

I (olfactory) – rarely tested, subjective assessment

II (optic)

- acuity
- fields
- fundi

III, IV and VI (oculomotor, trochlear, abducens)

- movements & nystagmus
- diplopia
- pupils same size and equally reactive to light and accommodation

V (trigeminal)

- sensation to light touch, pain and cold
- masseter and pterygoid muscle strength
- corneal reflex, if appropriate

VII (facial)

- frowning of brow on frowning, raising of eyebrows
- show teeth, smile, puff out cheeks
- screwing up of eyes
- facial movement

VIII (vestibulocochlear)

- repeat number whispered into each ear
- Rinne's test
- Weber's test

IX, X (glossopharyngeal, vagus)

- palatal movement, difficulty swallowing, gag reflex
- quality of speech:
 - nasal
 - guttural
 - say "ee"

XI (accessory)

- sternocleidomastoid and trapezius bulk and strength

XII (hypoglossal)

- tongue at rest and on movements to command, e.g. protrude
- say "la" and "ta"; quality of articulation