

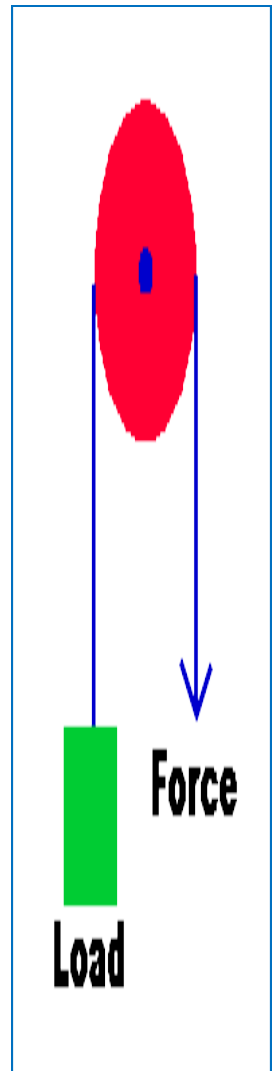
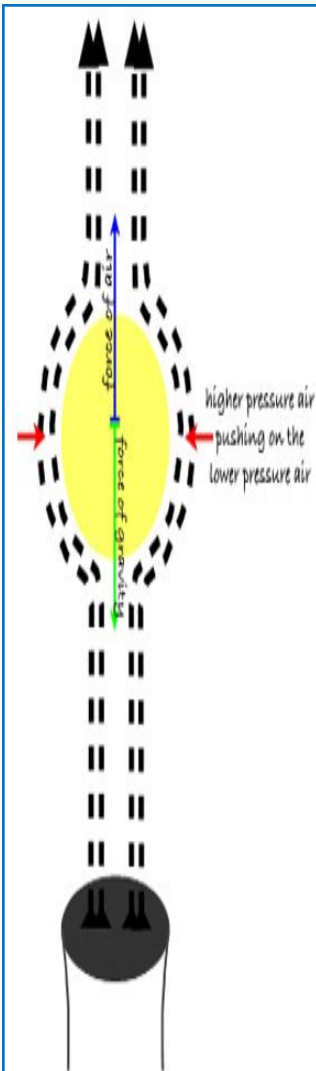
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# **Part 1:**

**Prior  
Knowledge:**

**Energy and  
Simple  
Machines**

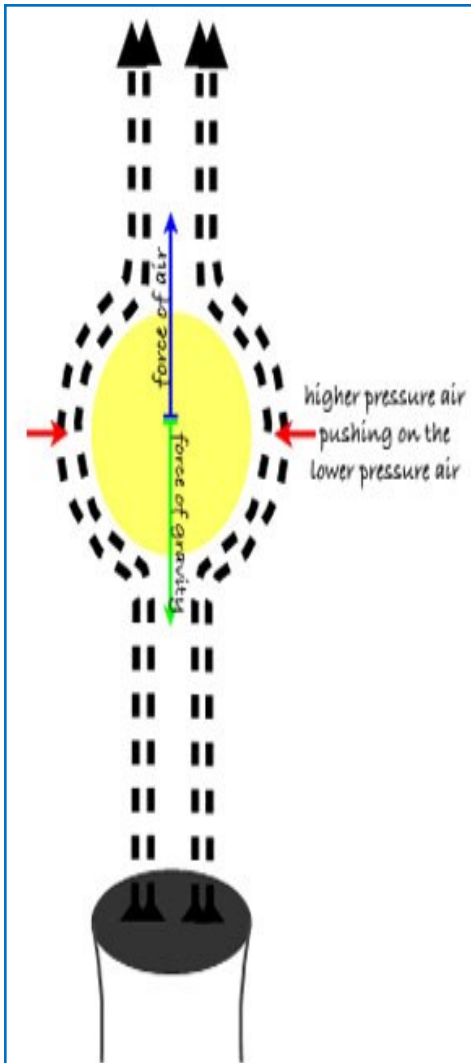


# Prior Knowledge:

## What is *Energy*?

### Redefining:

*energy, force, work and pressure*

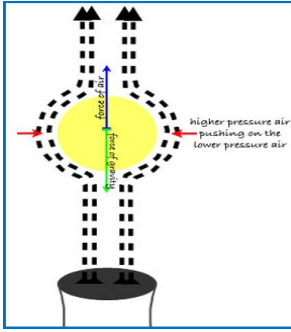


## Experiment 1:

### Floating Ping Pong Ball

### You need:

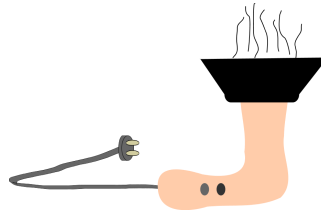
- Ping Pong Ball
- Blow Dryer
- Pencil
- 4 Index Cards



# Experiment 1:

## Floating Ping Pong Ball

1. Turn on your hair dryer to the highest setting and point it straight up.

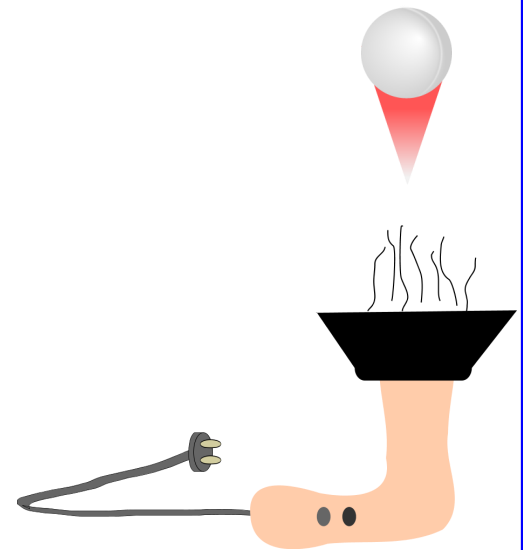


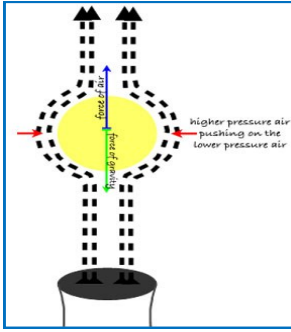
2. Gently place the ping-pong ball within the flow of air from the hair dryer and balance it in the air stream

### *What's Happening:*

The ping-pong ball will fly up with the air from the hair dryer; the **force** of gravity (which pushes the ping-pong ball down) is equal to the **force** of the air (which is pushing the ping-pong ball up).

The ping-pong ball stays within the column of air coming from the hair dryer because of air **pressure**.





# Experiment 1:

## Floating Ping Pong Ball

### *Fill In:*

*(and then use the information to make your first 4 STEM cards: pressure, force, work and energy):*

The air **pressure** from the blow dryer helps keep the ping pong ball floating in air. \_\_\_\_\_ is the **force** placed on an object, like the air under the ping pong ball. \_\_\_\_\_ is a push or a pull. In this experiment **force** was the **air pressure** from the blow dryer **pushing** the ball up. In this experiment the **air pressure** released the **potential energy** in the ping pong ball. \_\_\_\_\_ is the ability to do **work**. \_\_\_\_\_ is when force is used to move an object. We know **work** was done because the ball was in motion.

