The circulatory system	The circulatory system is made up of heart (a muscle), the blood vessels (arteries, veins and capillaries) and the blood. The heart pumps blood all around the body using blood vessels - transporting useful materials to our organs. The heart has two parts. One part pumps oxygenated blood through our arteries around the body and returns to the heart with deoxygenated blood in our veins. The other part of our heart pumps deoxygenated blood to our lungs and returns with oxygenated blood.
Blood	Our blood is a mixture made up of plasma (which is a yellow liquid); red blood cells (which carry oxygen); white blood cells (which protect against disease); and platelets (which help the blood thicken and clot).
Arteries and veins	Arteries carry blood away from the heart and transport oxygen and nutrients to the body's cells. After the oxygen has been used up, veins take blood back to the heart where it is pumped to the lungs to pick up new oxygen again.
Capillaries	An extremely narrow thin-walled blood vessel that connects small arteries with small veins to form a network throughout the body.
Pulse	The heart, pumping blood all around the body. Each pulse corresponds with a beat of your heart. Your pulse rate is the number of times your heart beats in a minute.



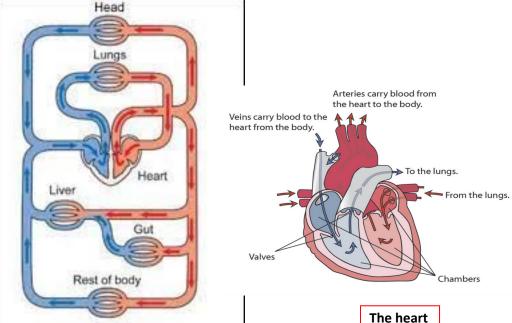


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Key vocabulary circulation To move around something There are seven essential nutrients **Nutrients** that we get from our food: water, minerals, vitamins, carbohydrates, fibre, proteins, fat. blood vessel The tube-like structures that carry blood through the tissues and organs. nutrient Substances that animals need to stay alive and healthy. transport Move from one place to another oxygenated Oxygenated blood has more blood oxygen. It is pumped from the heart to the rest of the body. Deoxygenated blood is blood deoxygenated blood where most of the oxygen has already been transferred to the

rest of the body.



Significant people



Blood carrying carbon dioxide in veins Blood carrying oxygen in arteries

Dr Christiaan Barnard

A South African surgeon who performed the first human-to human heart transplant.

Dr Hale Williams

Black African American. Appointed by the president as chief surgeon at a hospital in Washington DC in 1894. He performed hundreds of open heart surgeries

