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Goodies

The key to life



WHEN we suffer a cut, blood oozes from the wound. If we lose too much blood we could die. The red liquid is vital for our survival. Do you know why? Let's find the answer!

We have blood too, but it is not red.

Do you want to know the colour? Turn the page to find out!



Editor's Note

Hi! On weekends, I see many kids wearing a dobok – the uniform you wear to practise taekwondo. It is a very popular sport among kids. But let us not forget China has many martial arts that were created hundreds of years ago. Chinese people had to fight robbers and other bad people so some clever fighters developed fighting styles by watching animals such as the tiger and even the crane. Wushu is a modern form of martial arts that people practise for competitions, but it is still useful as a fighting style and keeps you healthy. Did you know many people outside China practise it? Turn to G03 to read about women from Afghanistan who do wushu to make themselves stronger.

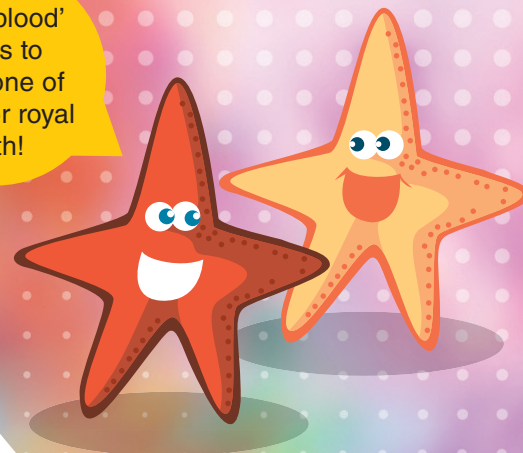


Simon



Grace

'Blue blood' refers to someone of noble or royal birth!



HUMANS have red blood, but crabs, spiders, lobsters and snails have blue blood.

There are other fun facts about blood, but first we need to know why it is very important.

Why blood is very important

WE cannot survive without blood because it carries oxygen and **vital** substances through our body. There is no **substitute** for this red fluid. If we lose too much blood during surgery or in an **accident**, or if there is something wrong with our blood, we need a fresh supply from donors to keep our body functioning properly.



Interesting facts about blood

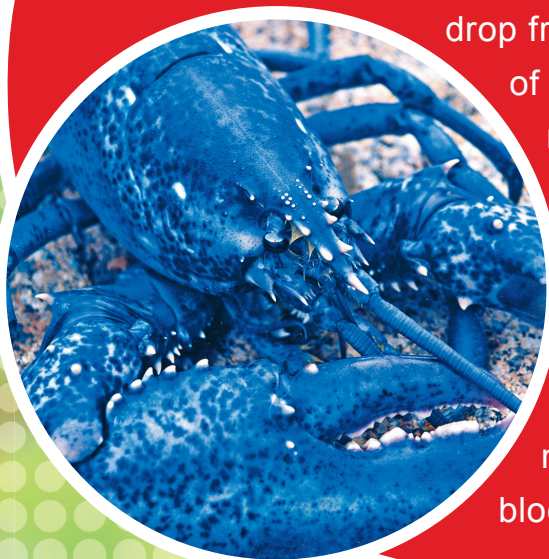
- Blood accounts for seven percent of our body weight.
- Earthworms and leeches have green blood while the starfish has clear or yellowish blood. Some creatures, the jellyfish for example, have no blood at all.
- Only female mosquitoes bite us and suck our blood. It appears that they prefer type O.
- A newborn baby has about one cup of blood in its body.
- Cows have 800 (and possibly more) blood types.
- The Japanese (日本人) believe that blood type is an indicator of one's **personality**. That is why Japan has a huge market for blood-type themed goods, eg, books and animations.



What is your type?

THERE are four blood groups – A, B, AB and O. Globally, type O is the most common and AB is the rarest. Do you know what your blood type is?

Parents and children may have different blood types. The ancient Chinese used a simple and unscientific **paternity test** – they put one drop of blood from the father or mother and one drop from the child into a bowl of water to see if they could mix. In fact, only blood of the same type can mix. Therefore, you cannot **determine** if two people are related just by mixing their blood.



G Exercise

Matching

There are many English idioms related to 'blood'. Try matching the following with the correct meaning.

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| 1. young blood | A. to try to do something impossible |
| 2. to sweat blood | B. to make you very angry |
| 3. to get blood out of a stone | C. a new member of a group |
| 4. blood is thicker than water | D. to work very hard |
| 5. make your blood boil | E. family is more important than friends |

Answers on G12