# Prior Knowledge:

What is a *Pulley*?

Redefining:

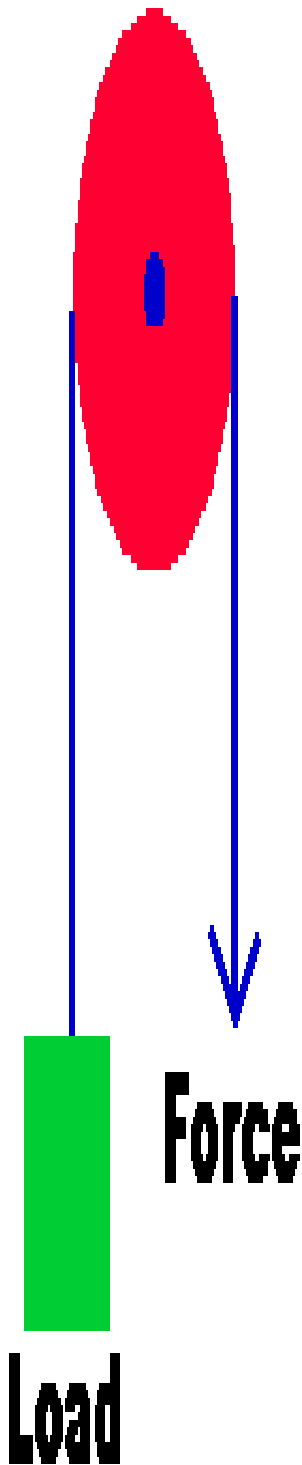
*pulley*

## Experiment 2:

Chair Pulley

### You need:

- Chair
- Rope
- Pail / Basket
- Pencil
- One Index Card



# PULL



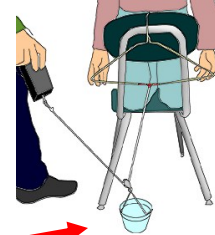
SIMPLE CHAIR PULLEY

What kind of pull moves the basket the fastest and farthest?

## Experiment 2:

### Chair Pulley

1. With an adult, lightly loop the rope around the back of 2 chairs.
2. Hang a small basket between the loop.
3. Take turns experimenting—**pull** the rope: first **pull** hard and then **pull** gently.



*Which kind of **pull** moved the basket farther? Why?*

#### *What's Happening:*

A **pulley** is a **simple machine** that makes lifting and moving objects easier.

Here, **force** (which is a **push** or a **pull**), was used in different ways to move an object, (the basket), farther and faster from one end to the other.

4. Fill out your STEM card for **pulley**.

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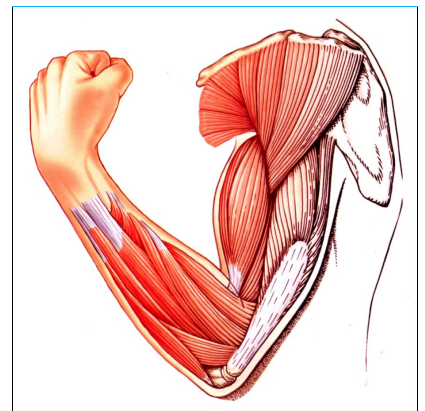
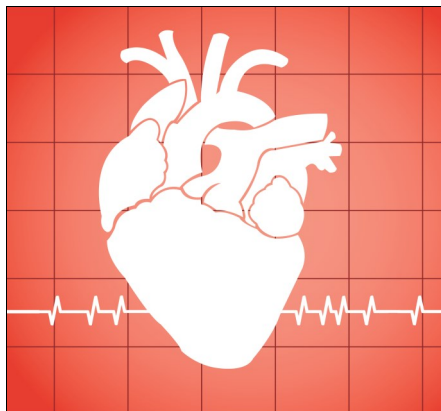
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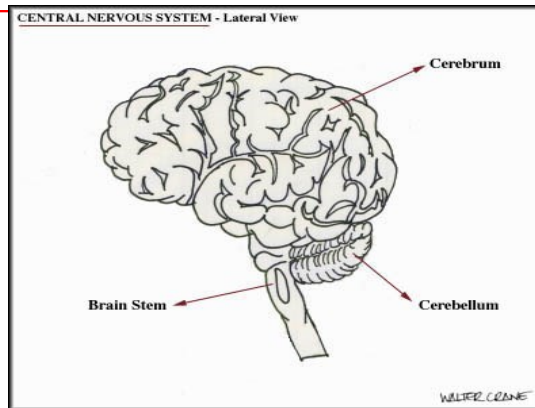
**Biological Systems:**

**Central Nervous,**

**Circulatory and**

**Skeletal Muscular Systems.**





*What is:*  
*The Central Nervous System?*

What We Will Investigate:

- . Nerves
- . **Energy**
- . The Brain (2 sides, some parts)
- . Spinal Cord





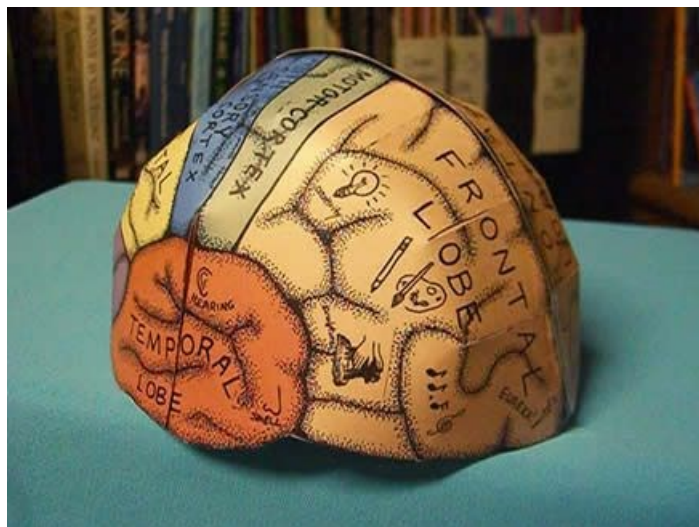
1) Watch: *The Brain:*

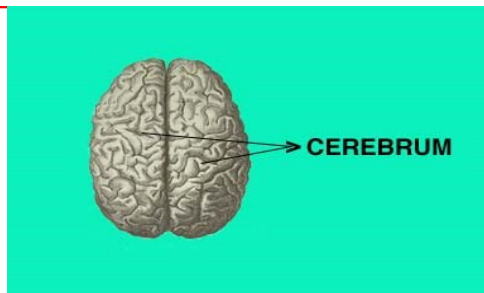
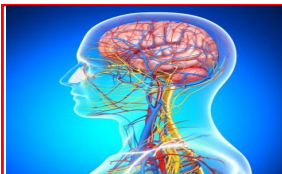
<http://kidshealth.org/en/kids/nsmovie.html>

2) Start your **brain** hat:

**Locate and Label:**

*Cerebrum, Brain Stem, Corpus Callosum,  
Cerebellum*



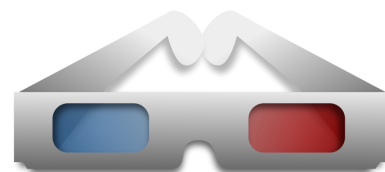


# Cerebrum:

## Experiment 1:

### *Posterior*

1. Standing on the **X**, take 10 turns and try to throw your bean bags into the bucket; wait for your partner to mark any missed attempts.
2. Repeat; this time wearing the Prism Glasses.



