



Ears and Hearing (03)



Overview

Pop Quiz: Ears and Hearing

Question 1

True or false: Your ears never stop growing.

Conclusion

False. Your ears stop growing in your 20s. But as you age, cartilage in the ears weakens, and gravity can cause your ears to stretch.

Question 2

Next, this tiny bone of the middle ear is also known as the "hammer."

Choices

Incus, stapes, malleus, mandible

Conclusion

The malleus was named for its hammer-like shape. In Latin, malleus means "hammer" or "mallet."

Question 3

True or false: Asian elephants have larger ears than African elephants.

Conclusion

That's false! African elephants have larger ears that help keep them cool in hotter climates.

Answers: 1. False, 2. Malleus, 3. False