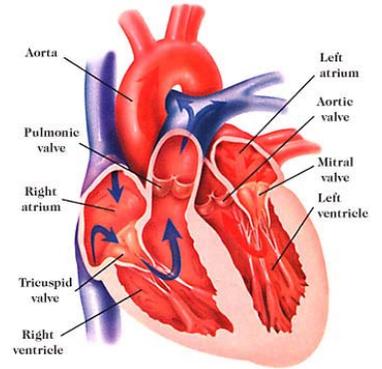


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Reading Comprehension

Our heart is a muscle that is responsible for pumping our blood throughout our bodies every minute of every day! The heart is part of our circulatory system. The heart has two sides that work together as a team. Circulation begins when the right side of our heart pumps the stale blood from our body into the lungs where it collects oxygen. The blood leaves the lungs and travels back into the left side of the heart. The left side of our heart then pumps the oxygen-rich blood out to every part of our body.



Veins are tubes that carry blood to the heart. The **arteries** are tubes that carry the oxygenated blood away from our heart. Smaller tubes called **capillaries** connect the veins and arteries. These tiny tubes exchange food, oxygen, and wastes between blood and body cells.

Your heart pumps between five and six thousand quarts of blood each day! The body's blood is circulated through the heart more than one thousand times a day.

- The _____ side of our heart pumps stale blood into the lungs.
 middle left right
- Our blood gets _____ from the lungs.
 oxygen cells tubes
- The heart has four sides.
 true false
- The right side of our heart pumps the oxygen-rich blood out to our body.
 true false
- _____ are tubes that carry our blood away from the heart.
 capillaries veins arteries
- _____ are smaller tubes that exchange food, oxygen and waste.
 capillaries veins arteries
- Our heart pumps about _____ quarts of blood each day.
 500 3000 5000
- Write a good title for this story.
