Eyewitness Basics

Name ______________________________

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.

1.   8.   15.
2.   9.   16.
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5.   12.  19.
6.   13.  20.
7.   14.

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 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/](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.