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# **Words to Know**

germs protect

organ skin

pigment temperature

My Skin
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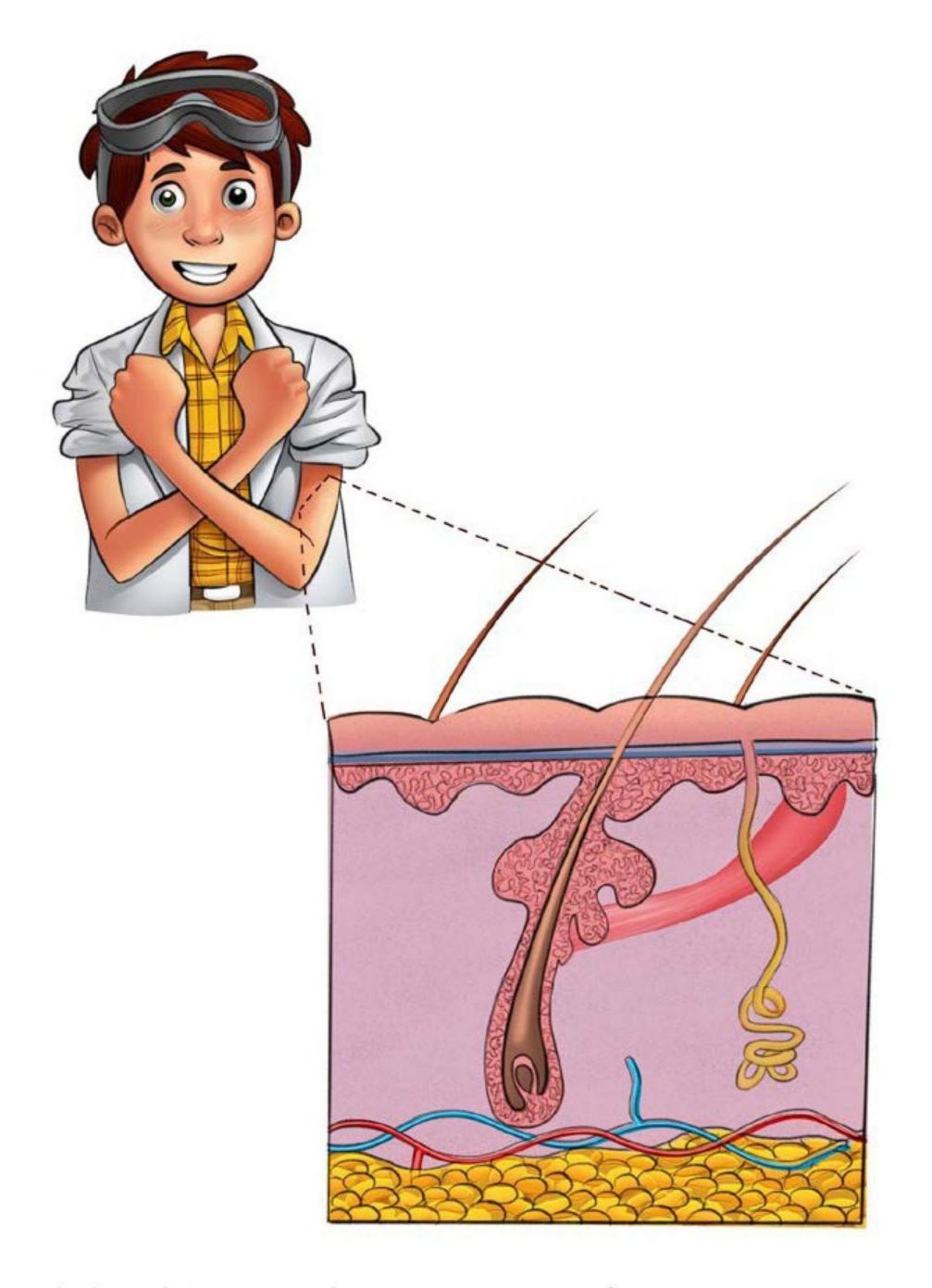
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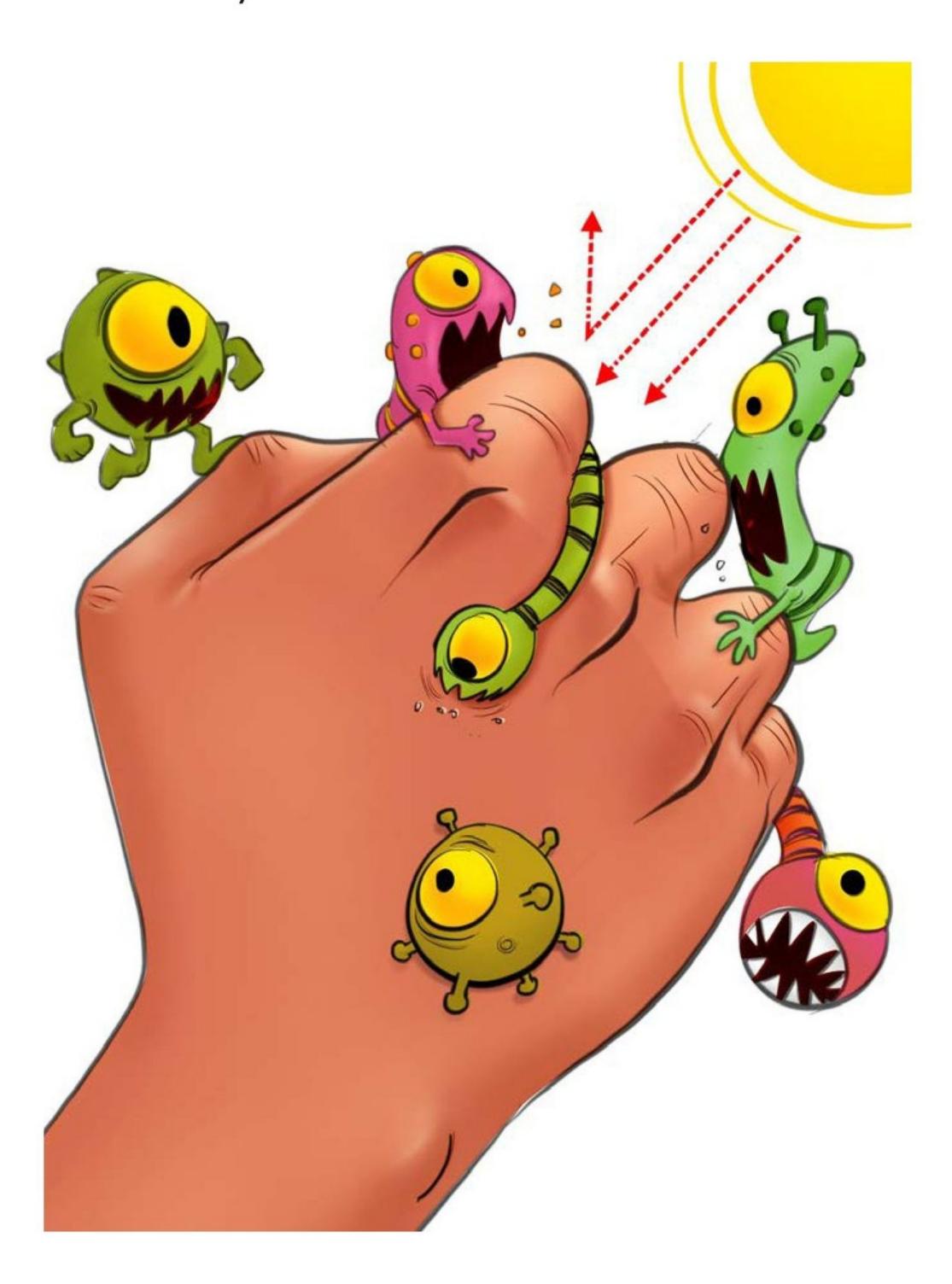
What is my body's largest **organ**? It's my **skin**!



