

# The Immune System

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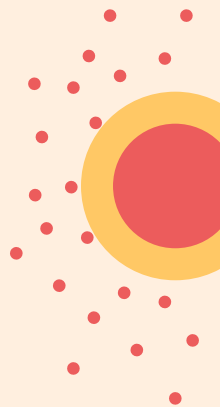
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## Content Standards

- Be able to recognize innate response in human immune system (Non-specific).
- Be able to recognize adaptive response in human immune system (Specific).
  - Humoral (B-cells)
  - Cell-Mediated (T-cells)

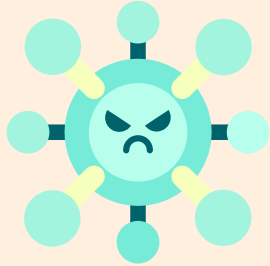


# Pathogens

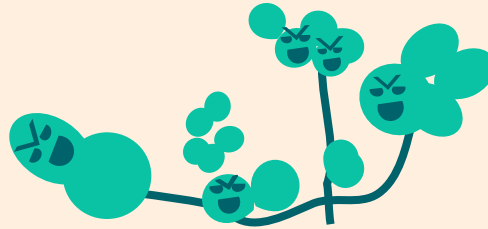
Pathogens are disease-causing agents.  
Some examples are...



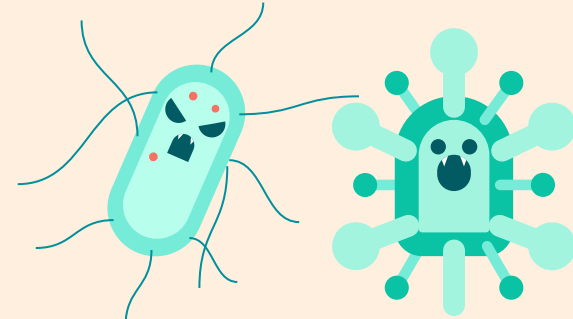
**Bacteria**



**Viruses**



**Fungi**



**Parasites &  
Other Protists**



# Innate Immunity

**(Non-Specific  
Defenses)**

# First Line of Defense Against Pathogens

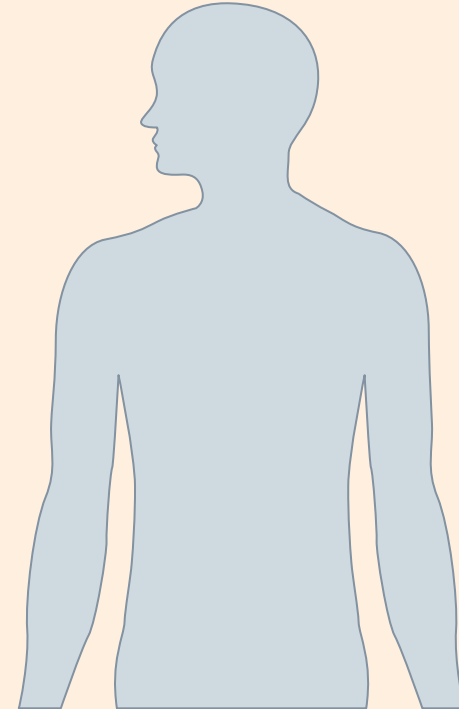
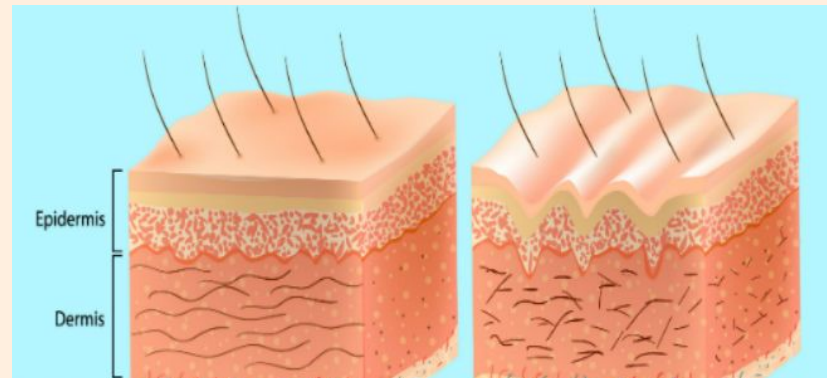
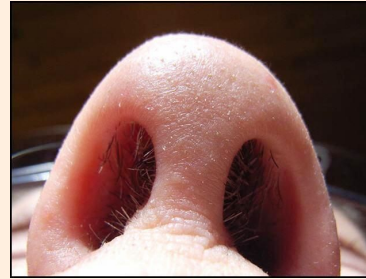
## External Barriers

Skin

Mucous membranes

Secretions

Hair



# Innate Immunity

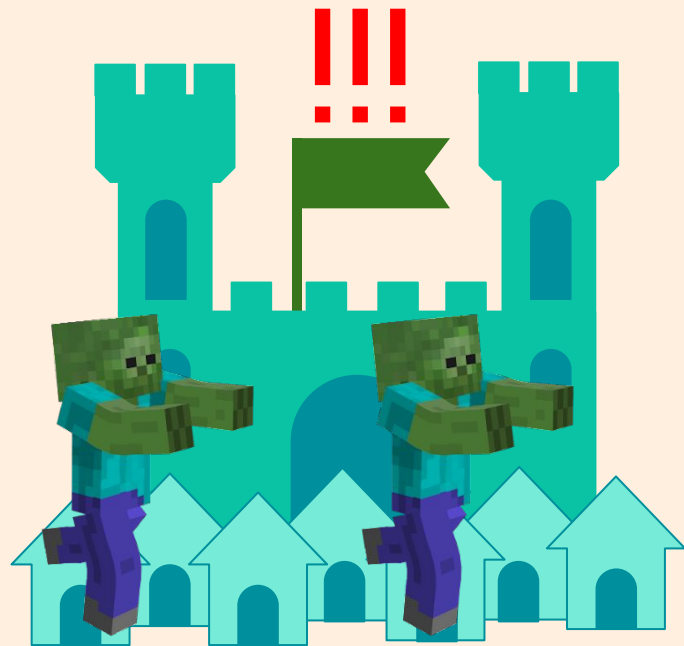
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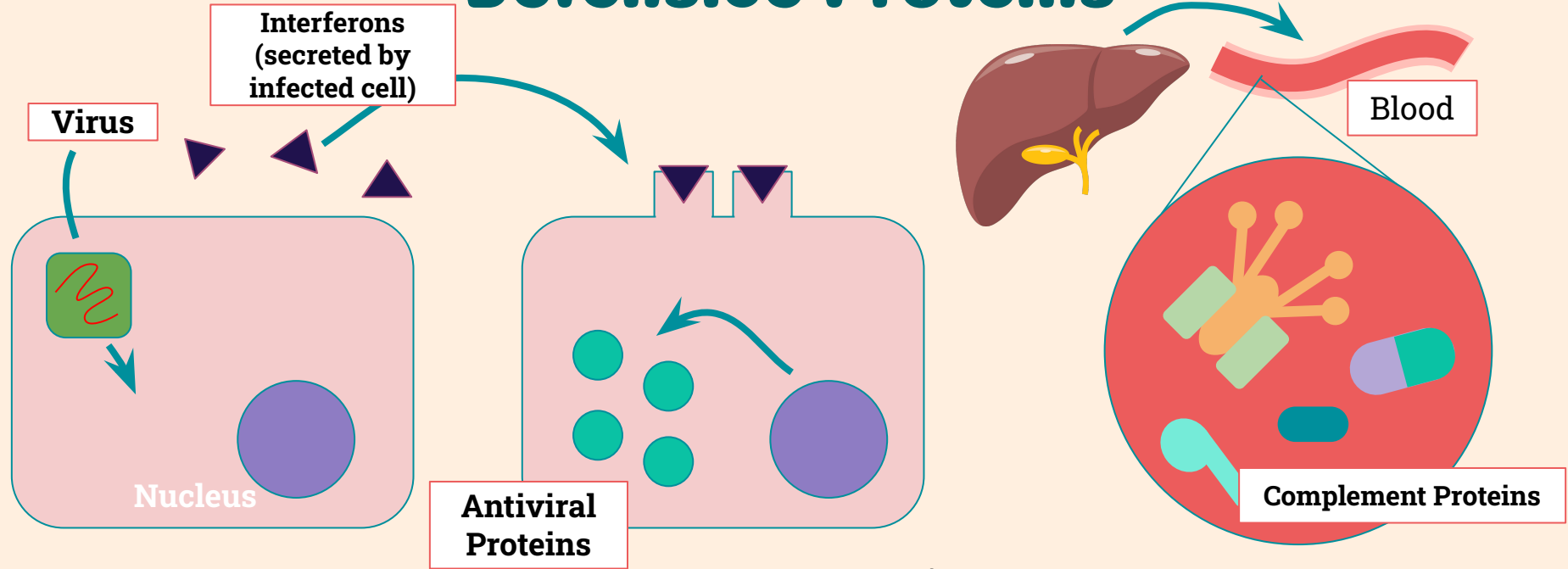
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BARRIERS are broken...



