortex, called Broca's area, provides the neural circuitry for word formation. This area, is located partly in the posterior lateral prefrontal cortex and partly in the premotor area. It is here that plans and motor patterns for expressing individual words or even short phrases are initiated and executed. This area also works in close association with Wernicke's language comprehension center in the temporal association cortex.

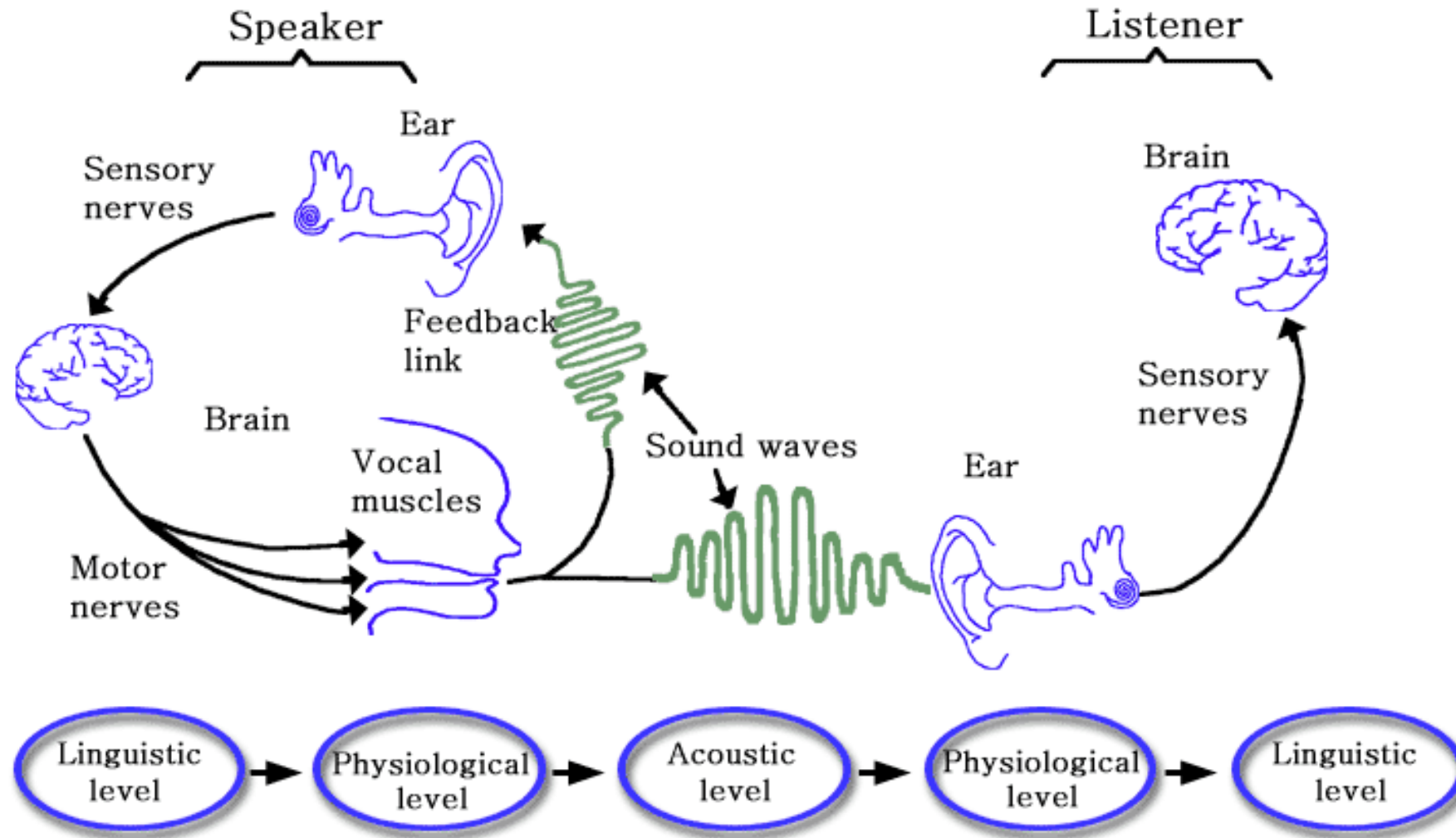


Auditory language perception

Visual Language (Reading)