My skin works as part of a system to keep me alive.

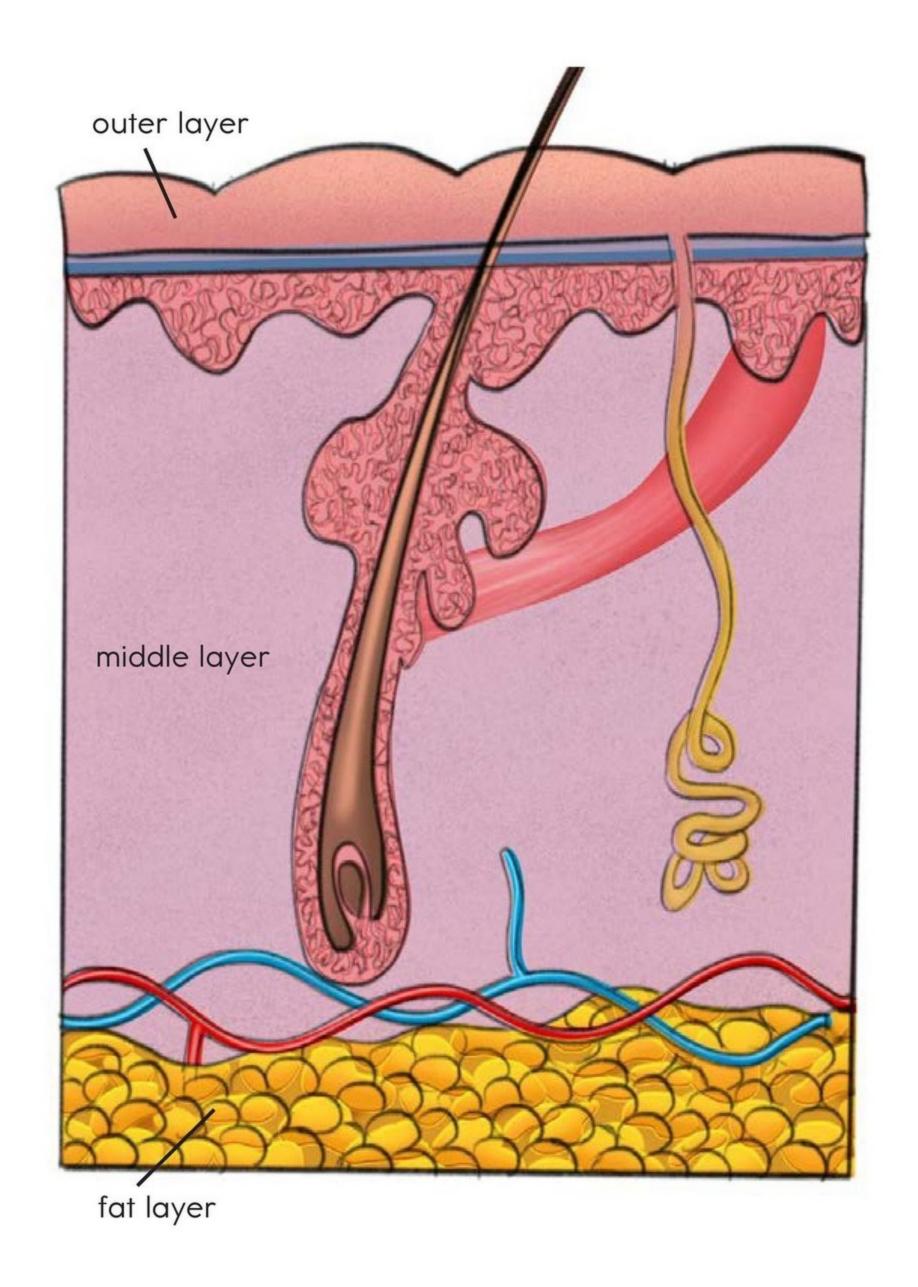
My skin's main job is to **protect** me. It protects me in many ways.

It keeps out many harmful **germs** and rays from the Sun.





It also helps my body when it gets too hot or too cold.