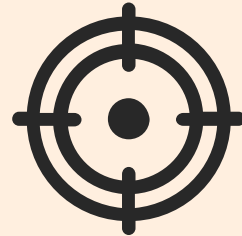
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# Defensive Proteins



↑ **Antiviral Defenses of nearby cells**



**Complement cascade** → series of reactions between complement proteins that bind to pathogens **inhibiting/marking** them for destruction by phagocytic cells



# Neutrophils

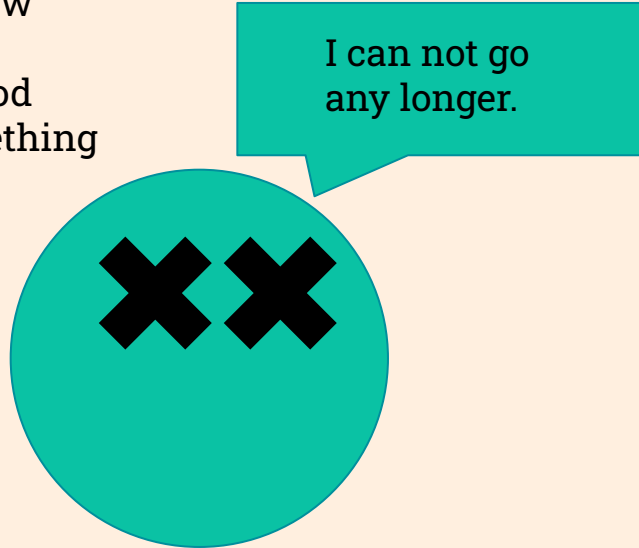
The cause of death is apoptosis

Most common leukocyte

The major early responders

Born in the bone marrow

Flow around in the blood until signalled by something in the tissue

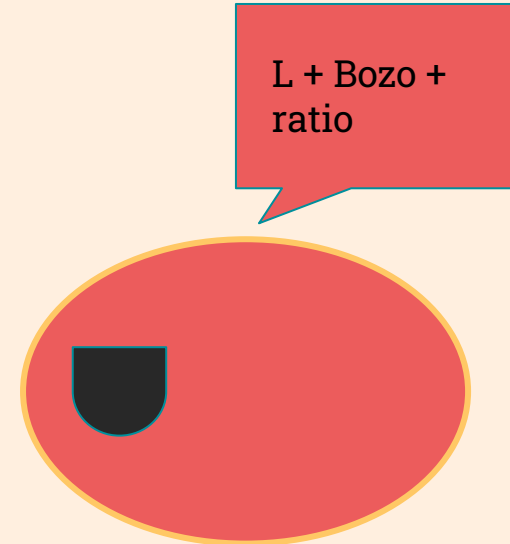


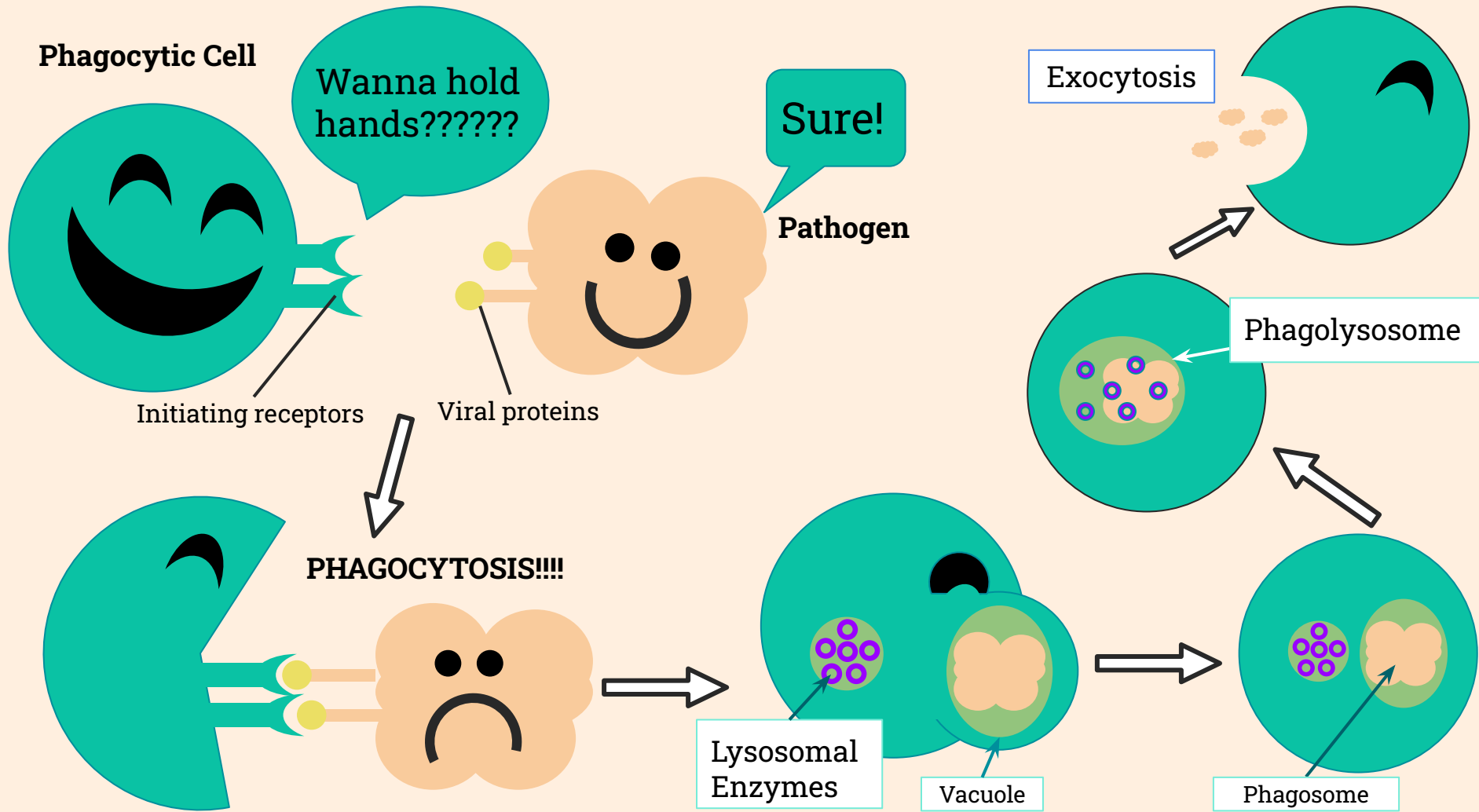
# Macrophages

Can eat many pathogens

BIG

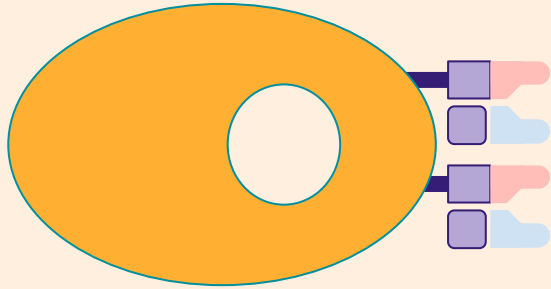
Eat and spit out invaders



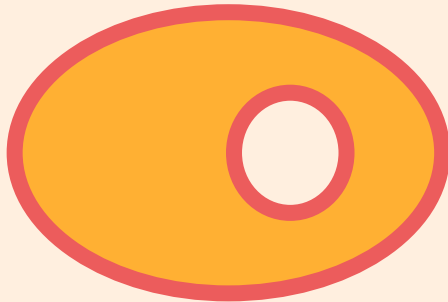
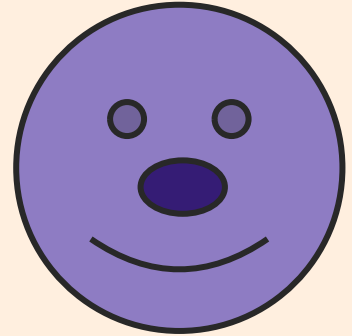


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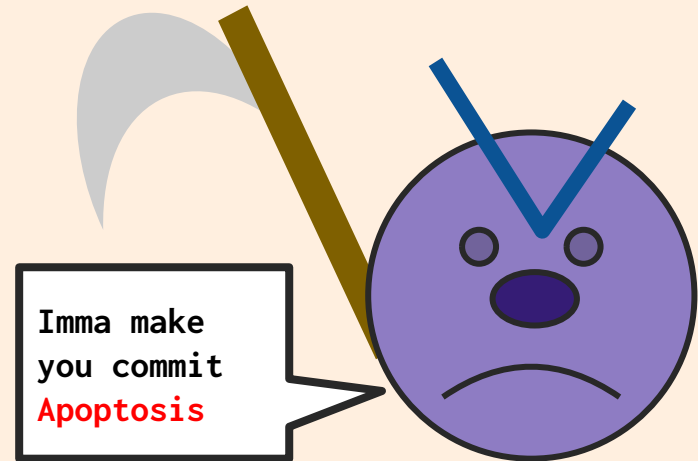
Cells express Class 1 MHC molecules that inhibit NK response by saying they're doing fine and not doing anything sus



Normal amount being expressed == HAPPY! NO KILL (NK response is **inhibited**)

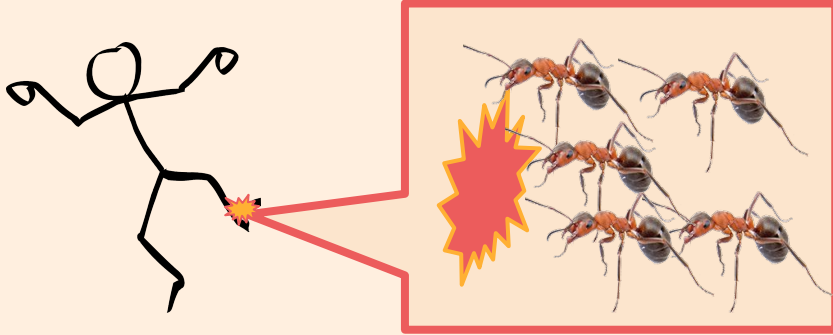


Abnormal (too much/little) being expressed == ANGERY KILL (NK cells induce **apoptosis**)

