

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2005 PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Title

The Nose Knows the Taste

Abstract

Objectives/Goals

The purpose is to study whether the sense of smell in children ages 8-12 causes their taste perception to change.

Methods/Materials

- 24 subjects, males and females, age 8-12
- a blindfold
- 1 cup of water
- 5 small cut up pieces of apple
- 1 piece of an onion, green pepper and tomato
- 4 bland crackers

binder to keep all pre-made charts, pencils, paper and other recording materials in camera for helper to take photos of testing

a watch for timing the experiment

Results

The various scents affected the taste perception of 65% of the subjects tested.

85% of all subjects said their perception of "LIKE" of the same item was impoacted differently by the various scents.

Conclusions/Discussion

The relationship between taste and smell has been tested and there proved to be a connection. There is a definite relationship between taste and smell.

Summary Statement

The project was implemented to determine if there was a definite relationship between taste and smell.

Help Received

none