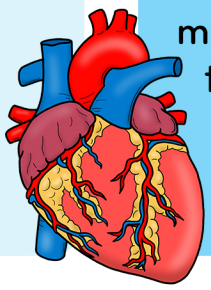
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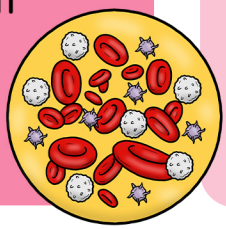
NONSTOP PUMP
An adult heart beats about 100,000 times every day.

ONE-MINUTE TRIP
At rest, blood makes a complete trip around the body in about one minute.

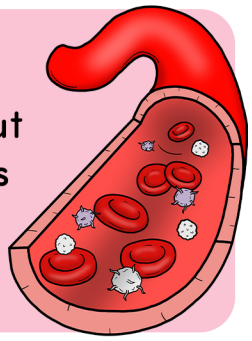


SINGLE FILE
Capillaries are so narrow that red blood cells must squeeze through them one at a time.

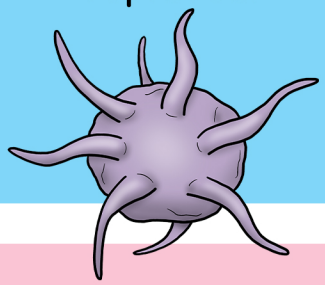
BLOOD FACTORY
Bone marrow makes about 2 million new red blood cells every second.



HOW MUCH BLOOD?
An adult body holds about 5 liters of blood, which is roughly 1.3 gallons.

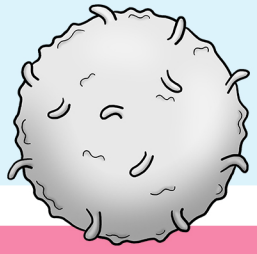


SHORT LIFE
A red blood cell lives for about 120 days before it is replaced.



NEVER BLUE
Blood is always red. Oxygen-poor blood is just a darker red, and veins only look blue because of the way light passes through skin.

BIGGEST ARTERY
The aorta is about 1 inch wide, roughly the width of a garden hose.



AROUND THE WORLD
If all the blood vessels in an adult's body were laid end to end, they would stretch about 60,000 miles, enough to circle Earth more than twice.

MOSTLY WATER
Plasma makes up about 55 percent of blood, and plasma itself is about 90 percent water.

SUPERSTARWORKSHEETS

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