

Singular Possessive and Plural Possessive Nouns

Decide whether the underlined word is a plural noun, a singular possessive noun, or a plural possessive noun. Mark your answer on the answer sheet.

1. The heart's main function is to distribute blood throughout your body.
A plural poss. noun **C** plural noun
B singular poss. noun
2. The heart has four separate chambers.
A plural poss. noun **C** plural noun
B singular poss. noun
3. Two of these chambers are called atria, and the other two are called ventricles.
A plural poss. noun **C** plural noun
B singular poss. noun
4. The atria's job is to receive blood that comes from the body's veins.
A plural poss. noun **C** plural noun
B singular poss. noun
5. The ventricles' job is to pump blood back through the body through the arteries.
A plural poss. noun **C** plural noun
B singular poss. noun
6. You may have noticed that your heartbeat's sound has two thumps.
A plural poss. noun **C** plural noun
B singular poss. noun
7. The first thump is made when the atria squeeze together.
A plural poss. noun **C** plural noun
B singular poss. noun
8. The ventricles contract to make the second thump.
A plural poss. noun **C** plural noun
B singular poss. noun
9. The heart's sounds are not made by these contractions, though.
A plural poss. noun **C** plural noun
B singular poss. noun
10. The sounds are made when certain valves' openings snap shut.
A plural poss. noun **C** plural noun
B singular poss. noun
11. But it's the heart's contractions that open and close the valves.
A plural poss. noun **C** plural noun
B singular poss. noun
12. Doctors use an instrument called a stethoscope to listen to your heartbeat.
A plural poss. noun **C** plural noun
B singular poss. noun
13. Medical professionals also measure your body's blood pressure.
A plural poss. noun **C** plural noun
B singular poss. noun
14. Blood pressure is the amount of pressure placed on blood vessels' walls when blood flows through them.
A plural poss. noun **C** plural noun
B singular poss. noun
15. You may know that a body's normal blood pressure is 120 over 80.
A plural poss. noun **C** plural noun
B singular poss. noun
16. These numbers measure blood pressure during the heart's two main phases.
A plural poss. noun **C** plural noun
B singular poss. noun
17. The pumping phase is the first of the two numbers (120).
A plural poss. noun **C** plural noun
B singular poss. noun
18. The bottom phase shows the blood vessels' pressure during the resting phase (80).
A plural poss. noun **C** plural noun
B singular poss. noun
19. If people's blood pressure is consistently measured above 120/80, they are said to have high blood pressure.
A plural poss. noun **C** plural noun
B singular poss. noun