



What do cows do? Who looks after them?
What is the meaning of the expression GREENER PASTURES?
What does the expression OFF TO PASTURES NEW mean? When
would you use it?

Off to pastures new?

Sorry to hear you are leaving...





What does this historical period put emphasis on?

Which religions describe this state?

What was the meaning of this word in the article? What is its synonym?



What is the man doing?
What problems might he face?

Thatched Roofs around the World



India



France



England



Denmark



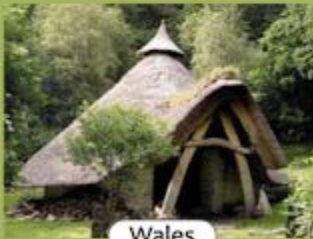
USA



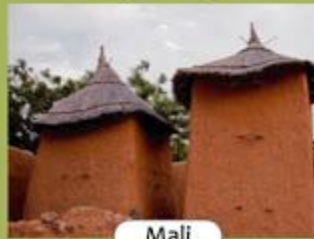
Scotland



Japan



Wales



Mali

What are the pros and cons of thatched roofs?

Novelty value: There are an estimated 35,000 thatched properties in England, of which 24,000 are listed. Modern thatched homes are therefore still a novelty and guaranteed to be a talking point.

Durability: Thatch is incredibly durable with some thatching material able to last up to 65 years. Water reed is the most durable material, with a lifespan of 55 to 65 years. Combed wheat reed has a lifespan of 20 to 40 years. Long straw has a life span 15 to 25 years.

Insulation: Thatch is naturally insulating, so it will keep your house cool in summer and warm in winter – saving you money on your heating and cooling bills.

Sustainability: As a sustainable resource, thatch is environmentally-friendly. Harvesting methods are also eco-friendly.

Flexibility: Thatch can be shaped into soft, aesthetically pleasing forms, which is a nice difference to the hard lines of other roofing materials. Combining thatch with other materials also creates a nice contrast and can result in interesting designs.

Lightweight: Thatch is light and doesn't need the heavy support structures that other roofing materials need. This lowers costs.

Installation costs: Installing thatch is labour intensive – and can take up to four weeks – so it's not the cheapest to install.

Annual inspections: You will need to inspect your roof, or have it inspected professionally once a year to ensure that it's on good shape.

Maintenance: The ridge cap may need regular maintenance and even repair as it is prone to wear and tear. Leaks are the most common problem, which can cause more serious damage to other sections of the roof.

