Answers

1. How does Vitamin D help our bodies?

Vitamin D helps our bodies by absorbing calcium for stronger, healthier bones.

2. What are the three types of ultraviolet rays which radiate from the sun? Which is the least dangerous and which is the most dangerous?

UVA, UVB, UVC. UVA are the least dangerous to humans. UVC rays are the most dangerous to humans.

3. How does the ozone layer work to protect us from the sun's rays?

It protects us completely from UVC rays and from some UVB rays.

4. How does melanin protect the skin?

Melanin absorbs dangerous UV rays before they cause skin damage.

5. Why does sunburn happen?

Sunburn develops when the amount of UV exposure is greater than what can be protected against by the skin's melanin.

6. When is the sun at its strongest?

Usually from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

7. True or false: Clouds filter out UV rays.

False

8. What is meant by 'invisible sun'?

Even on cloudy, cool or overcast days, UV rays travel through the clouds.

What precautions should parents of babies take?

Babies under 6 months should be kept out of the sun.

10. Why is it important to reduce 'tanning'?

As the melanin increases in response to sun exposure, the skin tans.

11. True or false: Sunscreen should protect against UVC rays.

False

12. What should you look for when purchasing sunglasses?

Purchase sunglasses with labels ensuring that they provide 100% UV protection.