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noun [uncountable]

1 IN YOUR BODY the red liquid that your heart pumps around your body:

Her body was found in a pool of blood.

Blood oozed from a cut on his forehead.

Blood tests proved he was not the father.

2 (have) somebody's blood on your hands KILL

to have caused someone's death:

dictators with blood on their hands

3 in cold blood CRUEL

in a cruel and deliberate way:

*Evans had been **murdered in cold blood**.*

4 make somebody's blood boil ANGRY

to make someone extremely angry:

The way they treat people makes my blood boil.

5 make somebody's blood run cold FRIGHTENED

to make someone feel extremely frightened

6 like getting blood out of a stone GIVETELL

almost impossible:

Getting the truth out of her is like getting blood out of a stone.

7 blood is thicker than water FAMILY

used to say that family relationships are more important than any other kind

8 be after somebody's blood ANGRY

to be angry enough to want to hurt someone

9 somebody's blood is up (BrE) ANGRY

someone is extremely angry about something and determined to do something about it:

They tried to stop me, but my blood was up.

10 YOUR FAMILY/GROUP FAMILY the family to which you belong from the time that you are born:

There's Irish blood on his mother's side.

11 **be/run in somebody's blood** FAMILY

if an ability or tendency is in, or runs in, someone's blood, it is natural to them and others in their family

12 **sweat blood** WORK HARD

to work extremely hard to achieve something:

Beth sweated blood over that article.

13 **blood, sweat, and tears**

extremely hard work

14 **new/fresh blood** NEW

new members in a group or organization who bring new ideas and energy:

We need to bring in some new blood and fresh ideas.

15 **blood on the carpet**

a situation where people have a very strong disagreement, with the result that something serious happens, such as someone losing his or her job

16 **young blood** MAN (old-fashioned)

a fashionable young man

17 (*especially AmE*) (spoken) a way of greeting a friend, used by young men

→ **bad blood** AT BAD¹ (27) ,

→ BLUE-BLOODED,
RED BLOOD CELL,
WHITE BLOOD CELL,

→ **your own flesh and blood** AT FLESH¹ (6) ,

→ **shed blood** AT SHED² (5)

COLLOCATIONSense 1 verbs

lose blood (= from a cut or wound) *He had lost a lot of blood and was very weak.*

give/ donate blood (= provide blood from your body for the medical treatment of other people) *The Health Service is asking for more people to donate blood.*

draw blood (= make someone bleed) *He touched me with the knife and it drew blood.*

blood flows *A quick walk will get the blood in your legs flowing again.*

blood trickles (= moves slowly) *The blood was beginning to trickle down his leg.*

blood oozes (= comes out slowly) *Blood was oozing from her forehead.*

be covered in blood *His face was covered in blood.*

blood gushes/ streams (= moves fast) *A man was lying in the street with blood gushing from his head.*

blood clots (= forms a mass and stops flowing) *The blood should clot and stop the wound from bleeding.*

be caked with blood (= covered with dry blood) *The cat's fur was caked with blood.*

be spattered/ splattered with blood (= covered with small spots of blood) *Today the only sign of violence is the walls spattered with blood.*

blood + NOUN

blood pressure (= the force with which blood moves through your body) *High blood pressure increases the risk of a heart attack.*

somebody's blood type/ group (= one of the different types of human blood) *What blood type are you?*

a blood cell *The red blood cells carry oxygen.*

a blood vessel (= a tube in your body through which blood flows) *the blood vessels that lead to the heart*

a blood clot (= a mass formed when blood dries or sticks together) *Blood clots in the legs are potentially fatal.*

the blood flow *Fat reduces the blood flow to the surface of the skin.*

the blood supply (= the blood that flows to a part of the body) *the blood supply to the brain*

a blood test (= a test done on your blood to see if you have a

disease or another condition)

a blood sample (= a small amount of blood taken from your body to test)

a blood transfusion (= putting more blood in someone's body for medical reasons)

phrases

a drop of blood *Police found tiny drops of blood in the apartment.*

loss of blood *She suffered a massive loss of blood.*

a pool of blood *A dark pool of blood was spreading from his head.*

a trickle of blood *A trickle of blood was coming from his nose.*

blood²

verb

[transitive]

(BrE)_{FIRST} to give someone their first experience of an activity, especially a difficult or unpleasant one

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