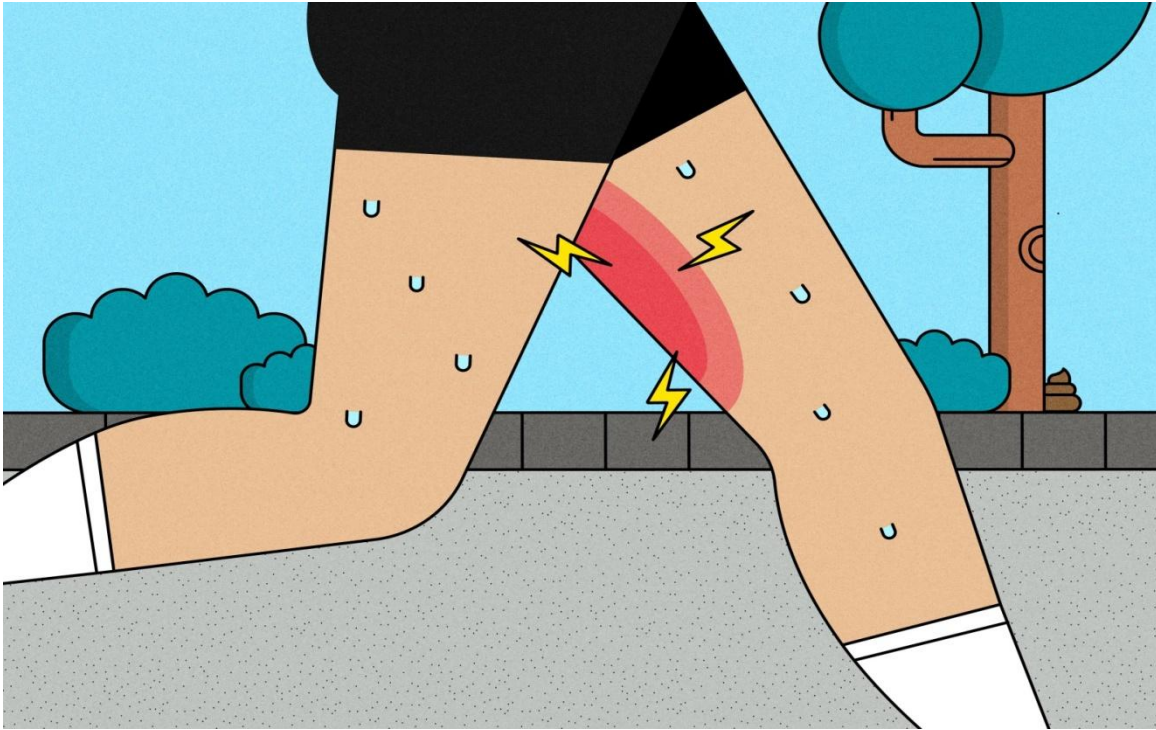
Safety precautions: You will need to take a number of safety precautions to prevent fires and pest infestation. For example: You will need to cut down overhanging branches so that the thatch doesn't hold onto moisture, you need to install a lightning rod to disperse lightning strikes, you will need a spark resistor for your chimney, and you may have to use special treatments to deter pests



What are the synonyms?

What idioms do you remember connected with this state?





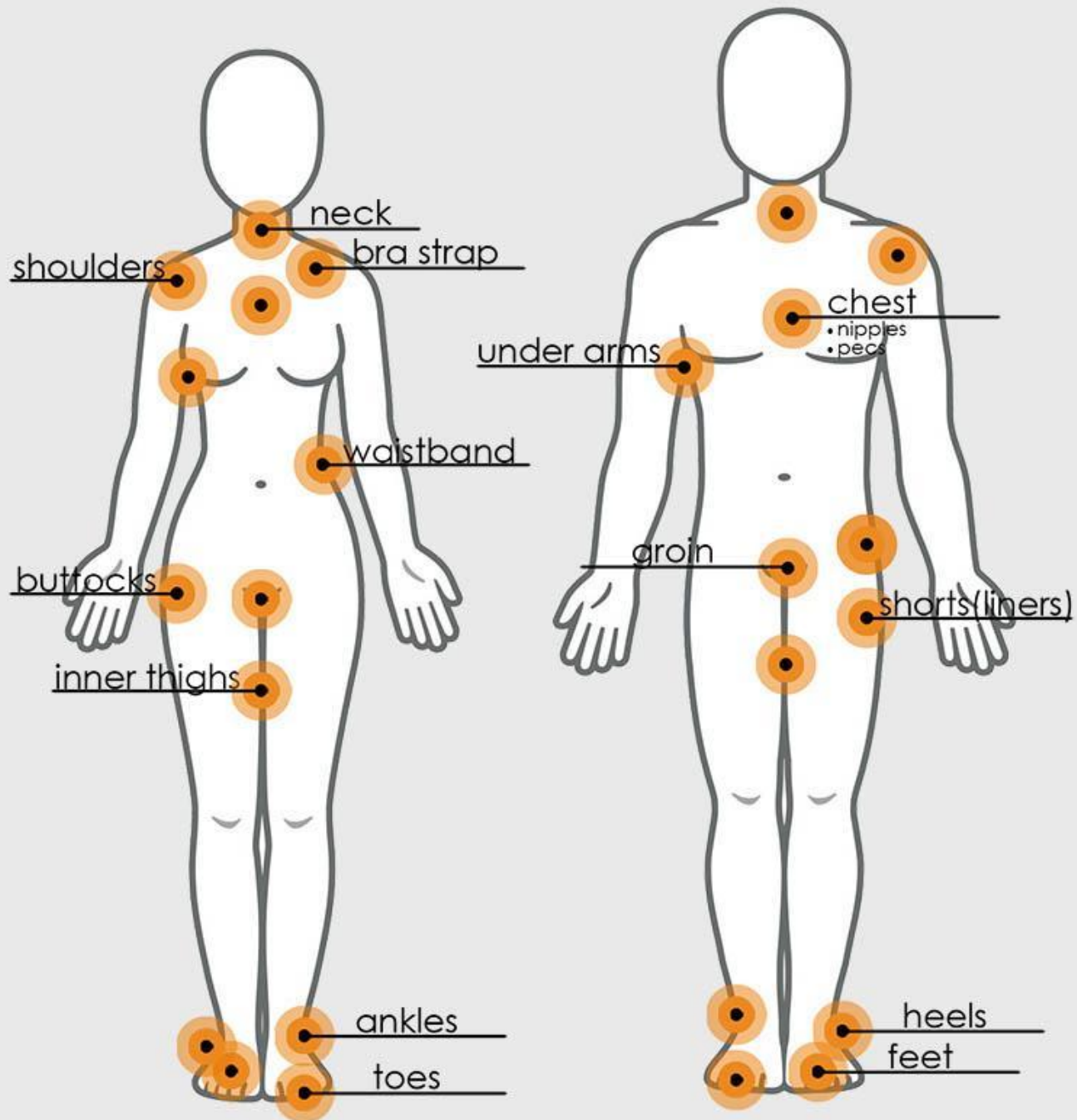
What causes this problem?

