

### Activity type

Lesson (~75 mins)

### Focus

Vocab  
Speaking

### Level

B1 and above

### Procedure

- I. Sts label the body parts in the picture in teams.
- II. Sts decide whether the given definitions are correct or not.
- III. Sts complete the sentences using the target language.
- IV. Sts complete the sentences about themselves and discuss them in teams.

### Examples / Suggested Answers

I. Check [here](#). You can also elicit more language related to body (e.g., names of each finger, synonyms for abdomen, etc.). If you have an online lesson, you can use [this](#) interactive version of the picture.

II.

1. Correct
2. She ignored me and was unfriendly towards me.
3. It makes me really angry.
4. Correct
5. Correct
6. It's extremely expensive
7. Correct
8. I became too frightened to do something I had planned
9. I have a strong belief about someone or something that cannot completely be explained
10. Correct
11. It makes me feel very frightened or excited
12. Correct

III.

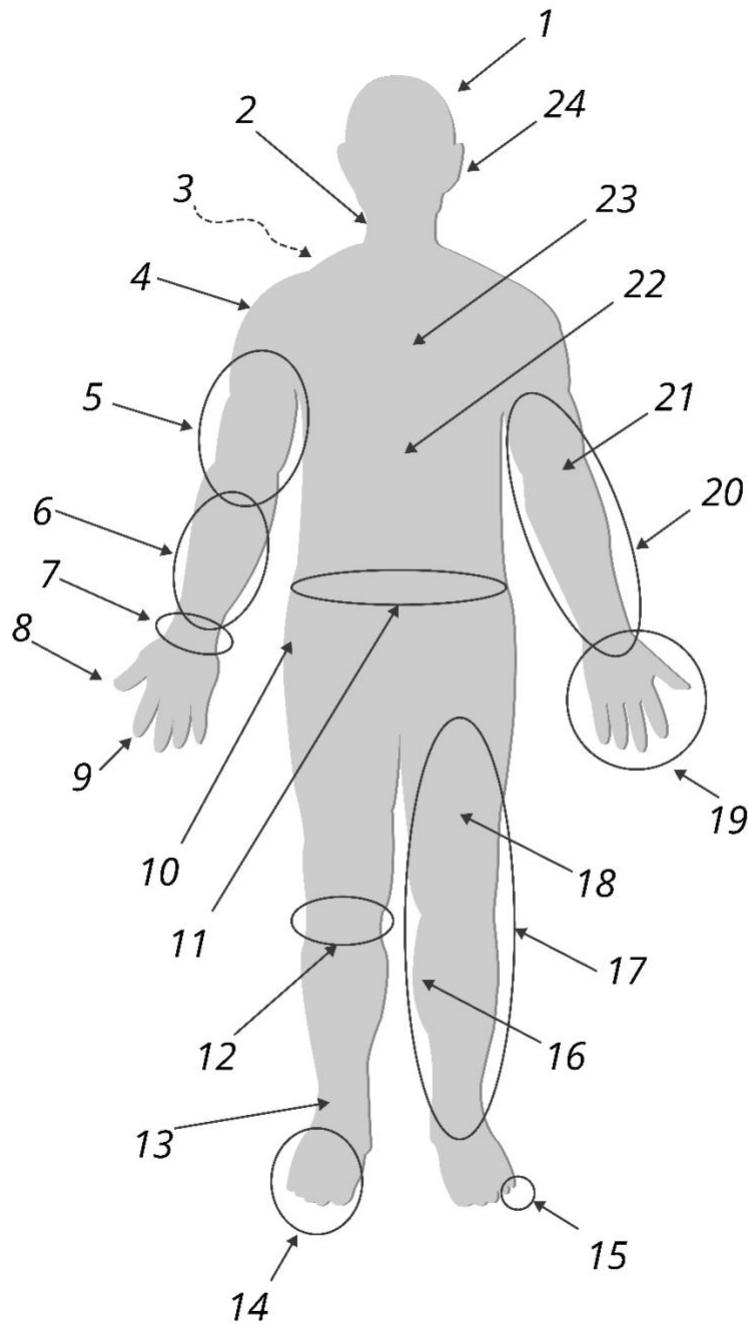
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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| a. Costs an arm and a leg | g. Gut feeling     |
| b. Off the top of my head | h. Cold shoulder   |
| c. All ears               | i. Keep an eye     |
| d. Pat on the back        | j. See eye to eye  |
| e. It makes my blood boil | k. Cold feet       |
| f. Shivers down spines    | l. Get hands dirty |