*What happened when you put the glasses on?*

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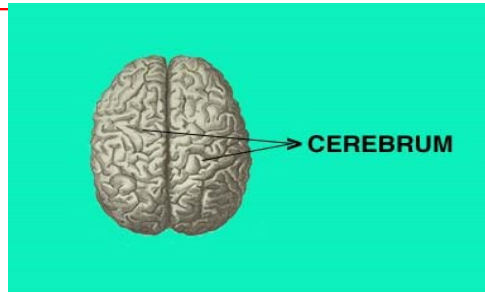
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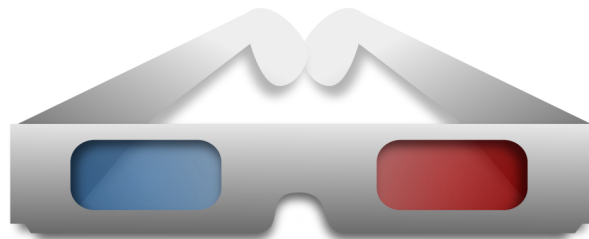


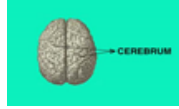
# Cerebrum:

Experiment 1:

***Posterior***

*Look through the **information ring** and the ring of **optical illusions**. Use what you experienced, what you read about and what you **saw** to fill in the activity page.*





The **Occipital Lobe** is where the brain makes sense of what our eyes are



seeing. The information our eyes collect travels to the \_\_\_\_\_

through the \_\_\_\_\_ at the back of the eye. The **Optic**



**Nerve** sends the message from the **retina** to the brain. The \_\_\_\_\_ is

the eye's inner lining that converts light into nerve impulses using \_\_\_\_\_

and \_\_\_\_\_. It is important that the brain receives the correct information

otherwise what we are seeing becomes distorted. Sometimes your

brain can be fooled! Your \_\_\_\_\_ is the part of the eye that can't

see anything. An \_\_\_\_\_ is when you look at something and

think it's something else.

**brain, optical illusion,  
optic nerve, blind spot, retina,  
rods, cones**



## Brain Stem

**Watch:** <https://www.britannica.com/science/brainstem>



What is the difference between **Voluntary** and **Involuntary**? What do these terms have to do with the **Brain** and **Brain Stem**?

**Voluntary:**

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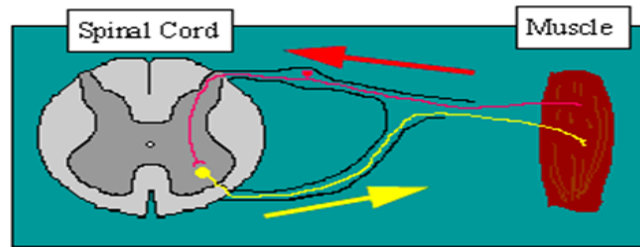
**Involuntary:**

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# Brain Stem

**Read** the **information ring**. Then **try** the following **experiment**:

## ***Knee Jerk***

1. **Taking turns**, sit with legs crossed so that they can swing freely.
2. Your partner should take the “hammer” and hit your leg **just below the knee**. Then switch



### **What Happened and Why?**

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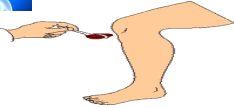
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The **Knee Jerk Reflex** is called a **monosynaptic reflex**. A

\_\_\_\_\_ is when there is only **one synapse** in the circuit needed to complete the **reflex**. It only takes about 50 milliseconds between the tap and the start of the leg kick. The tap below the knee causes the thigh muscle to stretch. Information is then sent to the \_\_\_\_\_.

The **Spinal Cord** is connected to the \_\_\_\_\_. The

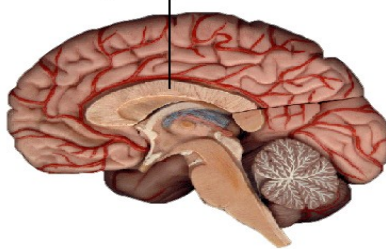
**brain stem** passes signals between the **cerebral** cortex and the rest of

The body. Although the **brain stem** is the **smallest** part of the brain; it is responsible for many of the \_\_\_\_\_ actions that are needed to live.

**brain stem, involuntary,  
monosynaptic reflex,  
spinal cord,**



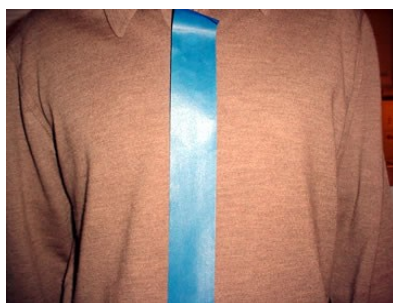
Corpus Callosum



## Corpus Callosum:

***Read*** the information ring. Then ***try***

### ***Crossing the Midline:***



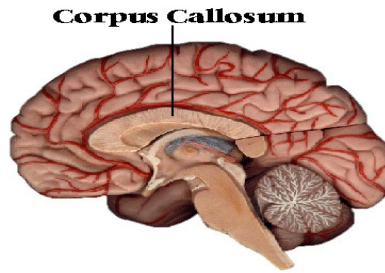
**Place colored tape down the center of your trunk.**

**Elbow Tap:** *Stand with arms at sides. Bend and touch right elbow to left knee as you raise your leg. Stand and then touch left elbow to right knee.*

**Windmills:** *Feet spread apart and arms extended. Bend over at waist and tap right hand to left foot. Back up and then bend and tap left hand to right foot.*

**Backwards:** *Bend left knee and put foot behind right leg. Reach back around with right hand and touch left foot. Reverse and put right foot behind your left leg as you touch it with your left hand*

