



# The Circulatory System

## Reading Comprehension Answer Sheet

The general reading objectives for Year 5/6 that are covered are:

- Continuing to read and discuss an increasingly wide range non-fiction
- Asking questions to improve their understanding. Children will get a chance to do in the lesson.

**Q1.** What are the three main parts of the circulatory system? (*retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction*)

**A1.** The heart, lungs and blood vessels.

**Q2.** Which is the most important part of the circulatory system? Give reasons for your answer. (*provide reasoned justifications for their views*)

**A2.** Any of the three parts can be stated. The reasons should focus on the functions.

Examples:

The heart is the most important part of the circulatory system because without it blood would not be pumped throughout the body.

The blood vessels are the most important part as they carry the blood with nutrients and oxygen to the cells.

**Q3.** What is the function of the circulatory system? Explain in one sentence only! (*summarising the main ideas drawn from more than 1 paragraph*)

**A3.** The answer should contain reference to circulating blood with oxygen and nutrients through the body and taking waste away.

**Q4.** 'The capillaries just connect arteries and veins so aren't very important.' Is this statement a fact or an opinion? (*distinguish between statements of fact and opinion*)

**A4.** The answer should make reference that this is an opinion. While the capillaries do connect arteries and veins, that is not their main function. The capillaries carry oxygen and nutrients to cells and remove the waste they discharge. The idea that the capillaries are not important is unsupported which again makes this statement an opinion rather than a fact.

**Q5.** Why is it called the 'circulatory' system? (*exploring the meaning of words in context*)

**A5.** Answers should make reference to the word circulatory and its meaning –

E.g. it is called the circulatory system because the blood circulates through the body.