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Fingernails Never Stop Growing

Circle group

Look at your fingers. Each one has a nail at the tip. A nail is hard and smooth. It keeps the soft skin under it safe.

Nails grow and grow. You cannot feel it. But they get a bit longer each week. So we trim them.

A nail has no feeling. A trim does not hurt. Ask a grown-up to help.

Questions

1. Where is a nail on your body?

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2. What does a nail keep safe?

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3. When do nails grow?

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4. Why does a trim not hurt?

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5. Why do we trim our nails?

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Words to know

nail: the hard, smooth part at the tip of a finger

trim: to cut a little off to make shorter

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.

3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Triangle group

Look at your fingers. At the tip of each one is a hard, smooth nail. Your nails are tough. They guard the soft skin under them. They also help you pick up small things, like a coin or a button.

Nails grow all the time. You cannot feel it, but they get a little longer each week. That is why we trim them.

A nail has no feeling, so a trim does not hurt. Ask a grown-up to help you. Short, clean nails are easy to keep neat and tidy.

Questions

1. Where is a nail on your body?

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2. What do nails guard?

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3. How often do nails grow?

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4. Why does a trim not hurt?

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5. Why do we need to trim our nails?

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Words to know

nail: the hard, smooth part at the tip of a finger
tough: strong and hard to break
trim: to cut a little off to make shorter

guard: to keep safe from harm

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
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Fingernails Never Stop Growing

Square group

Take a close look at your fingers. At the very tip of each one is a hard, smooth nail. Your nails are surprisingly tough, and they protect the soft skin that lies beneath them.

Nails never stop growing. You cannot feel it happening, but they become a little longer every week. That is the reason people trim them from time to time.

A nail has no feeling inside it, so trimming does not hurt. Ask a grown-up to help you, because short, clean nails are much easier to keep neat.

Questions

1. Where on your body can you find a nail?

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2. What do your nails protect?

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3. How often do nails grow?

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4. Why does trimming a nail not hurt?

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5. Why do people trim their nails from time to time?

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Words to know

nail: the hard, smooth part at the tip of a finger
tough: strong and hard to break
trim: to cut a little off to make shorter

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

For the teacher: Fingernails Never Stop Growing

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Fingernails Never Stop Growing

Easier · 62 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.6

1. At the tip of each finger.
2. The soft skin under it.
3. All the time.
4. A nail has no feeling.
5. They keep growing and get longer.

Triangle: Fingernails Never Stop Growing

This passage · 91 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.9

1. At the tip of each finger.
2. The soft skin under them.
3. All the time.
4. A nail has no feeling.
5. They keep growing and get longer, so we cut them short.

Square: Fingernails Never Stop Growing

Harder · 91 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.9

1. At the very tip of each finger.
2. The soft skin that lies beneath them.
3. They never stop growing.
4. A nail has no feeling inside it.
5. Nails keep growing and become longer every week, so people cut them short.