

## Tattoo: Reading Tasks



1 Match the words with their definitions.

*scar* a red or brown mark on a person's skin that has been there since they were born

*birthmark* a small dark brown mark on the skin, sometimes slightly higher than the skin around it

*tattoo* a mark that is left on the skin after a wound has healed

*mole* a small, pale brown spot on a person's skin, especially on their face, caused by the sun

*freckle* a picture or design that is marked permanently on a person's skin by making small holes in the skin with a needle and filling them with coloured ink

2 Which of these do you have? Do you like them? Why / why not?

3 Do you think the following information about tattoos is true or false?

- a Tattoos have become more fashionable recently.
- b Tattooing was banned in New York City until 1999.
- c Maoris used to tattoo their faces for camouflage.
- d Only lower class people used to have tattoos.
- e Having a tattoo is very painful.
- f Having a tattoo is a dangerous thing to do.
- g Tattooing should be taken seriously.
- h *Tattoo* is an old Portuguese word.