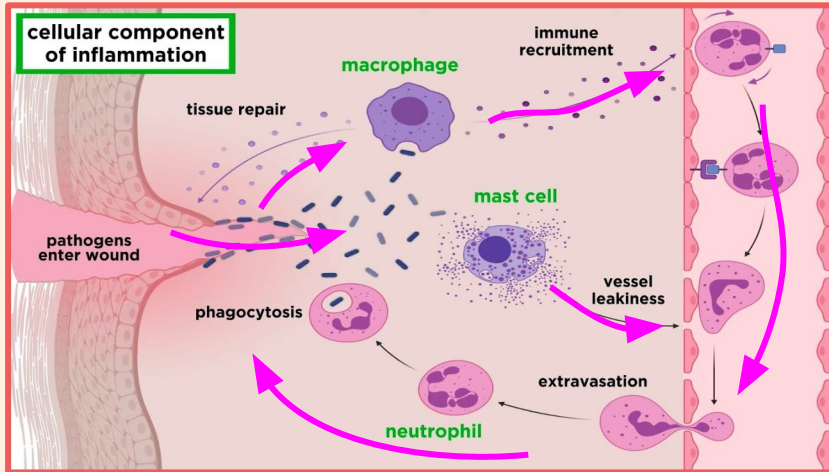


Imma make you commit  
**Apoptosis**

# INFLAMMATORY RESPONSE

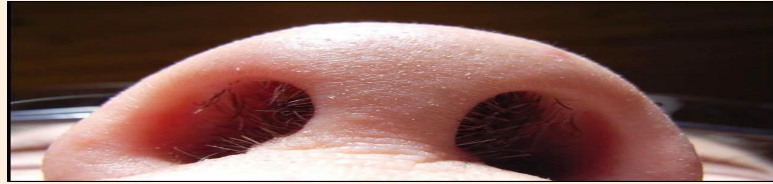


- Suppose a fire ant (or an entire SWARM >.>) bites you. Within a minute, your skin swells and a bump at the site of the bite raises. Your vessels swell, and by the end of the day, a blister filled with pus appears.
- Your tissue is broken and venom is injected, which is considered by your body to be a **pathogen**. When the invading **antigen** binds to receptors on the **mast cells**, the mast cells activate and release **inflammatory chemicals** like **histamine** that promote **vasodilation** (vessels get bigger, slows pathogen spread).
- **Macrophages** attack the pathogen as well and secrete **cytokines**, which then recruit and proliferate more immune cells, promoting the response.
- **Neutrophils** enter the tissue through extravasation and eliminate the pathogen. Their dead bodies become the **pus** that fills your blister.



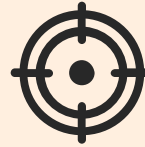
# Innate Immunity Review

**External Barriers**



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**Defensive Proteins**

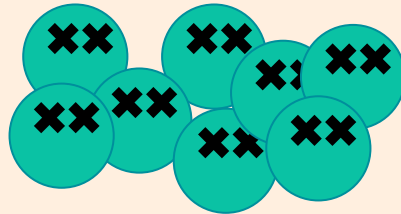
- Interferons
- Complement Proteins



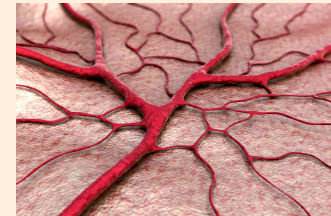
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**Cells**

- Phagocytic Cells
  - Neutrophils
  - Macrophages
- Natural Killer Cells

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**Inflammatory Response**



Pus ==  
dead  
neutrophils



Capillaries get swole



# **Adaptive Immunity**

## **(Specific Defenses)**



# Adaptive Immunity

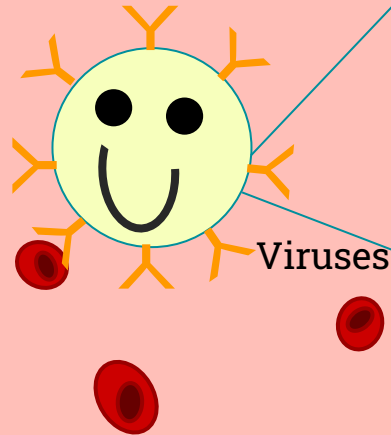
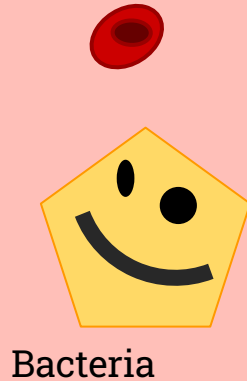
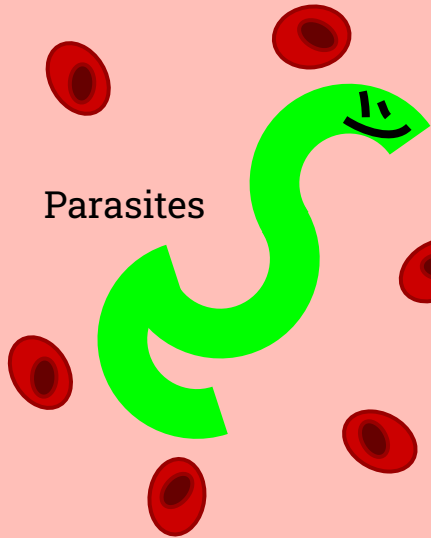


- **Involves specialized white blood cells called “lymphocytes”**
- **Responsible for memorizing specific pathogens**
- **Activated when...**
  - **Innate defenses need reinforcements**
  - **A new pathogen is encountered**
- **It is slower than innate immunity because of the time it takes to identify and respond to new pathogens.**

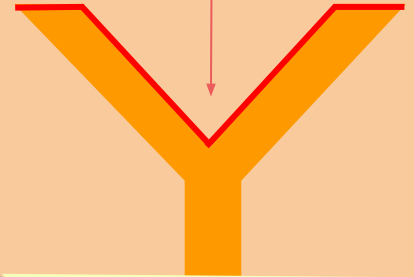
# Antigens

Any foreign substance that triggers an adaptive immunity response.

→ Pathogens/parts of pathogens



**Epitope:**  
Small region of an antigen that are recognized by B/T-Cells and where antigen receptors can attach



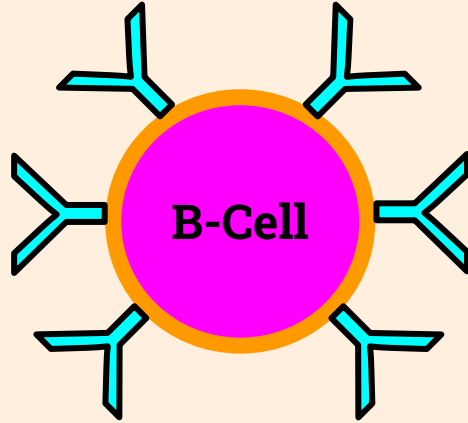


# Players of Adaptive Immunity

## Lymphocytes

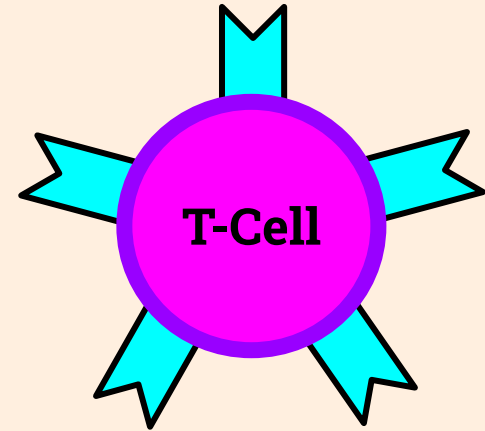
(Special Leukocytes)

### Humoral Response



- Mature in bone marrow
- Responsible for Humoral Response

### Cell-Mediated Response

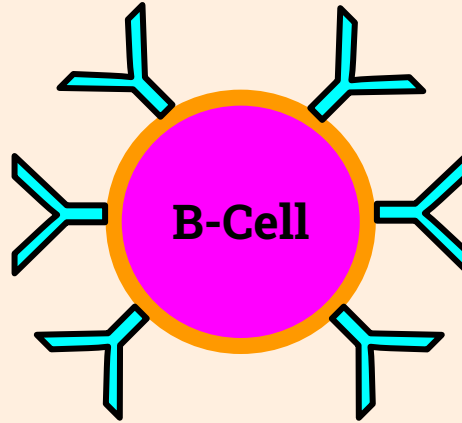


- Originate in bone marrow → mature in Thymus
- Responsible for Cell Mediated Response

# Lymphocytes

(Special Leukocytes)

## Humoral Response

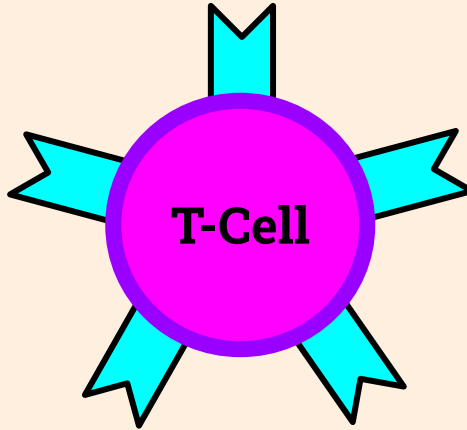


- Responds to pathogens with the secretion of antibodies in blood and other body fluids.
- Attacking free floating pathogens who have not yet infected body-cells (extracellular pathogens).