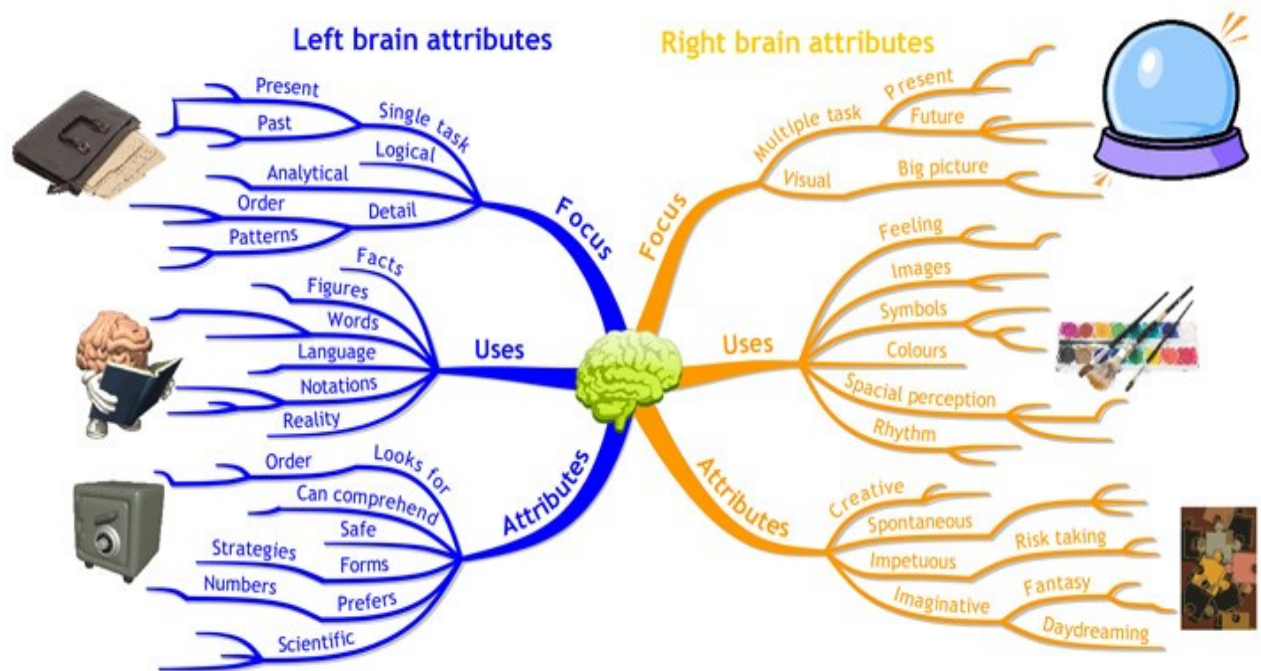
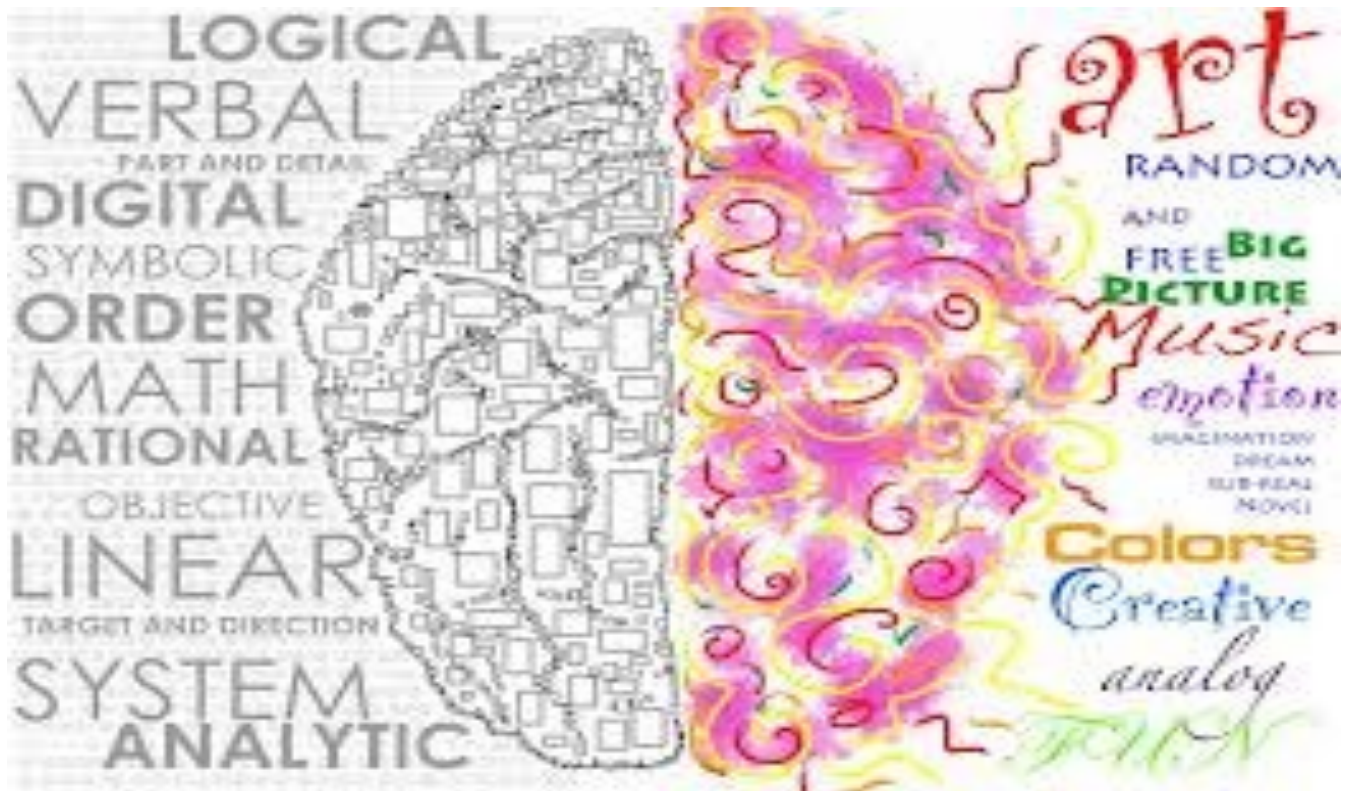




The brain is divided into the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**Hemisphere**; and the two halves are connected by the **corpus callosum**. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a bundle of **nerve** tissue that contains over 200 million **axons** (**nerve fibers that carry electrical impulses from neurons' cell bodies**). The **Corpus Callosum** facilitates communication between **the two sides of the brain**, the left and right brain \_\_\_\_\_. Each side carries out different tasks, it is important for each hemisphere to **communicate** with the other across the **corpus callosum** in order to coordinate learning and movement.

**corpus callosum, right, left, hemispheres, spinal cord,**





Look at the chart: say the  
Color not the word

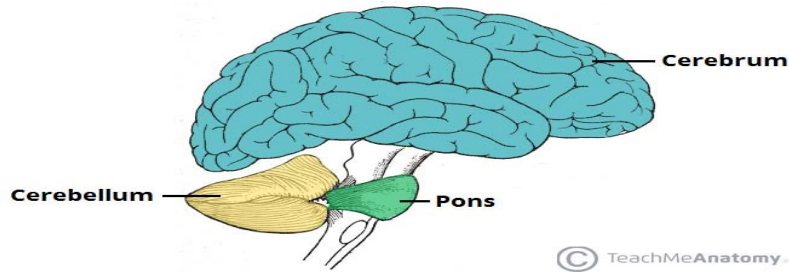
Black	Blue	Green
White	Green	Red
Green	Aqua	Yellow
Yellow	Pink	Tan
Red	Yellow	White

Example produces a Left\Right brain conflict

The right brain tries to say the color

The left brain tries to read the color

<http://OfficeSpam.ChattaBlogs.com>



# Cerebellum

***Read*** the information ring; ***then try:***

- 1. March in Place** for 30 seconds. Now, try touch your right hand to the left knee and vice versa during the march. Perform this in an alternating fashion (right arm/ left leg then left arm/ right leg and so on). Now try and do it to a beat.
- 2. Stand tall with good posture and practice balancing on one leg** at a time after 2 minutes have passed close your eyes and recite: the abc's, math facts, etc.



