

# To Tattoo or Not to Tattoo

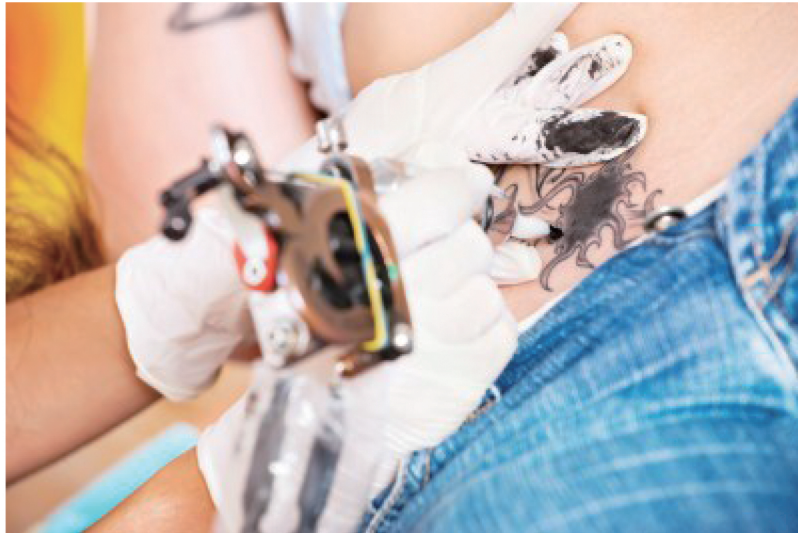


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## Pre-Reading Questions

1. Do you have a tattoo? If yes, what is it? If no, why not?
2. Do people with tattoos get treated differently in your country?
3. Name some reasons why people get tattoos.
4. Do you like tattoos? Why or why not?

## Reading

In some cultures, a tattoo marks a rite of passage. Many people get a tattoo after a loved one dies. The pain of the needle is nothing in comparison to their grief. Lovers often get tattooed at the same time. These matching tattoos sometimes outlast the relationships they symbolize. A person's beliefs are not always as permanent as their religious tattoos either. In some countries, young people require parental permission to get a tattoo. Youth don't always consider the consequences of tattooing. Would you hire someone with a large tattoo? Would you marry someone with a tattoo? What if the tattoo was of an ex-girlfriend or boyfriend? Some people prefer discreet tattoos on an ankle or hip. Others plaster their entire bodies with tattoos. People even get tattoos on their faces

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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