

In the Development topic, you learnt about 3 other parts of the brain – the cortex, the brain stem and the thalamus.

Use the words in the box below to complete the following descriptions of each of these brain structures and their functions.

cerebral cortex	spinal	breathing
outer	speech	blood
middle	organs	information

The cortex is also called the \_\_\_\_\_. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ layer of the brain. It is where the more complex cognitive functions like \_\_\_\_\_ happen.

The brain stem connects the \_\_\_\_\_ cord to the brain. It controls basic functions like \_\_\_\_\_, heart rate, \_\_\_\_\_ pressure and sleeping.

The thalamus is in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the brain. It passes \_\_\_\_\_ from the sense \_\_\_\_\_ (like the eyes) to the cortex.