

Tattoos

Tattooing has been around for thousands of years. The (0) B of making a permanent design or mark on the body was originally thought to (1) ___ magical protection against disease and misfortune. Later, it was used to show a person's (2) ___ status. The Romans, for example, (3) ___ to tattoo slaves and criminals.

With the (4) ___ of Christianity in Europe, tattooing was forbidden. It virtually (5) ___ out for hundreds of years, until European explorers came into (6) ___ with American Indians and Polynesians in the 17th and 18th centuries. Sailors would return from long (7) ___, decorated with large and elaborate designs. Many of these sailors later joined circuses, and (8) ___ a living by showing their tattoos to the public.

Nowadays, tattooing is (9) ___ as unusual, nor as popular as it once was. Tattoo parlours do (10) ___, but most people are unwilling to go (11) ___ the rather painful procedure. On the other hand, (12) ___ tattoos are becoming increasingly common. The design, which (13) ___ for three to six weeks, is painted painlessly onto the skin.

Other people still (14) ___ the original, permanent techniques, of course. The world record for the most-tattooed person is (15) ___ by Tom Leppard from Scotland. His leopard-skin design covers 99.2% of his body surface!

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| 0 A effect | B act | C do | D fact |
| 1 A prove | B do | C make | D provide |
| 2 A senior | B society | C communal | D social |
| 3 A used | B were | C could | D would |
| 4 A coming | B arrival | C departure | D leaving |
| 5 A died | B wore | C left | D went |
| 6 A touch | B communication | C meeting | D contact |
| 7 A travels | B sails | C voyages | D explorers |
| 8 A paid | B worked | C did | D earned |
| 9 A nowhere | B nor | C neither | D no |
| 10 A be | B live | C exist | D stay |
| 11 A through | B along | C under | D with |
| 12 A short | B temporary | C part-time | D momentary |
| 13 A lasts | B takes | C endures | D is |
| 14 A rather | B wish | C elect | D prefer |
| 15 A kept | B made | C held | D reached |