IV. Students' own answers.

# VB LESSONS

## Body Language

I. Label the body parts in the picture below.



### II. Read the idioms and decide whether their definition is correct or not. Correct the wrong ones.

1. I'm all ears = I'm listening very carefully
2. She gave me a cold shoulder = She helped me a lot
3. It makes my blood boil = I really enjoy it
4. Keep an eye on this = Look after this
5. Off the top of my head = This is the first thing that comes to my mind
6. It costs an arm and a leg = It's reasonably priced
7. We don't see eye to eye on this = We don't agree on this
8. I got cold feet = I was freezing because of the weather
9. I have a gut feeling = My stomach is upset
10. He gave me a pat on the back = He praised me for doing a great job
11. It sends shivers down my spine = It makes my back hurt
12. I had to get my hands dirty = I had to do something unpleasant / not honorable

### III. Complete the sentences below with the idioms from the previous exercise.

Check in teams and discuss to what extent you agree with the statements.

- a. The new iPhone 14 \_\_\_\_\_, I'd never buy something this extravagant.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_, I'd say half of my classmates are married by now, but I'm not really keeping in touch with them, so I don't know for sure.
- c. When someone mentions food, I'm always \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. Recently I've been working really hard, so I deserve a \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ when my roommate leaves her hair all over the place after taking shower. Is it so hard to clean up afterwards?
- f. Stephen King's novels have sent \_\_\_\_\_ readers' \_\_\_\_\_ for more than 20 years. Unfortunately, I haven't read any of his works yet.
- g. When someone is lying to me, I can immediately tell. I have a \_\_\_\_\_ about this kind of things.

- h. If someone gave me a \_\_\_\_\_ once, I would never ask them anything again. I don't want to come across as needy and invasive.
- i. I think it's children's and grandchildren's responsibility to \_\_\_\_\_ on their elderly family members. Sending them to nursing homes is downright outrageous!
- j. Oftentimes my coworkers and I don't \_\_\_\_\_ on how to deal with our tasks, which doesn't do any good when it comes to our productivity.
- k. I'm not that kind of person who gets \_\_\_\_\_ and refuses to do something challenging. My word is my bond.
- l. If you want to succeed in life, you will have to \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ and be ready to do whatever it takes.

### IV. Complete the sentences below with the information true to you. Discuss your sentences in teams.

- I don't **see eye to eye** with my \_\_\_\_\_ when it comes to \_\_\_\_\_.
- It **makes my blood boil** when \_\_\_\_\_.
- I don't really know what my favorite movie is, but **off the top of my head** I'd say it's \_\_\_\_\_.
- Every day at work I have to **keep an eye on** \_\_\_\_\_.
- I think I really deserve **a pat on the back** for \_\_\_\_\_.
- My \_\_\_\_\_ really **cost me an arm and a leg**.
- \_\_\_\_\_ really **sent shivers down my spine**. It was the scariest movie I've ever seen.
- I have **a gut feeling** that \_\_\_\_\_.
- If a person wants to \_\_\_\_\_, they might need to **get their hands dirty**.
- When I went to \_\_\_\_\_, I got **a cold shoulder** from \_\_\_\_\_.
- I was going to try \_\_\_\_\_, but I **got cold feet** and chickened out.
- When my friend told me about \_\_\_\_\_, I was **all ears**.