# Lymphocytes

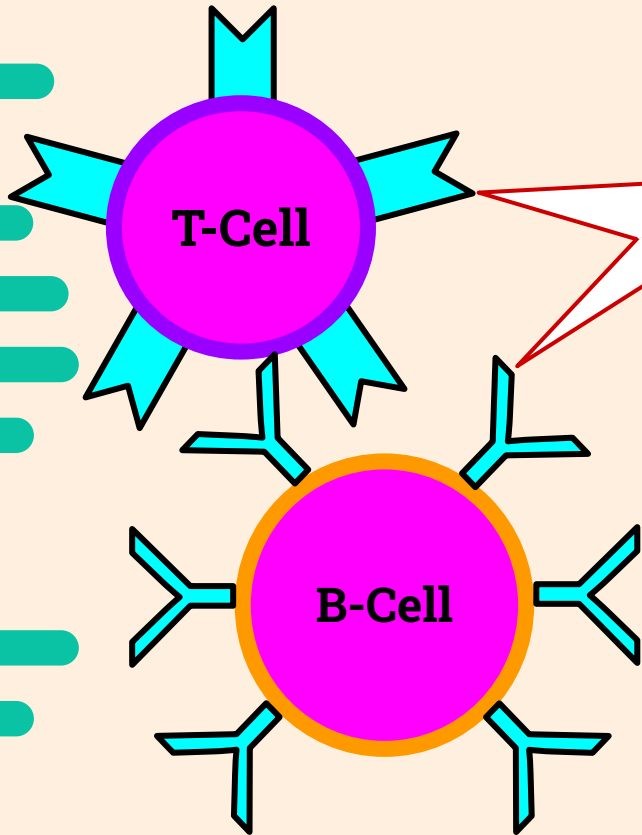
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## Cell-Mediated Response



- Responds to pathogens by causing them to lyse through enzymes and proteins.
- Attacks cells infected with antigens (intracellular pathogens).

# Structure of Lymphocytes



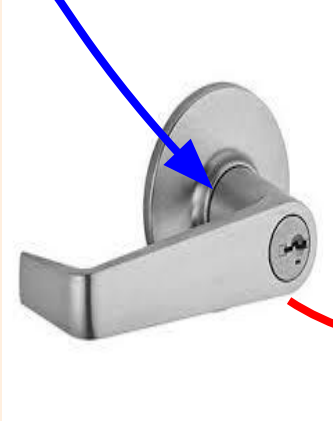
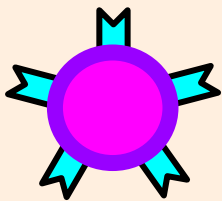
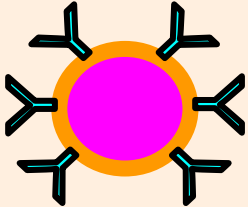
**B & T Cells have  
Proteins called  
“antigen receptors.”**

- Antigen receptors are responsible for recognizing antigens.
- These receptors are “specific” to a certain pathogen epitope.
- The body has thousands of these proteins in different variations.

# Key-House Analogy



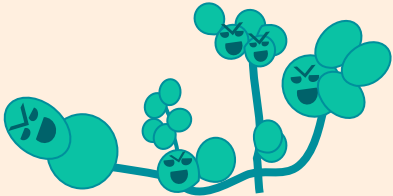
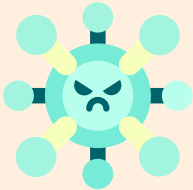
B & T Cells many Antigen Receptors



