

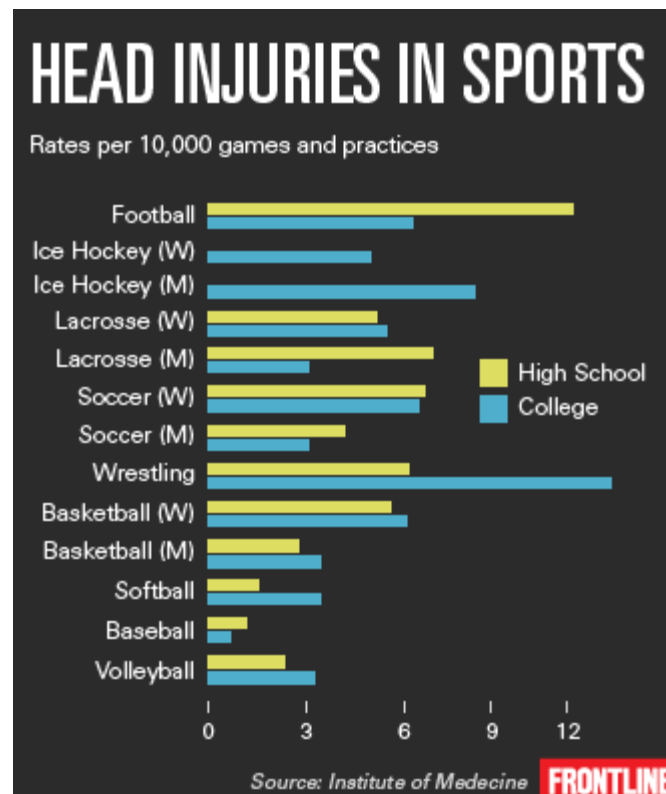
Why Don't Woodpeckers Get Concussions?

I VOCABULARY

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| 5. A blob of | e. Stubborn, |
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| 8. To knock out | h. A large piece of |
| 9. To drill | i. Confused |
| 10. To slosh | j. To make a hole in |
| 11. Head-headed | k. To ram |

II COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What happens when you get a concussion?
2. What anatomical advantages do woodpeckers have to protect them from concussions?
3. How does the woodpecker's tongue help insulate it from head trauma?
4. What is the main reason that woodpeckers don't get concussions?



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