

Forms of feedback

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Forms of feedback:

1. Sight
2. Sound
3. Smell
4. Taste
5. Touch

Ten activities that employ feedback:

1. Eating ice cream



- a. Taste and touch, smell if it has a specific flavor

2. Choosing photos to print



- a. sight and touch

3. Driving a car



- a. Sight, sound, touch

4. Playing basketball



- a. Touch, sight, sound and smell if you count the sweat everyone is doing.

5. Gardening



- a. Touch, sight, smell the flowers and grass, taste if you eat the produce, and sound if you hear the bees.

6. Screaming



- a. Sound (very much)

7. Dancing



- a. Sight (if you don't want to fall down), sound (to hear the music), touch (if you have a partner as well as the floor) and smell (if you have a partner with cologne)

8. Washing the dishes



- a. Sight (to see if they are finally clean), smell (the soap), touch to grasp the dishes

9. Mailing a letter



- a. Sight to write the letter, taste when you lick the envelope, touch when you put it in the mailbox

10. A child playing with toys



- a. Sight (they see the toys and guide actions), sound (they make (car) noises), taste (if they put said toy in their mouth) and touch (active action handling it)

Using four 8-11 year old girls, I got the following results:

- Tie your shoe – the girls were all successful, it is a regular thing they are accomplished at.
- Write your name on a piece of paper - the girls were fairly successful the older they were.
- Write a text message using a touch screen keyboard – this was NOT successful. The phone tried to correct the words they typed but the letters compiled were meaningless jumbo.

When I tried these same activities ...

- Tie your shoe – I wasn't wearing shoes with ties today so I had to wait until I got home and has access to some. The shoe tying was very easy. I think it makes sense that the older people get the more practice they have, unless they opt for Velcro. When a person ties their shoes, usually the knee gets in the way of sight so they are automatically used to doing it blind.
- Write your name on a piece of paper – my handwriting for eyes open and eyes closed was very similar. I tend to do some things without looking and writing my name can sometimes fall under that heading.
- Write a text message using a touch screen keyboard – When I tried to text on my iphone with my eyes closed, the stupid auto-correct kicked in and changed it all before I could open my eyes. When I tried again, “have a good day” came out “Ha s. Giid dat”. I was close but with the autocorrect, it was better since it corrected my words. I think it helps since we know where the letters are on a keyboard. I think this would be harder for someone who would normally ‘hunt-and-peck’ at the keyboard.