

Human Brain

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Divisions of CNS



Cerebral Grey and White Matter

- Gray matter cerebral cortex and nuclei
 - Rich in neuron soma and dendrites, glial cells
 - Gray color in dissection specimen
- White matter dense areas of axons
 - Contain glial cells but few neuron soma
 - Myelinated axons account for white coloration
- Prominent group of neuronal cell bodies collectively called basal nuclei



Cerebral Hemispheres

- Are similar but not mirror images
- Either can be dominant for a specific task
- Dominant (usually left)
 - is dominant for language in over 95% of righthanders and in 60-70% of left handers
- Non-dominant (usually right)
 - is more important for attention mechanisms in most individuals



Cerebrum (Telencephalon)

- Surface is highly folded to increase cortical surface area
 - Gyrus ridge or elevation of cortex
 - Sulcus groove of cortex
 - Fissure very prominent and deep sulcus (usually divide lobes)



• Cerebral lobes – well defined regions of cortex, named for overlying bones



Fissures and Major Sulci

Central (Rolandic) sulcus



Lateral (Sylvian) fissure

Longitudinal Fissure



Parieto-occipital sulcus

Cingulate sulcus



Cerebral Lobes, functions

