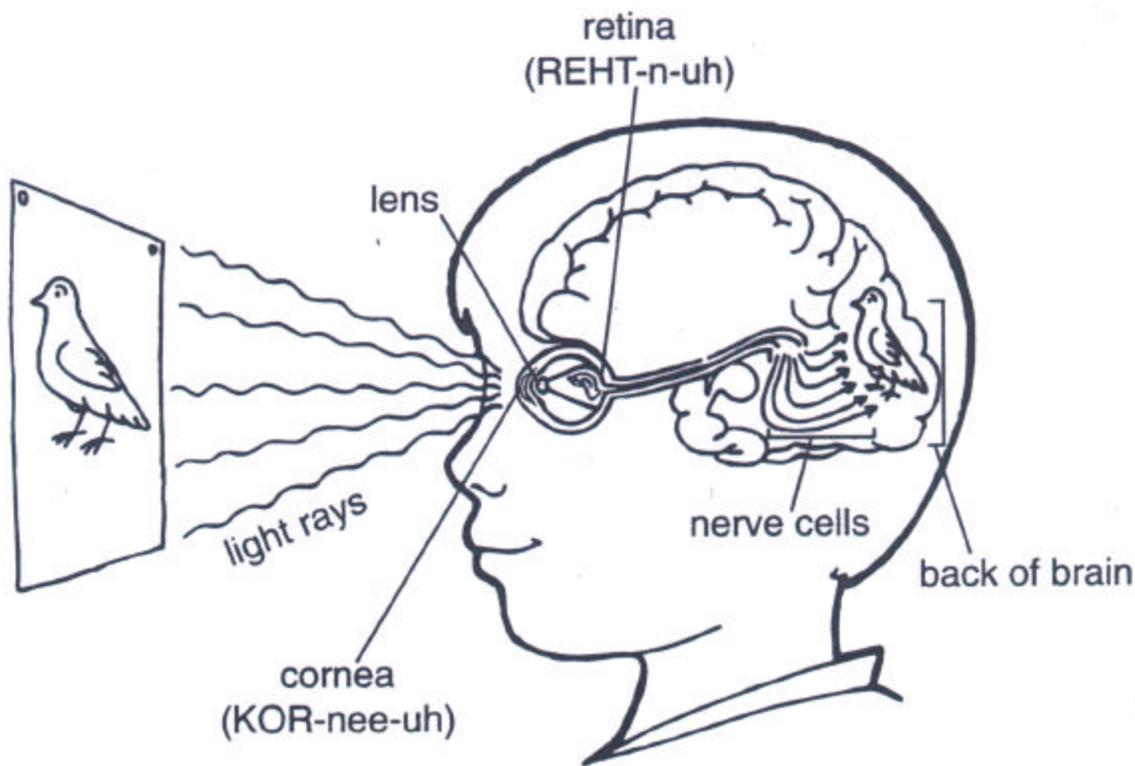


Eyes in the Back of Your Head



What happens when you see a bird? Light rays bounce off the bird and go through a see-through covering at the front of the eye—the **cornea**. Then the light rays are focused by the **lens** as an upside-down picture on a lining called the **retina**. **Nerve cells** in the retina send a message about the picture to a part of the **brain** in the back of the head. The brain decodes the message, turns the picture right side up, and tells you that you saw a bird.

Write the boldfaced word that matches each definition.

1. See-through covering at front of eye _____
2. Lining with an upside-down picture _____
3. Part behind cornea that focuses light rays _____
4. Part that decodes nerve-cell messages _____
5. Cells that pick up and send messages _____

Try This! Write the boldfaced words from the paragraph in alphabetical order on the back of this paper.