

Your Sense of Touch



People learn about the world through their five senses. Touch is one of those five senses.

You can sense how things feel because of your skin. Your skin has three different layers. These layers have different jobs. One of those layers tells you what things feel like. It can tell you if something is soft or hard. It can tell you if something is smooth or rough. It can tell you if something is cold or hot. It can tell you a lot about how something feels!

Your sense of touch helps keep you safe. Think about a hot stove. What would happen if you put your hand near it? Your sense of touch would tell you that the stove feels hot... too hot! And you'd pull your hand away. Your sense of touch would stop you from getting burned!

safe

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Definition

adjective

1. providing protection from harm, loss, or damage; not dangerous.

The deer found a safe place in the forest.

2. not in danger; free from harm or risk.

We were safe at home when the storm began.

noun

1. a strong metal box with a lock that is used for keeping money and valuable things.

Some people keep their jewelry in a safe.

adjective

1. careful; cautious.

Nico is a safe driver.

2. involving little risk or danger.

Refusing the offer was a safe decision.

They say that flying is much safer than traveling in a car.

3. without risk of error; nearly certain.

It's a safe assumption that the senator will vote with his party on this issue.

adverb

1. cautiously; securely.

He always plays safe.

These are some examples of how the word or forms of the word are used:

1. Firefighters work hard. They work to keep us **safe** from fire.
2. When All Stop went up, everyone had to stop. That made driving **safer**.
3. People can stay **safe** during a storm. They need to get ready before the storm arrives. They can prepare an emergency kit. People should stay inside when the storm comes.

skin

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Definition

noun

1. the thin outer covering of the body.

His pale skin burns easily in the sun.

2. the outer covering of some fruits and vegetables.

The skin of an apple can be red, green, or yellow.

3. the skin and fur removed from an animal.

We have a rug made of bear skin in our living room.

verb

1. to remove the skin from.

He skinned the deer.

2. to scrape skin from, by accident.

She skinned her arm when she fell.

noun

1. any thin membrane or other covering of a surface.

the skin on top of old latex paint

These are some examples of how the word or forms of the word are used:

1. The purple sea urchin has spiny, hard **skin**.
2. Color your plate with all kinds of veggies. They help your heart, eyes, **skin**, and teeth.
3. Many kids will spend hours playing outside in the summer sun. Be careful, though. The sun's harmful rays can cause damage to your **skin** and eyes.
4. Jessica rubbed sunscreen on her arms. The hot summer sun beat down on her **skin**.

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Why do we need our five senses?

- A. to look beautiful
- B. to eat our food
- C. to learn about the world

2. This text explains your sense of touch. What part of your body helps you sense how things feel?

- A. your toes
- B. your eyes
- C. your skin

3. Read these sentences about your skin:

"Your skin has three different layers. One of those layers tells you what things feel like."

What does this tell us about your sense of touch?

- A. One of the layers in your skin tells you how something feels.
- B. You need all three layers of your skin to sense how something feels.
- C. Only your hands can tell you how something feels.

4. What is the main idea in "Your Sense of Touch"?

- A. Your skin has three different layers.
- B. Your sense of touch is important. It helps keep you safe.
- C. People learn about the world through their five senses.

5. How many layers does your skin have?

Skin has _____.

6. What did you learn from "Your Sense of Touch"?

7. Class Discussion Question: What kind of information does your skin give you? Be as specific as you can. Use information from the text to support your answer.

8. Draw a picture that shows how your sense of touch keeps you safe.