## What Happened and Why?

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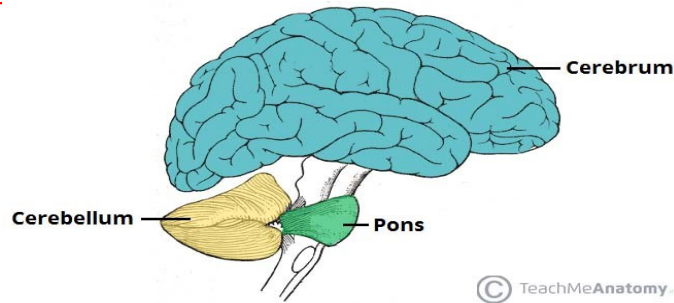
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The word *Cerebellum* means little \_\_\_\_\_.

The **cerebellum** is at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the brain,  
below the \_\_\_\_\_. It's a lot smaller than the  
**cerebrum** at only 1/8 of its size. But it's a very  
important part of the brain. The \_\_\_\_\_  
controls balance, movement, and coordination  
(how your muscles work together). Because of your  
**cerebellum**, you can stand upright, keep  
your \_\_\_\_\_, and move around.

**cerebrum, back, cerebellum,  
balance, brain**



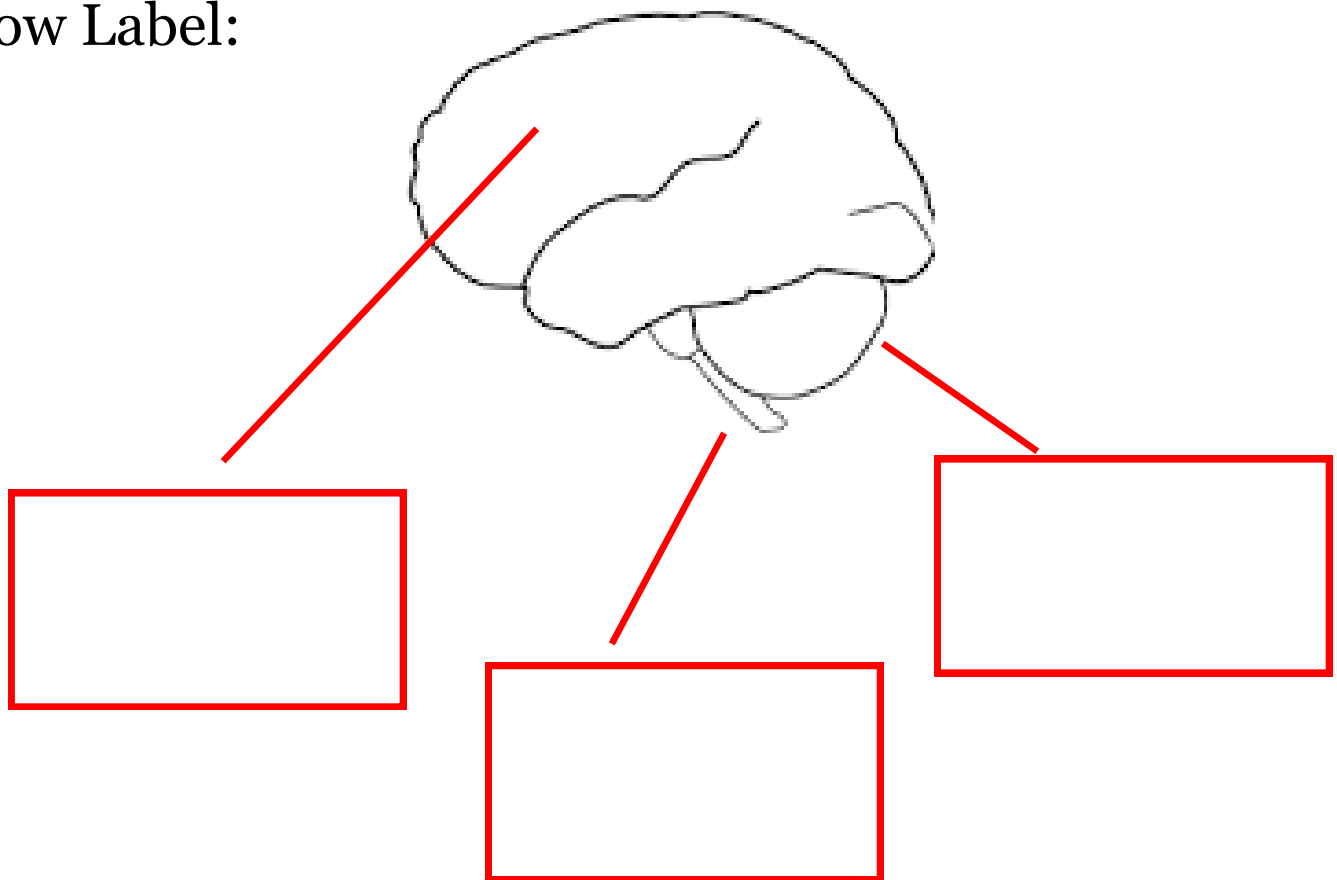
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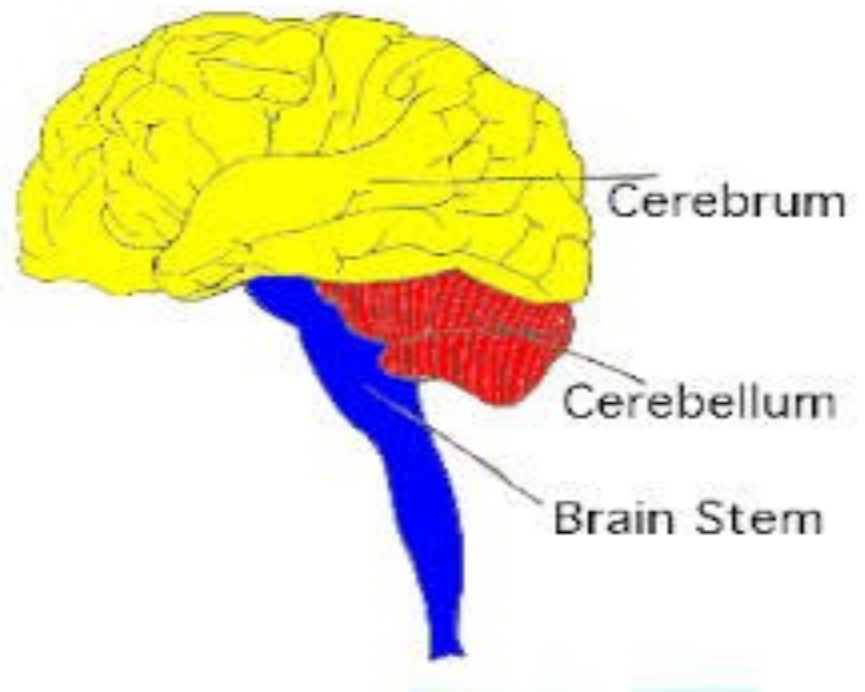
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Now Label:





What is the main job of the Cerebrum?

