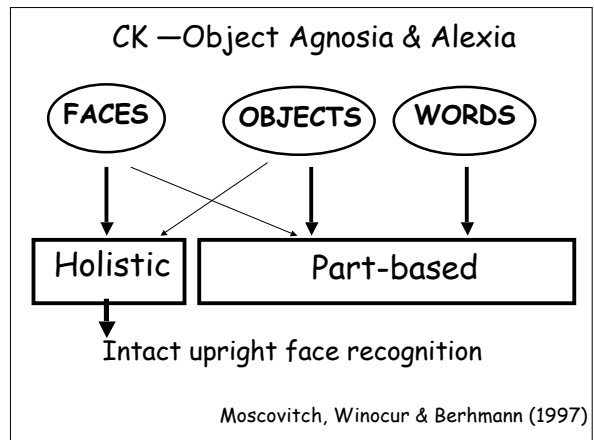


**Face recognition tasks**

Recognition	CK	CM	DC
Faces	✓	✓	✗
Objects	✗	✓	✓
Words	✗	✗	✓



### CK —Object Agnosia & Alexia

- 41-year old man
- 16 years education (MA degree)
- Manager
- Closed-head injury: hit by a car when jogging
- Bilateral thinning in the occipito-temporal regions

Behrmann, Winocur & Moscovitch (1992)  
 Behrmann, Moscovitch & Winocur (1994)  
 Moscovitch, Winocur & Behrmann (1997)

### CK —Object Agnosia & Alexia

#### IMPAIRED

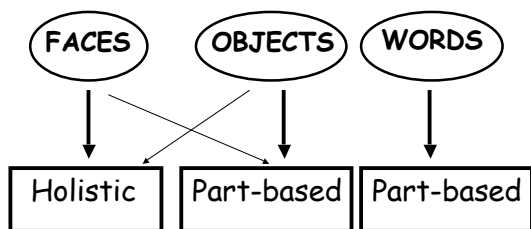
- Word recognition (reading)
- Object recognition
- Residual blindness in upper left field

#### NORMAL

- Average IQ
- Acuity
- Upright face recognition
- Visual construction abilities
- Memory
- Semantic knowledge

Behrmann, Winocur & Moscovitch (1992)  
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### CM —Pure Alexia



Intact face and object recognition

### CM —Pure Alexia

- 35-year old man
- 15 years of education
- Computer programming
- Closed-head injury / drugs
- Temporal occipital abnormalities on EEG

### CM —Pure Alexia

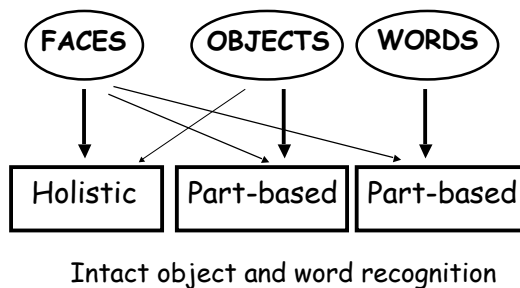
#### IMPAIRED

- Word recognition (reading): Letter-by-letter reader

#### NORMAL

- High average IQ
- Acuity
- Face recognition
- Object recognition
- Visuo-spatial abilities

### DC —Prosopagnosia

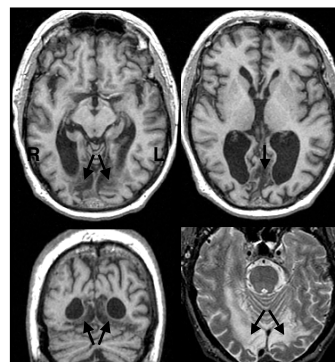


### DC —Prosopagnosia

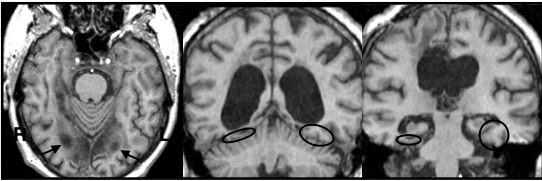
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- 54-year old man
  - 16 years education
  - Detective for the homicide division of a police force (on disability)
  - Colloid cyst hydrocephalus
  - Posterior cerebral artery infarction
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### DC —Prosopagnosia

