

Collocations

Which of these adjectives often describe the body parts listed below?

- false firm narrow plump pointed
- protruding strong stubby thick upturned

- arms
- breasts
- buttocks
- ears
- lips
- nose

Reading

Read this news story:

To the top with new buttocks _____

Lima, Peru (Reuters). Miss World, the Peruvian beauty queen, Maria Julia Mantilla, said Wednesday she was considering suing a plastic surgeon after he told the press he had given her buttock implants and trimmed her ears.

3 "The doctor is presenting the photographs that have been altered and you can see I have never had my ears operated on, I don't have scars, any doctor can come and look at my ears," an indignant Manilla told RPP radio.

6 "He said he had built me, that he gave me buttock implants and fixed my ears and this is false – I'm not the creation of a surgeon, he just did my bust and my nose," the 20 year-old said. "I'm considering suing."

9 Her plastic surgeon, Cesar Morillas, one of the most sought-after in Peru, told reporters he had never claimed to be 'creator' of Mantilla.

12 The pair had a promotional agreement before Mantilla was crowned Miss Peru, in which she would publicize his clinic in exchange for operations.

"But the contract ran out in April and he is still using me for publicity," she said.

15 Mantilla, crowned in December 2004, is training to climb a 20,360 feet (6,206 meter) Himalayan peak in July to raise money for children in Tibet.

- ☞ Why did Maria decide to *have her breasts and nose operated on*?¹
- ☞ What exactly is Maria going to do² if she *sues* her surgeon?
- ☞ What reason(s)³ could the surgeon have to lie about the jobs he had done?
- ☞ Do you think that *bad publicity* can help people to be successful?
- ☞ Have you ever done something for a person *in exchange for* something else?

¹She was eager to win./They were too small.
²Take him to court./Claim money from him.
³To promote his own business./To perform a mutual publicity stunt.

Grammar

I've never had my ears trimmed, said Maria.

When various accidents happen or people get ill, they often need help. Read the sentences below and decide which sentence tells you about the problem, and which about the help given. Can you explain why the sentences about help use different grammar?

- ☞ When I was a little boy I once had a severe stomach ache. A few days later I was in hospital and had my appendix removed.
- ☞ Lisa looks very pale. Don't you think she should have her blood tested?
- ☞ Little John fell off his bike and cut his forehead. He had the cut stitched by a doctor.
- ☞ Bill's car was badly damaged in an accident. He had the repair costs covered by the insurance company.
- ☞ When the pipe burst, water flooded three floors of the building we live in. We had our flats renovated by the council in exchange for some help.

Now write about two similar events in your life.

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