



Learn English Through Stories

**Basic Vocabulary**

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## Body Parts by K S Sandhu

Banta is a boy in class 10. He lives in a small village near Ludhiana. His house is not big, but it is happy. Banta has a little sister. Her name is Meena. Meena is in year 5.

Every evening, Banta helps Meena with her homework. Today, Meena has homework about body parts. She sits at the table with her book and a pencil. Banta sits next to her.

"Meena, what is the homework?" Banta asks.

"It is easy," Meena says. "I need to write sentences about body parts. But I don't know all the words."

Banta smiles. "Okay. I can help you. Let's start."

Meena opens her book. The teacher gives some words: nose, tooth, heart, thumb, stomach, shoulder, ear, back, waist.

"First word: nose," Meena says.

Banta points to his face. "This is my nose. I have one nose. You have one nose too.

"Meena writes: "I have one nose."

"Good!" Banta says. "Now, tooth. I have many teeth. Look!" He opens his mouth.

Meena laughs. "The baby in our family has only two teeth now.

"She writes: "The baby has got two teeth."

"Very good," Banta says. "Next is heart. The heart is in the chest. It is very important."

Meena puts her hand on her chest. "I can feel my heart."

She writes: "My heart is strong."

Banta nods. "Now, thumb. This is my thumb." He shows his hand.

Meena shows her thumb too. "I have two thumbs!

"She writes: "I have two thumbs."

"Next, stomach," Banta says. "When I eat too much rice, my stomach is full."

Meena laughs. "My stomach is hungry now!"

She writes: "My stomach is hungry."

"Shoulder," Banta continues. "My grandfather has pain in his shoulder sometimes."

Meena remembers. "Yes! Grandfather says: 'My shoulder hurts.'"

She writes: "My grandfather has a pain in his shoulder."

"Good. Now ear," Banta says. He touches his ear. "I have two ears. I can hear you."

Meena writes: "I have two ears."

"Back," Banta says. "My back is straight when I sit."

Meena writes: "My back is not dirty."

"Last one: waist," Banta says. "This is my waist." He points to the middle of his body.

Meena writes: "My waist is small."

Meena looks at more examples in her book.

She reads slowly: "That woman has got very big feet."

"My hair is dirty. I need to wash it."

"The little girl needs to wash her face and her hands before dinner."

Banta says, "You can write your own sentences too."

Meena thinks. "The boy has got short hair."

Banta has short hair. He laughs.

Then Meena sees other words: football, headscarf, lipstick, hairbrush, handbag.

"These are not body parts," Meena says.

"No," Banta answers. "But you can use them. For example: My mother has a red handbag. My sister likes her hairbrush."

"Meena writes one more sentence: "My mother has got a nice headscarf on her head."

Banta is happy. "Very good, Meena! Your homework is finished."

Meena smiles big. "Thank you, Banta! You are a good brother."

Banta pats her shoulder. "And you are a good sister."

Now they go to eat dinner. Their mother calls: "Wash your hands and face!"

Meena and Banta laugh. They know those body parts very well now.

# 3 Parts of the body

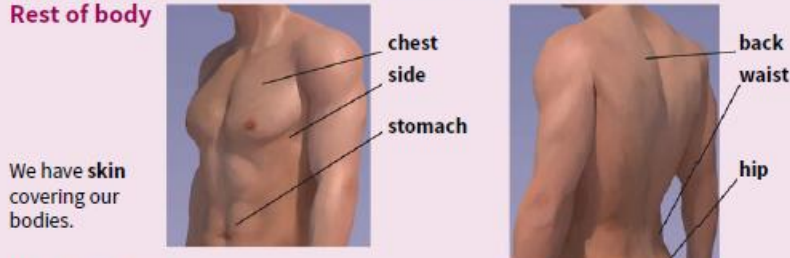
## A Head and face



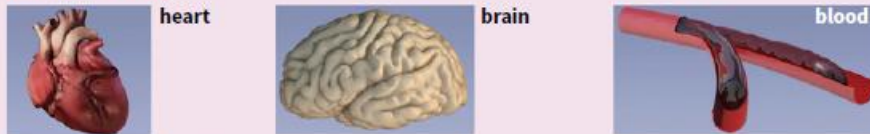
## B Arm and leg



## C Rest of body



## D Inside the body



## E Pronunciation problems

eye /aɪ/ knee /ni:/ stomach /'stʌmək/ heart /hɑ:t/ blood /blʌd/ foot /fʊt/ tooth /tu:θ/

## F Singular and plurals

one foot – two feet      one tooth – two teeth  
Hair is a singular word. My hair is very long – I must cut it soon.

### Common mistakes

Usually we use my, your, his, her, etc. with parts of the body.  
Katie is washing her hair [NOT Jane is washing ~~the~~ hair]. I have a pain in my leg [NOT I have a pain in ~~the~~ leg].  
(See [Unit 6](#): Health and illness.)

## Exercises

### 3.1 Here are the names of some parts of the body with the letters mixed up. What are they?

- |            |             |          |  |
|------------|-------------|----------|--|
| 1 eken     | <i>knee</i> | 6 are    |  |
| 2 osen     |             | 7 hotot  |  |
| 3 rathe    |             | 8 buhtm  |  |
| 4 hamcost  |             | 9 akbc   |  |
| 5 olderush |             | 10 tiwas |  |

### 3.2 Complete these sentences with words from the opposite page.

- |                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| 1 A hand has five <i>fingers</i> . | 6 You hear with your .....              |
| 2 A foot has five .....            | 7 The child sat on her father's .....   |
| 3 An adult has 32 .....            | 8 Your ..... type can be A, B, AB or O. |
| 4 You smell with your .....        | 9 You think with your .....             |
| 5 The ..... is a symbol of love.   |   |

### 3.3 Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

- I have a pain in ~~the~~ side. *I have a pain in my side.*
- That woman has got very big ~~foots~~.
- My grandfather has a pain in the ~~shoulder~~.
- The baby has already got two ~~tooths~~.
- The little girl needs to wash the face and the ~~hands~~ before dinner.
- My ~~hairs~~ are dirty. I need to wash them.

### 3.4 Parts of the body are often used in compound nouns too. Complete these nouns with a word from the opposite page.



1 *arm* chair



3 ..... stick



5 ..... scarf



2 ..... ball

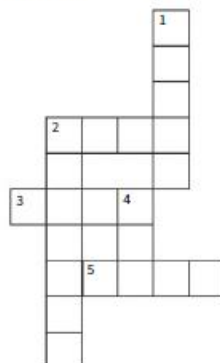


4 ..... brush



6 ..... bag

### 3.5 Complete the crossword. Look at the pictures.



## Answers

### Unit 3

- 3.1** 2 nose                      7 tooth  
3 heart                        8 thumb  
4 stomach                    9 back  
5 shoulder                    10 waist  
6 ear

- 3.2** 2 toes                        6 ears  
3 teeth                        7 knee / shoulders  
4 nose                         8 blood  
5 heart                         9 brain

- 3.3** 2 That woman has got very big **feet**.  
3 My grandfather has a pain in **his** shoulder.  
4 The baby has already got two **teeth**.  
5 The little girl needs to wash **her** face and **her** hands before dinner.  
6 My **hair is** dirty. I need to wash **it**.

- 3.4** 2 football                    5 headscarf  
3 lipstick                     6 handbag  
4 hairbrush

**3.5**