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What is the main job of the Cerebellum?

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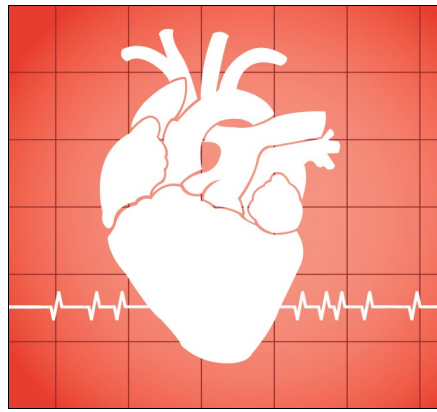
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What is the main job of the Brain Stem?

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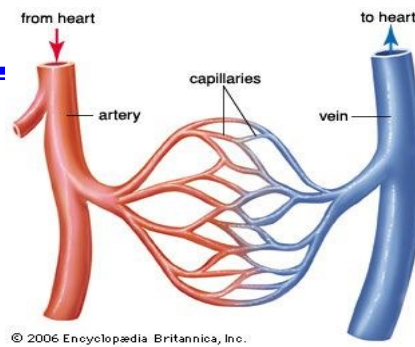
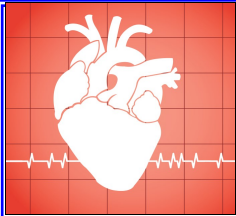


*What is:  
The **Circulatory System**?*

What We Will Investigate:

- . Parts of the **Circulatory**  
System
- . The Heart as a **Pump**
- . Blood, Blood Cells & Plasma
- . **Energy**



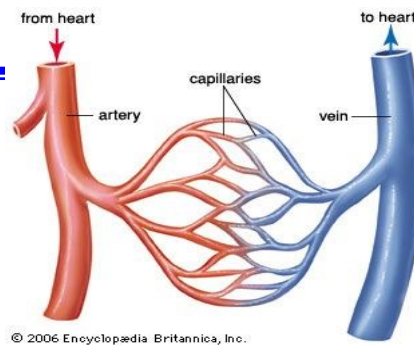
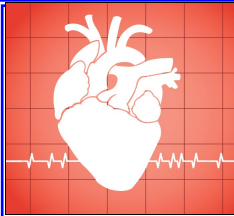


## Arteries, Capillaries and Veins:

*Read the information ring, then fill in:*

Blood **leaves** the heart in large blood vessels called \_\_\_\_\_. Blood **returns** in vessels called \_\_\_\_\_. Between the arteries and veins are tiny vessels called \_\_\_\_\_. Arteries bring \_\_\_\_\_ blood from the \_\_\_\_\_ to the cells in the \_\_\_\_\_. Veins carry \_\_\_\_\_ blood back to the heart after it has traveled the \_\_\_\_\_.

body, arteries, deoxygenated, veins, blood, oxygenated, capillaries, heart,



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# Arteries, Capillaries and Veins:



**The Children's Heart Institute**  
HASAN ABDALLAH, M.D., FAAP, FAAC

[www.childrenheartinstitute.org](http://www.childrenheartinstitute.org)

## The Heart

This drawing shows how blood flows through the heart.

### Color Me:

The areas of the heart with more oxygen are labeled with an "R". Color these areas RED.

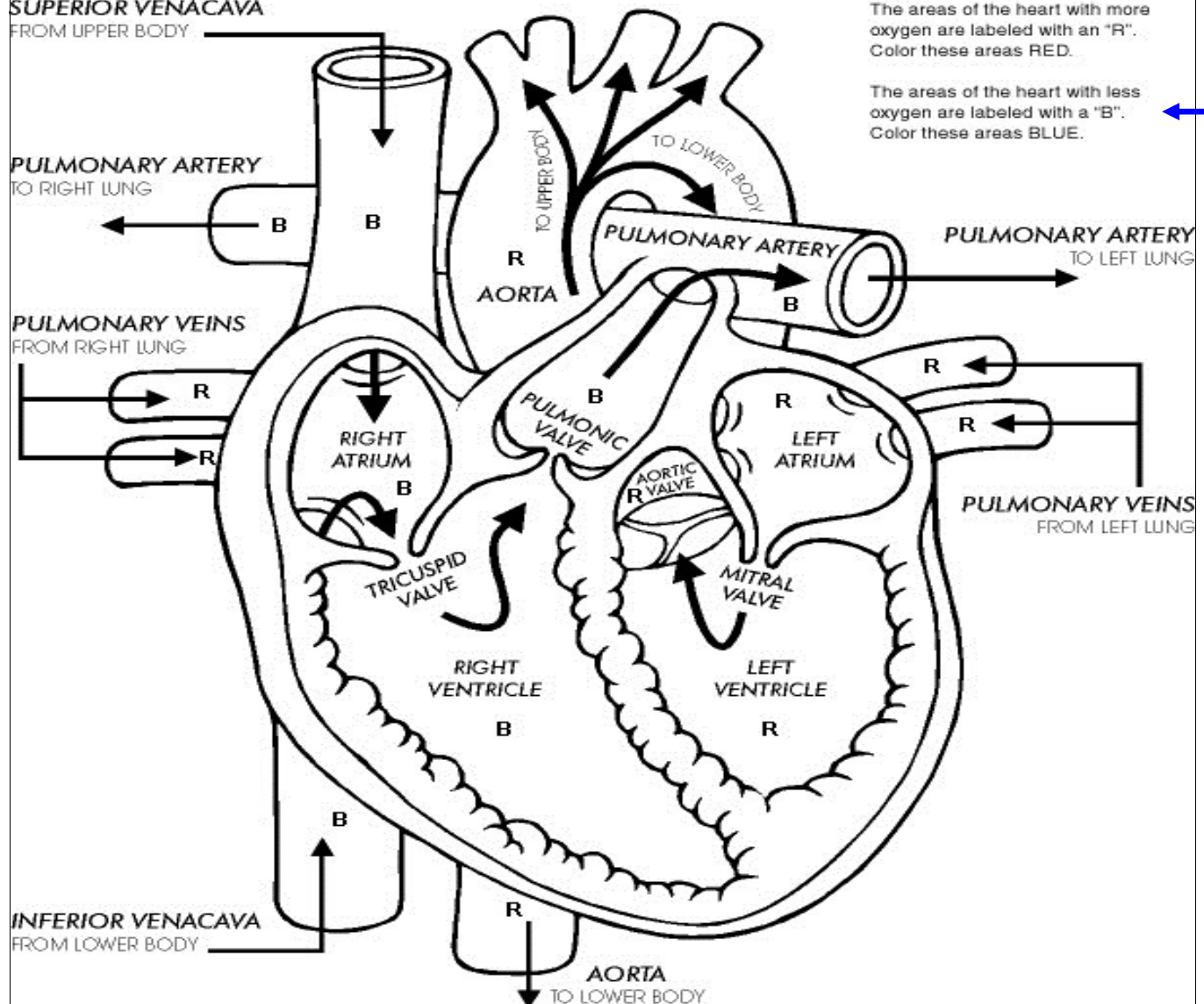
The areas of the heart with less oxygen are labeled with a "B". Color these areas BLUE.

