

May 1 - Monday

The human retina has about 120 million rods.

May 4 - Thursday

The human retina has about 6 million cones.

May 2 - Tuesday

Amnesia is the loss of memory.

May 5 - Friday

A mnemonic is a rhyme or phrase that helps you remember.

May 3 - Wednesday

The state flower of Alaska is the "Forget-me-not" (*Myosotis alpestris*).

May 6 - Saturday

The chemical that makes hot peppers hot is called capsaicin.

May 7 - Sunday

Some mushrooms contain chemicals that cause hallucinations.

May 10 - Wednesday

The 1990s were declared "The Decade of the Brain."

May 8 - Monday

The right and left hemispheres are connected by the corpus callosum.

May 11 - Thursday

The optic nerve is the second cranial nerve.

May 9 - Tuesday

The first eye bank in the US opened on this day in New York City (1944).

May 12 - Friday

The brain is active even during sleep.

May 13 - Saturday

Myelin helps speed the conduction of action potentials.

May 16 - Tuesday

On average, men's brains weigh more than women's brains.

May 14 - Sunday

Aspirin was first synthesized in 1897.

May 17 - Wednesday

Visible light has wavelengths between 400 and 700 nm.

May 15 - Monday

The bumps on the surface of the brain are called "gyri."

May 18 - Thursday

The grooves on the surface of the brain are called "sulci."

May 19 - Friday

There are over 1,000 disorders of the brain and nervous system.

May 22 - Monday

The brain of a goldfish makes up 0.3% of its total body weight.

May 20 - Saturday

Julius Caesar was thought to have had epilepsy.

May 23 - Tuesday

In the brain, collections of axons are called tracts.

May 21 - Sunday

In the brain, collections of neuron cell bodies are called nuclei.

May 24 - Wednesday

Cerebrospinal fluid is produced by the choroid plexus.

May 25 - Thursday

Bats sleep about 20 hours each day.

May 28 - Sunday

The physiological study of laughter is called "gelotology."

May 26 - Friday

In the US, the penalty for possession of 1 g of LSD is 5 years in prison.

May 29 - Monday

A sea anemone has a nerve net.

May 27 - Saturday

Chocolate causes the brain to produce natural opiates.

May 30 - Tuesday

The color of the eye is the result of pigmentation in the iris.

May 31 - Wednesday

Receptor cells in the taste buds live
for only 1 to 2 weeks.