Eyewitness Basics

Eyewitness Accounts
Eyewitness accounts can be a useful tool in helping investigators with analyzing a _____ _____, but are not viewed to be highly _____. People are likely to view the same scene in different ways depending on their _____, line of _____, familiarity with the area, and other factors that can interfere with a person's ability to remember _____.

Memory Challenge

What do you remember? List the items in the space below.
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Facial Composites

Investigators work with sketch _____ and eyewitnesses to create facial composites, or sketches of a person's _____. Today many police departments are using facial reconstruction _____ to help them with this task. _____ Software – Offers many options to help you recreate a person's facial features.
The composite may be used _____ to assist officers in identifying the suspect or used _____ through local media (radio, TV, and newspaper) to solicit leads from citizens.

You will have a chance to try to create a facial composite. You will need to pay close attention to the following

features:

_ The shape of the _____

_ The shape of the _____

_ The shape of the _____

_ The shape of the _____

_ The width of the _____

_ The shape & protrusion of the _____

_ The presence of facial _____

_ The presence of facial _____, its color, & location

_ The presence of facial markings, such as _____or _____

_ Forehead or other facial _____

_ The presence of _____or sunglasses

_ The length, color, & texture of the person's _____

Online Activity: The Art of Crime Detection

Go to http://sciencespot.net/ and click the icon for the *Kid Zone*. Choose *Forensic Science* and then click the link for *The Art of Crime Detection*.

1. What are the two halves of the brain? _____

2. The left brain sees and interprets the world as _____ and _____.

3. The right brain sees and interprets the world as _____ and _____.

4. Visual artists train themselves to "turn off" the _____brain and use just the _____ brain to draw and sketch.

5. Just as your left brain learns more vocabulary the more you _____, your right brain learns more images and how to draw those images the more you _____. This becomes sort of like a "visual vocabulary".

6. A police sketch artist has the special ability to use both their visual vocabulary and descriptive words to produce

_____.

7. Click the link to begin your first assignment. Read the directions provided to learn how to use the software and then try to create a composite.

8. After you have finished all the activities, write a paragraph that summaries your efforts.