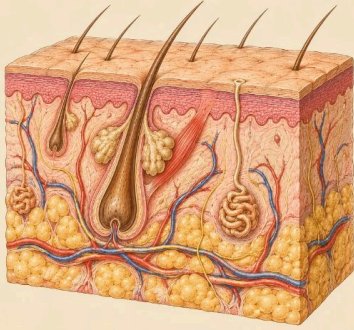


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What does the skin do?



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Skin is the body's largest organ. It protects against germs, sun and scrapes, keeps water in, helps control temperature with sweat and senses touch, cold, heat and pain. Hair and nails are made by the skin too.

1 Match each question to its answer. Write the letter.

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| ☐ 1. Why do we sweat? | A. To cool the body down. When sweat evaporates from the skin, it carries heat away. |
| ☐ 2. Why does skin burn in the sun? | B. The sun's ultraviolet rays damage skin cells. |
| ☐ 3. What are goosebumps? | C. From melanin, a pigment made by skin cells. |
| ☐ 4. Where does skin color come from? | D. Each hair has a tiny muscle at its root. |

2 Match each part to what it does. Write the letter.

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| ☐ 1. Skin | A. Keeping sweat out of the eyes |
| ☐ 2. Hair | B. Protecting the body and sensing touch |
| ☐ 3. Eyebrows | C. Feeling and speaking |
| ☐ 4. Lips | D. Shielding the head from sun and cold |

3 Is this the right answer? Write T or F.

- ☐ 1. **Why does armpit sweat smell?** The skin on your head is always renewing itself and shedding old bits.
- ☐ 2. **What is dandruff?** Your armpits have special sweat glands that switch on at puberty.
- ☐ 3. **What are nails made of?** Nails are made of keratin, the same tough substance found in hair and the outer layer of skin.
- ☐ 4. **Why do I get a shock when I touch things?** It's static electricity. When you shuffle your feet on a carpet or pull off a wool sweater, your body picks up a little electric charge.



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Answer key: What does the skin do?

1 Match each question to its answer.

1. A
2. B
3. D
4. C

2 Match each part to what it does.

1. B
2. D
3. A
4. C

3 Is this the right answer?

1. F
2. F
3. T
4. T

