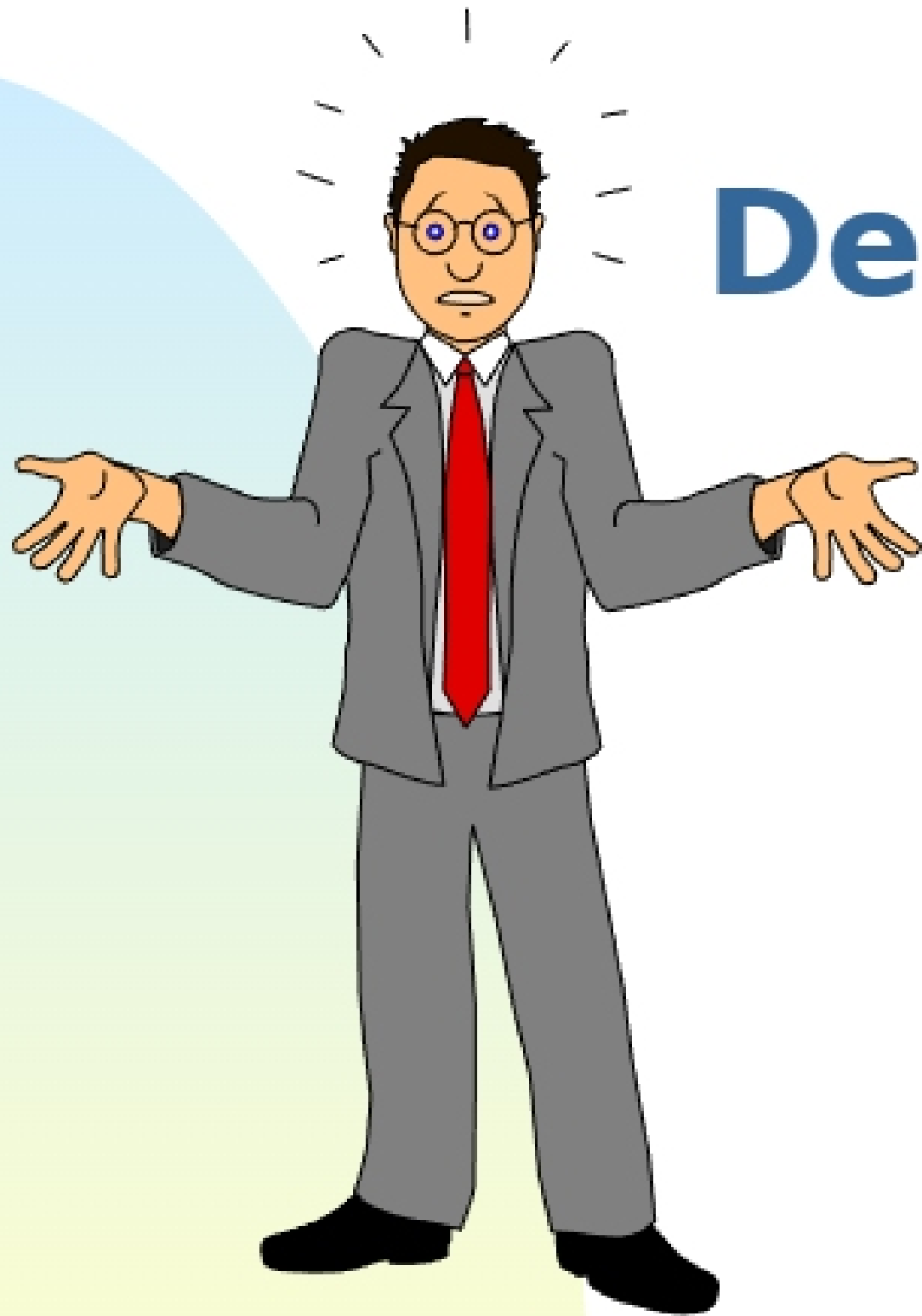




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# Desert Varnish

- What is it?
- How is it formed?
- Where is it?
- Why do I care?

# Well to you non-desert varnish experts...

- Desert Varnish is a thin, very thin, layer on rocks of iron and manganese oxides
- It's usually less than 300 micrometers thick! (Much less than the a fingernail.)