### THE AMAZING BRAIN!

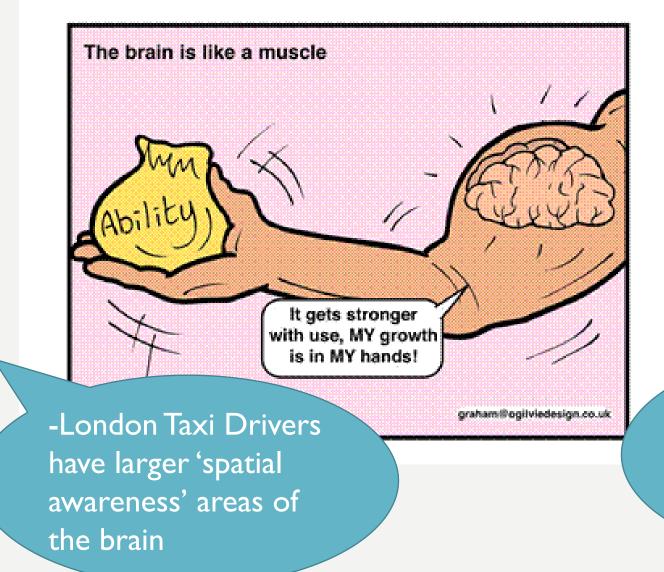
100 BILLION Neurons! 2% Body Weight 20% Body Energy Enough blood vessels to circle the world 4 times!

Messages can go from nerves to your brain at 150mph!

Generates more electrical impulses than all the telephones in the world!

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## THE BRAIN IS 'PLASTIC'



Every time we learn something we change our brain.

-People who read braille have larger 'finger sensor' areas of the brain

### THE BRAIN

#### **Prefrontal Cortex**

Thinking, logical, rational. 'wait...maybe that isn't such a good idea..' Hippocampus

