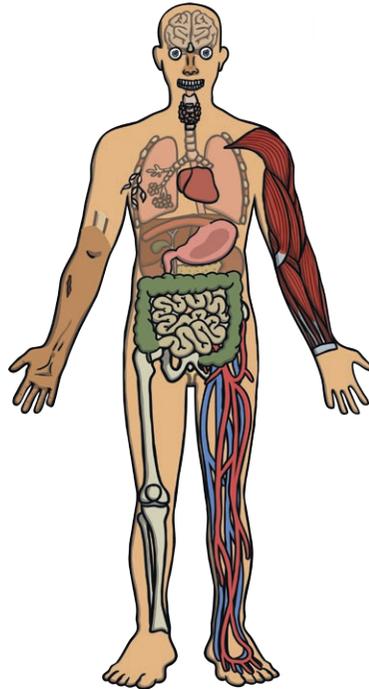


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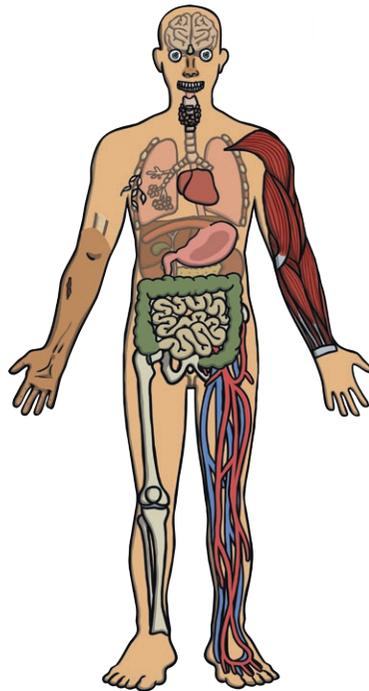
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Answers



1. What do you think the word 'unique' means?
Accept a definition that states that something is special or individual with nothing being the same as it.



2. What are the two names for the smallest bone in the human body?
Accept: 'stapes' and 'stirrup'.



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Accept an answer that discusses clear presentation, easy to read, short and snappy facts or separating different facts clearly.



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Accept answers which relate to the facts being particularly interesting, shocking or surprising, and that the author thought that they would be exciting for the reader to read.

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Answers



1. Who is stopping Emma from getting a puppy?
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2. Why do you think that the author describes dad as 'boring'?
Accept any reasonable explanation regarding Emma viewing dad as boring because he will not let her get a dog.



3. What makes you think that Emma is not ready to get a puppy? Use evidence from the text.
Accept answers which quote the text and discuss that Emma does not do the necessary things to look after the dog and she does not even have one yet. She will not be a responsible owner because she refuses to do the jobs of a pet owner.



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Accept any reasonable summary in 20 words or less which states that Emma wants a puppy but cannot have one.