Epitope



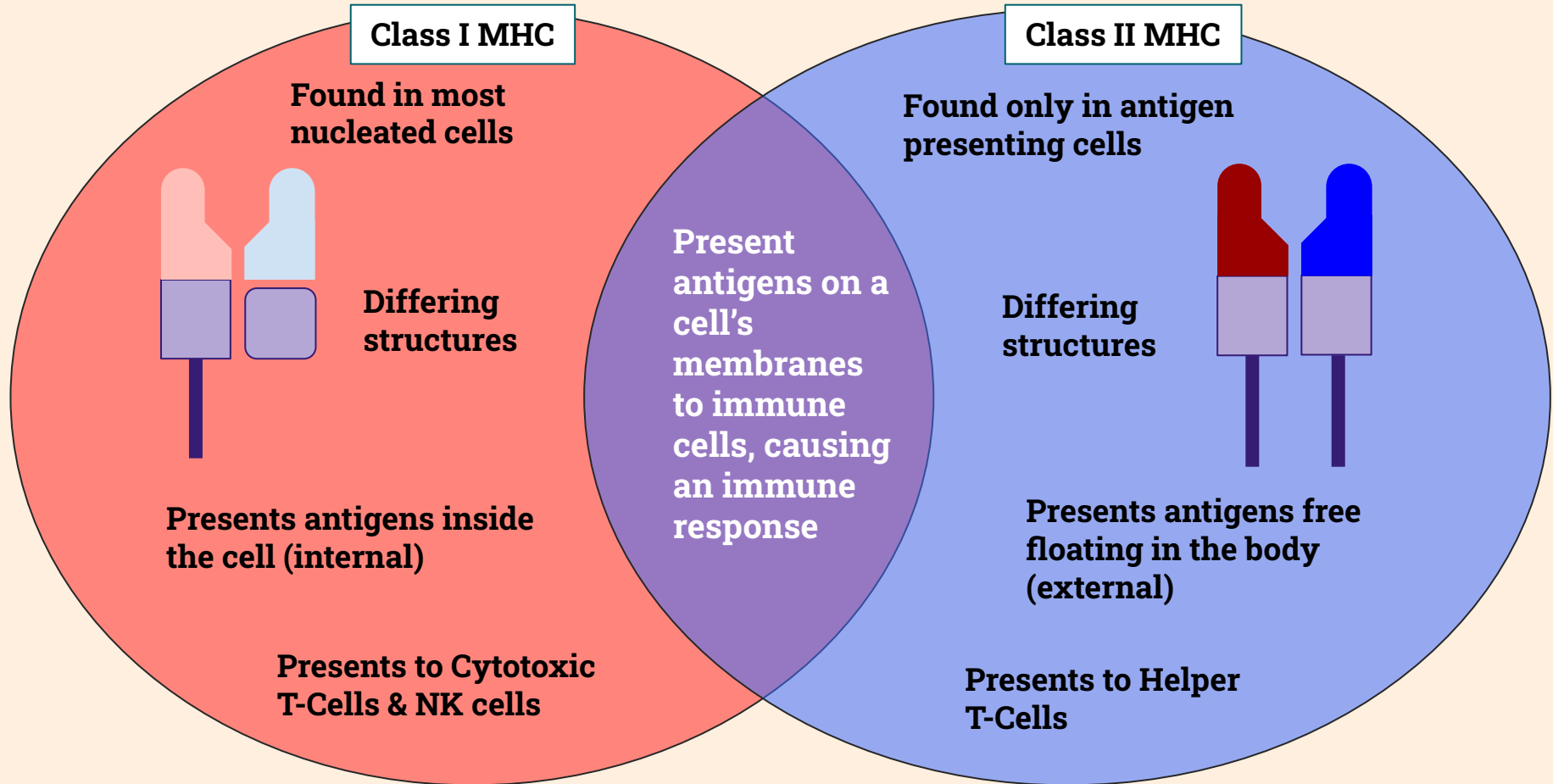
Pathogens





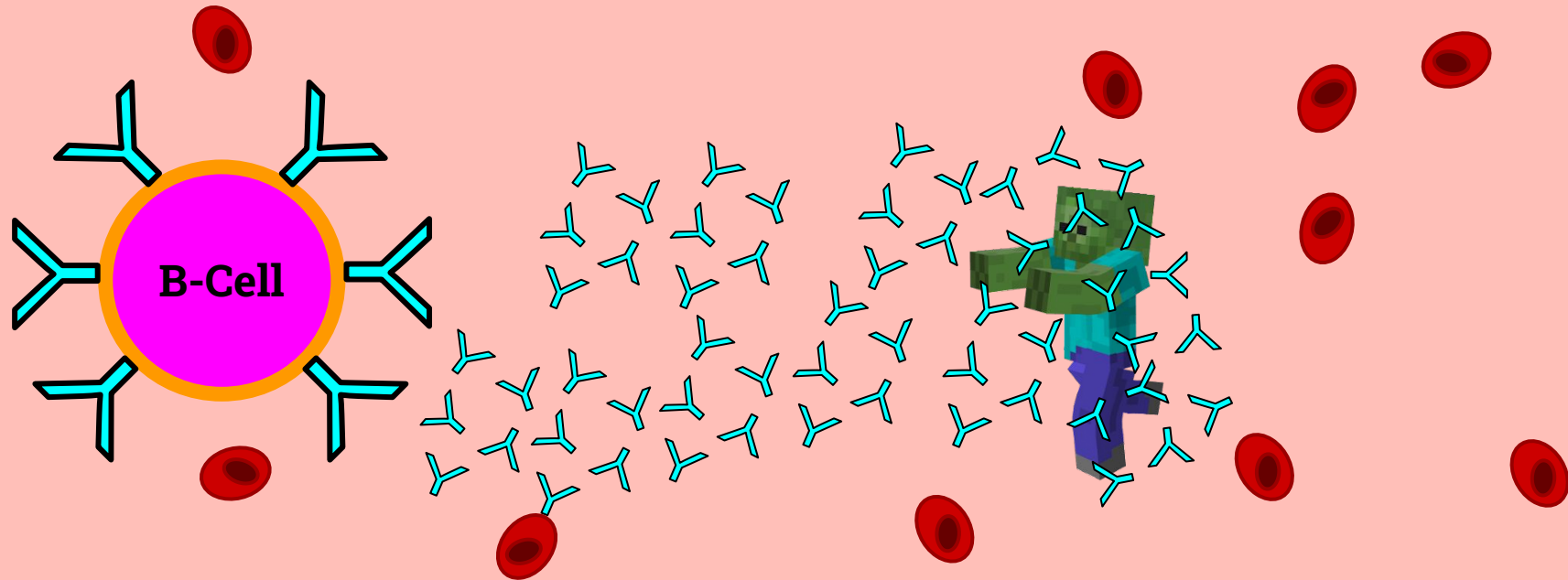
# Humoral Response

# Major Histocompatibility Complex Proteins



# Humoral Response

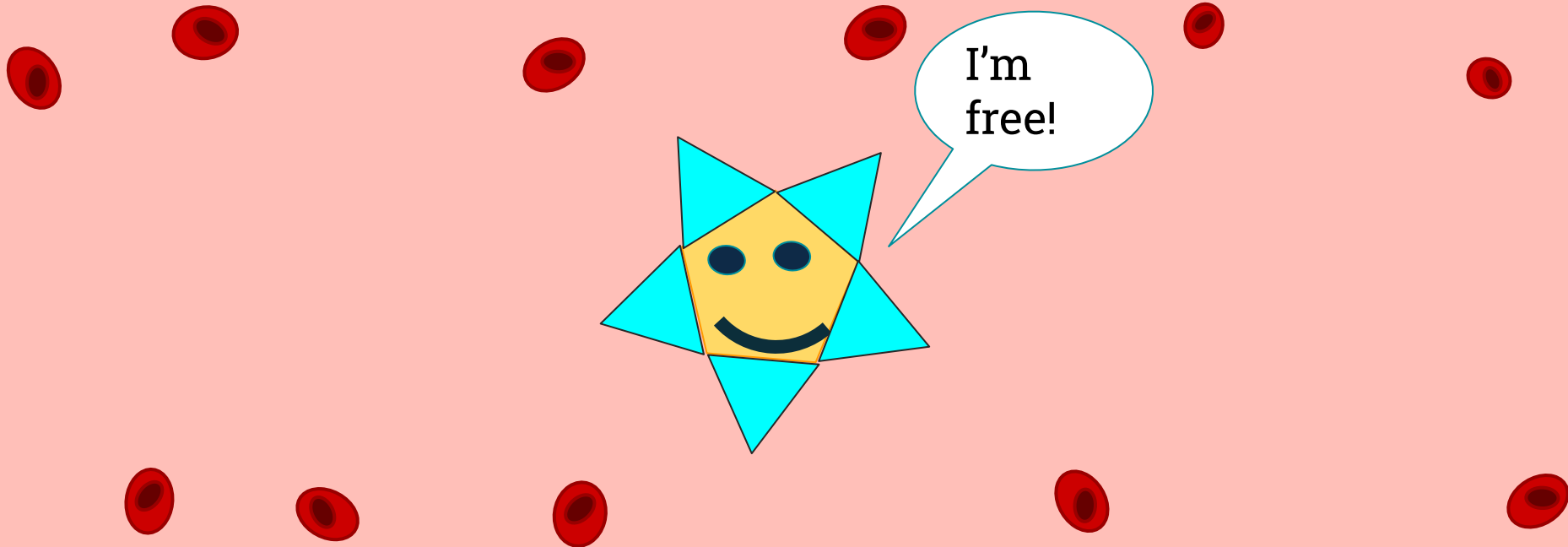
- When B-cells attack pathogens with Antibodies





