The Naked Truth?

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Activity 1

Complete the sentences below with the following words. You will need to use some words more than once.

nudity nudist naked nakedness barefoot birthday suit nude bare bared 1. They took off their shoes and walked along the beach. He took his clothes off and stood in front of the mirror, as as the day he was born. 2. The old lady said she had never seen her husband in the 3. The hunter killed the bear with his hands. 4. There is a beautiful by the artist Rembrandt in that art gallery. 5. He always wears pyjamas in bed. He never goes to bed in his 6. 7. When the bathroom door opened suddenly she covered her with a towel. She knew the dog was about to attack because he his teeth. 8. 9. is not acceptable in public in Britain. 10. Atoms cannot be seen with the eye. 11. On beaches, people wear no clothes at all.

Activity 2

Read the following 'nudity' jokes and match them with the punchlines on the right below. Which one do you find the funniest and why?

- 1. On my wedding night I stood in front of my bride in my birthday suit.
- 2. There was lots of nudity in the film.
- 3. What I don't understand about nudist weddings is...
- 4. A nudist camp is where...

- A. where do they keep the ring?
- B. She said it needed ironing!
- C. men and women air their differences!
- D. In one scene you could hear more pants than you could see!

Activity 3

Read the following questions and use them to start a conversation with your partner.

- 1. Have you ever been to a nudist beach? What was it like? (If you have never been to a nudist beach, would you like to? Why/not?)
- 2. Why do you think nudity is acceptable to some people/cultures but not to others?
- 3. How acceptable is nudity in your country? In what situations is it acceptable (films, art, the news, documentaries etc)?
- 4. Why is nudity often considered shocking?
- 5. At what age do you think children should be allowed to see nude adults in the media (in films, in documentaries, in paintings, etc.)?
- 6. Do you think there is too much nudity in your country or too little?
- 7. Do you think people who go naked in public should be arrested? Why/not?
- 8. Do you think advertising posters in public places should be allowed to show naked people, topless women, etc? Why/not?
- 9. Have you ever accidentally walked in on someone in the nude (or vice versa)? What happened? What did you say?

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Activity 4

Go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Homework' icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.

- 1. What is the connection between nudism and vitamin D?
- 2. What does 'gymnasium' originally mean?
- 3. Who had a 'wardrobe malfunction' in 2004?
- 4. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

Activity 5

'As far as female nudity is concerned, society has double standards.'
What do you think?

If you would like to express your opinion on this subject go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Discussion' icon to take part in the forum discussion there.

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