manages memory and emotions



#### Amagdala



Fight, Flight or Freeze Stress Response

Gets the adrenalin and cortisol going- can be really helpful or unhelpful

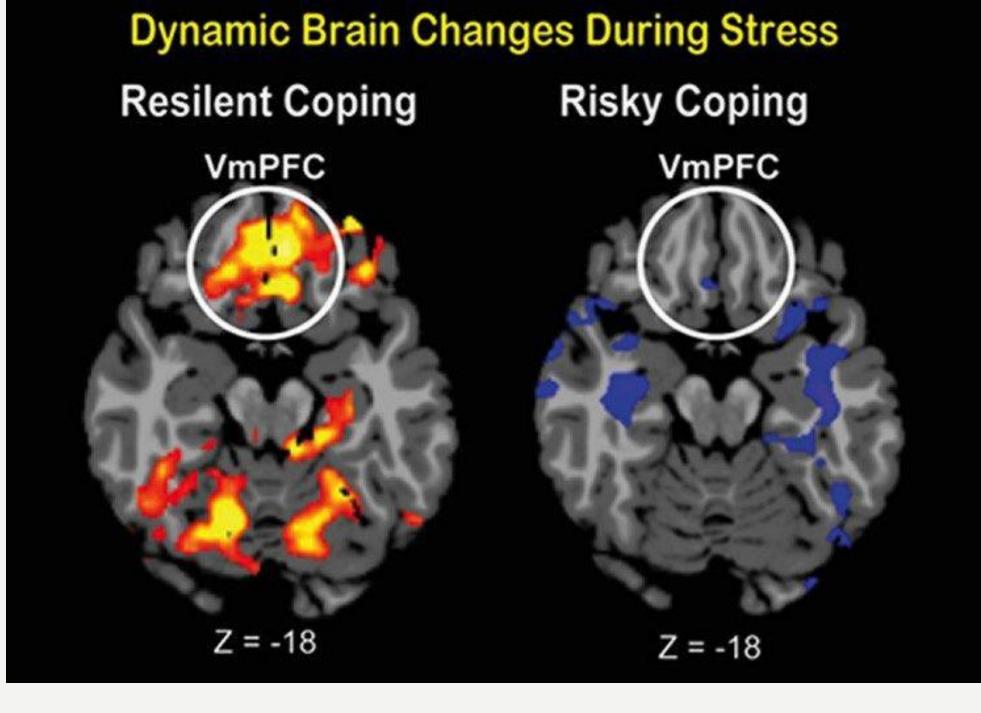
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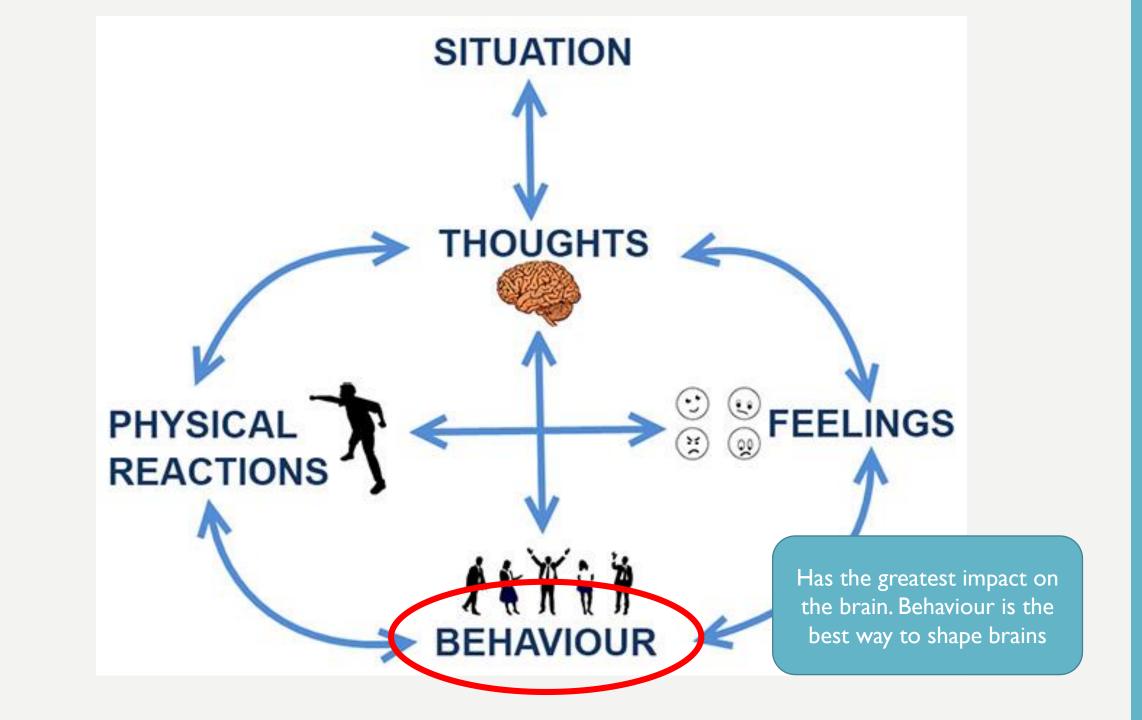


