



Synesthesia: Synesthesia is a condition in which one sense (for example, hearing) is simultaneously perceived as if by one or more additional senses such as sight. Another form of synesthesia joins objects such as letters, shapes, numbers or people's names with a sensory perception such as smell, color or flavor. The word synesthesia comes from two Greek words, *syn*(together) and *aisthesis* (perception). Therefore, synesthesia literally means "joined perception."

Last Friday we blew bubbles in awareness of autism. There are many different types of conditions out there that effect many of us. I have had the privilege of working with and teaching some of these amazing individuals.

Although not all students with autism have synesthesia, research shows that it is nearly three times as likely to occur in someone who is autistic. As we go through the week and wear all the colors of the rainbow to bring us together, I want you to consider what someone with synesthesia would think, hear, taste, or see.

With your parent's permission, go and watch the two youtube links below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rkRbebvoYqI>

Questions to answer after the above video:

1. What did they say the opposite of synesthesia was? Hint: The word means, "no sensation."

2. Is synesthesia a trait or a disorder?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=88s6guf9egs>

Questions to answer after the above video:

1. What color did Annie say her voice was?
2. What color did Annie say that her dad's voice changed to right before he got a cold?