**What causes depression?**

**Visit** [**http://www.health.harvard.edu/mind-and-mood/what-causes-depression**](http://www.health.harvard.edu/mind-and-mood/what-causes-depression) **and answer the questions below.**

1. Why might people have the same symptoms of depression, but need completely different treatments?
2. What regions of the brain affect mood? For each region, give an example of how it might affect mood.
3. Explain how neurons communicate with each other.
4. It what ways can this communication falter?
5. The neurotransmitters **serotonin, norepinephrine, and dopamine** can play important roles in regulating mood and leading to depression. What do each control?
   1. Serotonin:
   2. Norepinephrine:
   3. Dopamine:
6. List 3 examples of genes that may affect chances of developing depression. For each, describe what it controls.
7. What evidence is there for a genetic link to depression?