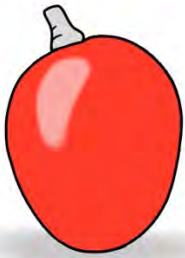


Bizarre Body Parts



Seahorse - Hippocampus

When Ancient Greeks looked inside the human skull, they noticed part of the brain appeared to have a head, body, and curled tail, just like a seahorse. Now we know that the hippocampus binds together sights, sounds, tastes, smells, thoughts, and emotions into a memory.



Little Grape - Uvula

The little dangly lump hanging from the back of your throat is called *little grape* in Latin. The uvula helps seal off your nasal cavity from your throat cavity when you swallow.



Little Plate - Kneecap

In Ancient Rome a *patella* was a small dish or saucer, and its name was also given to the small movable bone commonly called the kneecap.



Little Air Holder - Artery

Ancient anatomists used to believe that arteries were air ducts. That's because they only got to look inside dead bodies and all the blood had drained out of the arteries leaving nothing but air.



Little Moon - Lunula

The Latin word for moon is *luna*, (also the name of the Roman moon goddess). From that we get *lunula*, which is the name of the living part of the fingernail and toenail, a visible white, half-moon-shape at the nail's base.



Cuckoo's Beak - Tailbone

The scientific name for your tailbone is the coccyx, from the Greek word for cuckoo: *kokkux*. The Ancients thought the curved shape of the bone resembles the bird's beak.