- Bilateral lesions in the lingual gyri, Brodmann Areas 18 & 19



### DC —Prosopagnosia



- Bilateral lesions in the lingual gyri: more atrophy to the right fusiform gyrus than the left

### DC —Prosopagnosia

#### IMPAIRED

- Face recognition
- Bilateral superior field deficits

#### NORMAL

- Superior IQ
- Acuity
- Face representation
- Face imagery
- Object recognition
- Reading
- Visual construction abilities
- Space perception
- Colour vision
- Memory
- Semantic knowledge

Who is:

• Inverted



Jason Alexander  
*George*



Who is:

• Fractured



Oprah

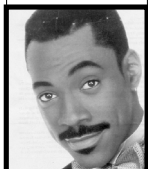


Who is:

• Disguised



Eddie Murphy



Tasks: Face recognition

• Upright faces

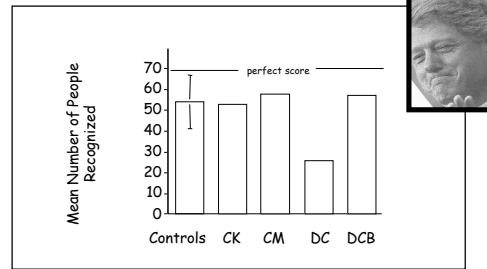


## Participants

	Controls	Brain-damaged			Control
Recognition	n=12	CK	CM	DC	DCB
Faces	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Objects	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Words	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓

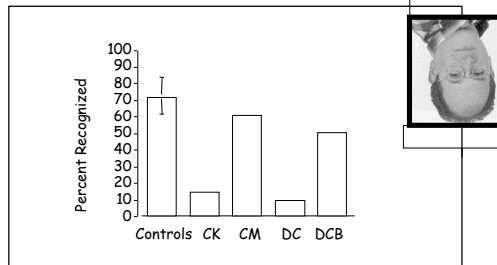
## Results

Mean Number of Famous People Recognized from Photos  
(Max. = 70)



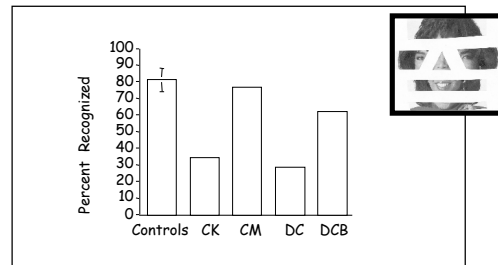
## Results

Percentage of Correct Recognition of Inverted Faces



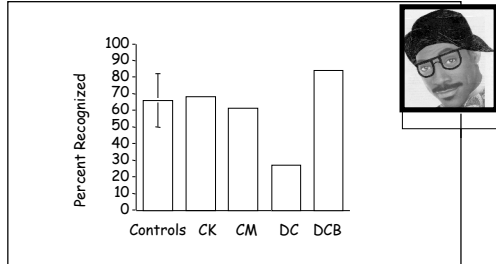
## Results

Percentage of Correct Recognition of Fractured Faces



## Results

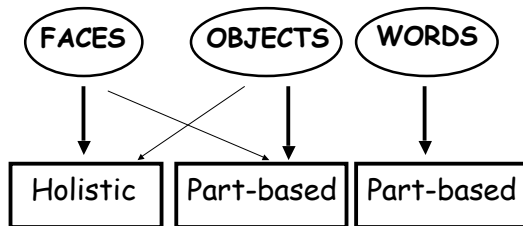
Percentage of Correct Recognition of Disguised Faces



