

Human Body

One of the first things you need to know when working in English is the parts of the body. You will need to learn the names of the internal (inside the skin) and external body parts. You will also need to learn the words for the functions of each of these body parts. Here are the basics to get you started.

Head

Inside the head is the **brain**, which is responsible for thinking. The top of a person's **scalp** is covered with **hair**. Beneath the hairline at the front of the **face** is the **forehead**. Underneath the forehead are the **eyes** for seeing, the **nose** for smelling, and the **mouth** for eating. On the outside of the mouth are the **lips**, and on the inside of the mouth are the **teeth** for biting and the **tongue** for tasting. Food is swallowed down the **throat**. At the sides of the face are the **cheeks** and at the sides of the head are the **ears** for hearing. At the bottom of a person's face is the **chin**. The **jaw** is located on the inside of the cheeks and chin. The **neck** is what attaches the head to the **upper body**.



Upper Body

At the top and front of the upper body, just below the neck is the **collar bone**. On the front side of the upper body is the **chest**, which in women includes the **breasts**. Babies suck on the **nipples** of their mother's breasts. Beneath the **ribcage** are the **stomach** and the **waist**. The **navel**, more commonly referred to as the **belly button**, is located here as well. On the inside of the upper body are the **heart** for pumping **blood** and the **lungs** for breathing. The rear side of the upper body is called the **back**, inside which the **spine** connects the upper body to the lower body.



Upper Limbs (arms)

The **arms** are attached to the **shoulders**. Beneath this area is called the **armpit** or **underarm**. The upper arms have the **muscles** known as **triceps** and **biceps**. The joint halfway down the arm is called the **elbow**. Between the elbow and the next joint, the **wrist**, is the **forearm**. Below the



wrist is the **hand** with four **fingers** and one **thumb**. Beside the thumb is the **index** finger. Beside the index finger is the **middle** finger, followed by the **ring** finger and the **little** finger. At the ends of the fingers are **fingernails**.

Lower Body



Below the waist, on left and right, are the **hips**. Between the hips are the reproductive organs, the **penis** (male) or the **vagina** (female). At the back of the lower body are the **buttocks** for sitting on. They are also commonly referred to as the **rear end** or the **bum** (especially with children). The internal organs in the lower body include the **intestines** for digesting food, the **bladder** for holding liquid waste, as well as the **liver** and the **kidneys**. This area also contains the woman's **uterus**, which holds a baby when a woman is pregnant.

Lower Limbs (legs)



The top of the leg is called the **thigh**, and the joint in the middle of the leg is the **knee**. The front of the lower leg is the **shin** and the back of the lower leg is the **calf**. The **ankle** connects the **foot** to the leg. Each foot has five **toes**. The smallest toe is often called the **little toe** while the large one is called the **big toe**. At the ends of the toes are **toenails**.