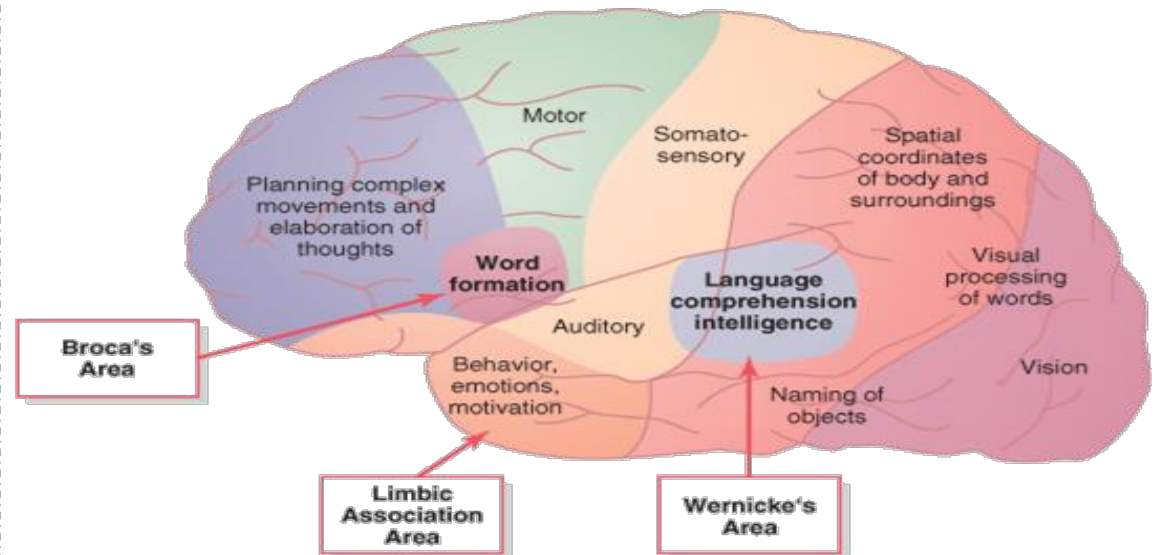
The speech chain



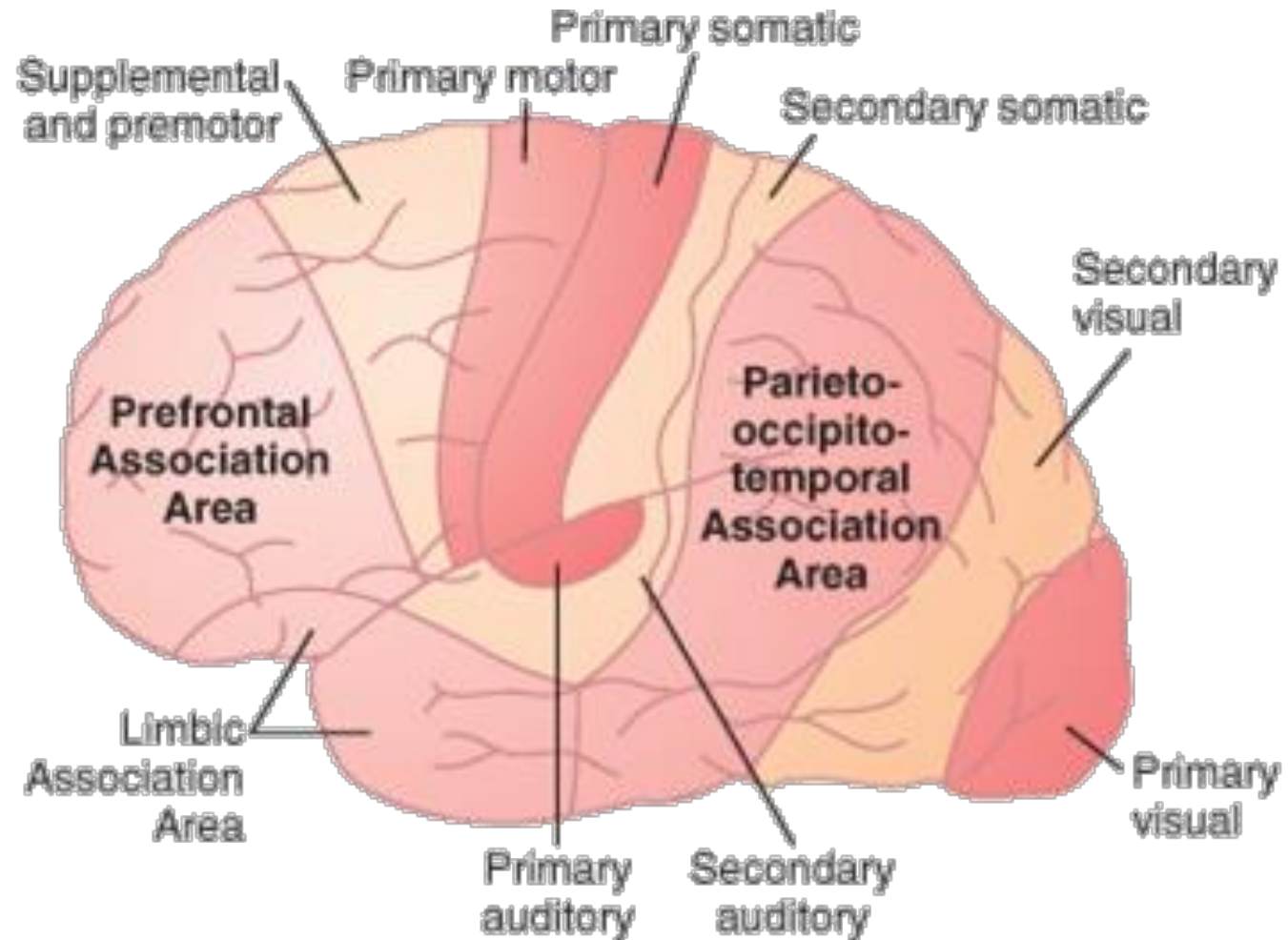
Association areas

- ▶ These areas receive and analyze signals simultaneously from multiple regions of both the motor and sensory cortices as well as from sub-cortical structures.
- ▶ The most important association areas are parieto-occipitotemporal association area prefrontal association area limbic association area.

