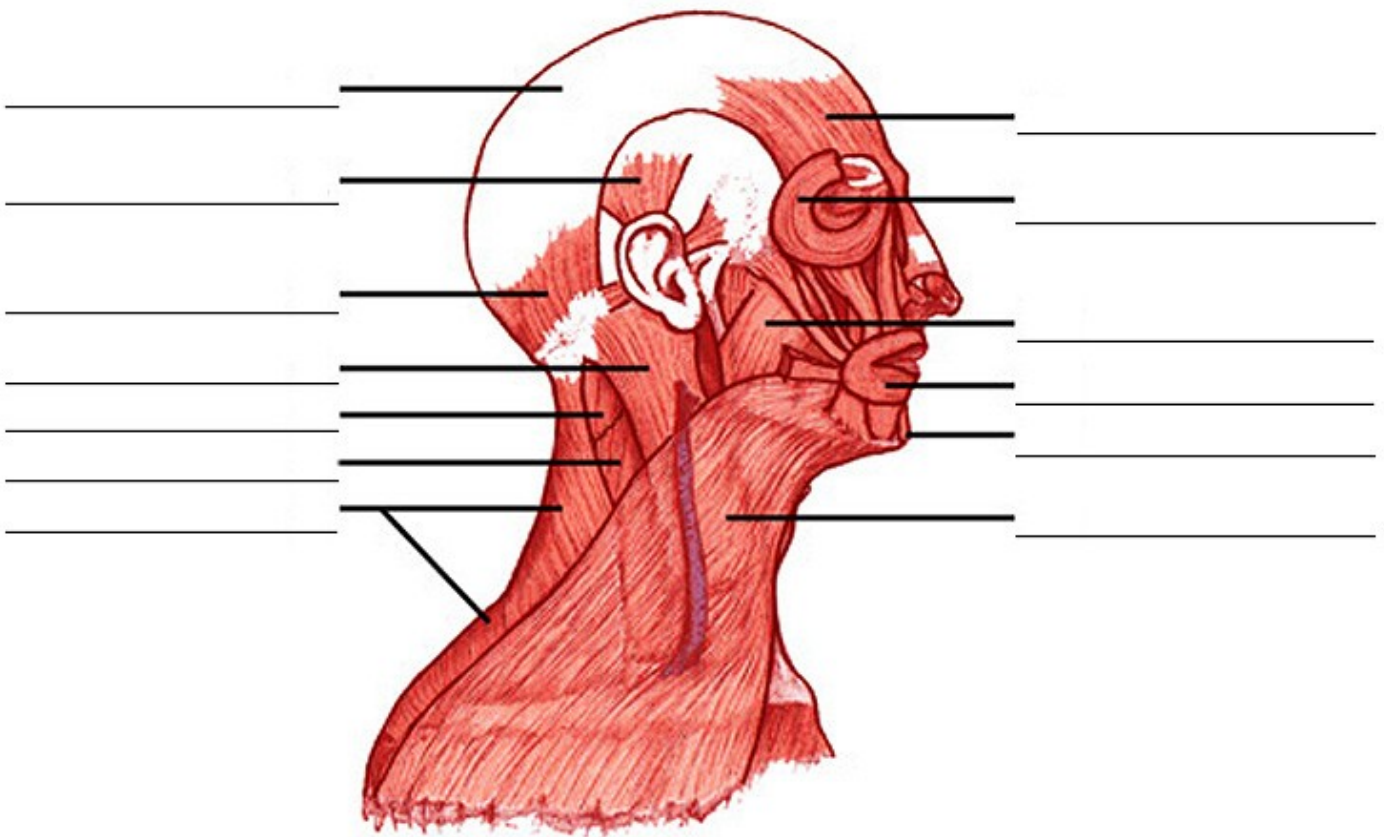


The Muscles of the Head and Neck

A typical human head has a mass of around 5 kilograms, so the muscles of the neck have to be strong to control it, and to keep it erect. The muscles of the face form a complex network of control, able to produce the vast range of expressions and mouth shapes essential to human communication. The diagram below shows the main muscles of the head and neck.

Practice: Name the muscles in the diagrams below, using the list underneath.

Head muscles (lateral view)



Choose from:

Epicranial aponeurosis
Frontalis
Levator scapulae
Masseter
Mentalis

Occipitalis
Orbicularis oculi
Orbicularis oris
Platysma
Splenius capitis

Sternocleidomastoid
Temporalis
Trapezius