# Humoral Response Activation

When the body is exposed to the pathogen,  
making it past innate defenses,

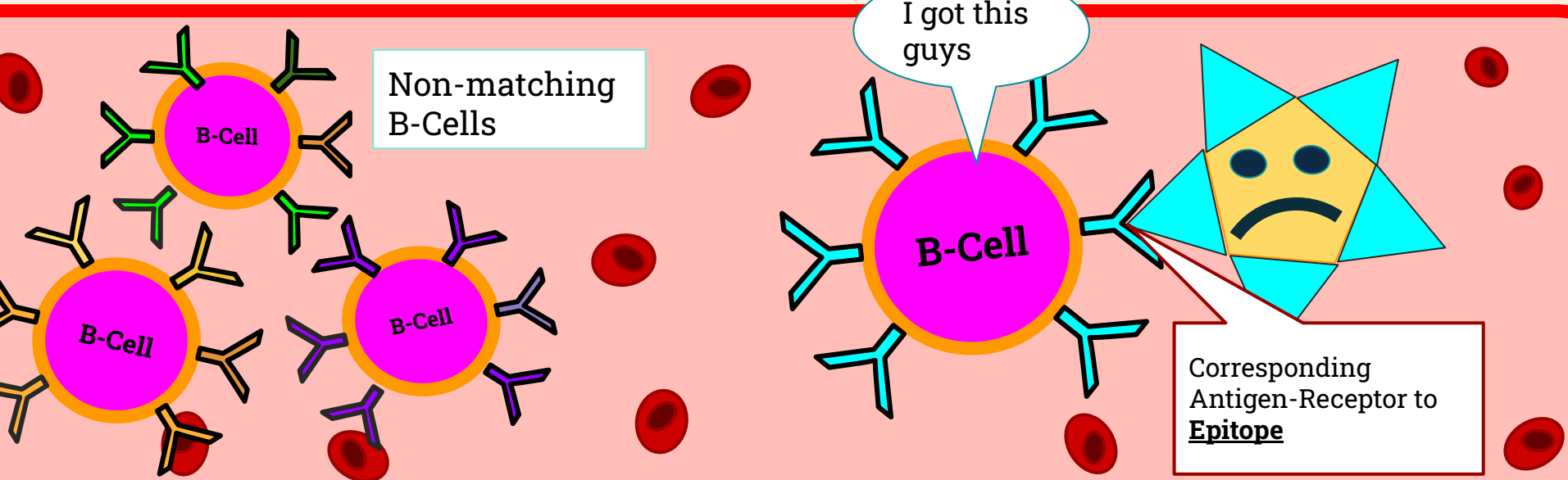


# Humoral Response Activation

B-Cell randomly finds pathogen

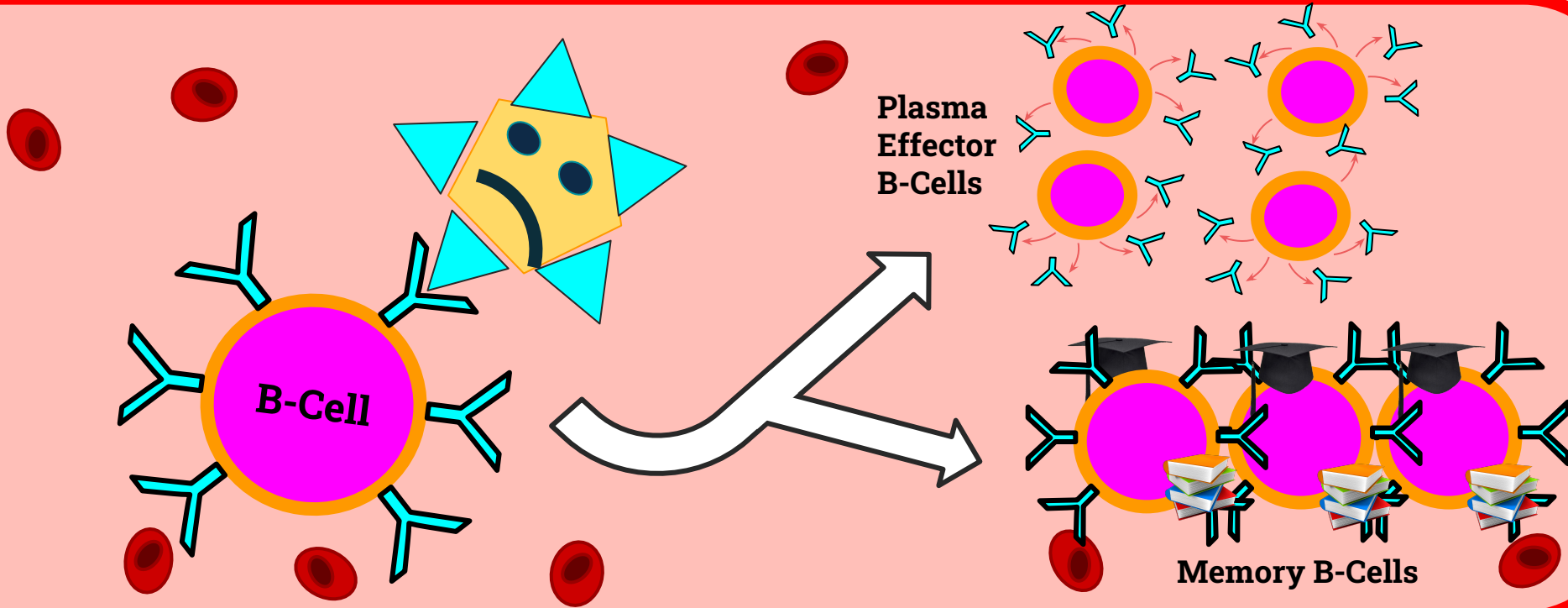


B-Cell binds to antigen via **antigen receptor that corresponds to epitope**

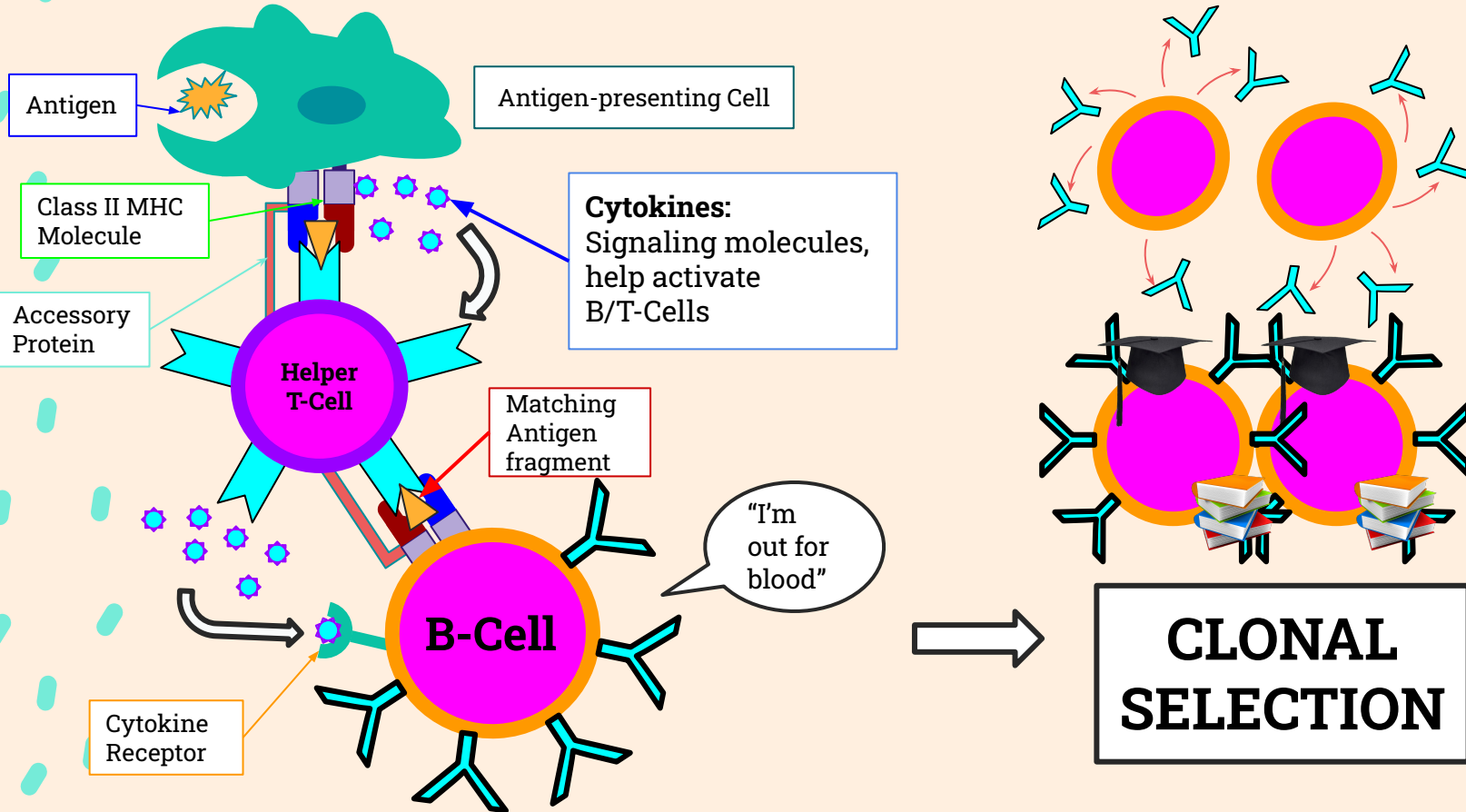


# Humoral Response and Clonal Selection

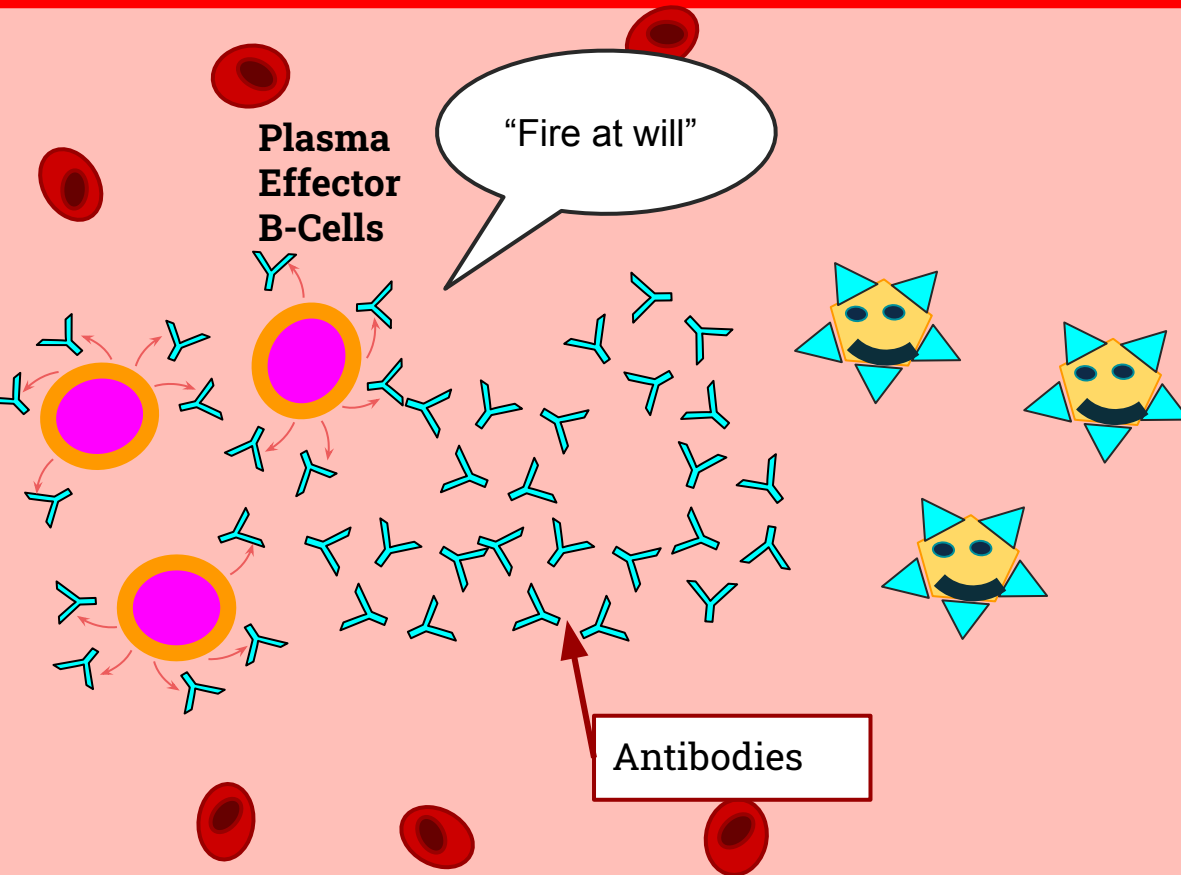
Once matched, the B-Cell undergoes clonal selection



# Alternative Humoral Response Activation



# Plasma Effector Cells



→ Are responsible for **secreting antibodies.**

→ Because the **B-Cell antigen receptor is specific to that pathogen**, the B-Cell clones **plasma effector cells** that secrete **antibodies specific to that antigen** and its **epitope.**

# What Antibodies do

Antibodies disable and prevent pathogens from spreading  
in TWO WAYS:

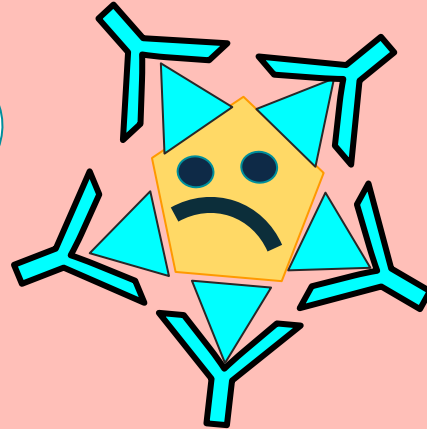
## 1. Opsonization

When antibodies mark  
pathogens for phagocytes to  
consume.

Macrophage



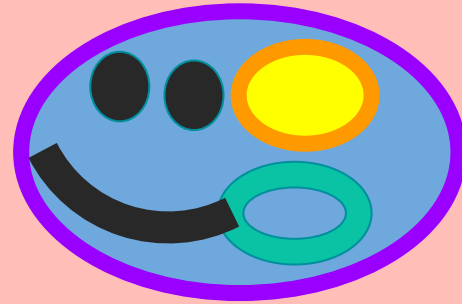
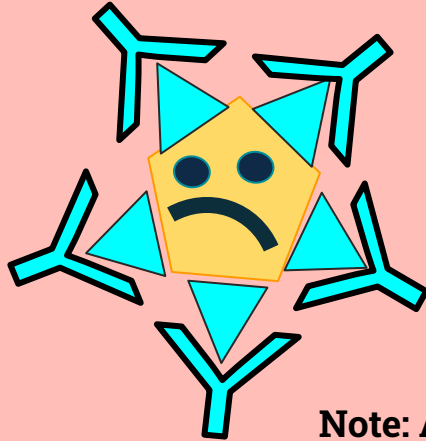
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boogey  
man.