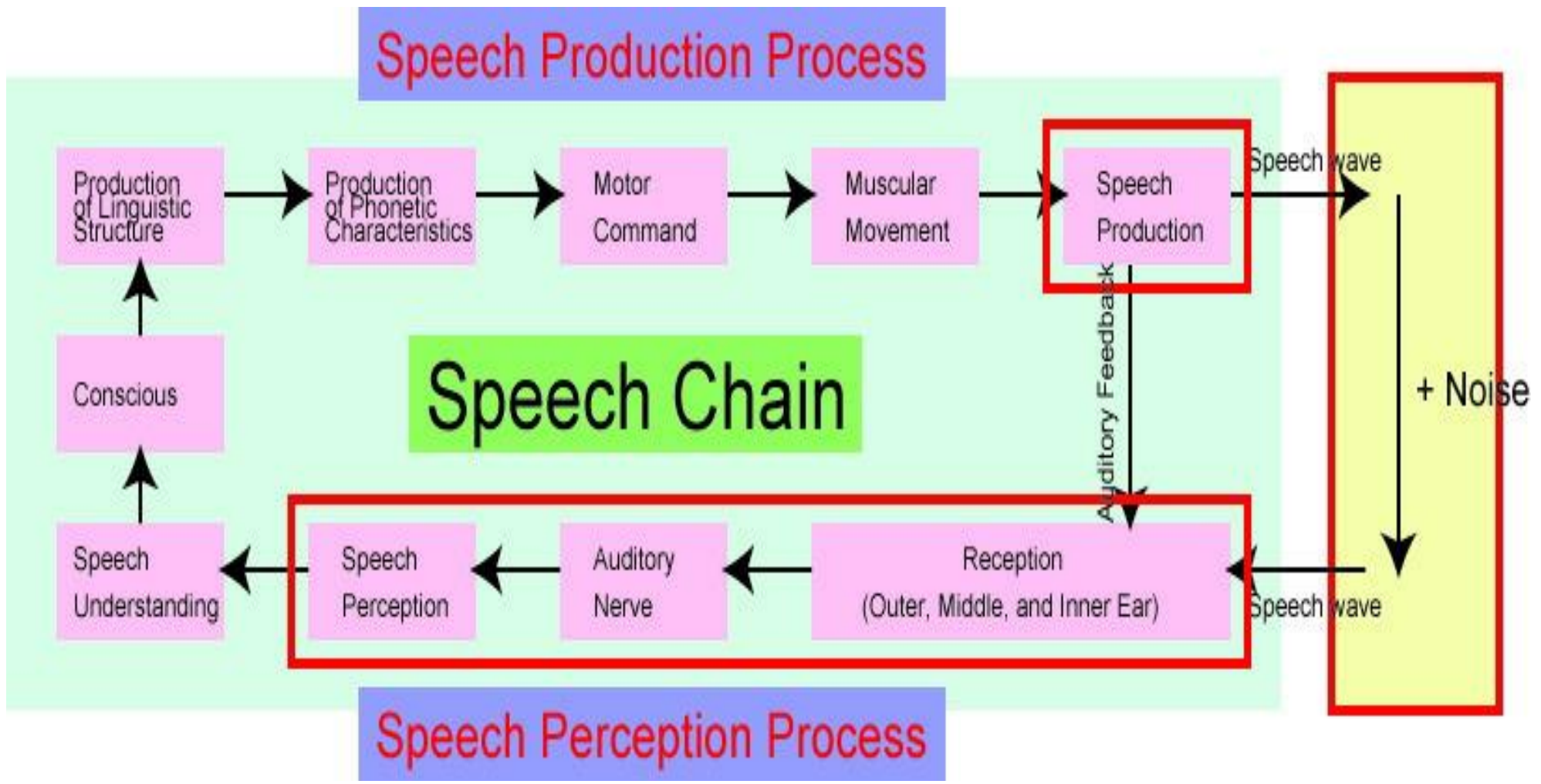
- ▶ **Parieto-occipitotemporal association areas:**
 1. Analysis of the Spatial Coordinates of the Body.
 2. Area for Language Comprehension.
 3. Area for Initial Processing of Visual Language (Reading).
 4. Area for Naming Objects.



