

### Filling in versus finding out: A ubiquitous confusion in cognitive science

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#### Abstract

One of the things you learn if you read books and articles in (or about) cognitive science is that the brain is "filling in" --not filling in, but "filling in" --in scare quotes. My claim today will be that this way of talking about the brain is a form of shorthand, or an innocent bit of temporizing, but a source of deep confusion and error. The phenomenon of "filling in" is real, surprising, and theoretically important, but it is a mistake to conceive of the brain as if it were filled in, for that vivid phrase always suggests too much--sometimes a little too much. Here are some examples (my boldface throughout).

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