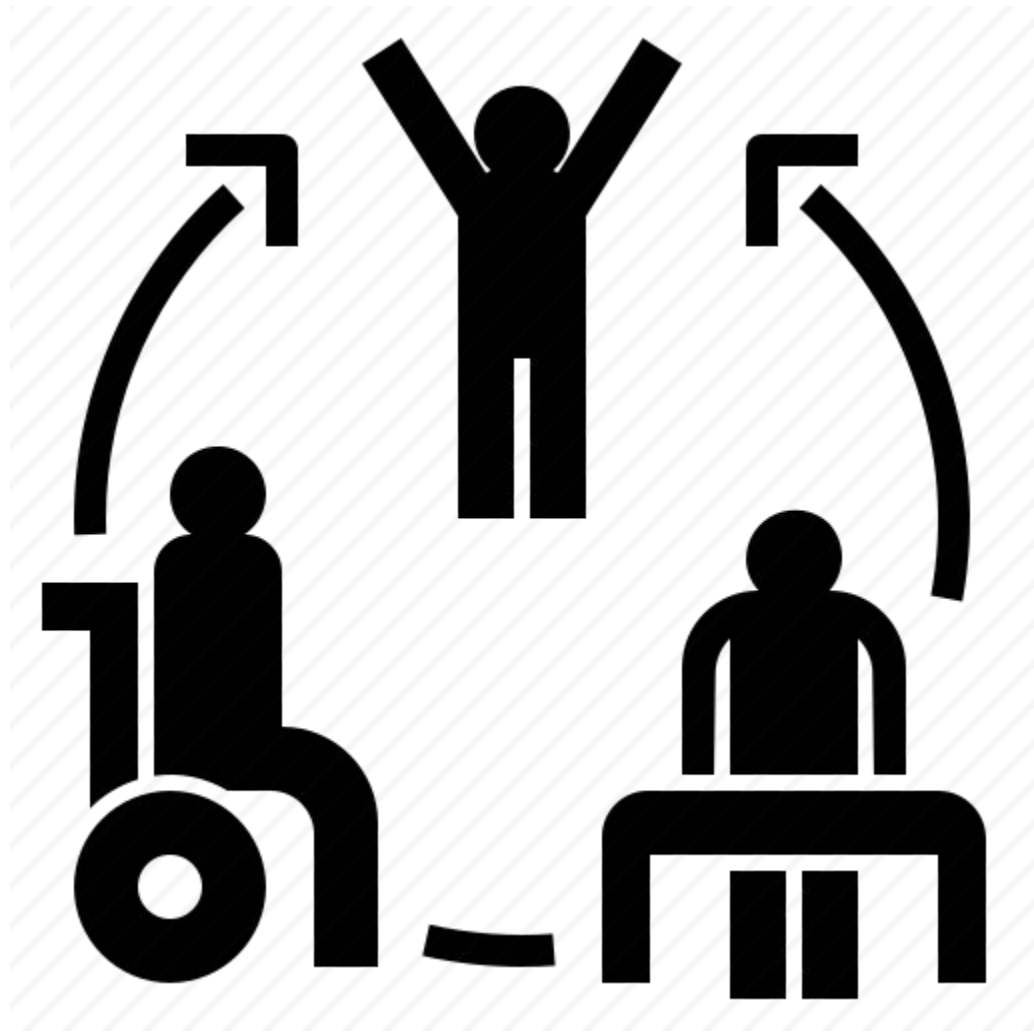
What is the treatment?