# What Antibodies do

## 2. Neutralization

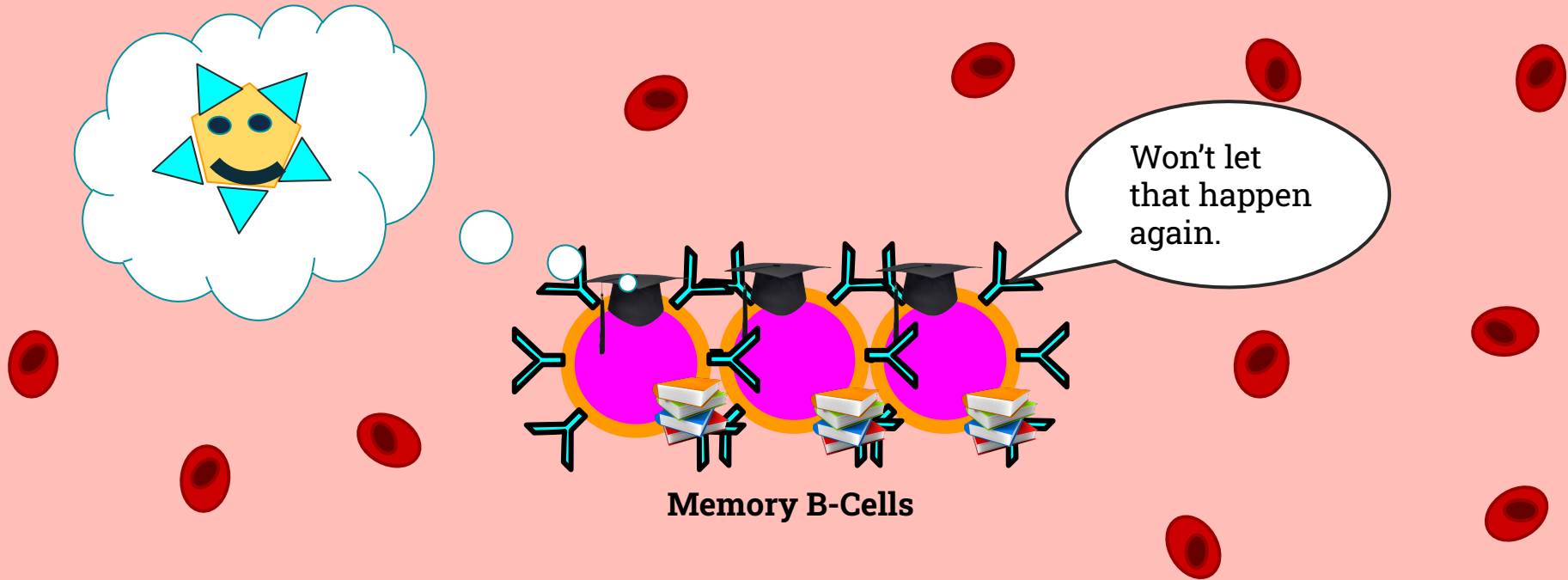
When antibodies prevent pathogens from sticking to body cells.



Note: Antibodies DO  
NOT KILL pathogens  
directly

# Memory B-Cells

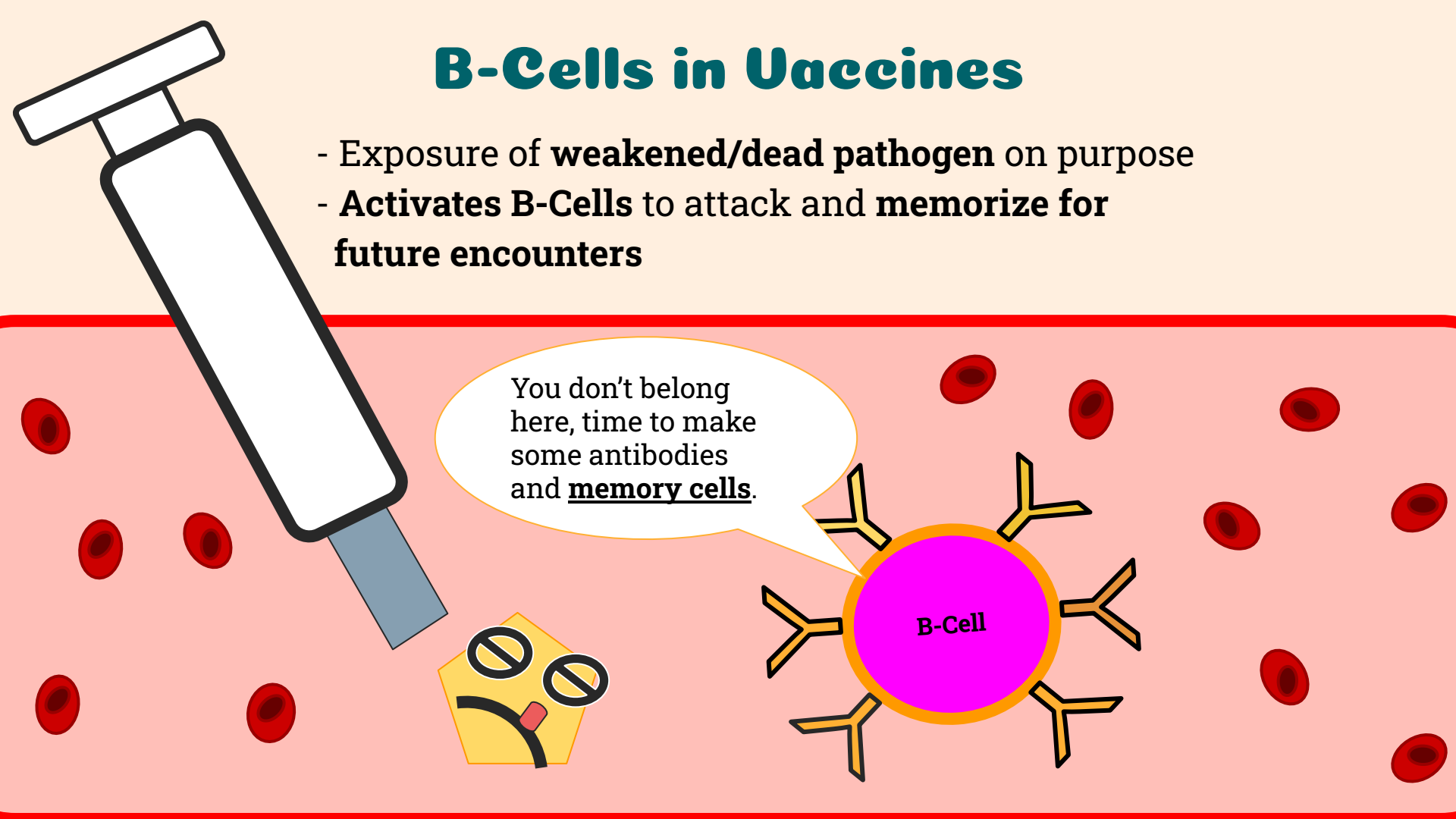
- Remember the same pathogen
- Allow for quicker, stronger response when exposed again.





# B-Cells in Vaccines

- Exposure of **weakened/dead pathogen** on purpose
- **Activates B-Cells** to attack and **memorize** for future encounters



You don't belong here, time to make some antibodies and memory cells.

