

ESOL Resources

National Maritime Museum

The National Maritime Museum tells stories of global exploration and exchange through connections to the sea. The museum cares for a very large collection of objects and records which belong to everyone in the UK. Use these resources to find out about some of the stories in your collection and practice using English.









The Art of Tattoos – Facts and History

The art of tattooing has been around for many centuries, across different cultures. We will explore 10 facts about tattoos and look at some of the meanings.

Task 1

Match the words below to the pictures.

a.sailor

b. anchor

c. map

d. dragon

e. tattoo

f. pig

g. rooster

h. cross

i. secret



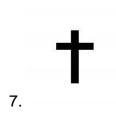
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Task 2

Complete the sentence with words below. The first one is done for you.

- a. sailor b. anchor c. map d. dragon e. tattoo
- f. pig g. rooster h. cross i. secret
- 1. A map is an image of an area of land or sea.
- 2. A works on a ship or boat.
- 3. A is a mythical monster that breathes fire.
- 4. A is a permanent design on the skin.
- 5. A is an adult male chicken.
- 6. An is a heavy object that is dropped from a boat to stop it moving
- 7. A is a hoofed animal with a short tail and legs.
- 8. A is a fact that is known by only a small number of people, and is not told to anyone else.
- 9. A is a shape with a vertical line or piece with a shorter horizontal line or piece across.

Facts about Tattoos

Read the below facts and then answer the questions in the Kahoot Quiz

- 1. The word tattoo comes from the Tahitian word 'tatau', it means to mark. Tahiti is an island in the Pacific Ocean.
- 2. Tattooing has been used to communicate secret messages in times of war.
- 3. In October 1991, the 5,000 year-old frozen body of a hunter was found between Austria and Italy. Scientists could see he had many tattoos.
- 4. King Harold II of England had tattoos.
- 5. Sailors often had tattoos for protection at sea.
- 6. A pig tattooed on one foot and a rooster on the other were said to protect a sailor at sea.



- 7. Other popular tattoos with sailors were: anchors and dragons. An anchor means they has sailed the Atlantic Ocean. A dragon means they served on a China station.
- 8. It became fashionable in the late 19th and early 20th centuries for people of high social rank to be tattooed.
- 9. Early Christians often had the sign of the cross tattooed on their bodies.

If you would like to read more about tattoos you can find information here: https://www.rmg.co.uk/explore/facts-about-tattoos

Now you're ready to begin the quiz! Read the instructions below:

- 1. Using your phone, tablet or computer type into the search engine: kahoot.it
- 2. Click on Play Kahoot! Enter game PIN here
- 3. Type in this pin number: 07958376, click Enter
- 4. Enter your name
- 5. Start the game
- 6. Good Luck! Results will tell you how well you've done.

Answer key:

Task 1 - 1: anchor 2: rooster 3:sailor 4: dragon 5:secret 6: map 7:cross 8:pig 9:tattoo

Task 2 - 1:map 2:sailor 3:dragon 4:tattoo 5:rooster 6:anchor 7:pig 8:secret 9:cross