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WHY DO PEOPLE DECORATE THEIR BODIES?

you read

Answer these questions.

1. What body decorations do women wear?
2. What body decorations do men wear?
3. What body decorations do you like?
People decorate their bodies for many reasons. The most important one, of course, is to be attractive. Another one is to show that they belong to a group. For one reason or another, people have decorated their bodies for thousands of years. They still decorate their bodies in many different ways.

Some people decorate their lips, ears, and necks to look beautiful. For example, in Africa, the Surmese women wear a plate in their bottom lips. How do they do this? First, a mother makes a hole in her daughter’s bottom lip. Then she stretches the lip. Then she puts a small plate in it. As the daughter gets older, she puts in bigger and bigger plates. Other people in Africa put plates in their ears. They want the bottom of their ears to hang to their shoulders.

The Kayan women of Burma (Myanmar) are called long-necked women. These women wear metal neck rings to stretch their necks. They wear more rings as they get older. Their necks become longer—sometimes two or three times the normal size. Most Kayan women follow this tradition. But today, some of the younger women break the tradition and take off their neck rings.

People also decorate their teeth to be more attractive. Many Americans and Europeans like straight white teeth. They spend a lot of money to fix and clean their teeth. This is not true in other parts of the world. In east Africa, some people pull out their bottom teeth. They want their top teeth to stick out. In some parts of Asia, the tradition was for women to paint their teeth black. Today, only older women still do this. In Indonesia, boys and girls file their teeth. A person with filed teeth will have a good and healthy life.

People around the world always liked tattoos. Europeans learned about tattoos around 1770. A famous English explorer named Captain Cook went to Tahiti. He saw people there with tattoos. The Tahitians called the decoration tatou. From this, we get the word tattoo. The Tahitians taught Cook and his sailors how to make tattoos. When the sailors returned to England, other people liked their tattoos. Soon tattoos spread to the rest of Europe.

Today, tattoos are popular again around the world. Many different types of people, especially young people, have tattoos. For some people, body decorations like tattoos are attractive. For other people, they are just strange.

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1. file: to rub something with a metal tool to make it smooth or cut it
**VOCABULARY**

**MEANING**
*Write the correct words in the blanks.*

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1. The women’s necks are longer than the usual size. They are longer than the ____________ size.
2. In Africa, a group of women like plates in their ____________. The plate is on the outside edge of the mouth.
3. Some women decorate their bodies to be beautiful. They want to be ____________.
4. The sailors went back to their homes. They ____________ home.
5. Her teeth are ____________. They are regular and in a perfect line.
6. The mother pulls her daughter’s lip. She wants the lip to be longer. She ____________ it.
7. People all over Europe learned about tattoos. Tattoos ____________ from England to the rest of Europe.

**WORDS THAT GO TOGETHER**
*Write the correct words in the blanks.*

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1. Many people want to ____________ a group. They want to be together with other people.
2. He can’t close his mouth. His teeth ____________.
3. She has very bad teeth. The dentist had to ____________ three of them.
4. The woman makes a hole in her ear. Then she ____________ a small earring.
5. The woman is wearing neck rings. When she wants to break the tradition, she will ____________ the rings.
USE
Work with a partner to answer the questions. Use complete sentences.

1. What do many women put in their lips?
2. What part of your body do you stretch?
3. What time do you return home after school or work?
4. What is a normal breakfast for you?
5. What group (or groups) do you belong to?
6. What body decorations are attractive to you?

COMPREHENSION

UNDERSTANDING THE READING
Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. In Africa, they decorate their lips and ears to look ______.
   a. strange  b. beautiful  c. rich

2. Sailors learned about tattoos in ______.
   a. Burma  b. Europe  c. Tahiti

3. Today, many different types of people ______.
   a. want black teeth  b. have tattoos  c. have long necks

REMEMBERING DETAILS
Reread the passage and answer the questions.

1. What do some women in Africa put in their ears?
2. Why are the Kayan women called long-necked women?
3. In what part of the world do some people pull out their bottom teeth?
4. What do some women in Asia do to their teeth?
5. Who was Captain Cook?
6. Where did Captain Cook see tattoos?
SENTENCE COMPLETION

Match the words in column A and column B to make sentences.

A

1. Many Americans and Europeans like
2. Some women in Burma stretch
3. Some women in Asia paint
4. People decorate
5. Some people have tattoos to
6. Tattoos spread from England to

B

a. their teeth black.
b. their bodies for many reasons.
c. show they belong to a group.
d. white teeth.
e. the rest of Europe.
f. their necks.

DICTATION

Work with a partner. Read three sentences from the exercise above. Your partner listens and writes the sentences. Then your partner reads three sentences and you write them.

DISCUSSION

Discuss the answers to these questions with your classmates.

1. What body decoration is popular in your country?
2. What body decoration do you want to have?
3. What are other ways to decorate the body?

CRITICAL THINKING

Work with a partner. Ask each other the following questions. Discuss your answers.

1. Huge lips are beautiful to the Surmese. Long necks are beautiful to the Kayans. What does this tell us about beauty? Where do we get our ideas about beauty? What makes a man or a woman beautiful in your culture?
2. People like to decorate themselves like others in their group. They wear similar hairstyles and body decorations. Why do people want to look like others? What happens to people who look different from others in their group? Is looking like others important to you? Why or why not?
**Writing**

Complete the sentences about body decoration.

**Example**  People decorate their bodies ________________.

1. In Africa, some women ____________________________.
2. In Burma, some women ____________________________.
3. In east Africa, some people ____________________________.
4. In Asia, some women ____________________________.
5. Today, tattoos ____________________________.

**Spelling and Punctuation**

**PLURALS: NOUNS ENDING IN -O**

Some singular nouns end in -o. To make these nouns plural, look at the letter before the -o.

- If the letter is a vowel, add -s.
  - tattoo—tattoos
  - video—videos
- If the letter is a consonant, add -es.
  - hero—heroes
  - potato—potatoes

Some words have special rules.
  - kilo—kilos
  - photo—photos
  - piano—pianos
  - solo—solos

Underline the misspelled words. Write the correct words on the lines.

1. The lead singer of the group has tattooes. ____________________________
2. His hair is very red. It looks like tomatos. ____________________________
3. The group has many videoes. ____________________________
4. They have crazy hair, but they are my heros. ____________________________
5. I have a lot of photoes of them on my walls. ____________________________

Go to page 139 for the Internet Activity.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- A 5,300-year-old mummy was found with tattoos! (Otzi the Iceman)
- In India and Morocco, women make designs on their bodies with a (plant) coloring called henna.