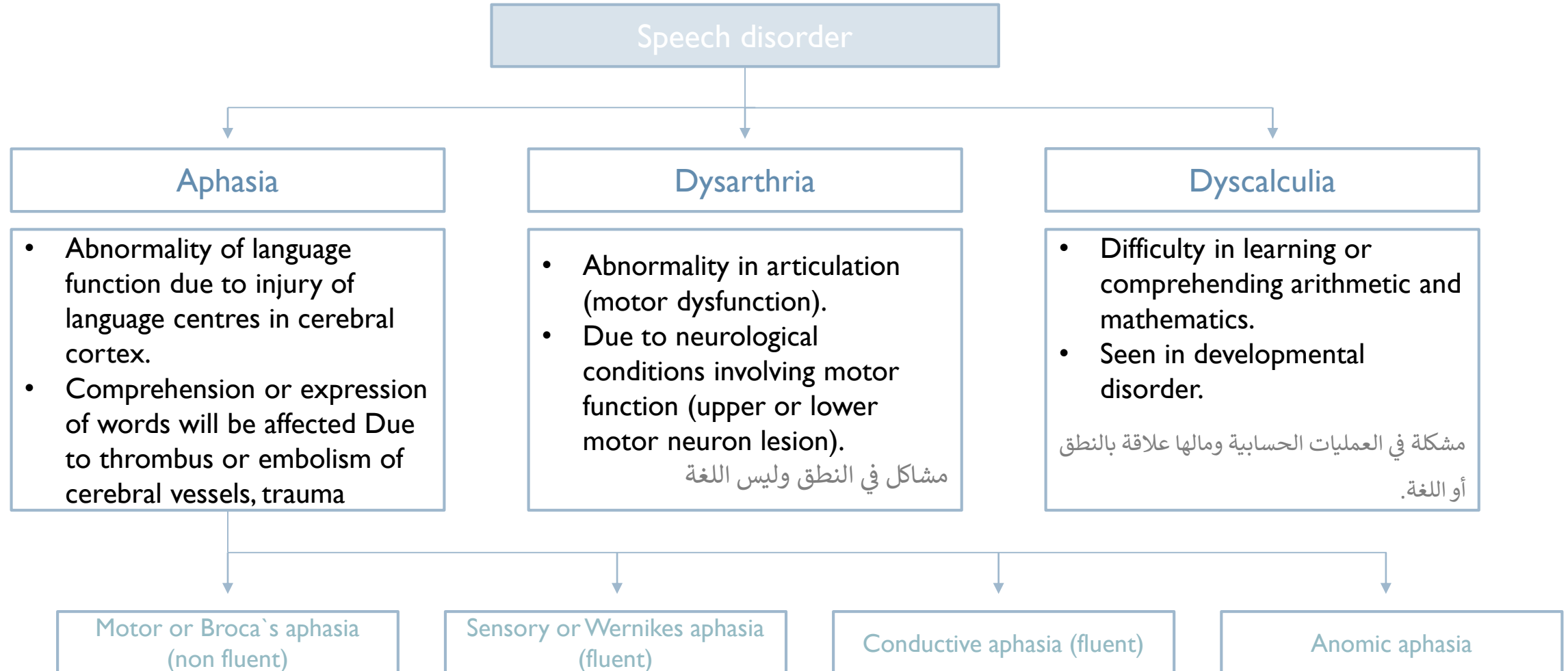
Primary, secondary and association areas



Speech production propcess



Speech disorder



Aphasia types

▶ Motor or Broca`s aphasia (non fluent):

- ▶ Lesion of Broca`s area.
- ▶ Patient will understand spoken & written words but find it difficult to speech or to write.
- ▶ Poorly articulated speech, slow with great effort & abnormal rhythm.
- ▶ In some cases speech may be limited to 2-3 words.

▶ Insula damage:

- ▶ Progressive non-fluent aphasia.
- ▶ deterioration of normal language function.
- ▶ non fluent + normal comprehension.
- ▶ Intact other non-linguistic cognition.
- ▶ Degenerative disorders.

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▶ Degenerative disorders:

- ▶ Atrophy of the left anterior insular cortex.

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Aphasia types

Sensory or wernikes aphasia (fluent)	<p>Lesion of wernikes area +/- arcuate fasucul. Impaired comprehension. Loss of intellectual function. loss of cognitive function يقدر يقرأ ويسمع لكن عنده Failure to interprets meaning of written or spoken words. Meaningless & excessive talk (in sever cases). loss of planning / choice making – كلامهم مخربط – وما يفهمون الأوامر</p>	
Conductive aphasia (fluent)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesion of nerve fibres of arcuate fasciculus. • Patient understand speech of others but can not repeat it. • Meaningless speech. 	<p>Difference between wernick's and conductive aphasia: Wernick's = loss of intellectual Conductive = patient can understand</p>
Anomic aphasia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesion of angular gyrus, thus B. & W.Are intact, (Where visual information are processed). • Speech & auditory comprehension is normal but visual comprehension is abnormal, due to visual information is not processed & not transmitted to w.Area.السمع سليم لكن فهم الصور والرسومات غير موجود. • Dyslexia (word blindness) interruption in the flow of visual experience into W.Area from visual area*. 	

