

What's In Your Chicken Wings?



In this activity, you will examine the different types of tissues that make up a chicken wing. You'll need to look closely at both the outside and the inside of the wing and peel back layers. As you come across different types of tissue, pay particular attention to their texture and how soft or hard they are.

Materials

- Raw chicken wing
- Pencil for recording observations
- Notebook
- Repurposed Styrofoam tray
- Cutting tool (sharp scissors, scalpel, or knife)
- Nitrile gloves

Safety Considerations

Uncooked chicken sometimes carries bacteria like *Salmonella*, which can make you sick if ingested. Do not consume any of the chicken from this dissection. Please be sure to wear gloves while handling the chicken, and keep your hands away from your mouth at all times. When you remove your gloves, turn them inside out as you pull them off, and wash your hands with soap and warm water after completing your investigation. If you plan on taking notes while dissecting, the best way to avoid potentially contaminating your pencil and notebook is to work with a partner. While one person dissects, the other writes down notes or takes photos. Use sharp cutting tools with adult supervision.

