Name That Gland

Instructions: Use the word bank to answer each question.

1. I live deep within the brain. I’m only about the size of a pea, but I’m very powerful. I make the hormones that help you grow, and I control the activity of other glands too. Who am I? ________________________________

2. I’m shaped like a bowtie or a butterfly. I’m found in your neck. I make the hormones that help you stay alert and full of energy. Who am I? ________________________________

3. I’m the largest gland in the body. I produce the hormone called insulin that helps glucose, the sugar in your blood, enter the cells of your body. I work closely with the digestive system. Who am I? ________________________________

4. We come in a pair, one on top of each kidney. We produce hormones that help you to act fast when you’re in trouble or under stress. We’re triangular in shape. Who are we? ________________________________

5. We are a set of four tiny glands that work with the thyroid to control the amount of calcium in the blood. Who are we? ________________________________

6. In girls, we’re the ovaries. In boys, we’re the testes. We’re involved in all the changes of puberty (when kids begin to become adults). Who are we? ________________________________

Word Bank

Adrenal glands  Pituitary gland
Pancreas  Reproductive glands
Parathyroids  Thyroid