Speech disorders

Area	Lesion faetures
Auditory association areas	Word deafness
Visual association areas	Word blindness called dyslexia
Wernicke's aphasia	Unable to interpret the thought
Broca's area causes	Motor aphasia
Global aphasia	Unable to interpret the thought Motor aphasia

Aphasia

- ▶ Aphasia is loss of or defective language from damage to the speech centres within the left hemisphere.
- ▶ In aphasia there is no damage to vision, hearing or motor paralysis. The damage is in speech centers in categorical hemispheres.

Aphasia	
Expressive	Receptive
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non fluent. • Understanding normal but voice production defective. 	Broca's area
Fluent: meaningless words with loss of comprehension / understanding.	Wernick's area conduction aphasia
Anomic: unable to name the objects.	Angular gyrus
Global: mixture of all.	Widespread damage to speech areas

- ▶ This means the **combination** of the expressive problems of Broca's aphasia and the loss of comprehension of Wernicke's.
- ▶ The patient can **neither speak nor understand** language. It is due to widespread damage to speech areas and is the commonest aphasia after a severe left hemisphere infarct. Writing and reading are also affected.

Dysarthria

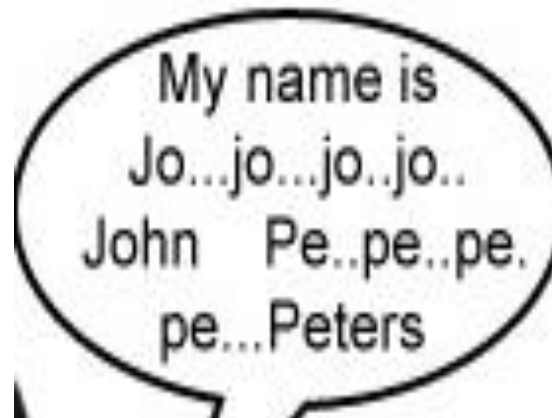
- ▶ **Dysarthria:** means disorder in articulation ex: slurred speech.
- ▶ Dysarthria disturbances of the articulation. In some individuals who has no abnormality in the speech centre or in its pathways results in stuttering speech.
- ▶ Speaking softly or barely able to whisper.
- ▶ Slow rate of speech.
- ▶ Rapid rate of speech with a "mumbling" quality.
- ▶ Limited tongue, lip, and jaw movement.
- ▶ Abnormal intonation (rhythm) when speaking.
- ▶ Changes in vocal quality ("nasal" speech or sounding "stuffy").
- ▶ Hoarseness.

Disorder articulation

- ▶ Slurred speech.
- ▶ Language is intact,.
- ▶ Paralysis, slowing or in coordination of muscles of articulation or local discomfort causes various different patterns of dysarthria.
- ▶ **Examples:**
- ▶ 'Gravelly' speech of upper motor neuronal lesions of lower cranial nerves.
- ▶ Jerky, ataxic speech of cerebellar lesions (scanning speech).
- ▶ The monotone of parkinson's disease (slurred).
- ▶ Speech in myasthenia that fatigues and dies away. Many aphasic patients are also somewhat dysarthric.