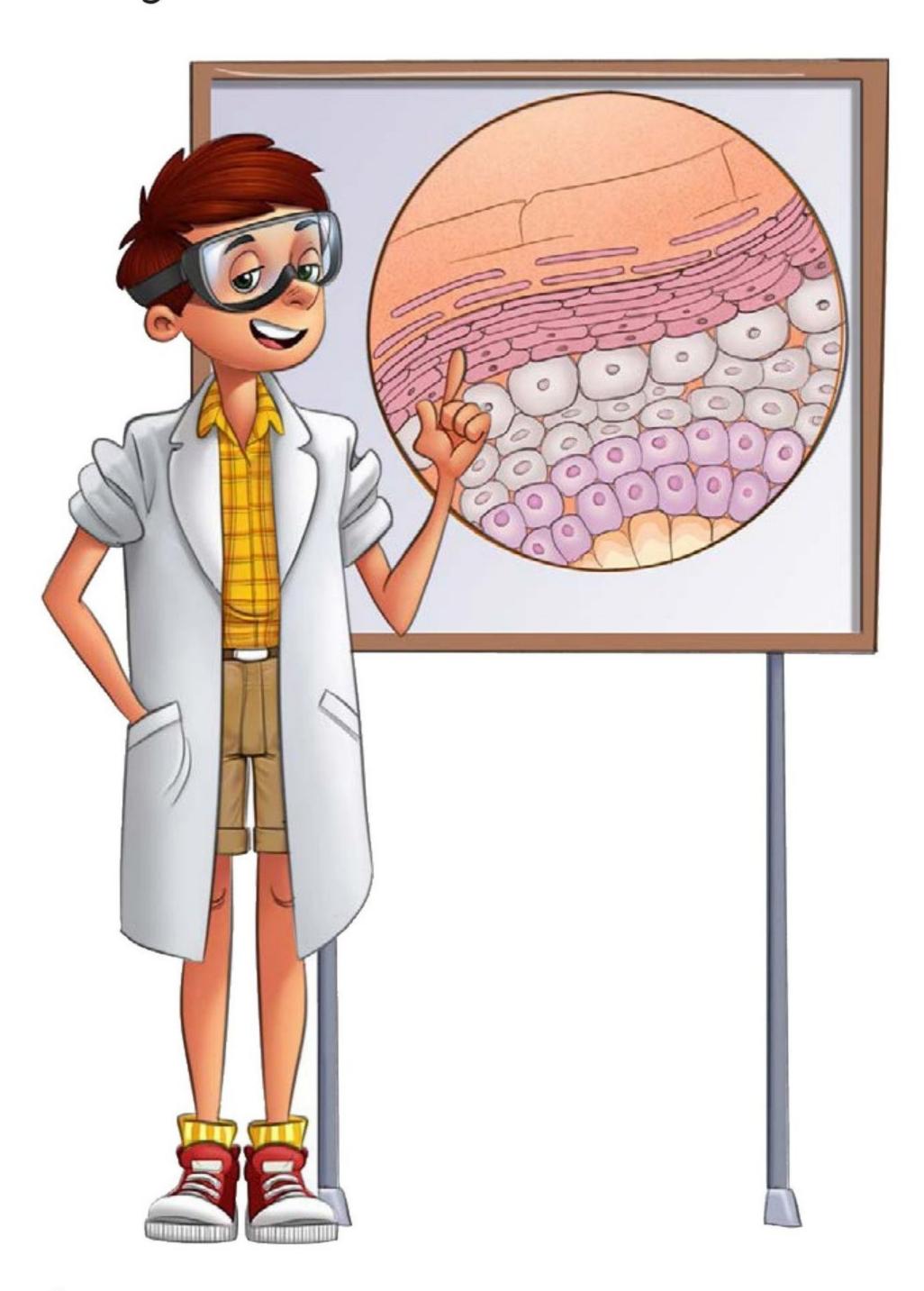


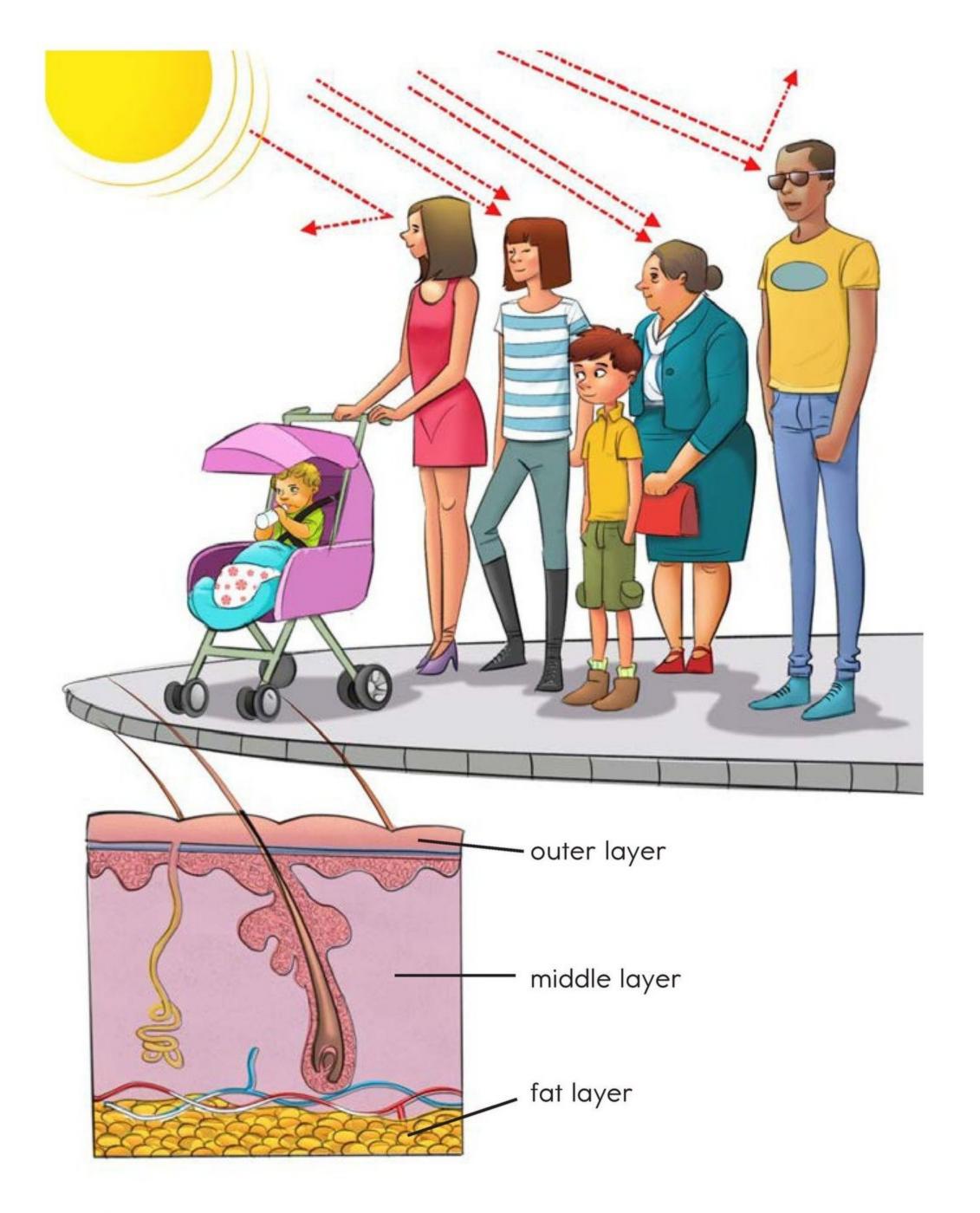
My skin has three layers.

