

It's a
fact



> **What a laugh!**

Scientists say that being ticklish is our defence against insects such as flies. The feet, chest and under the arms can be attacked most easily, so that is why they are the most ticklish.

> **Bones!**

When you were born, your body had about 300 bones. As you grow, some of the bones join together. An adult has only 206 bones.

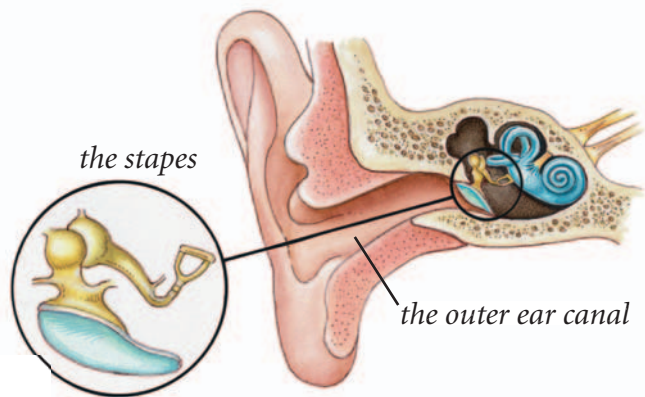
> **Look out: yawning is contagious!**

Have you ever noticed that when you yawn it sometimes makes other people yawn too? Scientists all agree that yawning is **contagious**, but they cannot agree on why.



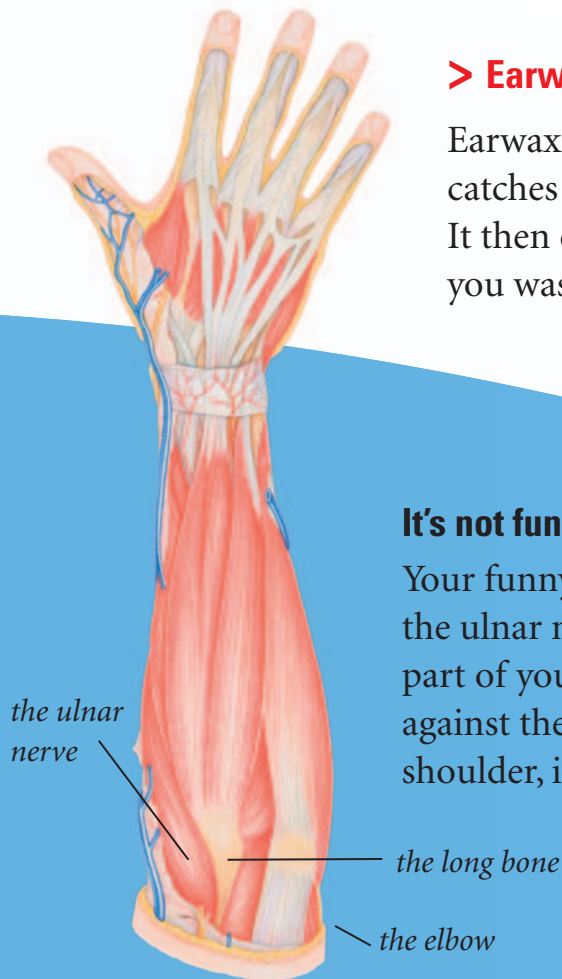
> **Smallest bone**

The smallest bone in the human body is in the ear. It is called the stapes, or stirrup bone, and is the only bone that is fully grown at birth.



> **Earwax**

Earwax is made in the outer ear canal. It catches dirt and stops it getting into your ear. It then either falls out or comes out when you wash your hair.



It's not funny!

Your funny bone is not a bone at all. It is the ulnar nerve, which goes down the inside part of your elbow. If this nerve bumps against the long bone which goes up to your shoulder, it feels really strange.