Stuttering

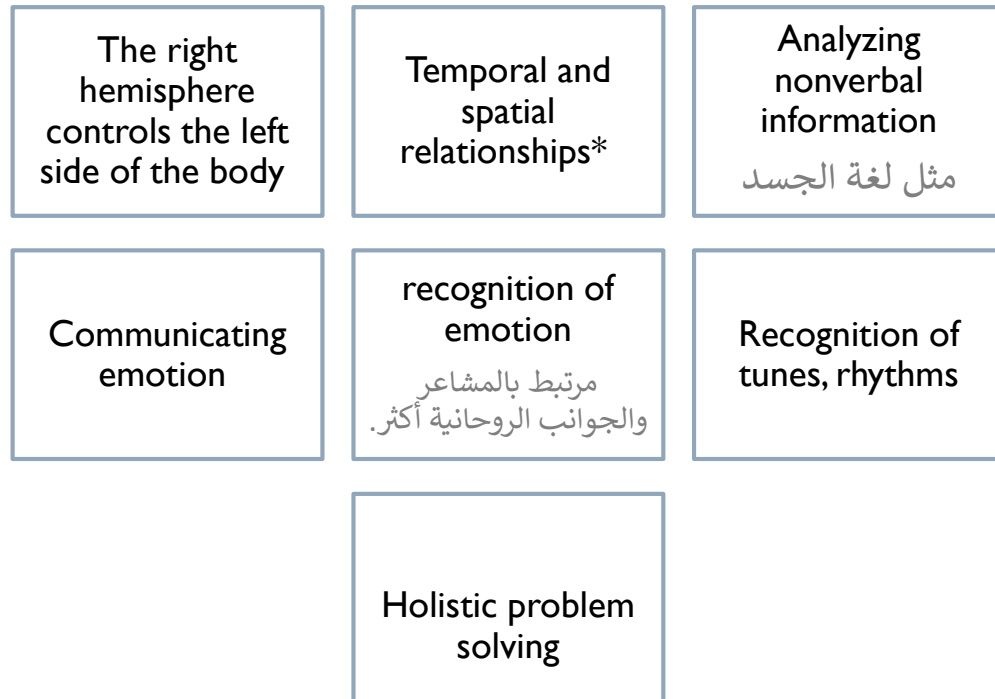
- ▶ Stuttering affects the fluency of speech.
- ▶ Talking with involuntary repetition of sounds, especially initial consonants.
- ▶ It begins during childhood and, in some cases, lasts throughout life.
- ▶ The disorder is characterized by disruptions in the production of speech sounds, also called 'disfluencies'.
- ▶ Have right cerebral dominance and widespread overactivity in the cerebral cortex and cerebellum. This includes increased activity of the supplementary motor area.



- ▶ Sound production by passage of air over the vocal cord.
- ▶ **Dysphonia:** Abnormal sound production due to problem in vocal cord e.g., **paralysis**, CVA, other causes.
- ▶ **Causes:**
 - Paralysis of both vocal cord e.g whispering sound and inspiratory strider.
 - **Paralysis of left vocal cord:** The voice becomes weak and cough bovine. Mainly due to recurrent laryngeal palsy.

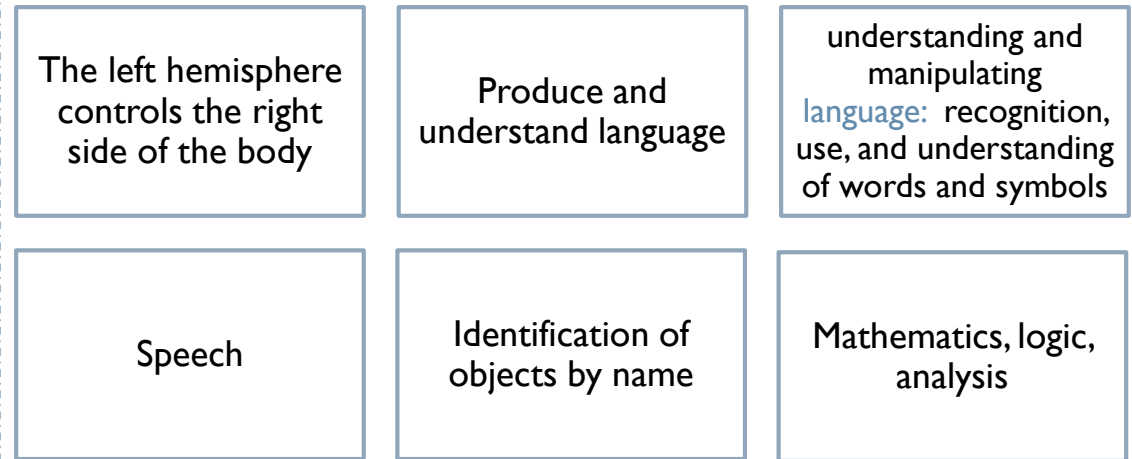
Right hemisphere (the representational hemisphere)

لا يوجد dominant and non dominant كلهم شغالين بس على حسب المهمة اللي الشخص يبغى يسويها أي واحد يشتغل أكثر.

