

Today, I'll be discussing organs. However, in the research process, I immediately came across a problem: One website says there are 10 human organs, another said 11, another said 12 and only listed 8, and another said there are 78. I'm not going to discuss 78, so let's do 13. Here we go!

Skin

The largest organ in the body (or rather of the body) for most people. However, not the case for me. My biggest organ is my heart. Then it's my brain. Consequently, I look somewhat freakish, but the rewards are there. Even so, I still have a lot of skin and I'm thankful for it every day and show my respect by occasionally doodling on it. Is the skin the only organ in (of) the body that's illegal to show to other people? Has anyone ever been jailed for saying 'Hey, look at this! It's my kidney!' I mean I hope not, but I've honestly heard of people doing stranger things. (Not that I wanted to). Also, is the skin the only organ that holds another organ? Impressive!

Liver

Wow, Google says the liver carries out over 500 functions. But naturally that could mean it carries out 11, 12, or a million... .. Yep, I was right (well kind of right), another site says the liver carries out over 200 functions. It's funny that me saying 11 and 12 was closer than 500, if the liver does in fact have around 200 functions. Did you know the liver is 10% fat? That means our livers are phat (good), no?? (At least to youngsters). Sadly I've not heard anyone say the made up word for a very long time now, but let's bring it back! Let's make phat the new cool. Cool's been around for ages! And if we do call our livers phat once again, mankind will REALLY appreciate having livers, perhaps meaning people would be less willing to abuse alcohol? The power of words!!

Brain

My second largest organ! Sixty percent of the brain is made out of fat, but all of mine is made out of phat. Or it IS phat. If the prior isn't a real phrase, it will be after posting this monologue. Again, that's the beauty of the English language, it can go anywhere. Sadly much of the language deals with insults directed at people like me (e.g. 'tosser'), but that's life. There are highs and lows. Also, brain information travels up to 268 miles an hour which does sound impressive, but for me, that does mean it takes a good few minutes for info to get from one side to the other.

Lungs

The only organ that can float on water. Though obviously, if your organs are scattered in the water would you care about such a fact? Stop reading this and get some help. Here's an interesting lung 'fact' I've found: 'Can you live without one lung?...' Not much of a fact as was stated on the internet, but it's an interesting question. Let's find out... You can! However, your left and right lungs aren't exactly the same, so you will be missing out on variety, which is sad. Actually, if your lungs are the only organs that can float on water, how do you explain swimming pool users lying on their backs and not drowning? Sounds like skin floats to me. Google! You've let me down. -_- Again.

Heart

As explained, my biggest organ. Usually the hearts of huge animals beat really slowly, but not me as the medication I'm on gives me a slightly higher rate. It really is quite impressive if you can picture such a thing. A bit distracting at times, but you get used to it. Normal hearts don't float as we've learnt, but I'm assuming if MY heart was placed in the water, it would go like a speed boat. 'But your heart's outside your body... How would it keep beating?' Actually, hearts can beat when disconnected from your body. So there you go!

Kidney

Kidneys 'are about the size of a clenched fist'. Surely ALL fists are clenched?? I don't understand. Is there an openhanded fist?? Never mind. (Normal) hearts are supposed to be about the same size as a 'clenched fist' too. What is it with organs and fists? What size are MY kidneys? Actually they're very small, as I have little need for them. There simply isn't much waste to get rid of. I don't mean to boast, but a large percentage of my blood isn't waste or iron, but magic. Very cool, you say? Yep, but if I ever need a blood transfusion, where do I find the fairies?? (Me later - I'm so sorry. I've since upped me meds).

Spleen

The only organ that rhymes with bean?? I just think it's a funny sounding word. The spleen fights invading germs which is of particular importance to me, as bacteria and viruses want my magic blood just as much as people do. Sometimes it's tough being me. The spleen is the size of a fist, too!!!! Damaged splenic tissue can grow back, but it doesn't really matter too much as you don't even need your spleen. My understanding is it's good to have one, but personally I'd rather have a regenerating brain. Apparently it's in not so good condition. :(

Pancreas

As we all know, pancreases have endocrine functions, which are not to be confused with indoctrinated funk shuns. Of course they are forced teachings about how bad funk music is. Also, pancreases control insulin! Very handy!

Thyroid

If you thought I didn't know what I was talking about just now, sadly I don't know anything about thyroids either. Apparently they control heart rate and body temperature. Great stuff. Very handy. Not to be confused with thigh roids, which are steroids for your leg.

Joints

Joints are organs?? Whatever the case, you get ball-and-socket joints (not to be confused with ball and sock joints, which are reefers made of balls and socks); you get hinge joints which I presume are fixed to the doors that are in your body; you get

pilot joints which are joints that fly (I'm so sorry, actually it's PIVOT joints); and finally you get ellipsoidal joints. What the hell are they?

(The following are organs that I thought up myself. It wasn't so hard, really...)

Eyes

So important, you get a spare! However, with two you do get the ability to judge distances. I wonder what would happen if you got a third eye. Could you see into the future? Makes you wonder what spiders can do.

Ears

Ears are good, too. Or should that be two ears are good, too? Or two ears are good too for Desmond Tutu?

Lastly, there's 'two ears are good too, for Desmond Tutu's choo choo.' Maybe in the future Desmond's train will be able to hear things. I don't know.

Appendix

Not useless, but can in fact make you live at least a bit longer! They're not the size of fists, but rather pinkie fingers, apparently. Another hand comparison? Here's an interesting fact for you: Did you know your stomach can stretch to fit more food in? That means you could also fit more fists in it. :O

Ok! A good number of organs for you, there. You may have noticed the paragraphs got smaller over time. A clever way of building up excitement? First you get long bits of information, then bam! Rapid fire insights and wit! Actually, I just started to run out of ideas. :(And on that honest note... Bye!