

Year 6 Science Knowledge Organiser

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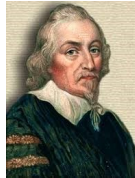
Animals, including humans - Healthy bodies

Key vocabulary

heart	the heart pumps blood around your body
pulse	each time the heart beats it can be felt as a pulse in the arteries. Typically, in the wrist and neck
blood	the red liquid pumped around the body by the heart. It transports oxygen, nutrients and water to all the parts of the body
blood vessels	the narrow tubes which our blood flows through including the arteries, veins and capillaries
lungs	two organs situated in the ribcage that fill with air when you breathe in. They remove carbon dioxide from blood and add oxygen
circulatory system	this circulates blood through the body. It consists of the heart, blood and blood vessels
diet	the sort of food animals or humans regularly eat
exercise	activity that requires physical effort, carried out to sustain or improve health and fitness
drugs	a medicine or other substance that has an effect in a person's body
lifestyle	the way in which a person lives

Significant scientist

William Harvey
(1578-1657)



William Harvey was an English physician and the first person to correctly describe blood's circulation in the body. He showed that arteries and veins form a complete circuit.

Healthy bodies

Diet, exercise, drugs and other lifestyle choices have an impact on how our bodies function. This can affect how well our heart and lungs work and how fit and well we feel.

Some choices such as smoking, drinking alcohol and obesity can be harmful to our health:

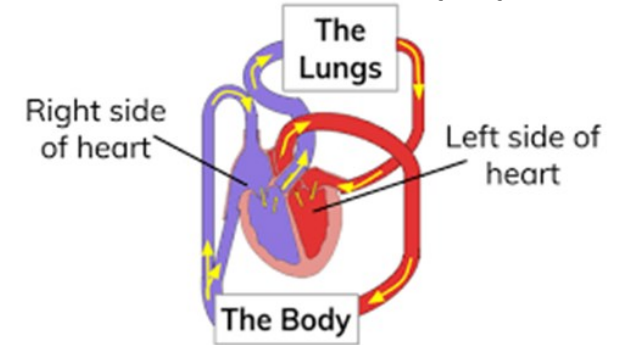
Smoking

Can cause shortness of breath, heart and lung disease.

Alcohol

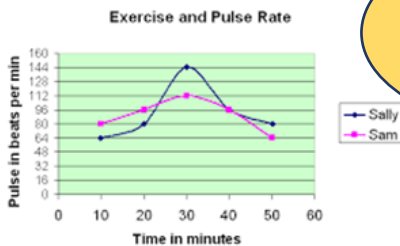
Too much alcohol can damage the liver, heart and stomach.

The human circulatory system



- The **heart** pumps **blood** in the **blood vessels** to the **lungs** where **oxygen** goes into the **blood** and **carbon dioxide** is removed.
- The **blood** goes back to the **heart**.
- It is then pumped around the body so that **water**, **nutrients** and **oxygen** are transported in the **blood** to the **muscles** and all the other parts of the body where they are needed. As all these are used, they produce **carbon dioxide** and other waste products.
- **Carbon dioxide** is carried by the **blood** in **blood vessels** back to the **heart**.
- The cycle starts again as the **carbon dioxide** is then transported back to the **lungs** to be removed from the body.

Our **pulse rate** increases when we do **exercise**.



Why is exercise so important?

Exercise can increase fitness, make you feel physically and mentally healthier, strengthen your heart and improve your lung function.

The circulatory system transports nutrients and water in the blood to all the parts of the body that need them. These nutrients provide us with energy.