CRANIAL NERVES

On Old Olympus’ Towering Tops, A Finn and German Viewed Some Hops*
12 pairs, three pure sensory (I, II, VIII), rest mixed: motor and sensory
sensory cell bodies are located outside in ganglia (as in spinal cord)

Overview of ventral brain with cranial nerves: 492

CEREBRUM:
1 493 Olfactory tract, not true nerve (tract: bundle of nerve fibers having same origin, function & termination.)
Actual olfactory nerves pass through cribiform plate of ethmoid receptor cells located in nasal mucosa (olfactory tract and bulb are actually part of the cerebrum)

Diencephalon:
II 494 Optic also a tract, not true nerve. Cells located in retina. Optic nerve forms chiasm.
some fibers go to superior colliculi: visual reflexes.
most to lateral geniculate bodies in thalamus, synapse to form optic radiation, 3°neurons lead to visual cortex

MESENCEPHALON:
III 494 Oculomotor emerge just superior to pons, supply four of six extrinsic eye muscles and upper eyelids
parasympathetic Ciliary ganglion associated with intrinsic muscles of eye (pupil size and lens shape).
IV 495 Trochlear Pulley-like muscle = superior oblique (rotates eyeball fully upward)

Pons: (lateral)
V 496 Trigeminal: large nerve, branches into major sensory nerves of face. Sensory ganglia in huge semilunar ganglion
Branches: ophthalmic: through superior optic fissure
maxillary: through foramen rotundum
mandibular: through foramen ovale forms lingual nerve (toothache)
VI 495 Abducens: (“toward-carry”) to lateral rectus of eye, turns eye to outside
VII 497 Facial supplies somatic motor for muscles of facial expression
Bell’s palsy affects: caused by viral infection
sensory (taste from anterior 2/3 tongue)
parasympathetic: sphenopalatine ganglion: for lacrimal glands and nasal glands
Submandibular ganglion: salivary glands: submandibular and sublingual (not parotid)

VIII 498 Vestibulocochlear: (“hall-snail”) (Can be called auditory) two nerves as name suggests. Entirely sensory
vestibular: equilibrium, semicircular canals. Ganglia in vestibular ganglion near ear
cochlear: spiral ganglion in ear: hearing

Medulla Oblongata:
IX 499 Glossopharyngeal (“tongue-throat”) posterior 1/3rd of tongue, taste (notably bitter)
parasympathetic: otic ganglion innervates parotid gland

X 500 Vagus: (“wanderer”) major parasympathetic nerve. only cranial not restricted to head and neck.
Several rootlets fr medulla, passes through jugular foramen, passes close to carotid and jugular
Carries somatic to and sensory fr pharynx and larynx
Also carries sensory fr viscera, small ganglion on walls of organs: reg heart rate, depth of respiration, BP, digest, etc.

XI 501 Spinal Accessory mixed nerve, also carries nerves arising fr upper cervical region exits by jugular foramen
supplies muscles of larynx, pharynx, trapezius and sternocleidomastoid (along with vagus)

XII 501 Hypoglossal Nerve: pass thru hypoglossal canal
supplies muscles of tongue (intrinsic and extrinsic) as well as carries proprioceptors

alternative cranial nerve mnemonic: Oh, Oh, Oh, To Touch And Feel Virgin Girls' Vagina And Hymen.