## The World's Fastest Computer

There is an amazing computer. It is faster than any other computer in the world. It can understand speech and writing. It can come up with new ideas. It can make plans. It can control a whole, complicated system and do many things at once without shutting down.



In fact, the more it is used, the better it gets.

## What is this amazing computer? It is your brain, of course!



**Superbrain!** How fast is your brain? Some people say that it can handle 10 quadrillion instructions each second. That's 10,000,000,000,000,000!

## What Is a Brain?

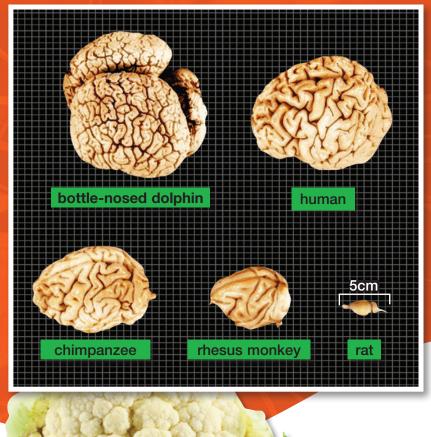
Most animals have a brain. But your brain—the human brain—is the most amazing brain of all. It is larger and more complicated than most brains.

The human brain sits inside the **skull** at the top and back of the head. It is about the size of a small cauliflower, and it is shaped a little like one, too.

The brain is very important. That is why it is protected by the hard skull bones.



## **Animal Brains**



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