

Do the preparation task first. Then read the article and do the exercises to check your understanding.

### Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1..... a tattoo parlour      | a. somebody who doesn't follow society's rules                    |
| 2..... a loved one           | b. a shop where you can get a tattoo                              |
| 3..... a rebel               | c. to get a tattoo                                                |
| 4..... to have a tattoo done | d. a close family member or friend                                |
| 5..... sociology             | e. a large meeting of people who share the same interest or hobby |
| 6..... a convention          | f. the study of human society and how it works                    |

### 1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. Tattoos were mainly popular with sailors, prisoners and bikers in the past.        | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. It's common to have the name of someone you love tattooed in a different language. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. The British Prime Minister is famous for having many tattoos.                      | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. Tattoo events are held every year in the UK.                                       | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. Hardly any people aged over 30 have tattoos done in Britain.                       | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. Tattoos are becoming popular with different kinds of people.                       | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

## 2. Check your vocabulary: grouping

Write the words in the correct group.

flower	musical notes	ankle	back	arm
stomach	names	lion		crown
shoulder	star	collar bone	dolphin	cherub

Tattoo designs	Parts of the body

## 3. Check your understanding: matching

Match to make correct sentences about the text. Write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

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|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1..... David Beckham has a crucifixion scene tattoo     | a. on his arms.        |
| 2..... David Beckham has a tattoo in Hindi              | b. on his collar bone. |
| 3..... Victoria Beckham has stars                       | c. of his wife's name. |
| 4..... Robbie Williams has a lion                       | d. on her ankle.       |
| 5..... Robbie Williams has 'I love you mother' tattooed | e. on his right arm.   |
| 6..... Robbie Williams has a French phrase              | f. on her back.        |
| 7..... Kate Moss has a small crown                      | g. on her shoulder.    |
| 8..... Samantha Cameron has a dolphin tattooed          | h. on his back.        |

### Discussion

Do you like tattoos? Why or why not?

Would you consider getting a tattoo in the future? What design would you like?

Are tattoos common in your country and culture?

What would your friends and family think if you got a tattoo?