




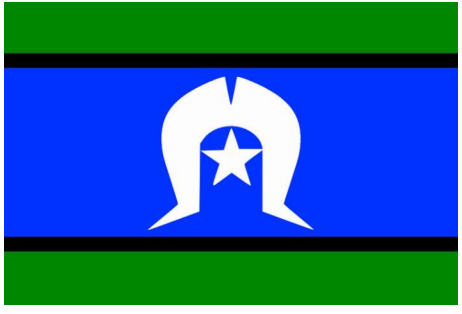
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# Part 1: Understanding sensory processing



The slide features a white background with decorative elements: a purple and orange corner graphic, faint icons of a cup, a baby bottle, and an apple, and a purple and orange border at the bottom. The text 'pp positive partnerships' is in the top left. The main title 'Part 1: Understanding sensory processing' is in large purple font. Three circular images illustrate sensory experiences: a boy with headphones, a girl swinging, and a girl blowing bubbles.

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## Introductions



## Webinars



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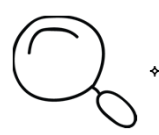
## Something about you...

● In what capacity are you attending?

● How much do you know about sensory processing?



# Learning intentions



Explore sensory processing



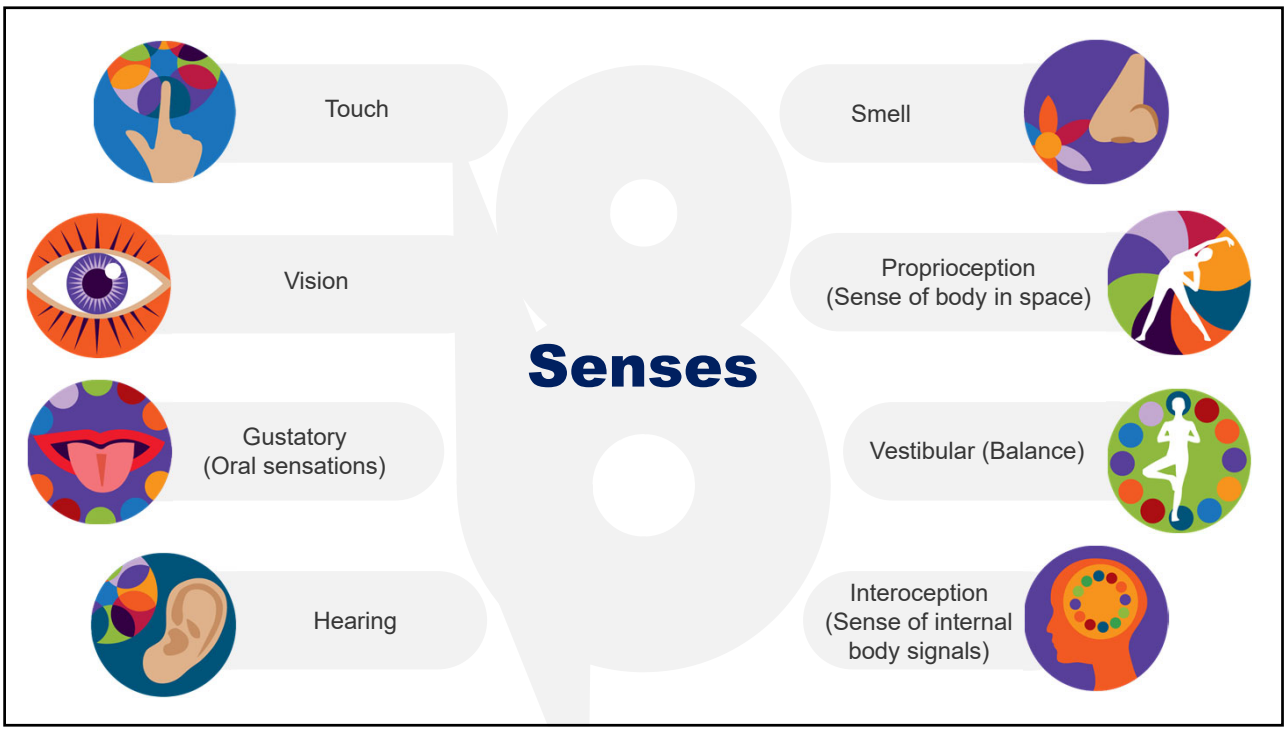
Consider the differences diverse learners, including those on the autism spectrum, may experience with processing information from their senses



Identify how sensory processing differences may impact on the daily lives of individuals and those around them



# Activity



## **Sensory processing is....**

*The way the brain receives, processes and responds to information from the senses.*