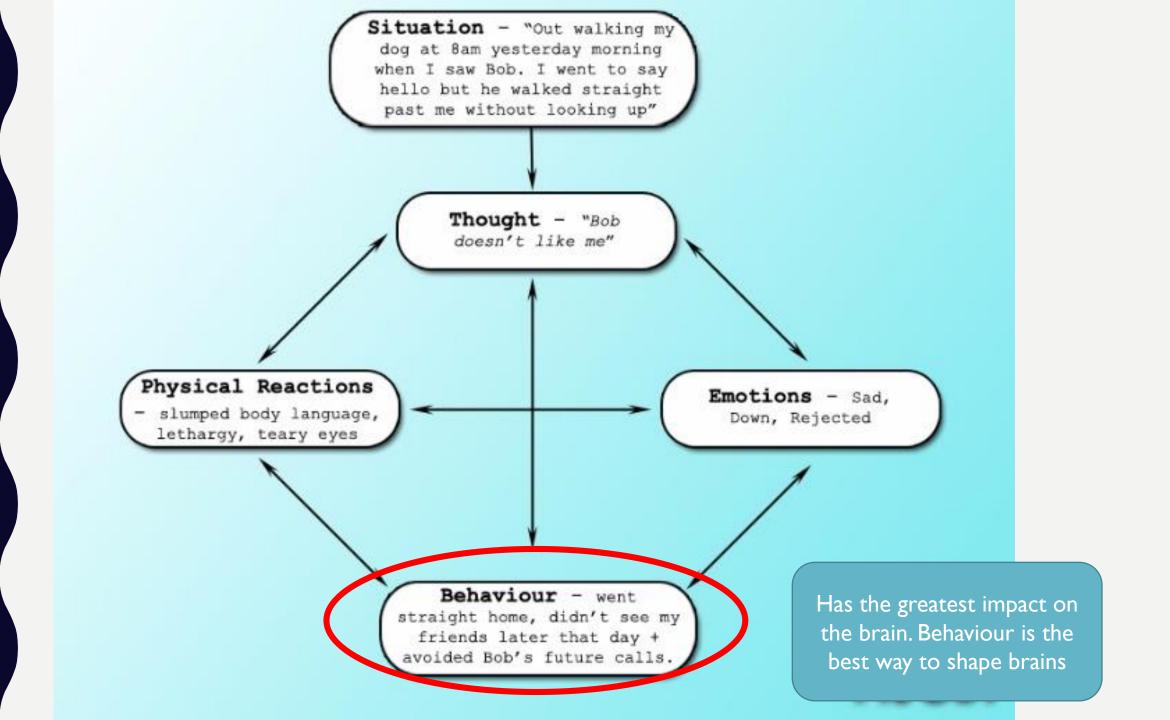
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## LOOK AFTER YOUR BRAIN



- Try to stop and 'Think'- can you think about this another way? Could you BEHAVE differently?
- Repeat/revise learning to get it firmly into your brain
- Make action plans/to-do lists organise your brain
- ✓ Share worries- get them 'out of your brain'
- Reflect- what's in your head? What can you change what can't you change?



- ✓ Rest your brain- do ONE thing!
- $\checkmark$  Screen downtime
- ✓ Watch a film/Play a computer game
- ✓ SLEEP
- $\checkmark$  Physical exercise- even a brisk walk
- Breathe from your tummy not your chestget the oxygen to the brain
- Take brain breaks when working (do something you like- chocolate, YouTube video... quick game)

## TAKE THIS AWAY WITH YOU:

- I. The Brain is AMAZING
- 2. You can change your brain
- 3. Get to know your brain-how does your brain work or behave?
- 4. 'Work out' you prefrontal cortex (thinking brain) make kick in
- 5. Rest your brain- give it a break

## GO TO FIREFLY TO FIND OUT MORE...

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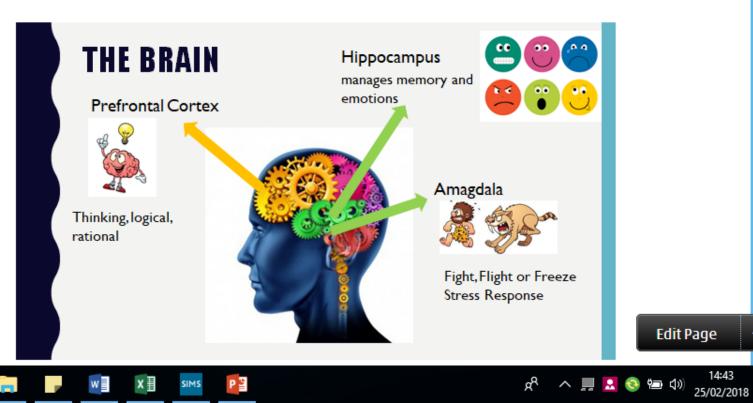


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#### Student Learning Support > Healthy Brains

#### **Healthy Brains**

#### What's in my Brain?



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