Blood cell

A **blood cell** is any [cell](#) of any type found in [blood](#). There are three main types of blood cells in [mammals](#):

- [Red blood cell](#)-carries oxygen
- [White blood cell](#)-kills [bacteria](#) and cleans up debris
- [Platelet](#)-helps heal wounds. Platelets are really *thrombocytes*. These are small fragments (pieces) of a cell called a **megakaryocyte**. The platelets take part in blood clots when injury occurs.

Discovery

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Jan Swammerdam a scientist from the Netherlands was the first person to observe red blood cells under a [microscope](#). Antoni van Leeuwenhoek, another scientist from the Netherlands, was the first to draw an illustration of "Red Blood Cells".

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