

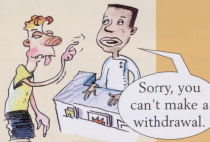
Fact File



The sea squirt is born with a brain. But once it finds a rock to live on, it eats its own brain and lives happily ever after.

When a Chicago woman had a brain scan, doctors found out that she had three brains!

That one!
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The world's largest brain bank is in Belmont, Mass., US. It has over 4,000 brains that are used for research.

The brain can survive for a few seconds without the body. After a man was guillotined in 1905, a doctor called his name three times. And three times the eyes opened and looked at the doctor.



Brain on the Loose

Glossary

axons the long 'tails' that carry signals away from a neuron

cerebral cortex the wrinkly outer layer of the cerebrum

cerebrum the part of the brain that controls thinking, learning and voluntary movement

dendrites the 'arms' that carry signals to a neuron

identical exactly the same

neurons cells that make up the brain, spinal cord and nerves

nerves bundles of neurons that link all body parts to the brain

optical illusions things we see that trick the brain by giving a false impression

sensory to do with the senses

spinal cord a column of nerves that runs down the back, inside the backbone