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Fingerprint Analysis

Human hands and feet are covered in **friction ridge skin**. Friction ridge skin has complicated patterns of hills (or ridges) and valleys (or furrows.) Fingerprint patterns are unique to individual people. Even identical twins have unique fingerprints!

There are three types of patterns: arches, loops, and whorls.



Arches



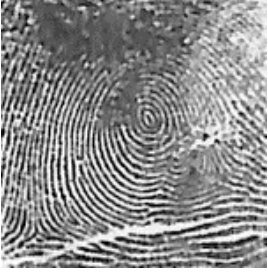





Loops



Whorls

Can you identify which pattern is visible in each of these fingerprints?

1. 	4. 
2. 	5. 
3. 	6. 

Answers

1. LOOP
2. WHORL
3. ARCH
4. WHORL (a central pocket whorl, also called a peacock's eye)
5. ARCH
6. LOOP