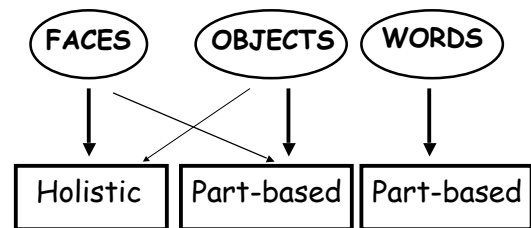
## Summary of findings

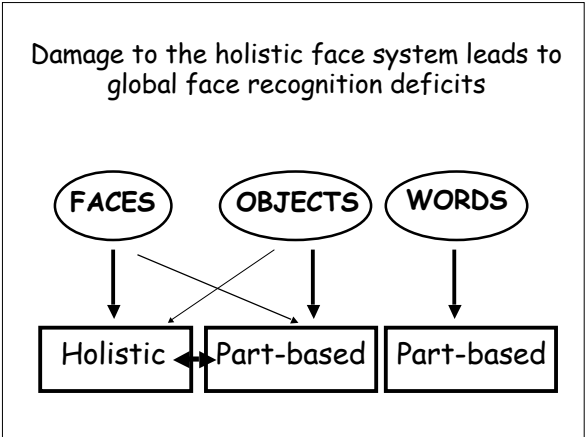
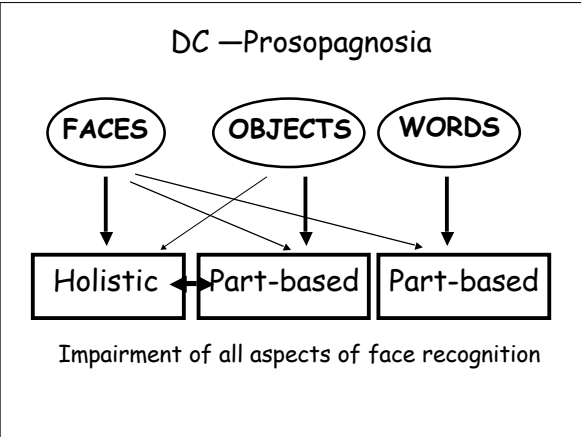
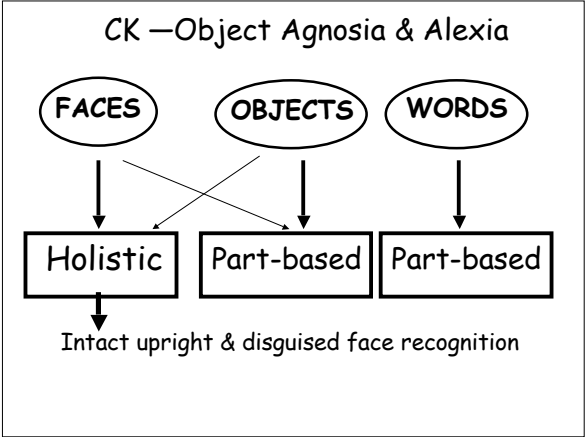
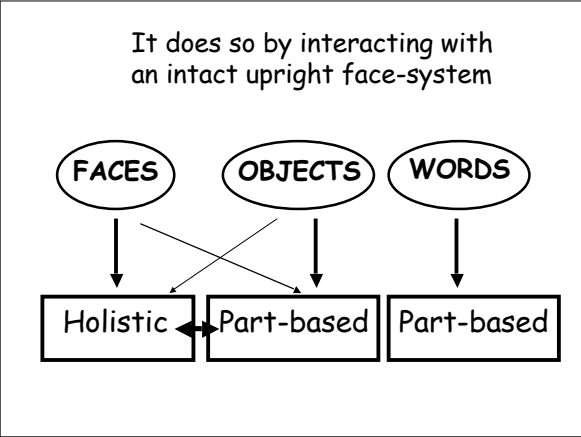
Face recognition tasks		Damaged systems		
		Word	Object & Word	Face
Upright		✓	✓	✗
Disguised		✓	✓	✗
Fractured		✓	✗	✗
Inverted		✓	✗	✗

There are separate part-based systems



Only the part-based object system contributes to some aspects of face recognition







Thank you

Dr. Larry Leach for referring DC



Dr. Bruce Bolster for referring CM

**Face recognition in three people,  
each with a different disorder:  
prosopagnosia, object agnosia,  
and pure alexia.**