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THE ARTICLE

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What we eat and drink can affect how our body smells. Various studies at universities around the world have shown that what we put into our bodies changes our bodily smells. Researchers say that each of us has a unique pattern of bodily odours. This is similar to the uniqueness of a fingerprint. Lina Begdache, an assistant professor of health and wellness at the State University of New York, said the odours our body gives off come from two areas. One is the stomach, which is full of bacteria. When these bacteria break down food, gases and chemicals are released through our breath. Some of these gases can give us bad breath. The second area is the skin. Food can change the smell of bacteria on our skin when we sweat.

Researchers say the foods that give off the strongest smells contain sulphur. This chemical often creates a "bad-egg smell". Vegetables like broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower contain a lot of sulphur. Another food that affects how smelly we are is garlic. This is well known for making our breath smell. However, researchers say it can make our armpit sweat smell nicer. Scientists also say drinks affect body odours. Alcohol can lead to stronger, unattractive bodily smells and bad breath. Caffeine in coffee and tea creates chemicals that produce sweat in areas like our armpits and groin. If we want to smell a little sweeter, we should eat oranges, apples, parsley, and yoghurt, and drink water and green tea.

Sources:

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WARM-UPS

- **1. BODY SMELLS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about body smells. Change partners often and share your findings.
- **2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

eat / drink / smells / researchers / body odour / fingerprint / health / bacteria / skin / sulphur / chemical / vegetables / garlic / armpit / sweat / caffeine / armpits / yoghurt

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

- **3. B.O.:** Students A **strongly** believe we should do everything we can do to not have body odour (B.O.); Students B **strongly** believe B.O. is not such a big problem. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.
- **4. PERSONAL HYGIENE:** How bad are these personal hygiene issues? What can we do about them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Bad?	What We Can Do
Bad breath		
B.O. (body odour)		
Tooth decay		
Dirty fingernails		
Dirty clothes		
Smelly feet		

- **5. GARLIC:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "garlic". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.
- **6. NICE-SMELLING FOOD:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best food for a nice-smelling body at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

Chocolate

Ginger

Salmon

Eggs

Curry

Strawberries

Bread

Mint

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

1.	affect	a.	Change something or someone.
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- 2. various b. A smell.
- 3. unique c. Many different kinds.
- 4. similar d. The curly line patterns on the tip of your fingers.
- 5. fingerprint e. Only one of its kind; totally different from anything else.
- 6. odour f. Almost the same.
- 7. bacteria g. Very small living things that can make food go bad or make people sick.

Paragraph 2

- 8. chemical h. Make something happen.
- 9. contain i. Water that comes from your skin when you are hot.
- 10. armpit j. Something made of things that can change other things.
- 11. sweat k. Air that goes in and out of your mouth or nose.
- 12. lead to I. To have something inside.
- 13. breath m. The area between your stomach and your legs.
- 14. groin n. The area under your arm.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com2511/251106-food-and-body-smell.html

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- 1. Food but not drink affects the smells coming from our body. **T / F**
- 2. The article suggests our body smells are as unique as our fingerprints. T / F
- 3. Food changes our bodily smells via the stomach and the skin. **T / F**
- 4. The article says sweat can wash away bad-smelling bacteria on our skin. T / F
- 5. The chemical sulphur gives off a sweet-smelling smell. **T / F**
- 6. Garlic can make our armpits smell nicer. **T / F**
- 7. Chemicals from coffee can affect the sweat in our armpits. T / F
- 8. Drinking green tea is good if we want to smell sweeter. **T/F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- 1. affect
- 2. various
- 3. odours
- 4. unique
- 5. sweat
- 6. contain
- 7. creates
- 8. like
- 9. areas
- 10. eat

- a. one of a kind
- b. such as
- c. perspire
- d. change
- e. makes
- f. consume
- g. different
- h. regions
- i. smells
- i. have

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- 1. each of us has a unique
- 2. This is similar to the uniqueness of a
- 3. these bacteria break
- 4. Some of these gases can give
- 5. the smell of bacteria on our
- 6. foods that give off the strongest smells
- 7. This is well known for
- 8. unattractive bodily smells and bad
- 9. sweat in areas like our armpits
- 10. drink water and green

- a. fingerprint
- b. contain sulphur
- c. skin when we sweat
- d. tea
- e. pattern of bodily odours
- f. breath
- g. us bad breath
- h. and groin
- i. down food
- j. making our breath smell

