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Colorful thoughts. Synesthesia takes many forms. Those who experience it may see numbers in color, or they may see colors when they think about numbers. In one example, the person sees the digits 1 to 9 in an arc, hovering in the air in front of her. Others experience colors corresponding to different audible tones. Given the plethora of forms, and the fact that they are highly individualized, what are the common principles defining these experiences? On page 36 of this issue, Peter Grossenbacher and Christopher Lovelace draw together the evidence on the various types and characteristics, rationalizing them into a coherent cognitive and physiological theory of the mechanisms that underlie synesthesia. Cover design by Geraldine Woods.

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