

Read the text about a special kind of body painting. Some words are missing. Use the word in brackets to form the missing word for each gap (1-7). Write your answers in the spaces provided on the answer sheet. The first one (0) has been done for you.



The art of mehendi

The art of mehendi has been a long-standing tradition stemming from many ancient cultures dating back as far as about 5,000 years, but is most known today for its history in India. Today, it is still used in (0) ____ (**religion**) and ritualistic ceremonies in India, but has also gained appreciation in other countries as a (1) ____ (**create**) art to be appreciated at any time. So, what exactly is mehendi?

Mehendi is a temporary art done on the body with henna. Henna powder is derived from a plant commonly found in the Middle East and other areas where the climate is hot and dry. The bush is harvested, (2) ____ (**dry**), and then crushed to make henna powder. Henna itself is used for many things such as hair treatment, heat rash relief and skin conditioner to name a few. The top (3) ____ (**leaf**) of the plant are best for mehendi, while the lower part of the plant is used for the other purposes. Henna paste is what is made to apply henna art designs.

Henna powder itself is green in color, but the stain it leaves behind is usually an orange-red color. There are many suppliers now that offer henna in a (4) ____ (**vary**) of colors but these are not recommended. Pure henna has had little to no incident of allergic reaction. When colors are added to (5) ____ (**nature**) henna, reactions can be mild to severe. Black henna especially has been known to cause serious skin burns as a result of the (6) ____ (**chemical**) added to it to produce the black color effect. Henna is best to be appreciated in its purest form.

Most who are familiar with henna have seen the (7) ____ (**tradition**) designs. These beautiful, intricate patterns are similar to those used for marriage ceremonies and other rituals. They usually adorn the hands and feet of the wearer and require that they remain still for many hours to apply the paste and then allow it to dry.

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