



Signs and Symptoms of Sensory Modulation Dysfunction

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



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