



## Ability: "The Sixth Sense" (1999)

Read the definitions and complete the sentences with the correct form of the bolded words.

1. **inability**: lack of ability to do something
2. **reference**: a mention of something
3. **perception**: a belief or opinion, often held by many people and based on how things seem
4. **intuition**: an ability to understand or know something immediately based on your feelings rather than facts
5. **regarded (regard)**: to consider or have an opinion about something or someone
6. **gene**: a part of the DNA in a cell that controls the physical development, behavior, etc. of an individual plant or animal and is passed on from its parents
7. **heightened (heighten)**: to increase or make something increase, especially an emotion or effect

1. The teacher told me to write an essay with a \_\_\_\_\_ to an article.
2. The Tokyo Skytree has been \_\_\_\_\_ as a replacement for the Tokyo Tower.
3. We will need to communicate well to decrease the gap between our \_\_\_\_\_ of the problem.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ to focus is a problem many students face.
5. My \_\_\_\_\_ tells me I should work at this company.
6. My interest to become an astronaut was \_\_\_\_\_ after watching a movie on space exploration.
7. My parents passed on good \_\_\_\_\_ to me.

Read the following passage and answer the questions below.

### “The Sixth Sense” (1999)

*The Sixth Sense* is a 1999 American film that had a huge impact on the film industry. It is a story about a child psychologist who meets a young boy who says he can see dead people. The young boy is scared of the dead people that only he can see and wants them to go away. Throughout the film, the psychologist tries to help this young child. At first, the psychologist believes that the boy is lying or is crazy. However, the plot twist is that the psychologist was dead the entire time!

In this movie, the young boy uses his ability to talk to dead people and help them to finish what they want to do on Earth. This boy’s ability is considered a “sixth sense” because it is not a part of the five senses humans have. The five senses are: vision, hearing, smell, taste, and touch. The **inability** to see is called “blindness.” The inability to hear is called “deafness.” The inability to smell is called “anosmia.” The inability to feel is called “anaphia.” An inability means to not be able to do something. All of these senses are proven to be a part of humans.

Another way to say, “sixth sense” is “extra sense.” This often is in **reference** to **perception** or **intuition**. Some people also call it a “gut feeling.” In the past, we have **regarded** the sixth sense as something silly, and not rooted in science. However, in recent literature, scientists believe that we all have a sixth sense! Unfortunately, this sixth sense is not about seeing dead people, but is about being able to understand where you are in relation to the space you are in. For example, if you close your eyes, you can still point your finger to your nose, or jump without falling down. This sense is in our **genes**, research shows.

Although most humans do not have an extra sense that allows them to see dead people, some people may have a **heightened** sixth sense. In the same way that some people can see better than others or can hear better than others, people with a heightened sixth sense are better at balancing, dancing, or moving their bodies in other ways. Such people may be better athletes because of this sixth sense. More research is needed to better understand what the sixth sense in humans actually is, but it is interesting to know that we may have discovered a new sense!

1. What is the reading mainly about?
  - a. A film that describes the sixth sense and its significance.
  - b. The definition of the sixth sense and how it exists among normal people.
  - c. The four types of disabilities.
  
2. What was the plot twist of the movie *The Sixth Sense* that startled the audience?
  - a. The boy had the sixth sense and could see the dead.
  - b. The psychologist whom the boy counseled with was already deceased.
  - c. The psychologist was a betrayer who revealed the boy’s secret to others.

3. Which of the following item is **NOT** matched correctly?
  - a. ageusia - inability to smell
  - b. anaphia - inability to feel
  - c. blindness - inability to see
  - d. deafness - inability to hear
  
4. What is the sixth sense that everyone on earth has?
  - a. the ability to balance
  - b. the ability to run fast
  - c. the ability to recognize one's relation to his/her surroundings
  
5. What does "This sense is in our genes" mean at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph? "This sense" is in reference to the sixth sense that allows us to understand where we are in relation to the space around us. (2-3 sentences)

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