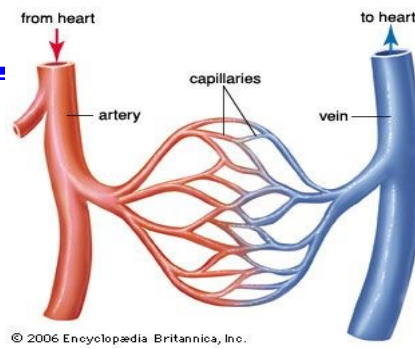
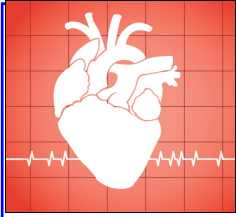
SUPERIOR VENACAVA  
FROM UPPER BODY

PULMONARY ARTERY  
TO RIGHT LUNG

PULMONARY VEINS  
FROM RIGHT LUNG

INFERIOR VENACAVA  
FROM LOWER BODY





## Arteries, Capillaries and Veins:

***Read*** the information ring and then ***try***:

*How the Blood Flows—Veins and Arteries*

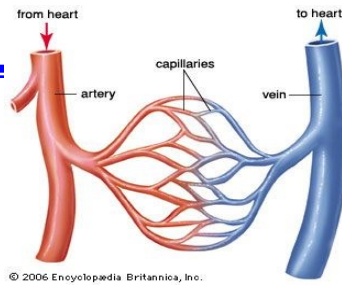
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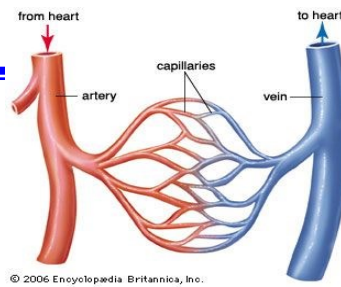
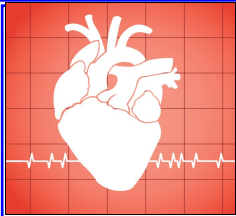
2 Cups

2 straws: one wide, one narrow.

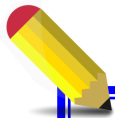
Putty / Play—Dough

Red Water (Blood)





1. For each cup, put one straw in to the small hole making sure the straw is facing downwards. (Put the larger diameter straw in the cup with the larger hole. Put the smaller diameter straw in the cup with the smaller hole).
2. Use play dough, clay, or silly putty to seal the hole inside the cup and around the straw so that water cannot leak out of the hole.



Do you think the straws will have the same or different flow rates?

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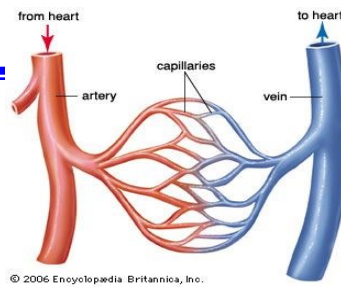
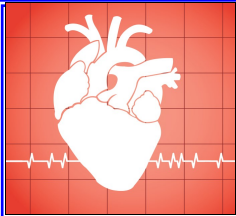
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Quickly fill both cups with water. Fill them to the same level.

Observe carefully.



Explain how poor nutrition, like foods high in fat and cholesterol effect your arteries and how does this experiment show that ?

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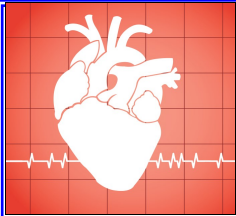
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# Watch:

<http://kidshealth.org/en/kids/csmovie.html>



1. Take a stethoscope and listen to your heart beat record

how many beats you hear

\_\_\_\_\_ beats in \_\_\_\_\_ seconds.

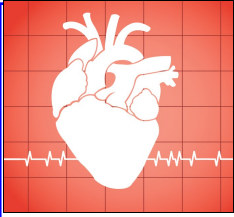
2. Now find your pulse (wrist or neck) and do the

same:

\_\_\_\_\_ beats in \_\_\_\_\_ seconds.



*Pick a situation card, perform the act and then  
chart the changes you find in your heart beat  
and pulse.*



# Watch:

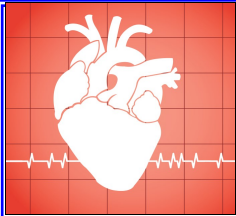
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# Now:

*Use the materials to recreate the DOUBLE  
PUMP  
system that is our heart*

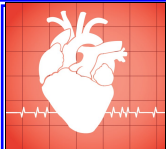






Your heart is a \_\_\_\_\_ that pushes  
\_\_\_\_\_ around your whole body. Your  
heart is in the middle of your \_\_\_\_\_  
squeezed between your two \_\_\_\_\_.  
Your heart is really \_\_\_\_\_ pumps in one!  
One half pumps blood through your \_\_\_\_\_  
and the other half pumps blood around your  
\_\_\_\_\_. The blood that pumps through  
your lungs is \_\_\_\_\_ and then it is  
pumped through your body from the \_\_\_\_\_  
atrium.

**left, muscle, oxygenated, chest,  
two, body, lungs, blood, lungs**



## Blood Cells, Plasma and Platelets

*Read the information ring and then make **blood**:*

\_\_\_\_\_ is 90% water and contains \_\_\_\_\_, proteins and hormones; it is a thick, clear/yellowish liquid.

**Plasma**, is **55%** of our blood volume—add this amount to the jar.



Next, add your \_\_\_\_\_ blood cells, these cells make up

**44%** of our blood volume **Red Blood Cells**, carry

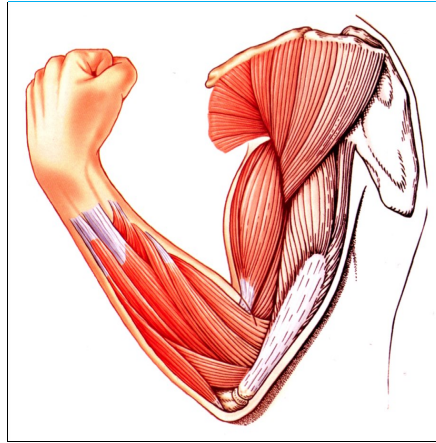


\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the body.

Now, add your \_\_\_\_\_ blood cells, these only make



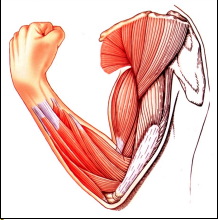
up about **0.05%** our blood volume. The last **0.05%** our blood volume is made up of \_\_\_\_\_. **Platelets** are responsible for making our blood \_\_\_\_\_ if we are cut and or injured.



