

# UNIT 8 - BLOOD / LYMPHATIC / CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEMS

## WORKSHEET - The Blood

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1. List and describe the four components of blood.

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

2. In an adult, where are blood cells made? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Describe the appearance of a mature erythrocyte and why this occurs.

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4. What two parts make up a hemoglobin molecule?

- a.
- b.

5. How are leukocytes classified?

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7. What term refers to the stoppage of bleeding?

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8. List and describe the three steps associated with blood clotting.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- b. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- c. \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. What is the basic event in the creation of a blood clot?

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10. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a stationary blood clot while a \_\_\_\_\_ is a traveling clot.

11. The four blood types in humans are determined by the presence or absence of \_\_\_\_\_ on the surface of the erythrocytes. \_\_\_\_\_ is another term for antigens and \_\_\_\_\_ is another term for antibodies.

12. Complete the following chart on blood types.

Blood Type	Antigen	Antibody
Type A		
Type B		
Type AB		
Type O		

13. What might be indicated by an excess of white blood cells in the blood?  
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14. What problems might you have if you had no platelets in your blood?  
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5. As you increase altitude, there is less oxygen in the air. How might this affect your blood?  
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16. How can blood clotting be bad for you?  
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17. What does Rh positive mean?  
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18. Type AB blood has often been called the universal recipient meaning a person with this blood type could receive a transfusion of any other blood type. Explain why this phrase is misleading.  
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## WORKSHEET - The Blood: KEY

1. List and describe the four components of blood.
  - a. *Plasma - the fluid portion of blood*
  - b. *Erythrocytes - the red blood cells used to carry oxygen and carbon dioxide*
  - c. *Leukocytes - the white blood cells used to fight infection*
  - d. *Thrombocytes - the platelets used to clot blood*
  
2. In an adult, where are blood cells made? *The bone marrow*
  
3. Describe the appearance of a mature erythrocyte and why this occurs.  
*A mature red blood cell looks like a biconcave disk. This is because it no longer has many of the normal cellular organelles such as a nucleus in order to make room for the hemoglobin molecule which is vital in transporting oxygen (and a little carbon dioxide).*
  
4. What two parts make up a hemoglobin molecule?
  - a. *Heme*
  - b. *Globin*
  
5. How are leukocytes classified?  
*As granulocytes or as agranulocytes, depending on whether or not there are granules in the cytoplasm.*
  
6. Plasma or Serum. Which one is whole blood minus cells and the clotting elements such as fibrinogen? *Serum*
  
7. What term refers to the stoppage of bleeding? *Hemostasis*
  
8. List and describe the three steps associated with blood clotting.
  - a. *The Vascular Spasm*  
*This phase occurs when the arteriole or venule has been cut or broken and the smooth muscles contract in order to slow down or stop the flow of blood.*
    1. *Platelet Plug Formation*  
*This phase occurs when platelets stick to the exposed ends of the injured blood vessels*
  - c. *Coagulation*  
*This is when the blood clot is actually formed. Due to the presence of calcium, blood clotting factors, and enzymes, a plasma protein, fibrinogen, is changed to fibrin. Fibrin forms actual fibers which hold the ends of the damaged blood vessels together forming a mass known as a clot.*

9. What is the basic event in the creation of a blood clot?

*The conversion of the plasma protein fibrinogen to fibrin.*

10. A *thrombus* is a stationary blood clot while an *embolus* is a traveling clot.

11. The four blood types in humans are determined by the presence or absence of *antigens* on the surface of the erythrocytes.

*Agglutinogens* is another term for antigens and *agglutinins* is another term for antibodies.

12. Complete the following chart on blood types.

Blood Type	Antigen	Antibody
Type A	<i>A</i>	<i>Antibody anti-B</i>
Type B	<i>B</i>	<i>Antibody anti-A</i>
Type AB	<i>A and B</i>	<i>Neither Antibody anti-A or Antibody anti-B</i>
Type O	<i>None</i>	<i>Both Antibody anti-A or Antibody anti-B</i>

13. What might be indicated by an excess of white blood cells in the blood?

*Infection or cancer of the blood (leukemia)*

14. What problems might you have if you had no platelets in your blood?

*Your blood would not be able to clot.*

15. As you increase altitude, there is less oxygen in the air. How might this affect your blood?

*Your body would produce more red blood cells to be able to carry enough oxygen for your body's needs.*

16. How can blood clotting be bad for you?

*When it occurs abnormally is blood vessels creating a thrombus which could obstruct the flow of blood to tissues and organs distal to is.*

17. What does Rh positive mean?

*The person's red blood cells have an additional antigen (protein D).*

18. Type AB blood has often been called the universal recipient meaning a person with this blood type could receive a transfusion of any other blood type. Explain why this phrase is misleading. *Giving the person Type A, Type B, or Type O blood would introduce antibodies into this person's blood and a blood reaction could occur.*