# **External and Internal Stimuli**

Picture Vocabulary

Organisms and Environments



#### **Stimulus**



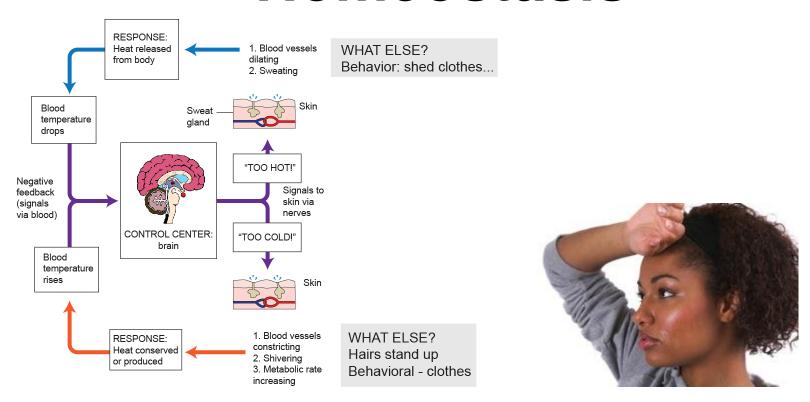
An action or condition that provokes a response.

### Response



A change in a system resulting from a stimulus.

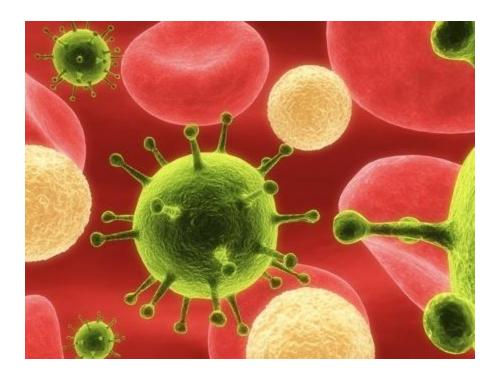
#### **Homeostasis**



The tendency of an organism or cell to maintain a balanced state so as to maintain health and function.



# Pathogen



A microorganism or virus that can cause disease.



# Fight or Flight



Short-term physiological changes in response to stress that prepare the body for intense activity to avoid harm.



### **Tropism**



Stems grow away from gravity, while roots grow toward gravity.

The turning or bending movement of a living organism or part of an organism toward or away from an external stimulus, such as light, heat, or gravity.



# Gravitropism



A turning or growth movement by a plant or fungus in response to gravity.



### **Phototropism**



Response of a plant to grow toward or away form light.