# *What is: The **Skeletal Muscle** System?*

## What We Will Investigate:

- . Voluntary, Involuntary and Cardiac Muscles
  - . Bones
  - . Connect the Two
  - . **Forces and Pulleys in our Hands**



***Read*** the ***information*** ring and think about the ***different types of muscles***.

**Match** (draw a line to the matching muscle type):

**Skeletal**

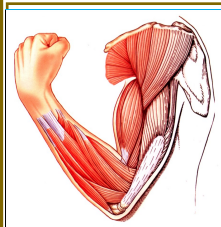
**involuntary**

**Smooth**

**heart / involuntary**

**Cardiac**

**voluntary**



**Label** each picture by muscle type (use both names)

**Chewing**



1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Blinking**



1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Running**



1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Heart Beat**



1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Jumping**



1. \_\_\_\_\_

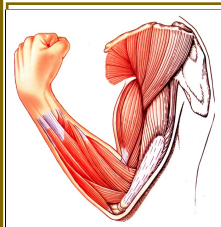
2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Breathing**



1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_



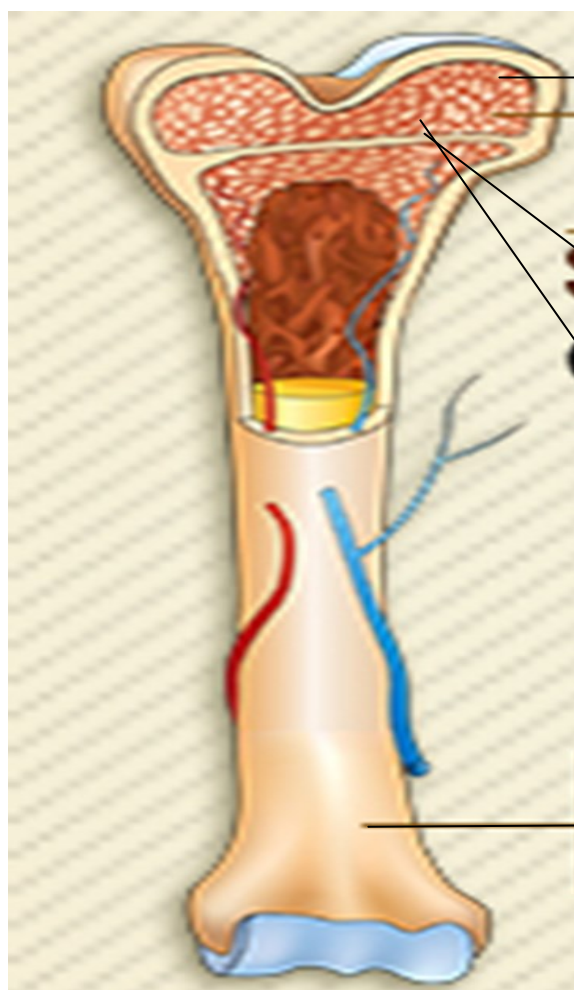
## **Bones:**

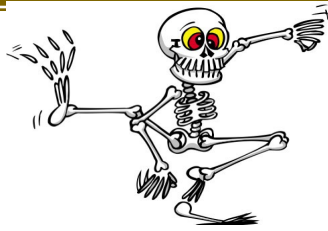
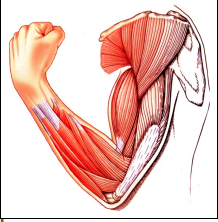
(How many bones are in our body?\_\_\_\_\_)

**Look** closely at the **Beef Femur!**

**Label** the picture choose with the following words:

***compact, spongy, marrow***

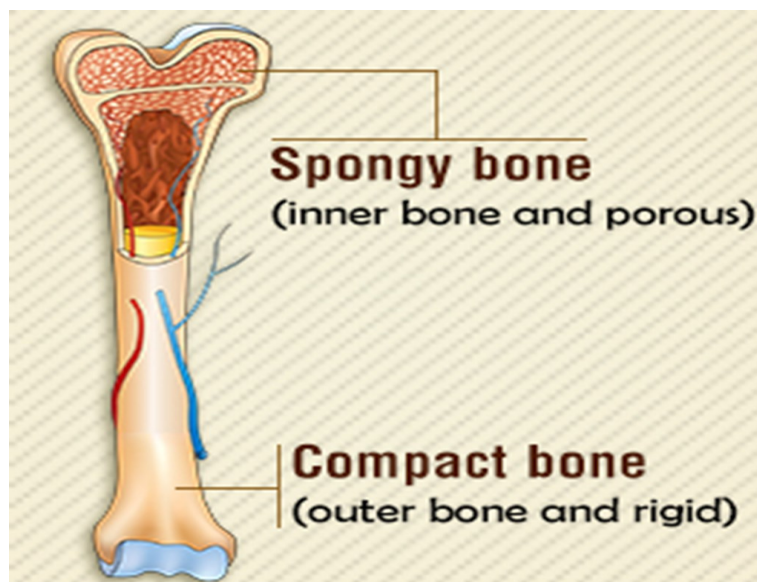


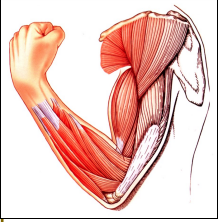


# **Bones:**

*compact, spongy, marrow*

\_\_\_\_\_ bone is the hardest part of the bone. The \_\_\_\_\_ bone is filled with marrow. The bone \_\_\_\_\_ is where **red blood cells** are made.





# Making Connections:

Muscles and Bones in our Bodies:

Pick a partner and one of the **Body**

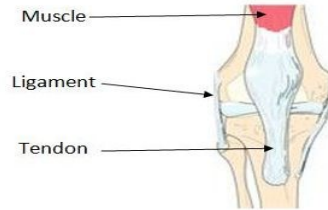
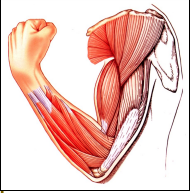
**Boards**. Find the set of

matching cards and play until you have **4**

in a row—then call “**body**”

*\*\*check with the “caller” to make sure you are right!\*\**





## Musculoskeletal Movements:

### *Flex and Bend:*

### *Joints, Ligaments and Tendons*

1. Trace your hands and wrists.



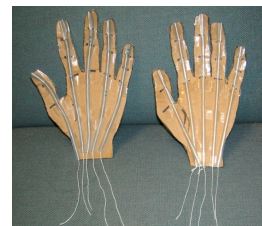
*(With the help of an adult cut the crease of the thumb to make it slightly opposable)*

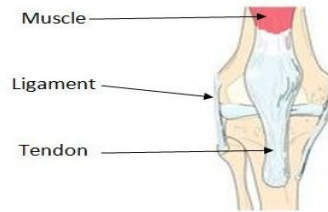
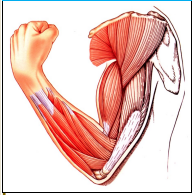
2. For each finger, in the center, from the tip to the wrist, tape

down straw (do not tape on the **joint** lines!)



3. Tie 1 piece of string in a loop that threads through the tip of the finger and the second knuckle. Thread the remaining length of string through the straw so that the excess string is free at the wrist. Repeat for each finger and thumb.





## ***Flex and Bend Continued:***

### ***Joints, Ligaments and Tendons***



4. Tie a bead to the end of each string.

5. With the help of an adult score the knuckles on the **BACK** side of the hand. Bend the **joints** of each finger and thumb.

6. Pull beads to flex and extend the fingers and thumb.

*Play with your hand and **Read** the information ring, then: **Put** the **bone, joint, ligament** and **tendon** labels on your hand.*

