



# Signs and Symptoms of Sensory Modulation Dysfunction

	Sensory Defensiveness/Sensory Hypersensitivity	Sensory Dormancy/Sensory Hyposensitivity
Tactile (Touch) System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dislikes being touched</li> <li>Does not like being close to other people or standing in lines</li> <li>Sensitive to certain types of fabrics</li> <li>Dislikes having hair washed or nails cut</li> <li>Avoids walking barefoot</li> <li>Avoids messy play</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Displays unusual need to touch things in the environment</li> <li>Unaware of cuts and bruises; higher pain threshold</li> <li>Drawn to certain textures and will explore through touch</li> </ul>
Proprioceptive System	Not Applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presses too hard when writing</li> <li>Enjoys crashing or bumping into things</li> <li>Tiptoeing</li> <li>Head banging</li> <li>Biting fingernails, chewing fingers, pencils, clothes etc</li> <li>Often plays too rough and is not aware of own strength</li> <li>Likes tight clothes, frequently buttoned or zipped all the way up</li> </ul>
Vestibular (Movement) System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fear heights and falling</li> <li>Sensitive to change in head position</li> <li>Fearful of having eyes closed</li> <li>Dislike feet being off the ground or being on unstable surfaces</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seek out intense movement experiences such as high swinging and spinning</li> <li>May be active and 'on the go'</li> <li>Enjoys being upside down</li> </ul>
Auditory System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sensitive to loud sounds</li> <li>Holds hands over ears</li> <li>Has trouble concentrating in the presence of background noise</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seeks out loud music with an upbeat tempo</li> <li>May enjoy making strange noises and sounds</li> <li>Appears confused about where sounds are coming from</li> </ul>
Visual System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sensitive to bright light</li> <li>Becomes over-stimulated with bright colours or busy patterns</li> <li>Difficulties finding objects in a busy background</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enjoys watching spinning objects</li> <li>Frequently looks at bright lights and is stimulated by bright colours and busy patterns</li> <li>Difficulties attending to visual detail</li> </ul>
Oral System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fussy eater and refuses to try new foods</li> <li>Sensitive to certain food textures</li> <li>Sensitive to certain tastes, textures and food temperatures and frequently prefers plain food</li> <li>Dislikes having teeth brushed</li> <li>Gags easily</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Routinely puts non-food objects in mouth and frequently bites, licks or chews objects and toys</li> <li>Craves food with crunchy or chewy textures</li> <li>Craves intense flavours such as spicy, sour or salty</li> <li>Excessive drooling</li> </ul>
Olfactory (Smell) System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sensitive to strong smells and will avoid being in places with a strong smell</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smells objects</li> <li>Enjoys strong, intense smells</li> </ul>



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