GAP FILL

What we eat and drink can (1) how our	wellness
body smells. Various studies at universities around the world have	bad
shown that what we put into our bodies changes our	
(2) smells. Researchers say that each of us	stomach
has a unique (3) of bodily odours. This is	bodily
similar to the uniqueness of a fingerprint. Lina Begdache, an	sweat
assistant professor of health and (4) at the	nattarn
State University of New York, said the odours our body gives off	pattern
come from two areas. One is the (5),	affect
which is full of bacteria. When these bacteria break down food,	breath
gases and chemicals are released through our	
(6) Some of these gases can give us	
(7) breath. The second area is the skin.	
Food can change the smell of bacteria on our skin when we	
. (8)	
Researchers say the foods that (9) off the	smelly
strongest smells contain sulphur. This chemical often creates a	breath
"bad-(10) smell". Vegetables like broccoli,	sweeter
cabbage, and cauliflower contain a lot of sulphur. Another food	
that affects how (11) we are is garlic. This	egg
is well known for making our breath smell. However, researchers	parsley
say it can make our (12) sweat smell nicer.	armpit
Scientists also say drinks affect body odours. Alcohol can lead to	arripic
stronger, unattractive bodily smells and bad	give
. Caffeine in coffee and tea creates	armpits
chemicals that produce sweat in areas like our	
(14) and groin. If we want to smell a little	
(15), we should eat oranges, apples,	
(16), and yoghurt, and drink water and	
green tea.	

LISTENING — Guess the answers. Listen to check.

1)		at we eat and drink can affect how our body smelled
	b.	our body smelling
		our body smells our body smelly
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5)		od can change the smell of bacteria on our skin
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		loads of sulphur
		lot of sulphur allot of sulphur
8)		is is well known for making
		all breath smell we breath smell
		that breath smell
٥,		our breath smell
9)		cohol can lead to stronger, unattractive bodily smells and badly breath
	b.	and baddie breath
	_	and badness breath and bad breath
10	-	ea creates chemicals that produce sweat in areas like our
	a.	armpits and growing
		armpits and grain armpits and groin
		armpits and grown

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

What we eat and drink can (1)	body smells.
Various studies at universities around the	world have shown that what we
put (2)	changes our bodily smells.
Researchers say that each of us has a unio	que pattern of bodily odours. This
is similar to the uniqueness (3)	Lina
Begdache, an assistant professor of he	alth and wellness at the State
University of New York, said the odours o	ur body gives off come from two
areas. One is the stomach, which is (4)	
When these bacteria break down food, g	ases and chemicals are released
through our breath. Some of	these gases can give
(5) The se	econd area is the skin. Food can
change the smell of bacteria on our skin (6)	
Researchers say the foods that give off the	strongest smells contain sulphur.
This chemical often creates a "(7)	
Vegetables like broccoli, cabbage, and cau	
Another food that affects how smelly we (8	3)
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can make our armpit (9)	Scientists also say
drinks affect body odours. Alcohol can lea	d to stronger, unattractive bodily
smells and bad breath. (10)	and tea creates
chemicals that produce sweat in areas (1	1)
and groin. If we want to smell a little s	sweeter, we should eat oranges,
apples, parsley, and yoghurt, and drink (1	2)
tea	

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1.	What does the article say affects how our body smells?
2.	What does each of us have that is unique?
3.	What are our bodily odours similar to?
4.	What does the article say the stomach is full of?
5.	What does the article say gases from the stomach can give us?
6.	What kind of smell does the chemical sulphur give off?
7.	What vegetable besides broccoli and cauliflower has lots of sulphur?
8.	What food might make our armpits smell nicer?
9.	What creates chemicals that lead to sweat in our armpits?
10.	What should we drink if we want to smell a little sweeter?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

- 1) What does the article say affects how our body smells?
- a) How old we are.
- b) How much we exercise.
- c) What we eat and drink.
- d) The amount of sleep we get.
- 2) What does each of us have that is unique?
- a) a pattern of bodily odours
- b) food likes and dislikes
- c) an appetite
- d)
- 3) What are our bodily odours similar to?
- a) smells in the animal kingdom
- b) noise pollution
- c) colours
- d) a fingerprint
- 4) What does the article say the stomach is full of?
- a) food
- b) bacteria
- c) liquid
- d) bad smells
- 5) What does the article say gases from the stomach can give us?
- a) a stomach ache
- b) a full feeling
- c) bad breath
- d) a feeling of sickness

- 6) What kind of smell does the chemical sulphur give off?
- a) a pleasant smell
- b) a garlicky smell
- c) a strange smell
- d) a bad-egg smell
- 7) What vegetable besides broccoli and cauliflower has lots of sulphur?
- a) eggplant
- b) cabbage
- c) lettuce
- d) onion
- 8) What food might make our armpits smell nicer?
- a) mint
- b) ginger
- c) strawberries
- d) garlic
- 9) What creates chemicals that lead
- to sweat in our armpits?
- a) caffeine
- b) sugar
- c) carbohydrates
- d) protein
- 10) What should we drink if we want to smell a little sweeter?
- a) coffee
- b) orange juice
- c) cola
- d) water and green tea

ROLE PLAY

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Role A - Ginger

You think ginger is the food that makes our body smell best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their foods. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to make our body smell nice of these (and why): eggs, strawberries or mint.

