

body S1 W1

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noun

(plural **bodies**)

1 **people/animals** [countable] BODY the physical structure of a person or animal:

the human body

My fingers were numb and my whole body ached.

body weight/temperature/size

Your body temperature is higher in the daytime than at night.

For their body size, these birds lay very small eggs.

*He needs to overcome a negative **body image** (= what you think about your own body) .*

2 **dead person** DEAD BODY [countable] BODY the dead body of a person:

A dog found the body of a girl in the woods.

3 **group** GROUP OF PEOPLE [countable] a group of people who work together to do a particular job or who are together for a particular purpose:

The British Medical Association is the doctors' professional body.

body of

There were reports of a large body of armed men near the border.

*Kaplan served on the **governing body** of the museum (= the group who control the museum) .*

*The **student body** (= all the students in a school or college) numbers 5,000.*

*The research will be used by government departments and other **public bodies** (= groups whose work is connected to the government) .*

in a body (= as a group, together)

The women moved towards the building in a body.

4 body of something

a) AMOUNT

a large amount or mass of something, especially something that has been collected:

body of knowledge/evidence/opinion etc

There is now a considerable body of knowledge of the different stages of childhood.

There is a growing body of evidence that charges are too high.

b) MAIN

the main, central, or most important part of something:

The arguments are explained in the body of the text.

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5 body of water

a large area of water such as a lake:

The city was built near a large body of water.

6 | middle part CENTRAL PART [COUNTABLE] BODY the central part of a person or animal's body, not including the head, arms, legs, or wings:

Nick had bruises on his face and body.

The bird has a small body and long wings.

7 | vehicle VEHICLE [COUNTABLE] the main structure of a vehicle not including the engine, wheels etc:

Workers at the factory are making steel bodies for cars.

8 | object SEPARATE OBJECT [COUNTABLE] SEPARATE (technical) an object that is separate from other objects:

*Keep the caps on the bottles to prevent **foreign bodies** entering them* (= objects that should not be there).

→ **heavenly body** AT HEAVENLY (3)

9 | hair HAIR [UNCOUNTABLE] if your hair has body, it is thick and healthy:

This shampoo will give more body to your hair.

10 | taste [UNCOUNTABLE] if food or an alcoholic drink has body, it has a strong FLAVOUR (= taste):

A small amount of tomato paste will give extra colour and body to the sauce.

11 full/medium/light-bodied

used to describe how much taste an alcoholic drink has, with a full bodied drink having the strongest taste:

a full bodied wine

12 long/thick etc -bodied BODY

having a long, thick etc body:

a slim bodied orange-gold fish

→ ABLE-BODIED

13 keep body and soul together SURVIVE

to continue to exist with only just enough food, money etc:

He's working at the shop to keep body and soul together.

14 body and soul

a) COMPLETELY

completely:

She threw herself body and soul into her work.

b)

the whole of a person:

They think they own the employees, body and soul.

15 **instrument** [countable] the wide part of a musical instrument such as a VIOLIN or GUITAR, or of a sports RACKET (= bat) :

The guitar is 16 inches wide across the body.

16 **clothing** CLOTHES [countable] (*BrE*) a type of tight-fitting shirt worn by women that fastens between their legs

SYN **body suit** (*AmE*)

→ over my dead body AT DEAD¹ (11)

COLLOCATIONSense 1 adjectives

the human body *There are billions of cells in an adult human body.*

the female/male body *his drawings of the female body*

the upper/lower body *Slowly raise your upper body into a sitting position.*

somebody's whole body *Her whole body froze with fear.*

body + NOUN

body weight *You have exactly the right body weight for your height.*

body temperature *Exercise will raise your body temperature.*

body size/ shape *differences in body size and shape*

body fluids *Replace your body fluids by drinking lots of water.*

body fat *Males have less body fat than females.*

body language (= the movements and expressions that show what you feel) *Nervousness is usually clearly expressed in body language.*

body image (= what you think you look like) *People tend to have their own body image fixed in their minds.*

THESAURUS

body the shape, size, and appearance of someone's body: *Many women are not happy with their bodies. | His clothes emphasized his strong body.*

figure a woman's figure is the shape of her body – used especially when it is attractive: *She has a really nice figure. | Freya had an enviably slim figure.*

build the size and shape of someone's body – used in the following phrases: *Police described the man as tall and of medium build. | He was of heavy build. | She has a very slight build.*

physique the size and appearance of someone's body – used especially about men who look attractive: *He was over 1.8 m tall with a muscular physique. | Ben has a very athletic physique.*

a dead body

body **noun** [countable] the dead body of a person: *Her body was discovered at the bottom of a cliff. | Firefighters found the body of a woman in the house.*

corpse **noun** [countable] the dead body of a person. **Corpse** is used when you are thinking about the body as an object rather than a

person: *Pathologists examined the corpse.*

carcass **noun** [countable] the dead body of an animal: *a whale carcass* | *The carcasses of the infected animals were burned.*

remains **noun** [plural] parts of a dead person or animal, especially when they died a long time ago: *Police found human remains under the floorboards of the house.*

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