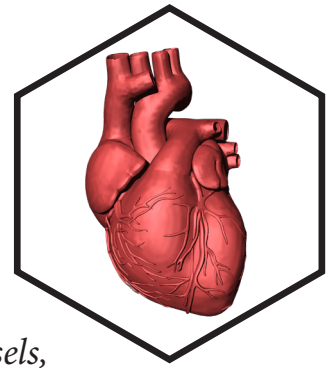


My Circulatory System



Complete each task. Use complete sentences.

1. Describe the circulatory system. Use the words *blood*, *heart*, *blood vessels*, *veins*, *arteries*, and *capillaries* in your description. _____

2. Describe how to find your pulse. Tell how to use your pulse to find your heart rate.

3. Describe three ways leukemia or lymphoma can affect a person's body. _____

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Answer Key

Answers will vary.

1. The circulatory system is made up of the heart, blood, and blood vessels. The heart pumps blood throughout the body. Blood vessels called arteries move blood from the heart. Blood vessels called veins move blood back to the heart. The smallest blood vessels are called capillaries. They connect arteries and veins.
2. To find your pulse, put your index and middle fingers on your neck or on your wrist. Count the thumps you feel for 6 seconds and then multiply that number times 10; count the thumps you feel for 15 seconds and add that number to itself four times; or count the thumps you feel for 30 seconds and then double the number.
3. Leukemia can lower the number of healthy blood cells in a person's body. As a result, a person can feel extra tired, have shortness of breath, bruise easily for no reason, get sick easier, look paler than normal, lose weight for no reason, or have a fever for no reason. Lymphoma makes it hard for the body to fight off infections. Masses form in a person's body. As a result, a person might have swollen lymph nodes, feel constantly tired, have a cough that won't go away, have itchy skin, lose weight for no reason, want to eat less, have pain in the abdomen, or have a fever for no reason.