Role B – Eggs

You think eggs is the food that makes our body smell best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their foods. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to make our body smell nice of these (and why): ginger, strawberries or mint.

Role C - Strawberries

You think strawberries are the food that makes our body smell best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their foods. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to make our body smell nice of these (and why): eggs, ginger or mint.

Role D - Mint

You think mint is the food that makes our body smell best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their foods. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to make our body smell nice of these (and why): eggs, strawberries or ginger.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'body' and 'odour'.

body	odour

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.
- **2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.
 - Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
 - Ask your partner / group your questions.
- **3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?
- **4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.
- **5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

• various	contain
• unique	 vegetables
• two	• garlic
• one	 alcohol
• some	caffeine
• second	• sweeter

BODY SMELLS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about body smells in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1	STUDENT 2	STUDENT 3
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

BODY SMELLS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1. What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'body'?
- 3. Do you think we are what we eat?
- 4. What do you think about bodily smells?
- 5. Do you worry about having B.O. (body odour)?
- 6. How do you feel when someone has bad B.O.?
- 7. What's the best thing to do if you have B.O?
- 8. What's the best thing to do if you have bad breath?
- 9. How do you think the food you eat makes you smell?
- 10. Should we only eat food that makes us smell nice?

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BODY SMELLS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'odour'?
- 13. What do you think about what you read?
- 14. What do you think of a bad-egg smell?
- 15. Should we eat less cabbage and broccoli?
- 16. What do you think of eating garlic?
- 17. What do you think of using deodorant, body spray and perfume?
- 18. How do you think your favourite food changes your body smell?
- 19. Why is it important to drink lots of water?
- 20. What questions would you like to ask the researchers?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

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LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put	the c	orrect words	from	the table be	elow in	the above	article	
1.	(a)	affect	(b)	reflect	(c)	infect	(d)	effect
2.	(a)	unto	(b)	onto	(c)	into	(d)	up to
3.	(a)	similarities	(b)	simile	(c)	similarity	(d)	similar
4.	(a)	on	(b)	off	(c)	in	(d)	to
5.	(a)	release	(b)	releasing	(c)	releases	(d)	released
6.	(a)	sweet	(b)	sweeten	(c)	sweat	(d)	sweats
7.	(a)	contents	(b)	contain	(c)	content	(d)	container
8.	(a)	how	(b)	what	(c)	that	(d)	such
9.	(a)	make	(b)	do	(c)	take	(d)	give
10.	(a)	breathe	(b)	breathing	(c)	breath	(d)	breather
11.	(a)	several	(b)	small	(c)	few	(d)	little
12.	(a)	greenish	(b)	green	(c)	greener	(d)	greenest

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

- 1. asrouiv studies at universities
- 2. each of us has a <u>iuequn</u> pattern
- 3. an asiastnst professor of health
- 4. One is the asmooth
- 5. Some of these gases can give us bad <u>ebrtha</u>
- 6. Food can change the smell of <u>citbaaer</u>

Paragraph 2

- 7. This mcihelca often creates a "bad-egg smell"
- 8. broccoli, <u>bcgaabe</u>, and cauliflower
- 9. make our ptrmia sweat smell nicer
- 10. stronger, <u>rivtetnaactu</u> bodily smells
- 11. caienffe in coffee
- 12. <u>urpdeco</u> sweat in areas like our armpits

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

()	bodily smells and bad breath. Caffeine in coffee and tea creates chemicals that produce sweat
()	breath. The second area is the skin. Food can change the smell of bacteria on our skin when we sweat.
()	down food, gases and chemicals are released through our breath. Some of these gases can give us bad
()	eat oranges, apples, parsley, and yoghurt, and drink water and green tea.
()	egg smell". Vegetables like broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower contain a lot of sulphur. Another food that affects how smelly
()	fingerprint. Lina Begdache, an assistant professor of health and wellness at the State University of New York, said the odours
()	in areas like our armpits and groin. If we want to smell a little sweeter, we should
()	of us has a unique pattern of bodily odours. This is similar to the uniqueness of a
()	our body gives off come from two areas. One is the stomach, which is full of bacteria. When these bacteria break
()	Researchers say the foods that give off the strongest smells contain sulphur. This chemical often creates a "bad-
()	sweat smell nicer. Scientists also say drinks affect body odours. Alcohol can lead to stronger, unattractive
()	we are is garlic. This is well known for making our breath smell. However, researchers say it can make our armpit
(1)	What we eat and drink can affect how our body smells. Various studies at universities around the
()	world have shown that what we put into our bodies changes our bodily smells. Researchers say that each

