

# WJEC Wales Biology GCSE

## SP2.5 - Reaction Time

### Flashcards

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The time taken to respond to changes in the environment.



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- Work in partners. One partner places the forearm of their non-dominant hand on the table, with their hand hanging off the edge.
- One partner should hold the ruler between the fingers of the other partner at the 0 mark.
- The partner holding the ruler drops it without any warning, and the other partner should catch the ruler as quickly as possible.
- Record the number level after the ruler has been caught - repeat at least 5 times per person.
- Find reaction times using a conversion table.



What other factors could you investigate  
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The effect of caffeine or exercise on reaction times.

