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Why You Get Goose Bumps

Circle group

Brrr! The wind blows. Your arms get tiny bumps. They look like goose skin. So we say goose bumps.

Each bump is a little hair. When you are cold, the hair stands up. Many hairs stand up. Your skin gets bumpy.

A big surprise can do it, too. Soon you get warm. The bumps go away.

Questions

1. What do goose bumps look like?

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2. What do the hairs on your arm do when you are cold?

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3. What else can bring goose bumps?

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4. What happens when you get warm?

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5. Why might you get goose bumps in the wind?

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Words to know

goose: a big bird with a long neck
bump: a small round spot that sticks out
hair: a thin strand that grows from the skin
surprise: something you did not expect

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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Why You Get Goose Bumps

Triangle group

Brrr! The wind blows, and your arms get tiny bumps. They look like the skin of a goose, so we call them goose bumps.

Each bump is a little hair on your arm. When you are cold, the hair stands up straight. Many hairs stand up at once, and your skin gets bumpy.

Goose bumps can come when you feel a big surprise, too. Soon you warm up, and the bumps go away. Your body can do this all by itself.

Questions

1. What do goose bumps look like?

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2. What happens to the hairs on your arm when you are cold?

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3. When else can goose bumps come?

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4. What happens when you warm up?

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5. Why might you get goose bumps on a windy day?

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Words to know

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Why You Get Goose Bumps

Square group

Brrr! When a chilly wind blows, you may notice tiny bumps appear all over your arms. They remind people of the skin of a goose, which is why we call them goose bumps.

Every bump is really a small hair on your arm. When you feel cold, each hair stands up straight. Because many hairs rise at the same moment, your skin turns bumpy.

Goose bumps can also appear when you feel a big surprise. Soon afterward you warm up, and the bumps disappear. Your body does all of this by itself.

Questions

1. What do goose bumps remind people of?

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2. What happens to each hair on your arm when you feel cold?

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3. Besides cold, when else can goose bumps appear?

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4. What happens to the bumps after you warm up?

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5. Why might your arms get goose bumps on a windy day?

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Words to know

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Talk together (every group has these)

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For the teacher: Why You Get Goose Bumps

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

Circle: Why You Get Goose Bumps

Easier · 56 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.7

1. They look like goose skin.
2. They stand up.
3. A big surprise.
4. The bumps go away.
5. The wind makes you cold, and cold makes the hairs stand up.

Triangle: Why You Get Goose Bumps

This passage · 81 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.9

1. They look like the skin of a goose.
2. They stand up straight.
3. When you feel a big surprise.
4. The bumps go away.
5. The wind makes you feel cold, and cold makes the hairs stand up.

Square: Why You Get Goose Bumps

Harder · 92 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.3

1. The skin of a goose.
2. It stands up straight.
3. When you feel a big surprise.
4. They disappear.
5. The wind makes you feel cold, and the cold makes the hairs stand up.