Dunn, 1997

**What role does sensory processing play in our life?**



# What are the impacts of sensory processing differences?



# What can sensory processing differences feel like?

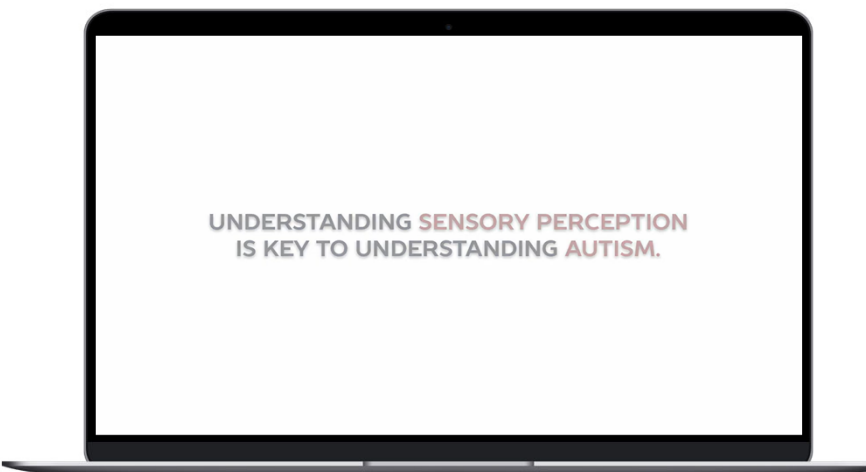


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**What can sensory processing differences feel like?**



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**Over and Under Sensitive**




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**The 4 sensory profiles**




**Registration**




**Under sensitive**




**Sensory Seeking**



**Sensory Sensitive**




**Over sensitive**




**Sensory Avoiding**


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**Under sensitive**



**Registration**

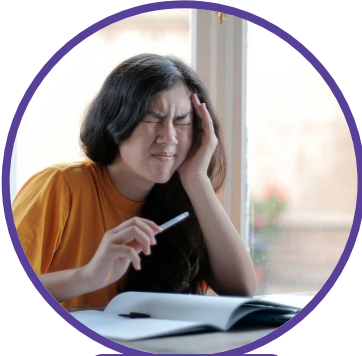





**Sensory Seeking**

**Under sensitive profiles**


**Over sensitive profiles**



**Sensory Sensitive**



**Over sensitive**



**Sensory Avoiding**

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**Tactile  
(Touch)**



**Visual  
(sight)**



**Gustatory  
(oral  
sensations)**



**Auditory  
(hearing)**



**Olfactory  
(smell)**



**Proprioception  
(sense of body  
in space)**



**Vestibular  
(balance  
and  
movement)**



**Interoception  
(sense of  
internal body  
signals)**















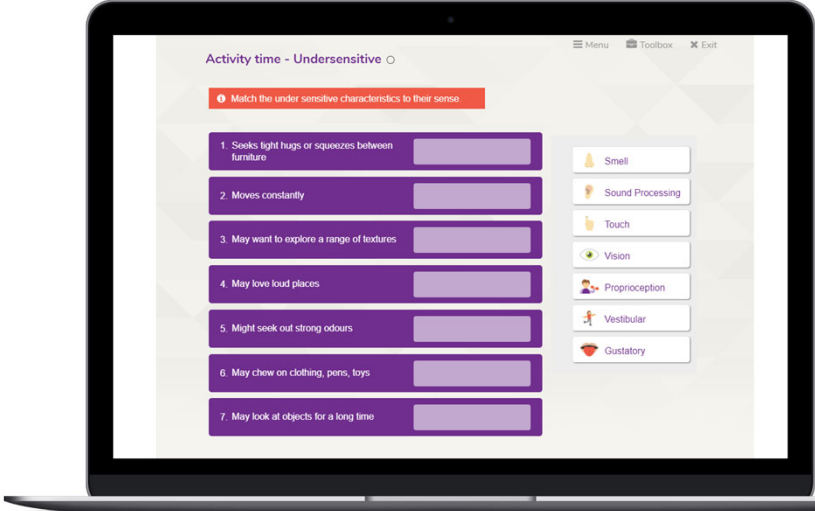
# Sensory processing and context



## Sensory strategies tool

	Under sensitive observations 'A lot feels like a little' 	Over sensitive observations 'A little feels like a lot' 	Possible strategies
	e.g. Sam gets out of his chair to touch the whiteboard when the teacher is reading.		e.g. While the teacher is reading, Sam is given a small whiteboard to draw on while he listens to the teacher.
Tactile (Touch) 			
Visual (Sight) 			
Gustatory (Oral Sensations) 			
Vestibular (Movement) 			
Auditory (Sound) 			
Olfactory (Smell) 			
Proprioception 			
Interoception 			

# Sensory processing module



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1 hour

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1 hour

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