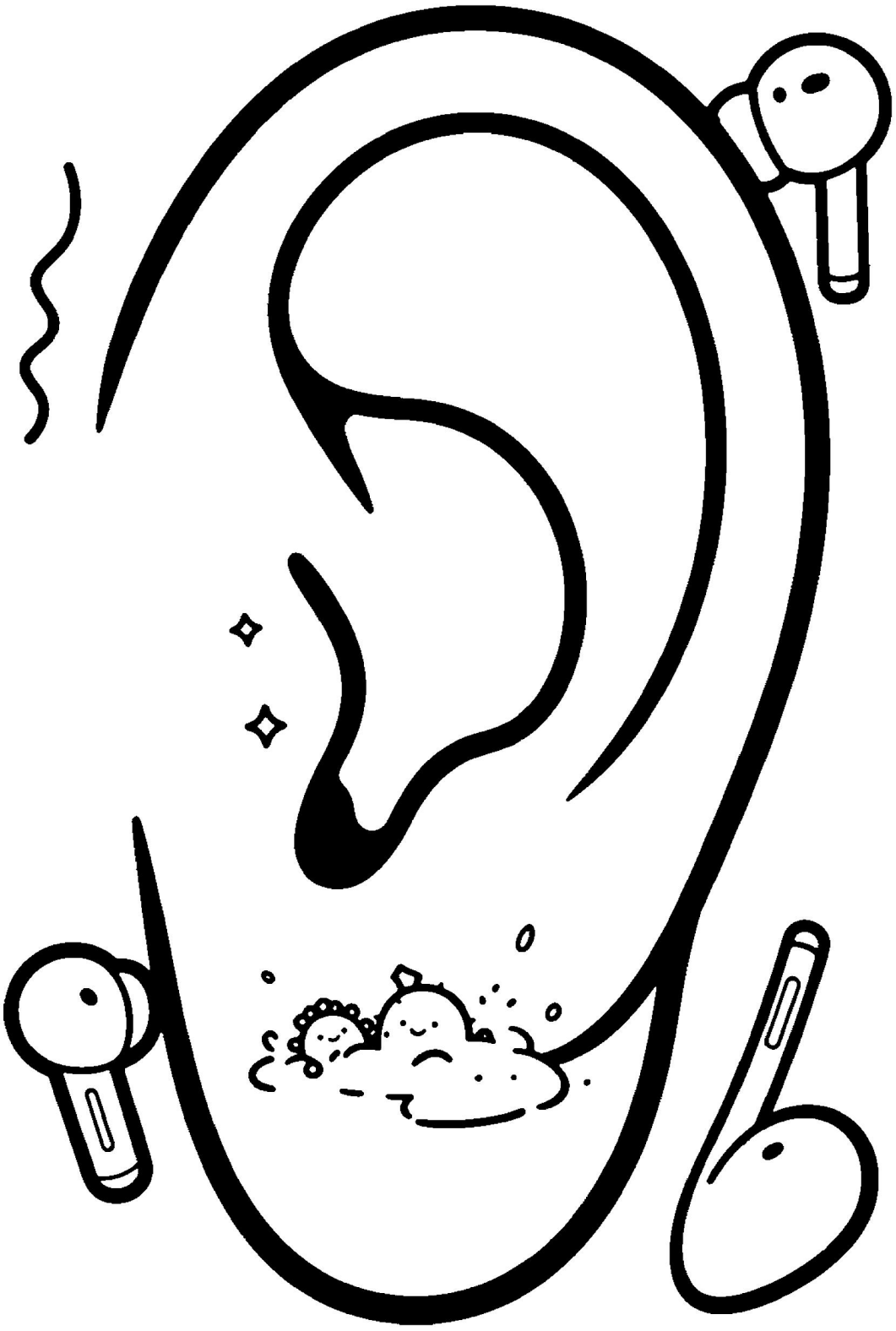


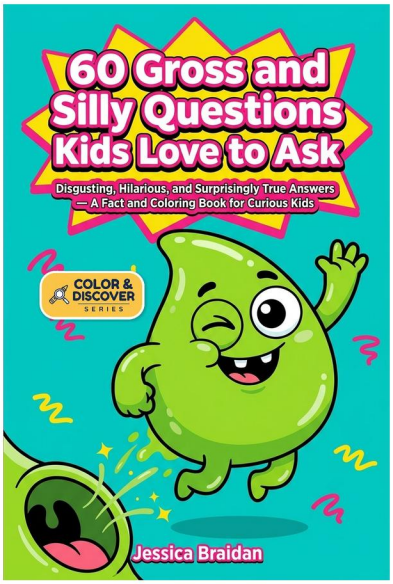
Did you know?

Do Ears Make a Smell?

The Silly-but-True Answer: Your ears produce earwax to protect your ear canal from dust and bugs, and that earwax has its own distinctive smell. Bacteria living inside your ear break down oils and dead skin trapped in the wax, creating a mild musty odor. People who wear earbuds or headphones for long periods trap heat and moisture in their ears, which encourages more bacterial activity and a stronger smell. Interestingly, scientists have even found that earwax smell differs between people depending on their genetics!

Eww, Really?!: Researchers discovered that most people of East Asian descent have dry, crumbly earwax, while most other people have wet, sticky earwax — and each type has its own distinct odor.

Gross Challenge: Take out an earbud you have been wearing for a while and smell it. Try not to be too shocked by what you discover on there.



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