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

- 1. We bodily odours . pattern of have unique a
- 2. This fingerprints . is the uniqueness similar of to
- 3. Gases our through released breath . are and chemicals
- 4. Some give us breath . bad of these gases
- 5. Change bacteria on of skin . our smell the
- 6. Another how we smelly are that food affects
- 7. It's making well smell our known for breath .
- 8. Alcohol bodily stronger, unattractive smells . lead can to
- 9. Chemicals like our armpits . produce in that sweat areas
- 10. If sweeter . a smell little to we want

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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What we eat and drink can effect / affect how our body smells. Various / Variety studies at universities around the world have shown / showing that what we put into our bodies changes our bodily smells. Researchers say that each of them / us has a unique pattern of bodily odours. This is similar to the uniqueness of a fingernail / fingerprint. Lina Begdache, an assistant professor of health and well / wellness at the State University of New York, said the odours our body gives off come from two areas. One is the stomach, which is full / fully of bacteria. When these bacteria break down food, gases and chemicals are released threw / through our breath. Some of these gases can give us badly / bad breath. The second area is the skin. Food can change the smell of bacteria on our skin when we sweet / sweat.

Researchers say the foods that give *off / on* the strongest smells contain sulphur. This chemical often *creating / creates* a "bad-egg smell". Vegetables like broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower *content / contain* a lot of sulphur. Another food that affects how *smelly / smell* we are is garlic. This is well known for making our breath smell. However, researchers say it can make our armpit *sweet / sweat* smell nicer. Scientists also say drinks affect body odours. Alcohol can lead to stronger, unattractive bodily smells and bad *breathe / breath*. Caffeine in coffee and tea creates chemicals *what / that* produce sweat in *areas / area* like our armpits and groin. If we want to *smell / smelling* a little sweeter, we should eat oranges, apples, parsley, and yoghurt, and *drink / drinks* water and green tea.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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what we eat and drink can affect how our body smells various studies at

universities around the world have shown that what we put into our bodies

changes our bodily smells researchers say that each of us has a unique

pattern of bodily odours this is similar to the uniqueness of a fingerprint lina

begdache an assistant professor of health and wellness at the state

university of new york said the odours our body gives off come from two

areas one is the stomach which is full of bacteria when these bacteria break

down food gases and chemicals are released through our breath some of

these gases can give us bad breath the second area is the skin food can

change the smell of bacteria on our skin when we sweat

researchers say the foods that give off the strongest smells contain sulphur

this chemical often creates a badegg smell vegetables like broccoli cabbage

and cauliflower contain a lot of sulphur another food that affects how smelly

we are is garlic this is well known for making our breath smell however

researchers say it can make our armpit sweat smell nicer scientists also say

drinks affect body odours alcohol can lead to stronger unattractive bodily

smells and bad breath caffeine in coffee and tea creates chemicals that

produce sweat in areas like our armpits and groin if we want to smell a little

sweeter we should eat oranges apples parsley and yoghurt and drink water

and green tea

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

Write about body	smells for 10 minutes	s. Comment on your partr	er's paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

HOMEWORK

- **1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.
- **2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.
- **3. BODY SMELLS:** Make a poster about body smells. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?
- **4. HYGIENE:** Write a magazine article about all of us eating better and washing more to reduce unpleasant body odours. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

- **5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.
- **6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on body smells. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to smell nicer. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. 2. С 3. е 4. 5. d 6. b 7. g 8. 9. i j Τ 10. 11. 12. h 13. k 14. n m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

1 F 2 T 3 T 4 F 5 F 6 T 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. d	2. g	3. i	4. a	5. c
6. j	7. e	8. b	9. h	10. f

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

10. If we want to smell a little sweeter.

1.	What we eat and drink.	1.	We have a unique pattern of bodily odours.
2.	A pattern of bodily odours	2.	This is similar to the uniqueness of fingerprints.
3.	A fingerprint	3.	Gases and chemicals are released through our breath.
4.	Bacteria	4.	Some of these gases give us bad breath.
5.	Bad breath	5.	Change the smell of bacteria on our skin.
6.	A bad-egg smell	6.	Another food that affects how smelly we are.
7.	Cabbage	7.	It's well known for making our breath smell.
8.	Garlic	8.	Alcohol can lead to stronger, unattractive bodily smells.
9.	Caffeine in coffee and tea	9.	Chemicals that produce sweat in areas like our armpits.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. c 6. d 7. b 8. d 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

10. Water and green tea

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2. (It's good for your English ;-)