Piercing through the ages



People have [1] _____ their ears, noses, eyebrows, and lips pierced for centuries. Ötzi the Iceman, who died about five and a half thousand years ago, had both [2] _____ ears pierced.

In the Western world, piercing went out of fashion in the Middle Ages until about 1500. Then, men and women started [3] _____ earrings again.

Eventually, people started having piercings [4] _____ on other parts of their body. Why? Perhaps to show how much money they had, or because they wanted to be different.

Today, piercings are popular again. In the 20th century, piercing other [5] _____ of the body became popular because of hippy and punk culture. Just remember, when you have a piercing, you should keep the area clean or you might get an [6] _____.

1 **Exam** **Read the text and choose the correct answers.**

1	a done	b had	c made	d decided
2	a an	b of	c the	d his
3	a wearing	b doing	c piercing	d putting
4	a does	b do	c done	d did
5	a places	b things	c parts	d pieces
6	a headache	b infection	c earache	d antibiotics

2 **Complete the sentences with the words in the box.**

back ankle eyebrows neck

1 I twisted my _____ running and now it hurts to walk.

2 I slept in a funny position last night. My _____ hurts and it's hard to look left or right.

3 Have you had your _____ done? They look different.

4 I was lifting a heavy box and hurt my _____.

3 **Choose the correct responses.**

1 What seems to be the matter?	a It doesn't matter. b I have a terrible earache. c It isn't a problem.
2 I feel very tired.	a You ought to get some rest. b You'd better not get any rest. c You shouldn't get any rest.
3 Should I check my temperature?	a Yes, you should. b No, you look ill. c Yes, you're better.
4 What should I do about the problem?	a Here's a recipe for antibiotics. b Here's a prescription for antibiotics. c Here's a note for antibiotics.

4 130 **Exam** **Listen. Choose the correct answers.**

1 What's wrong with the girl?
- a She has a headache.
- b She has a sore throat.
- c She has a temperature.

2 What has the boy just had done?
- a He has had a tattoo done.
- b He has had his ear pierced.
- c He has had his head shaved.

3 What is Amy getting done?
- a She's having her hair dyed.
- b She's having her hair cut.
- c She's getting her ears pierced.

4 Who has had their nose pierced?
- a The girl.
- b The girl's sister.
- c The girl's best friend.

5 What has the boy broken?
- a His arm.
- b His wrist.
- c His thumb.

5 **Look at the information. Write a paragraph about making and keeping friends. Add your own ideas. Write about 80 words.**

How to keep your friends!

Listen a lot ✓

Talk too much ✗

Tell the truth (when possible!) ✓

Keep in touch ✓

Gossip about your friends ✗

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