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First Part: Hypotheses

Look at the pictures and imagine what could be the traces of evolution still present on the human body.









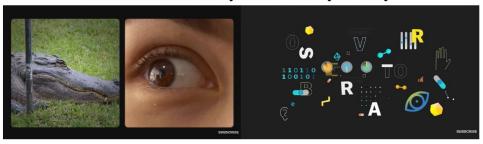
Second Part: Oral comprehension

Watch Vox's video about traces of evolution on the human body (00:00-03:24) and answer the following questions.



Read the questions before watching the video so you know what to expect.

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Right or wrong? You do not need to justify your answer.

- 1. Some parts are said to have disappeared even though we needed them: Wrong
- 2. The palmaris longus tends to disappear in species that use their forearms to move around since it does not make any difference in grip strength: Wrong (most developed on those species, though it does not make any difference in grip strength)
- 3. The palmaris longus is the only useless muscle we're left with: Wrong (muscles attached to our outer ear)
- 4. Apes do not spend a lot of time climbing trees: Right
- 5.An experiment with electrodes proved humans still move their ears to locate the source of sound: Wrong
- 6. The tailbone proves useful for the human body: Right
- 7. Scientists have experimented on genes to give birth to a human baby with a tail: Wrong

Answer the questions through complete sentences.

8. Give the name of two fingers used to highlight the palmaris longus.

Thumb and pinkie

9. How many people still have a palmaris longus on at least one of their arms?

85-90% (10-15% are missing it)

10. Why do mammals need goosebumps?

The raised hair increases the amount of space used for insulation, helping them stay warm. Through adrenaline it also helps some animals appear larger when they are threatened.

11. When is the human being supposed to get a tail?

Four weeks in gestation.

12. How many developing vertebrae are present in that tail?

Ten to twelve.