

National 5 Biology

Unit 2 Multicellular organisms 2.6 Transport systems in Animals



Transport in Animals

Transport systems ensure that useful substances are delivered to the body cells and waste substances are removed. In this section we will look at the role of the circulatory system in the transport of these substances.

Learning intention		
To find out about the comp	osition of blood.	
In mammals the blood cont	ains (the lic	quid part of the blood),
blood cells and	blood cells. Nutrients,	and carbon dioxide are
transported in the blood.		
Blood after centrifugation		
		Plasma and platelets (55 %) White cells Red cells (45 %)
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Learning intention

To find out about the structure and function of red blood cells.

Red blood cells

Red blood cells are specialised, with several structural features that allow for the efficient

transport of ______. The specialised features are shown in the diagram below:





Haemoglobin

Red blood cells contain a pigment called haemoglobin. Haemoglobin binds to _____

in the lungs to form oxyhaemoglobin. In the tissues where oxygen concentration is

_____ oxyhaemoglobin releases oxygen which diffuses into cells.

These structural features of red blood cells allow for the efficient transport oxygen in the form of oxyhaemoglobin.

Haemoglobin + Oxygen in the lungs Oxyhaemoglobin



Learning intention

To find out about the structure of the heart and its associated blood vessels.

Circulation and the Heart

The circulatory system consists of the heart, blood vessels and contains the blood. Oxygen, carbon dioxide, nutrients such as glucose, wastes and other substances are transported in the blood which circulates around the body.



The human heart is found in the ______ of the chest and is divided into two sections, separating the two types of blood that pass though it- oxygenated (blood that is rich in oxygen) and deoxygenated blood (blood that has a low level of oxygen).



Hint: When you see diagrams of the heart on paper remember that the heart is always labelled as if it is in a body **facing you**, so the right side of the heart is on the left of the diagram.

During one complete circuit of the body, blood passes through the heart **twice** and so the circulatory system involves a **double circulation**.

The **right hand side** of the heart pumps **deoxygenated** blood to the **lungs**.

The **left hand side** of the heart pumps **oxygenated** blood to the **body** cells.



The human heart is a simple but very efficient _____



beating over 100,000 times a day. It has _____ chambers,

four valves and various blood vessels transport blood into and out of the heart.

The Structure of the Heart

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Label your diagram to include: Left and right atria (singular- atrium), left and right ventricles, aorta, vena cava, pulmonary artery and pulmonary vein.

You can add colour to show the heart muscle, oxygenated and deoxygenated blood.





The wall of the left ventricle of the heart is thicker than the wall of the right ventricle because_____

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Starting with the right atrium, complete the flowchart below to show the pathway of blood through the heart lungs and body.

Right atrium \rightarrow	→	\rightarrow Lungs \rightarrow	
	_→	_ → left ventricle →	→
body→	→ Right atrium.		

Heart Valves



The function of the valves is to prevent the blood from flowing ______ into the heart. The four valves are located between the right atrium and the right ventricle, the right ventricle and the pulmonary artery, the left atrium and the left ventricle and the left ventricle and the aorta - added this information to your diagram by circling their positions.

Coronary arteries

The heart is full of blood but also needs its own blood supply so that the muscle can keep pumping. The heart obtains blood from the **coronary arteries**. These are found on the outside of the heart, carrying oxygenated blood to the heart muscle cells and carrying deoxygenated blood back into the heart.



Learning intention

To find out about the functions of the different parts of the heart and its associated blood vessels.

Structure	Function
	Carries deoxygenated blood to the heart from the head and body.
	Collects blood that enters the heart in the vena cava.
	Pumps blood out of the heart into the pulmonary artery.
	Carries deoxygenated blood to the lungs.
	Carries oxygenated blood to the heart.
	Collects blood that enters the heart in the pulmonary vein.
	Pumps blood out of the heart into the aorta.
	Carries blood away from the heart to the head and body.
	Supplies the heart muscle with oxygenated blood.
	Prevent the blood from flowing backwards.

Learning intention

To find out about the structure of the blood vessels.

Blood Vessels

There are three types of blood vessel;

- Arteries ٠
- Veins



Cross section through the blood vessels





Functions and features of blood vessels

Type of Blood Vessel	Function	Features
Arteries	Carry blood under pressure from the heart.	muscular walls central channel.
Capillaries	Form at organs and tissues.	walled surface area, allowing efficient exchange of materials.
Veins	Carry blood under pressure the heart.	walls central channel Contain to prevent backflow of blood.



Complete the diagram below by adding the name of each blood vessel.



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State that in mammals the blood contains plasma, red blood cells and white blood cells.	000
State that nutrients, oxygen and carbon dioxide are transported in the blood.	000
Describe red blood cells as being specialised in structure by being biconcave in shape, having no nucleus and containing haemoglobin.	000
Describe how the structure of red blood cell allows it to carry out its function to transport oxygen efficiently in the form of oxyhaemoglobin.	000
State that the summary word equation for the formation of oxyhaemoglobin as: Oxygen + haemoglobin → oxyhaemoglobin	000
State that white blood cells are part of the immune system and are involved in destroying pathogens.	000
State that pathogens are disease-causing micro-organisms (bacteria, viruses and fungi).	000
State that there are two main types of cell involved in the destruction of pathogens.	000
State that phagocytes carry out phagocytosis by engulfing pathogens.	000
Describe the process of phagocytosis by the engulfing and digesting pathogens.	000
State that some lymphocytes produce antibodies which destroy pathogens.	000
State that each antibody is specific to a particular pathogen.	000
Describe the structure of the heart; to include right and left atria and ventricles.	000
Identify (on a diagram of the heart) the location of the right and left atria and ventricles, valves, aorta, vena cava, pulmonary artery, pulmonary vein and coronary arteries.	000
State the function of the right and left atria and ventricles, valves, aorta, vena cava, pulmonary artery, pulmonary vein and coronary arteries.	000
Describe the pathway of oxygenated and deoxygenated blood through the heart, lungs and body.	000
State that arteries have thick, muscular walls, a narrow central channel and carry blood under high pressure away from the heart.	000
State that veins have thinner walls, a wide channel and carry blood under low pressure back towards the heart.	000
State that veins contain valves to prevent backflow of blood.	000
State that capillaries are thin walled and have a large surface area, forming networks at tissues and organs to allow efficient exchange of materials.	000
Identify (on a diagram) an artery, vein and capillary.	000