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“WHY DO WE DO IT?”

Read the story.

I hope this story does not bore you or make you sleepy. This is a story about something kids do. Grownups do it, too. So do dogs, rabbits, and snakes. Babies do it before they are even born. And if you see or hear someone else do it, you will probably not be able to stop yourself from doing it. What could it be? What is this story about?

This story is about yawning. Yawning is something we do about 15 times a day. We do it most often before we go to sleep. We also seem to do it a lot when we are bored. But *why* do we do it?

The answer is that we do not know. There are many ideas about why we yawn, but we don't know for sure. Yawning brings oxygen into our bodies, so one idea is that we do it when we need more oxygen. We also yawn more when we are warm. Another idea is that we yawn to cool our brains. It sounds strange, but it may be true. Still, no one has proven that either of these ideas is why we yawn.

The other weird thing about yawning is that people yawn when they see or hear other people yawn. Why does this happen? Once again, no one knows. Yawning is a mystery. Is it an exciting mystery, or is it one that makes you yawn?

PARTS AND PURPOSE

Stories are broken up into parts called paragraphs. What is the purpose of each of the paragraphs in the story called “Why Do We Do It?”

1. How many paragraphs are there in this story? Fill in the answer.

①

②

③

④

⑤

2. What is the purpose of each paragraph? Draw a line from the paragraph number to the correct purpose.

Paragraph
#1

A

to tell the reader what
the story is about

Paragraph
#2

B

to give ideas that might
explain why we yawn

Paragraph
#3

C

to make the reader want to find
out what the story is about

Paragraph
#4

D

to remind the reader one last time
that we don't know why people yawn

3. In your own words, what is the main purpose of the whole story?
