

The Body Team

Have you ever played on a team, like a baseball team, or a soccer team? Every team has team members and a purpose. Our bodies are like teams. Each body system is like a member of the team. The purpose of the team is decided by what must be done for the team to win. Some teams win by scoring the most points. That team's purpose is to find ways to score more points than the other team. Some teams win by finishing the fastest. The body team wins by keeping our cells alive and healthy.

A team has different jobs for different members of the team. All the members of the team must work together. Working together and doing the assigned job is called teamwork. A runner in a relay race must not only run fast, but also have a good handoff to send the next team member along. Teamwork is a must for the success of any team. The body's teamwork, with every system doing its job, keeps the body and its cells healthy.

Winning teams also have members that assist each other. Tipping a basketball, which was shot by a teammate, into the hoop is assisting. The teammate shot, but the assistant helped. The body has assistants, too. Our muscular system helps push food through the digestive system. The two systems are teammates with the digestive system doing its job and the muscular system assisting.

When a team wins, every member of the team is a winner. But one teammate that is not performing correctly will prevent the team from winning. Winning the Super Bowl is the goal of every football team. The winning team gets a big cup, and every member of the team gets a winner's ring. The same thing is true for our body team. If our body teams win by keeping the cells alive and healthy, every body system wins by having healthy cells. However if one body system doesn't do its job, it affects the whole body. If our respiratory system is not working correctly, none of our cells will be getting the oxygen needed to stay healthy. Cells from our entire body will be harmed.

As you see, our body systems work like a team keeping our body cells healthy. Our body team members must work together, assist the other systems, and do their jobs in order for our body cells to remain alive and well.

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Date _____

The Body Team Implicit Questions

1. Why is teamwork important to the body team?

Since we know _____

it is implied that _____

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2. How could our muscular system assist our circulatory system?

Since we know _____

it is implied that _____

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3. What would happen if the body team does not win?

Since we know _____

it is implied that _____

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4. What would happen to the body team if the muscular system fails to do its job?

Since we know _____

it is implied that _____

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Implicit Questions
Teacher Key

The answers below are an example of correct responses. Student answers may vary in wording but not in the ideas stated.

1. Why is teamwork important to the body team?

Since we know **teamwork is a necessity for the success of the team,**

it is implied that **teamwork is a necessity for the success of the body team.**

2. How could our muscular system assist our circulatory system?

Since we know **that our muscular system helps push food through the digestive system,**

it is implied that **the muscular system would push blood through the circulatory system.**

3. What would happen if the body team does not win?

Since we know **that the body team wins by keeping our cells alive and healthy,**

it is implied that **if our team doesn't win, our cells will not stay alive and healthy.**

4. What would happen to the body team if the muscular system fails to do its job?

Since we know **that one teammate that is not performing will prevent the team from winning,**

it is implied that **if the muscular system fails to do its job, the team cannot win and our cells will not remain healthy.**