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Why wet skin wrinkles

Prunelike fingers and toes may serve an important purpose: 36. A study published online last month by the journal *Brain, Behaviour and Evolution* posits that the grooves that form after soaking may function like tyre treads in wet environments. The common assumption is that wrinkling is just a by-product of osmosis. Mark Changizi, a biologist and the study's lead author, was intrigued by research 37 that belief: fingers with nerve damage do not form water wrinkles, which suggests a more controlled bodily function. "If it's neurologically modulated," Changizi said, "there's got to be a good reason for it."



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- 1p **36** Which of the following fits the first gap?
- A to help us ward off infections
 - B to keep us from slipping
 - C to protect us from dehydration
 - D to remind us of our origins
- 1p **37** Which of the following fits the second gap?
- A confirming
 - B disproving
 - C promoting
 - D suppressing