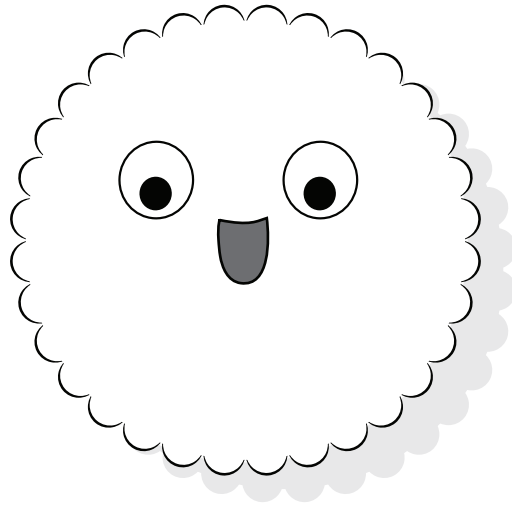


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Immune System



The immune system is made up of a network of cells, tissues, and organs that work together to protect the body. They defend the body against viruses, bacteria, and parasites. White blood cells are part of this defense system and are found in the spleen, an organ that filters blood and helps fight infections, and in bone marrow. White blood cells fight bacteria and viruses. When we're born, our bodies already have some natural immunity. We also gain some antibodies, a protein used by the immune system to identify and neutralize foreign objects, from mother's milk. Our bodies acquire immunity over time. When we get sick, our body learns how to fight off the disease.

1. The job of the immune system is _____ .
2. It protects us from _____ .
3. White blood cells can be found _____ .
4. We acquire immunity when _____ .