There is a thinner, outer layer and a thicker, middle layer.

Then, there is a layer of mostly fat that connects my skin to my body.

The outer layer is thin, but tough. It acts like a brick wall to keep out germs.



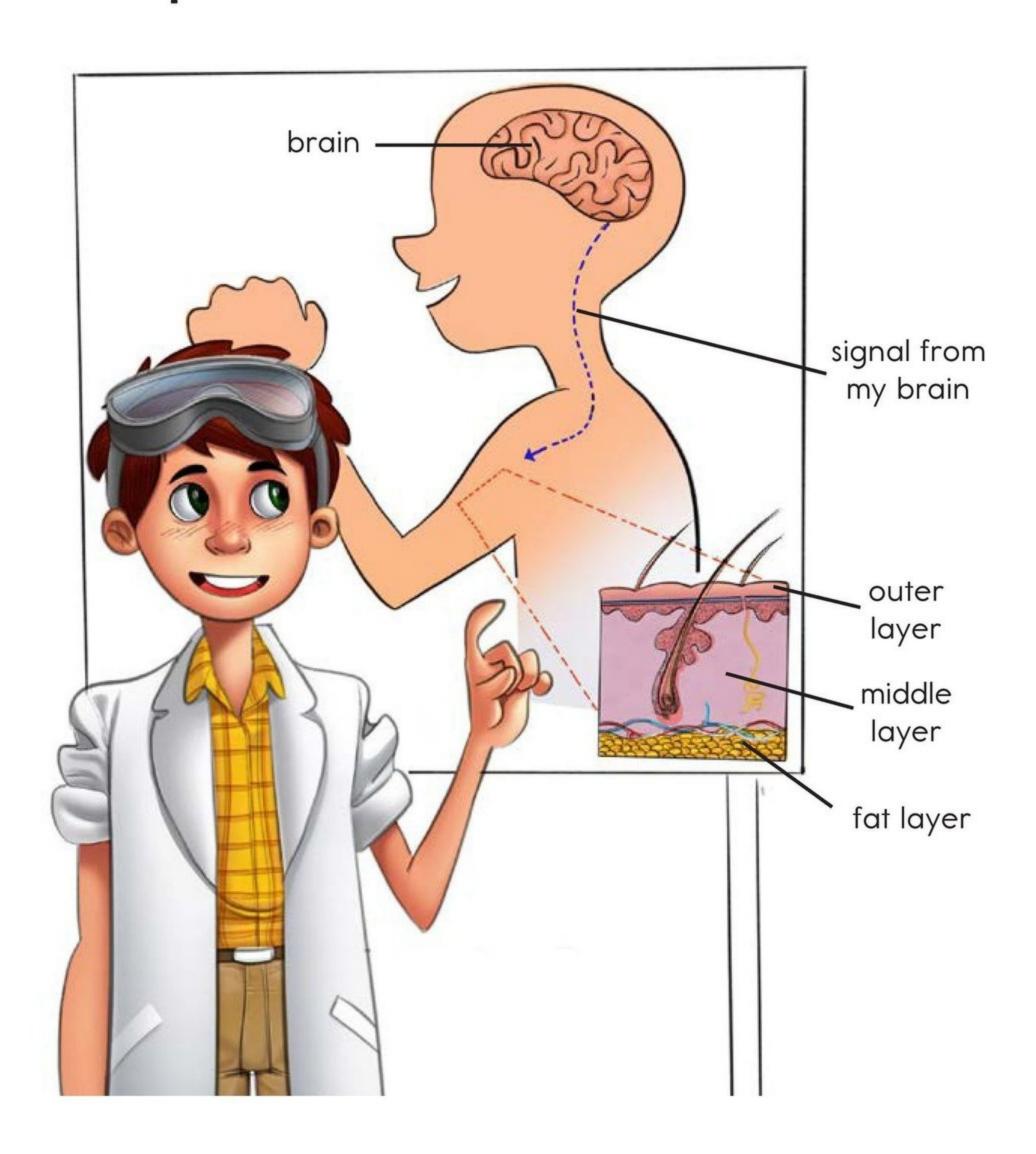


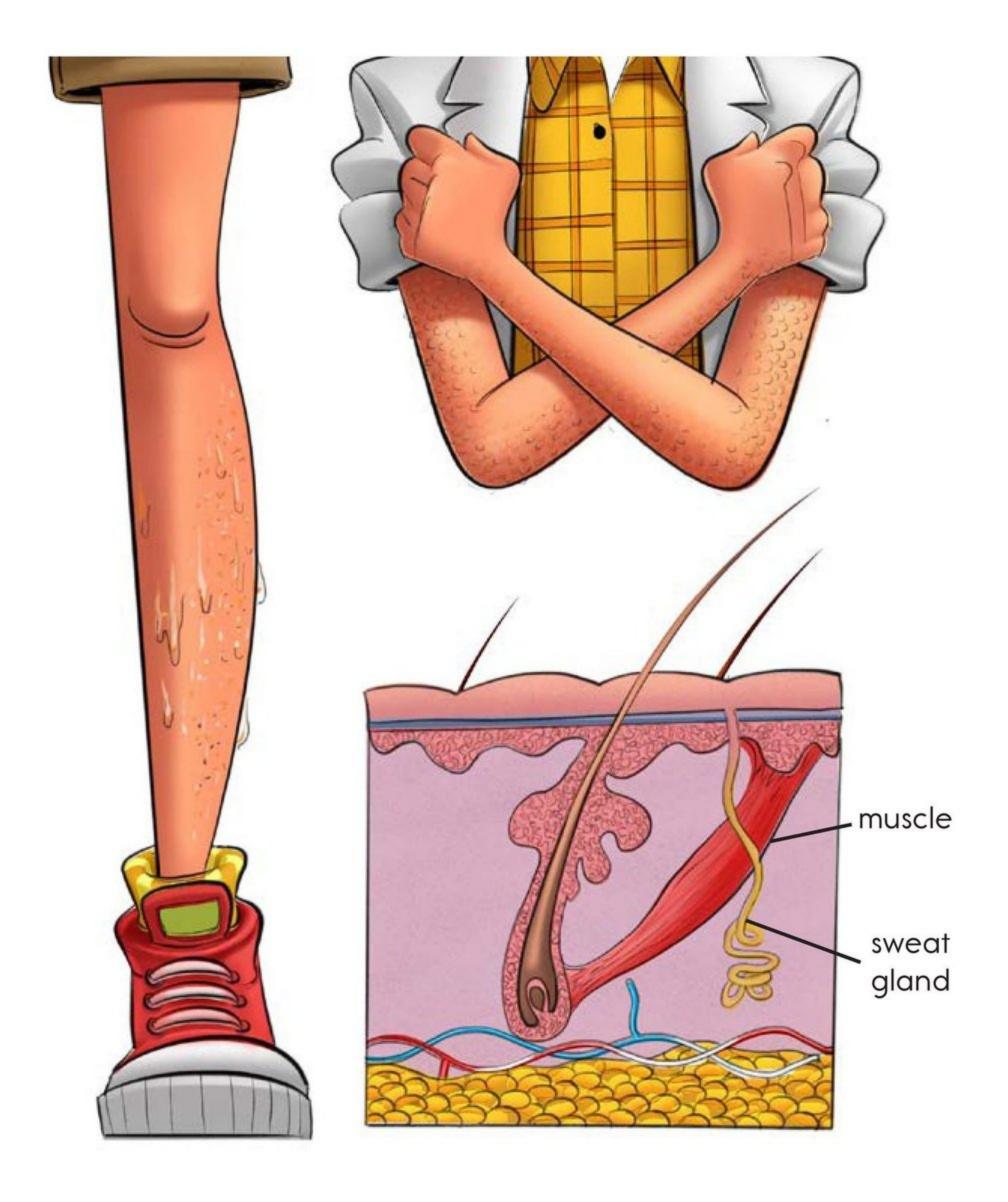
The middle layer has the **pigment** that gives my skin color.

