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CHAPTER

Special Senses



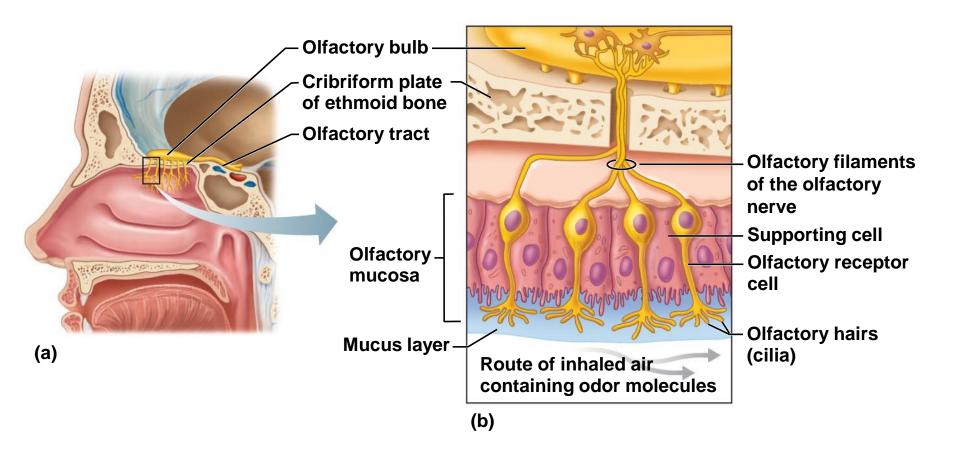
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SENSE OF SMELL

(3) Olfaction—The Sense of Smell

- Olfactory receptors are in the roof of the nasal cavity
 - Neurons with long cilia
 - Chemicals must be dissolved in mucus for detection
- Impulses are transmitted via the olfactory nerve
- Interpretation of smells is made in the cortex

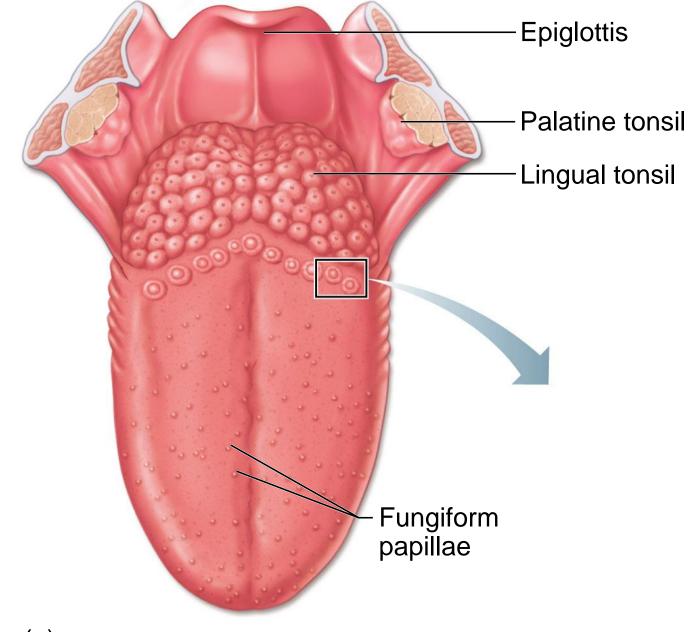


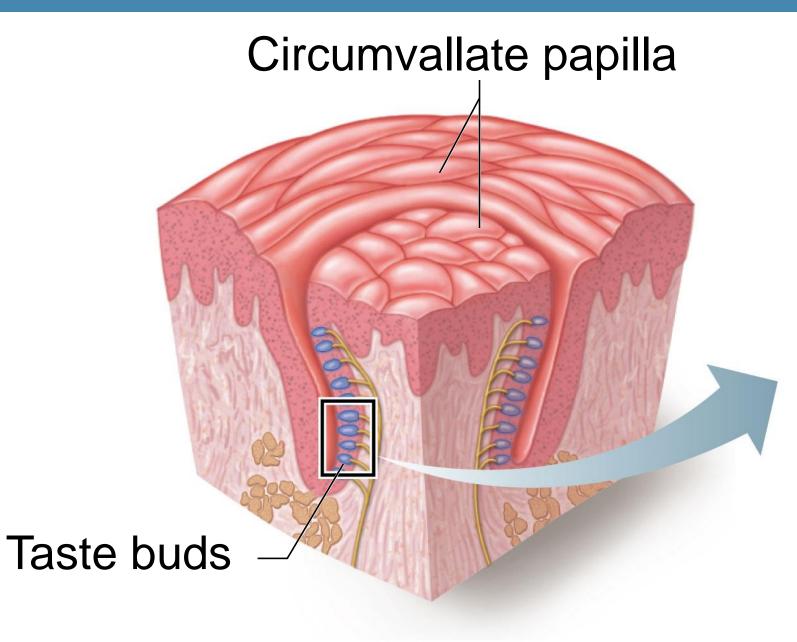
SENSE OF TASTE

(4) The Sense of Taste

Taste buds house the receptor organs

- Location of taste buds
 - Most are on the tongue
 - Soft palate
 - Cheeks





The Tongue and Taste

- The tongue is covered with projections called papillae
 - Filiform papillae —sharp with no taste buds
 - Fungiform papillae rounded with taste buds
 - Circumvallate papillae —large papillae with taste buds
- Taste buds are found on the sides of papillae

Structure of Taste Buds

• Gustatory cells are the receptors

• Have gustatory hairs (long microvilli)

 Hairs are stimulated by chemicals dissolved in saliva

Structure of Taste Buds

- Impulses are carried to the gustatory complex by several cranial nerves because taste buds are found in different areas
 - Facial nerve
 - Glossopharyngeal nerve
 - Vagus nerve

Taste Sensations

- Sweet receptors (sugars)
 - Saccharine
 - Some amino acids
- Sour receptors
 - Acids
- Bitter receptors
 - Alkaloids
- Salty receptors
 - Metal ions

Developmental Aspects of the Special Senses

Formed early in embryonic development

• Eyes are outgrowths of the brain

• All special senses are functional at birth

Chemical Senses: Taste and Smell

- Both senses use chemoreceptors
 - Stimulated by chemicals in solution
 - Taste has four types of receptors
 - Smell can differentiate a large range of chemicals
- Both senses complement each other and respond to many of the same stimuli

Read Pages 300 – 302 and Do Page 170 #23 (may need to use diagrams to answer some questions)

- 1. VII Facial
- 2. IX Glossopharyngeal
- 3. X Vagus
- 4. I Olfactory
- 5. Mucosa of the roof
- 6. Sniffing
- 7. Taste Buds
- 8. Fungiform
- 9. Circumvallate

- 10. Sweet
- 11. Salty
- 12. Bitter
- 13. Sour
- 14. Unami
- 15. Bitter
- 16. Smell
- 17. Dry
- 18. Memories