

1.1 The head

►1 The English usually use the word 'hair' in the singular (She has blond hair.), unless single hairs are meant (The old woman had three black hairs on her nose.).

►2 English-speaking people use the possessive pronoun more often than we do, in particular in connection with parts of the body. In German we say 'mit den Augen'.

►3 Glasses meaning the German word 'Brille' is always used in the plural.

►4 one tooth -
32 teeth

The head consists of the face and the skull. The hair ►1 on the head can be fair or dark. Most young people have thick hair, either straight, perhaps with a parting, or curly. Older people sometimes have thin hair. Some men are bald.

Inside the skull is the brain, the coordinating centre of our nervous system. Each side of the brain controls the opposite side of the body. Beneath the hair-line and between the temples is the forehead.

We see with our ►2 eyes. The eyelids, the eyelashes and the eyebrows protect the eyes. People who cannot see well may be short-sighted or long-sighted. They have to wear glasses ►3. There are also people who are blind.

The nose with its two nostrils is the organ of smell. It is also important for the sense of taste. There are long noses, pointed or aquiline ones or snub noses.

The mouth forms the beginning of the alimentary canal. It is closed by the upper and the lower lip. Inside the mouth are the upper and the lower teeth with sixteen teeth ►4 in each jaw. The base of each tooth is covered by the gums. The tongue is an organ on the floor of the mouth with taste buds. It is important for taking in and swallowing food, and for articulating speech.

People hear with their ears. If someone cannot hear, if, e. g., his eardrum is seriously damaged, he is deaf. When he cannot speak, he is mute. People who are deaf and dumb can only communicate by signs. In the inner ear is the organ of balance.

Below the mouth is the chin. Some men grow a beard or a moustache. Others, however, prefer to be cleanshaven.

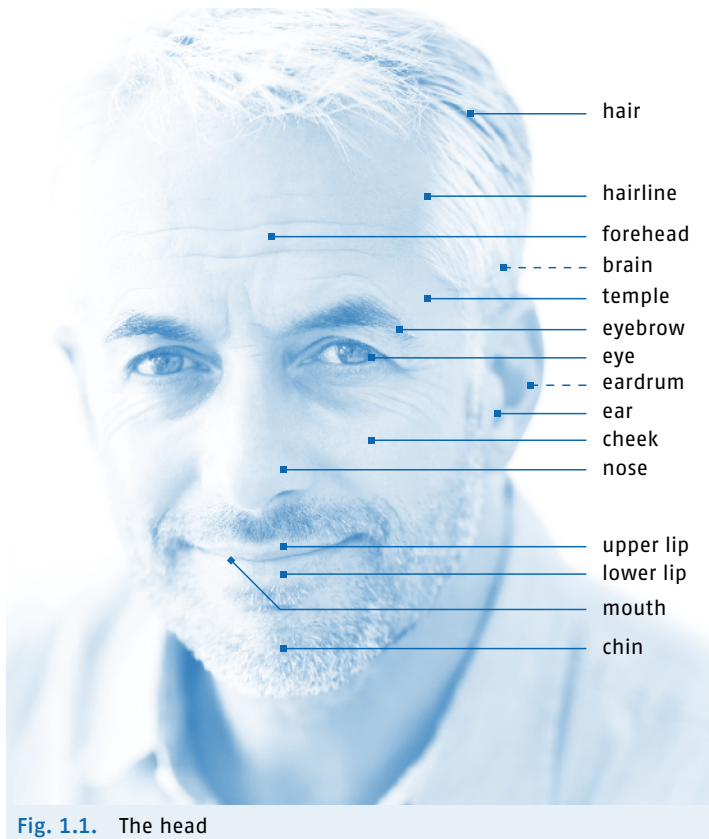


Fig. 1.1. The head

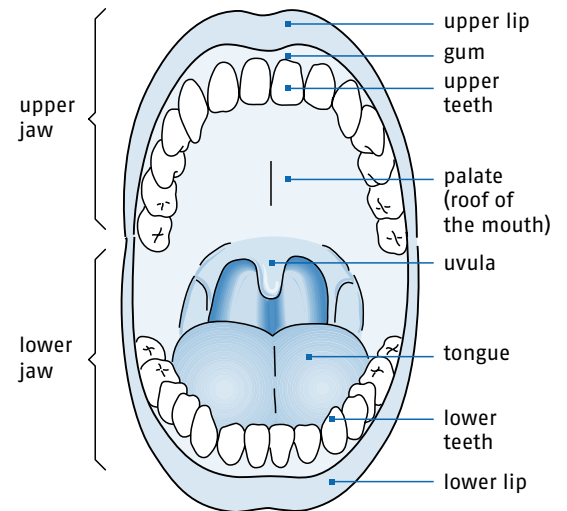


Fig. 1.2. The mouth

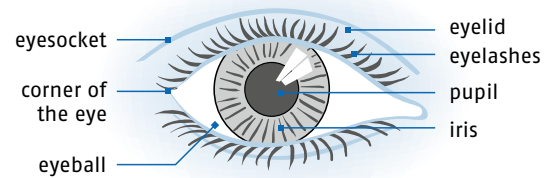


Fig. 1.3. The eye

4.1 Conversation at the pharmacy: Part I



Pharmacist

Good morning, sir,
What can I do for you?

Do you have a prescription?

Would you take a seat, please. It'll take a few minutes.

Yes, what about four o'clock?

Alright, at two.

How wide do you want the bandage?

Here you are.

Is there anything else I can do for you?

It's € 8.90 (eight euros ninety).

It should be ready by then.

Bye-bye.

Customer

Good morning.
I want some ointment, please.

Yes, I do. Here it is.

Oh, I'm in rather a hurry. Could I come back this afternoon?

Can't you manage it before?

Oh, I almost forgot, I need some cotton wool and a bandage.

10 cm, please. And a bottle of Sana face lotion.

Thank you.

No thank you. That's all.
How much is it?

Here you are. I'll come back for my prescription at two.

Goodbye.