


Mammal Hair

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Characteristics of Mammals

- Warm-blooded
- Have hair
- Diverse teeth
- Mammary Glands:
 - Produce milk to nourish young
 - _____ Development?
- High metabolic rates
- More mammalie things:
 - Single bone in lower jaw
 - Three middle ear bones

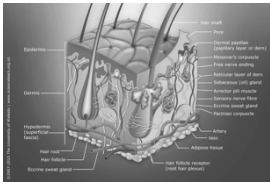


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External Structure & Locomotion

1. Skin- important for


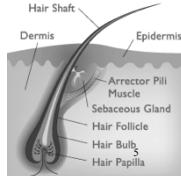
- A. protection from injury
- B. invasion of bacteria
- C. UV rays
- D. temperature regulation
- E. Sensory perception
- F. Excretion
- G. Water regulation



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2. Hair- keratinized strands of dead cells

- A. some it is reduced to a few bristles
- B. 2 kinds make up the pelage or fur coat
 1. Guard hair- long outer hairs for protection & coloration
 2. Underhair- dense, soft, shorter hairs for insulation

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- C. Stops growing when it reaches a certain length
- D. Molting
 1. all at once (most mammals)
 - Catastrophic molt in E. Seals (molt skin too)
 2. gradually throughout life (humans)
- E. Important for:
 1. Camouflage
 2. Sensory perception
 3. Thermal regulation
- F. Hair color determined by the amount of a pigment called melanin in the hair shaft






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3. Claws- used for locomotion, offensive & defensive behavior

A. can be modified into:

1. Claws- for digging
2. Nails- for grasping (arboreal animals-primates)

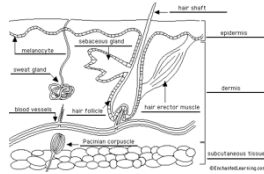




3. Hooves- reduced digits for walking on hard ground, rocks

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4. Glands-variety of functions:

A. sebaceous (oil) glands- lubricates & waterproofs the skin



B. Sudoriferous (sweat) gland- cools skin; releases excess salt, urea, & water

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C. Scent/musk glands- on face, feet, anus to show territoriality, sex, recognition



D. Mammary glands- secrete milk containing nutrients for young

- Modified sweat gland
- Fat infused sweat



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C. Rhinoceros horn- mass of hair-like keratin fibers. Not bone



Poached for this bone.

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