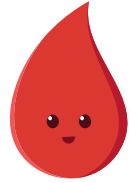




Reading Comprehension Exercise 1

Middle Primary Beginner English

All About Blood



Blood is very important for our body. It is made of two main parts: plasma and blood cells. Plasma makes up about 45% of blood. It is a pale yellow liquid that has water, proteins, salts, waste, food, and hormones in it. The other 55% of blood is made up of blood cells and platelets.

There are two kinds of blood cells: red blood cells and white blood cells. Red blood cells are round and flat. They do not have a nucleus, which is like the “brain” of a cell. They are soft and stretchy, so they can pass through tiny spaces. Red blood cells carry oxygen because they have haemoglobin, which is made of iron and gives blood its red colour.

White blood cells are bigger than red blood cells but there are not as many of them. They have a nucleus and can change their shape to fit through small spaces. One type of white blood cell, made in bone marrow, eats germs like bacteria. The other type, made in lymph glands, makes antibodies that fight sickness.

Platelets are small pieces of cells. They help the blood to clot when we get a cut so that the bleeding stops.



Reading Comprehension Exercise 1

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Questions:

- 1 What are the two main parts of blood?

- 2 What colour is plasma?

- 3 What do red blood cells carry around the body?

- 4 What gives red blood cells their red colour?

- 5 How are white blood cells different from red blood cells?

- 6 Red blood cells are bigger than white blood cells. (True / False)
- 7 White blood cells can change their shape. (True / False)
- 8 Platelets help stop bleeding when we get a cut. (True / False)



Reading Comprehension Exercise 1 - Solutions

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Questions:

1 What are the two main parts of blood?

Plasma and blood cells (plus platelets).

2 What colour is plasma?

Pale yellow.

3 What do red blood cells carry around the body?

Oxygen.

4 What gives red blood cells their red colour?

Haemoglobin..

5 How are white blood cells different from red blood cells?

They are bigger, fewer in number, have a nucleus, and help fight germs...

6 Red blood cells are bigger than white blood cells. (True / False) ✓

7 White blood cells can change their shape. (True / False) ✓

8 Platelets help stop bleeding when we get a cut. (True / False) ✓