

The body

1 Parts of the body and organs

Match the words and pictures.

ankle	chest
calf /kɑ:f/	waist
(pl calves)	hip
heel	thigh /θaɪ/
elbow /'elbəʊ/	brain
wrist	heart /hɑ:t/
nails	kidneys
palm /pɑ:m/	liver
	lungs



2 Verbs and verb phrases

a Match the verbs with the parts of the body.

arms eyebrows /'aɪbrəʊz/ hair (x2) hand hands (x2)
head (x2) nails nose shoulders teeth

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| 1 bite your <u>nails</u> | 7 hold somebody's _____ |
| 2 blow your _____ | 8 nod your _____ |
| 3 brush your _____ / _____ | 9 shake your _____ (to say no) |
| 4 clap your _____ | 10 raise your _____ (to show surprise) |
| 5 comb your _____ | 11 shake _____ (with someone) |
| 6 fold your _____ | 12 shrug your _____ |

b Read the sentences. Write the part of the body related to the bold verb.

- He **winked** at me to show that he was only joking. eye
- The steak was tough and difficult to **chew**. _____
- When we met, we were so happy we **hugged** each other. _____
- Don't **scratch** the mosquito bite. You'll only make it worse. _____
- She **waved** goodbye sadly to her boyfriend as the train left the station. _____
- Some women think a man should **kneel down** when he proposes marriage. _____
- The teacher **frowned** /fraʊnd/ when she saw all the mistakes I had made. _____
- The painting was so strange I **stared** /steəd/ at it for a long time. _____
- She got out of bed, and yawned /jɔ:nd/ and **stretched**. _____ / _____
- If you don't know the word for something, just **point** at what you want. _____

3 Idioms

a Complete the sentences with a part of the body.

chest foot feet hand head heart (x2) leg stomach tongue /tʌŋ/

- Could you give me a _____ with my homework? It's really difficult. _____
- You really **put your** _____ in it when you told Mark that Jane had been married before. _____
- You can't be serious. You must be **pulling my** _____ ! _____
- I can't remember her name but it's **on the tip of my** _____ . _____
- I'm not sure I want to go climbing now. I'm starting to **get cold** _____ . _____
- The test is on Friday. I've **got butterflies in my** _____ ! _____
- When Miriam left David, she **broke his** _____ . _____
- I **can't get that song out of my** _____ . I keep whistling it. _____
- You need to **learn** the irregular past tenses by _____ . _____
- I need to tell somebody about it and **get it off my** _____ . _____

Can you remember the words on this page? Test yourself or a partner.

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