What can be done to prevent it?

Which parts of the body can suffer from it?

How do you feel if you _____ under the new regulations?





What are the synonyms?

What can be done to facilitate this process?



What are the noun and the adjective?



What is the main function of this room?

What is the meaning of this word in the following collocations:

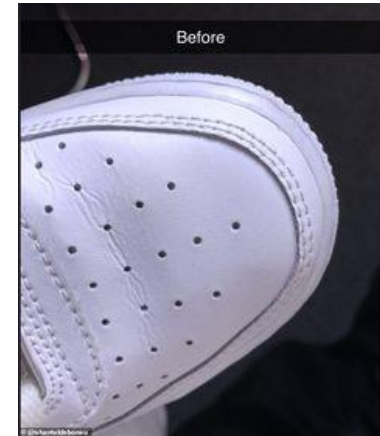
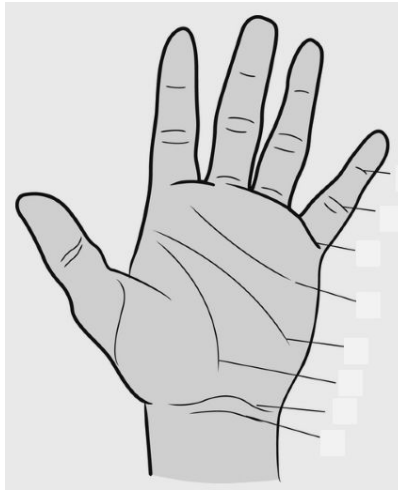
a beauty ~

an ice-cream/pizza /funeral/ tattoo ~

~ game

Milking ~





Can ~ be a positive phenomenon?
What can be done to tackle these problems?



What kind of area can be characterized by this adjective?

What do the following collocations mean?

~ hair, clothes

What can you Remember ?



- Can you give me any _____ on what happened?
- A lot of people in England have an idealized picture of a rural idyll, living in a _____ cottage surrounded by rose bushes.
- I've never seen her worried or anxious in any way - she's so _____.
- Winston proposed several ways for the industry to _____.
- After supper Mrs Hendry ushered everyone into the _____.
- My clay pot ended up as just a shapeless _____.
- Wear a T-shirt under your wetsuit to stop it _____.
- What my traveling companion remembered from the mid 1970s as a lonely, _____ point has become a bustling little town.
- I paid \$40 a week for a tiny room with a _____ couch and a battered old desk.
- He ironed a _____ down the front of each trouser leg.