

FINGERPRINTING

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What You Need

pencil paper
Scotch tape fingerprint form below

Fingerprinting Yourself

1. Do this activity with a partner.
2. Rub pencil lead (graphite) on a piece of paper. (Picture 1)
3. Rub a fingerprint in the graphite. (Picture 2)
If you put too much graphite on your finger, the fingerprint will blur. You might want to practice with one fingerprint first.
4. Have a partner stick a piece of tape on the part of your finger you rubbed in the graphite. (Picture 3)
5. Have your partner remove the tape. Stick it on the fingerprint form. (Picture 4)
6. Do the same for each of your fingers.
7. Wash your hands. Fingerprint your partner.



1



2



3



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_____ 'S FINGERPRINTS

RIGHT HAND

Thumb	Index	Middle	Ring	Little

LEFT HAND

Thumb	Index	Middle	Ring	Little

Observing Your Fingerprints

If you can, use a magnifier. Compare your fingerprints with those of your partner. How are they different? Find out how actual fingerprinting is done.