Pigment helps protect skin from harmful rays from the Sun.

The middle layer also helps my body know when it's too hot or too cold.

My skin and brain act together so my body stays the right **temperature**.

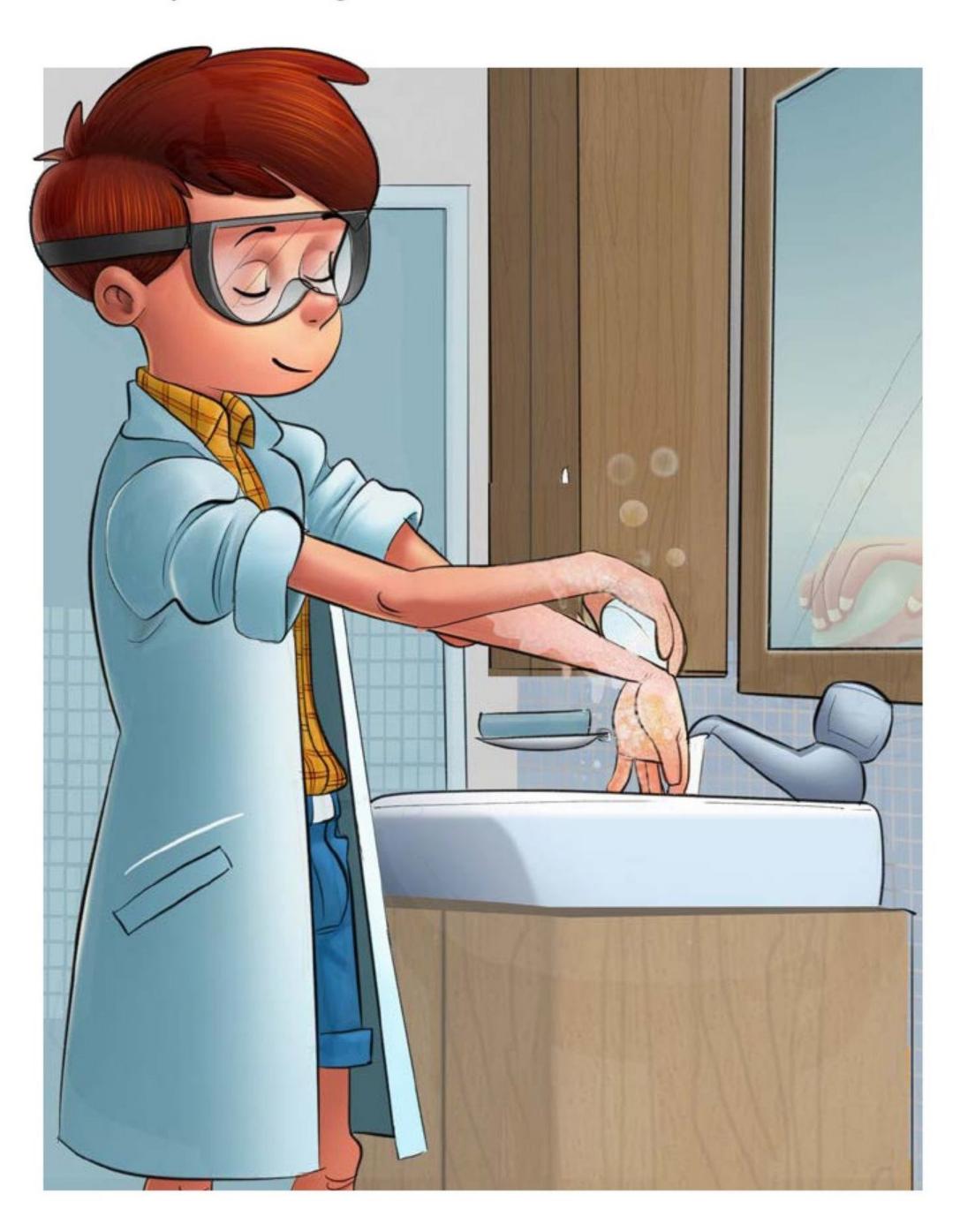




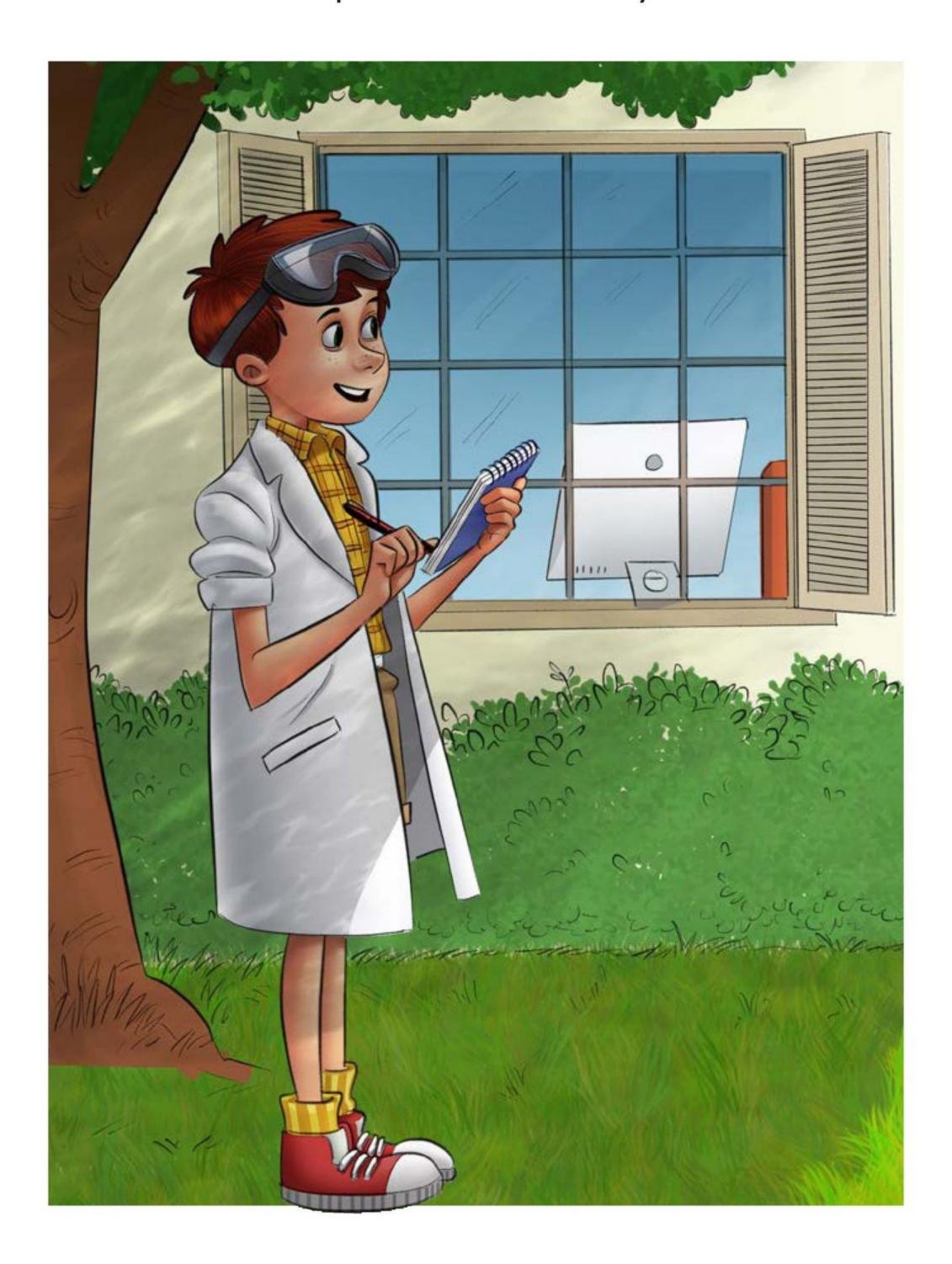
My brain tells my skin to create sweat to cool me down when I'm hot.

My brain makes tiny muscles in my skin create goose bumps when I'm cold.

How can I help my skin do its job? I can keep my skin clean to keep away most germs.



I can stay in the shade during the hottest part of the day.



I can wear clothes that help my body stay the right temperature.





My skin protects my body from head to toe.

My skin is a pretty amazing organ!

# Glossary

germs (n.) tiny living things that can cause disease or sickness (p. 5)

organ (n.) a part of an organism that has a specific function, such as the kidneys or lungs (p. 3)

**pigment** (n.) a substance that gives color to something (p. 9)

**protect** (v.) to guard or defend from harm or danger (p. 4)

skin (n.) the thin outer layer of tissue on a human or other animal's body (p. 3)

temperature the measurement (n.) of how hot or cold something is (p. 10)

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### **Connections**

## **Writing and Art**

Write about one way your skin protects you. Make a poster about it with pictures and writing.

### Science

Explain two ways your sense of touch helps your skin protect you. Share your ideas with a partner.



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