

The man who turned blue

Have you seen the movie "Avatar"? What do you remember about it?

Vocabulary

1. carer 2. confused 3. dye 4. scrubbing 5. properly 6. immediately

True Story

Tommy Lynch, a 42-year-old man from England, had a very strange morning recently. When he woke up, he was shocked to see that his skin was bright blue.

His roommate, who is a professional _____, was very worried. He thought Tommy could not breathe _____, so he rushed him to the hospital _____. At the emergency room, doctors were _____ at first. However, they soon discovered the truth. They rubbed Tommy's arm with a simple alcohol wipe, and the blue color came off!

The cause was not a disease; Tommy had slept on new, unwashed blue sheets. "I looked like an avatar," Tommy joked. He spent the next week _____ the _____ off his skin.

Quiz

1. How old is Tommy Lynch?
2. What color was Tommy's skin when he woke up?
3. Who took Tommy to the hospital?
4. What did the doctors use to remove the blue color?

True or False

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| 1. Tommy's skin turned blue because of a new disease. | True False |
| 2. The doctors were confused at first. | True False |
| 3. Tommy's roommate is an Avatar. | True False |

Conversation

- A: Tommy, you'd better do the washing.
B: You're right. I'll put a load in now.
A: Don't forget to hang it out when it's done.
B: Yeah, yeah, and bring it in later... I know the drill.
A: I still can't believe you didn't wash those sheets!
B: And I can't believe you took me to the ER!

Discussion

1. Do you always wash new clothes or bedsheets before you use them?
2. How often do you do the laundry? Who usually hangs it out to dry?
3. Which housework task do you enjoy the most, and which one do you hate?
4. Would you like to have blue skin for a day? Why or why not?
5. What character from a film would you like to be?