

BODY VOCABULARY



**THE WORLD OF WORDS
FINE TUNE YOUR ENGLISH**

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Learning Objectives



- Common words referring to body parts and their functions.
- Posture words
- Body Verbs
- Texture and Colour words
- Emotional Significance of Body verbs etc.,

Posture words



- 1. ‘To fold one’s arms’ →
to bring one’s arms together and cross them above the chest.

eg: He stood with his arms folded.





- 2. To fold one's hands →
to bring the two hands together as when we pray.





- 3. ‘To walk arm in arm’→
arms crossed at the elbow.



- 4. ‘To walk hand in hand’→





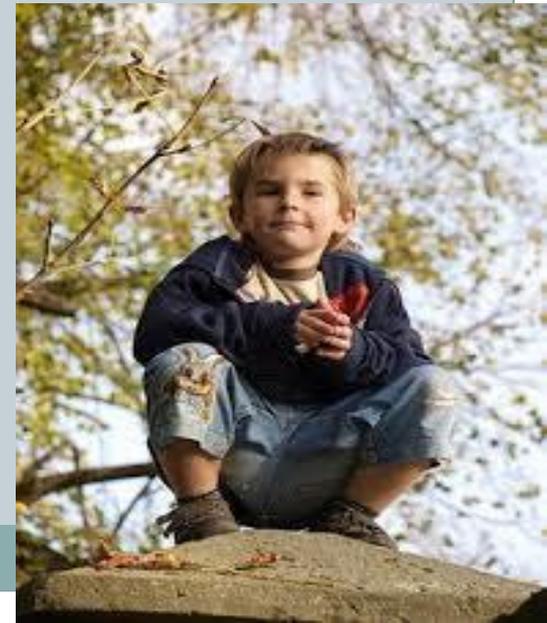
- If somebody came holding a newspaper between his arm and his body, what would you say?

→ He came with a newspaper under his arms.
- ‘Arms akimbo- To stand with your hand on the hip





- How does a baby crawl?
 - It crawls on all fours- that is, supported on its hands and knees.
- Squat → To sit with your knees bent up close to the body and with only your feet touching the ground.





- How do you lie in bed?
 1. You can lie on your back →



2. You can lie on your side



3. You can lie curled up →



4. Lie face down →
to lie on one's belly





- Lie in state → When the body of a person is placed on view in a public place before burial.

Texture and Colour Words

- What kind is your hair?
Is it straight, wavy, curly or kinky?
The hair of African people can be described as kinky.
- What colour is your hair?
Is it black, gray, white ,blonde?



- **Brunette**- A woman with dark brown or black hair.
- **Blonde** - A woman with pale golden hair.
- If your hair is very untidy, it is described as-
disheveled.
- If your hair is entangled in a thick mass- it is called
matted hair.

Body Parts



- Nose

1. **Snub-** Short and turned up at the end



2. **Aquiline-** Shaped like the nose of an eagle.

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- **3. Roman** - If your nose has a prominent upper part you have a Roman nose.

Face

What is your face like?

- 1. Freckled**- If you have small pale brown spots on your face, it is a freckled face.





2. **Carbuncle**- A large painful swelling under the skin



3. **Pimple**- A small raised spot on the skin





4. If fear or cold makes your skin rise into small pimples, you have- *gooseflesh* or *goose pimples*

5. Tingling sensation

6. Pins and needles



Body and Emotions



- 1. How do you show that you agree to some proposal? → You nod your head
- 2. How does a person show his anger?
 - He clenches his fist,
 - gnashes (strike together) his teeth,
 - stamps on the floor in annoyance.





- How does a person show indifference
→ Shrugs (raises) his/her shoulders.



- A person may crease his brows
→ To show concentration or puzzlement.





- Some people purse (draw together their lips) → to show disapproval



- Children often pout (push their lips or bottom lip forward)
→ to show annoyance



'Eye' Phrases



- 'Raise one's eyebrows' / 'Knit one's brows' → shows disapproval or surprise.
- 'To bat an eye' → not to show any emotion or surprise.



eg: **Mary didn't even bat an eye when I told her I was moving out.**



- **Some more 'eye' phrases:**

1. Apple of someone's eye.

→ The expression *apple of my eye* is often used when referring to family members, or those who are closest to us to mean that they are someone's favorite person or object.

eg: **Jennifer is the apple of her father's eye.
He's so proud of her.**



- 2. Cry One's Eyes Out

→ *Crying one's eyes out* - It means to cry for a very long time in a desperate manner.

Eg: **Maria's crying her eyes out. I wonder what happened?**

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- ‘Squinting’- Keep your eyes half-closed so as to see better.



- ‘Blinking’- Shut and open your eyes quickly.

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- ‘Winking’- Close one eye very briefly and then open it.

Body Verbs

- My father is the head of our family.
- John have many responsibilities to shoulder
- She face all challenges bravely.
- He will not knuckle under pressure.
- You should elbow your way out of a tight situation.

Find out what they mean.



- Tap your fingers
- Fidgeting
- Snap your fingers
- Wring your fingers
- Click with your finger
- Make face at someone.
- Stick your tongue out

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