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How does our brain decode the invisible world of smells around us? Researchers from the Institute of Psychology of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (IPCAS) unveiled a new episode of this sensory enigma – it seems the human brain is a big fan of solving Jigsaw puzzles posed by odor molecules we breathe in. Like a connoisseur savoring a fine wine, our olfactory system discerns the subtle “shades” of a scent, reassembling them into the complex perceptions that we experience as specific scents (page 20).

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