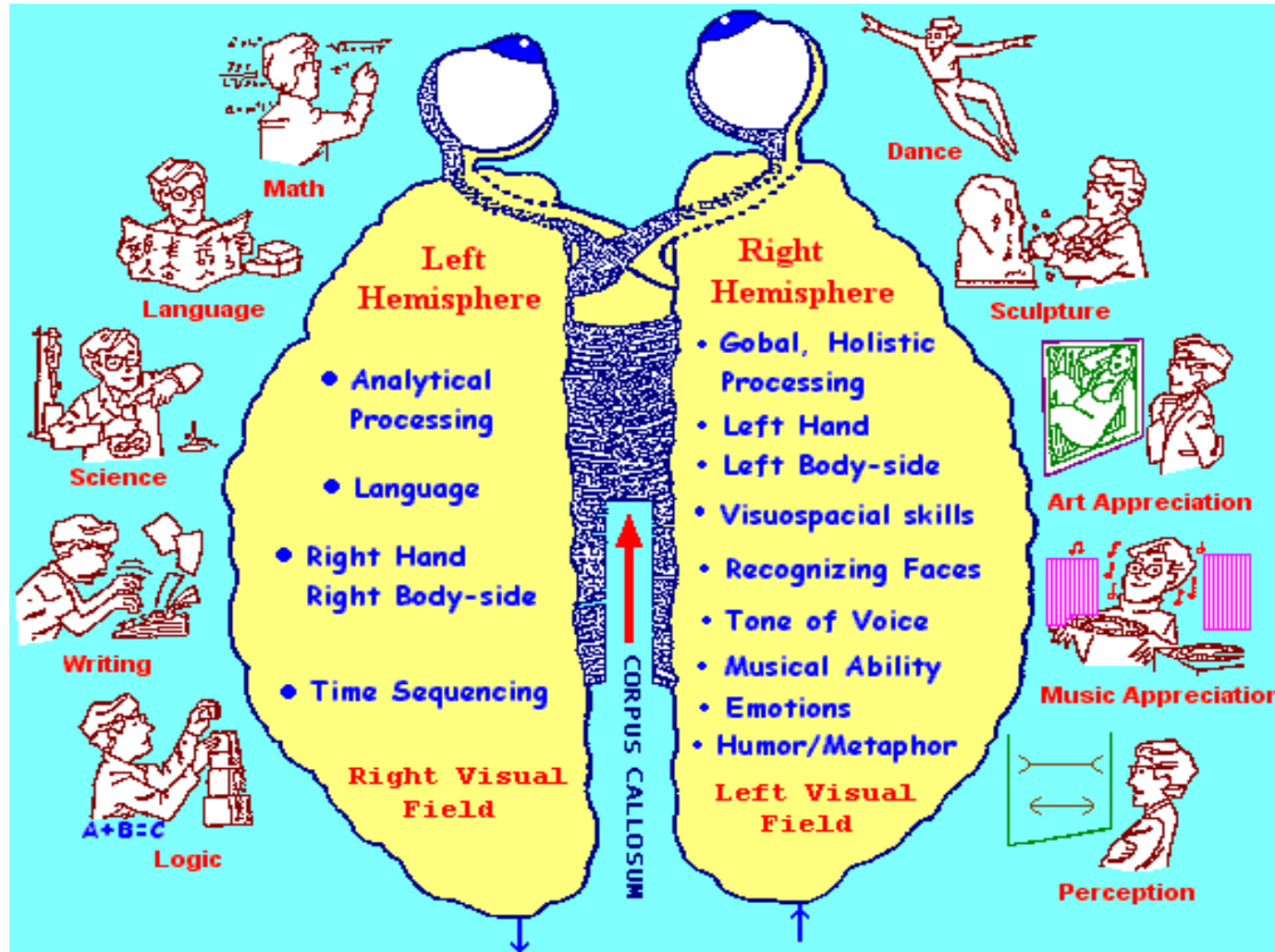


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Left hemisphere (the categorical hemisphere)



Summary of right & left hemisphere



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