B-Cell

# Humoral Response Review

Antigen → B-Cell

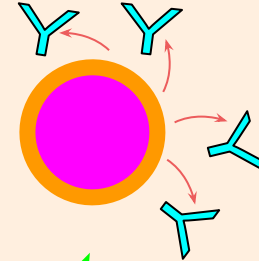
Direct  
Activation

Helper T-Cell  
Activation

Antigen presenting cell → Helper T-Cell → B-Cell

Clonal  
Selection

Plasma  
Effector  
B-Cells

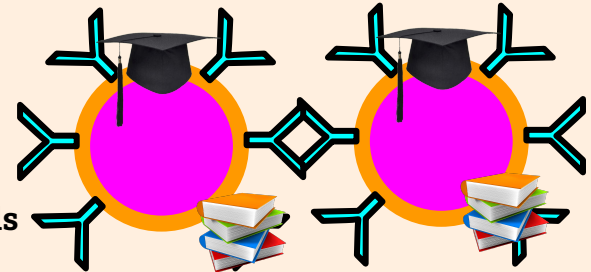


Antibody  
Secretion

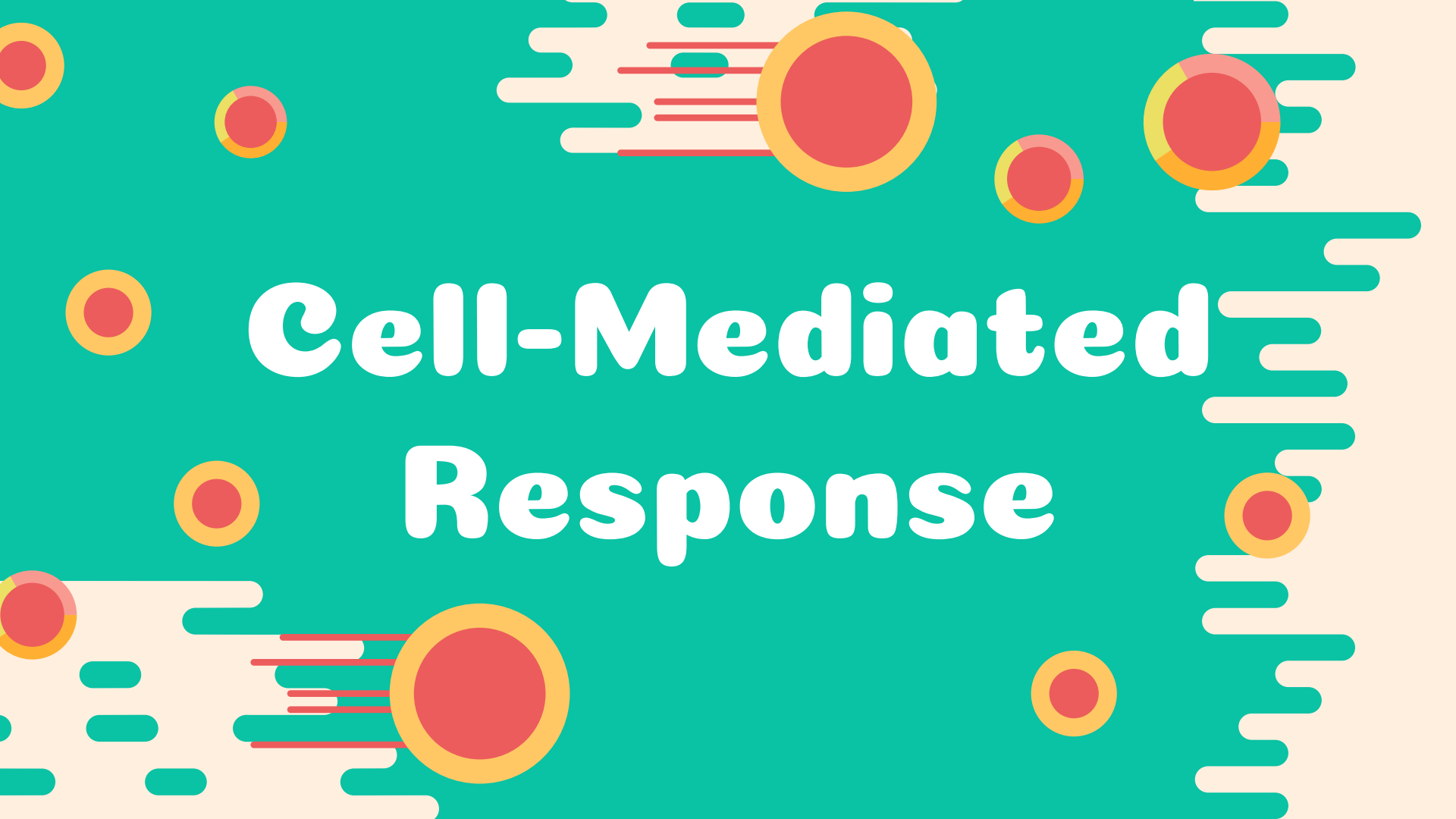


Primary Immune Response

Memory B-Cells

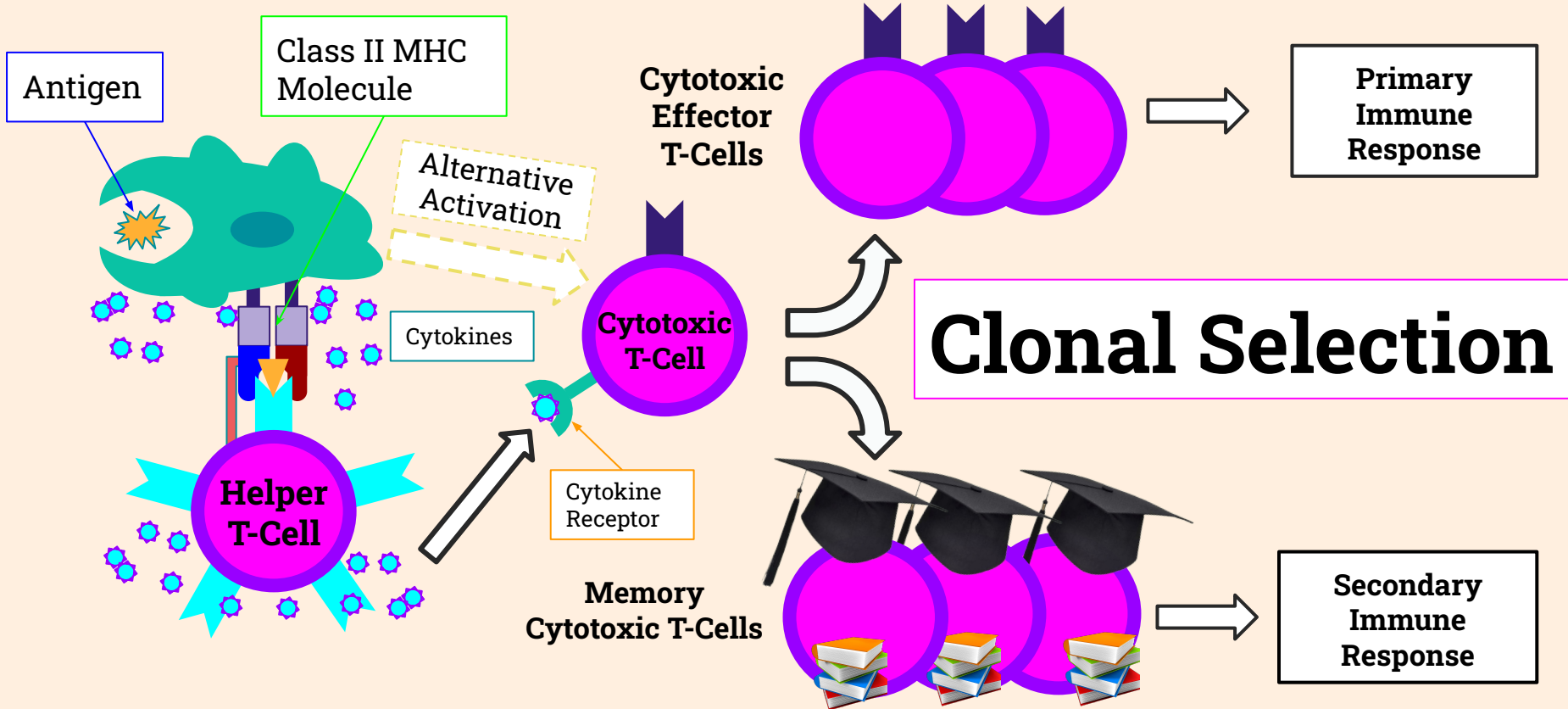


Secondary Immune Response

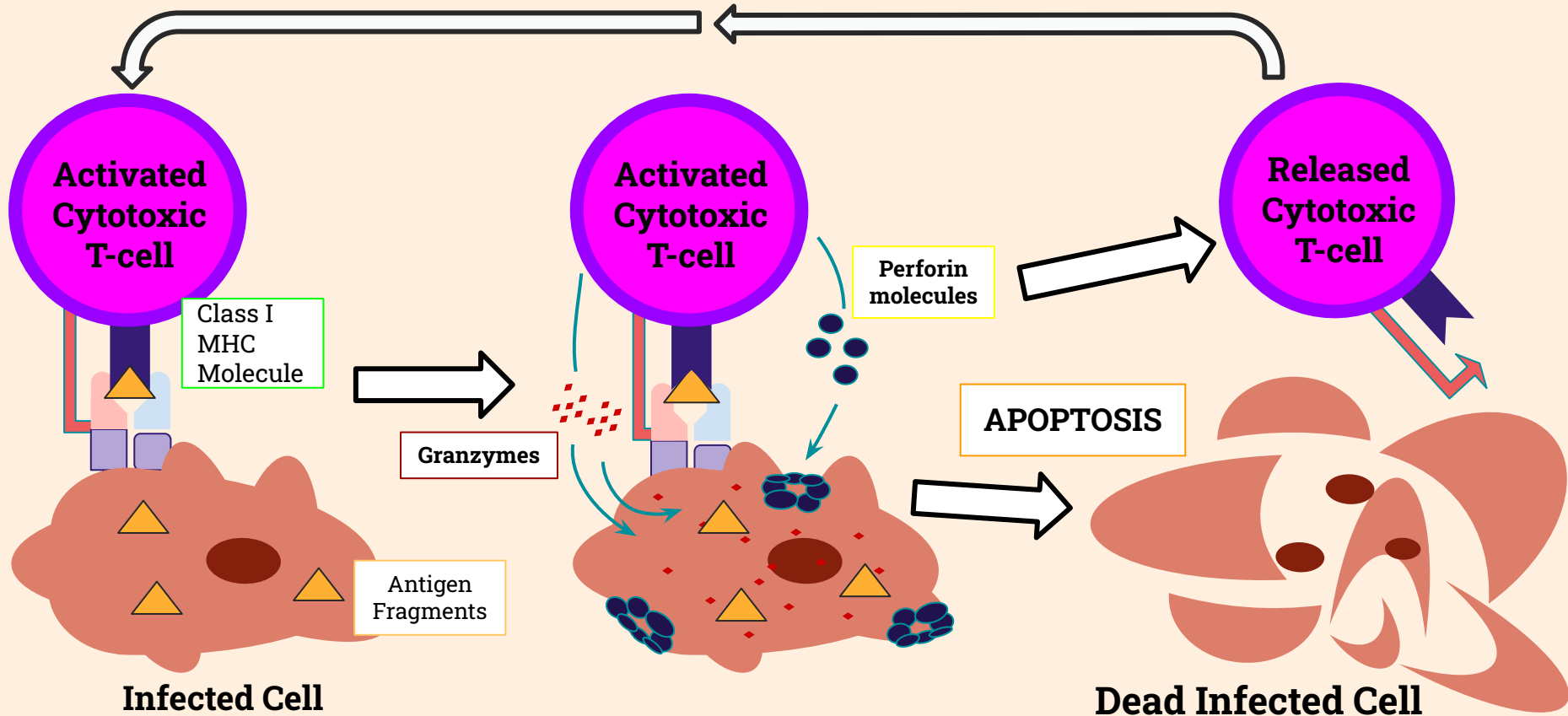
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# Cell-Mediated Response

# Cell Mediated Response



# How a Cytotoxic T-Cell Kills

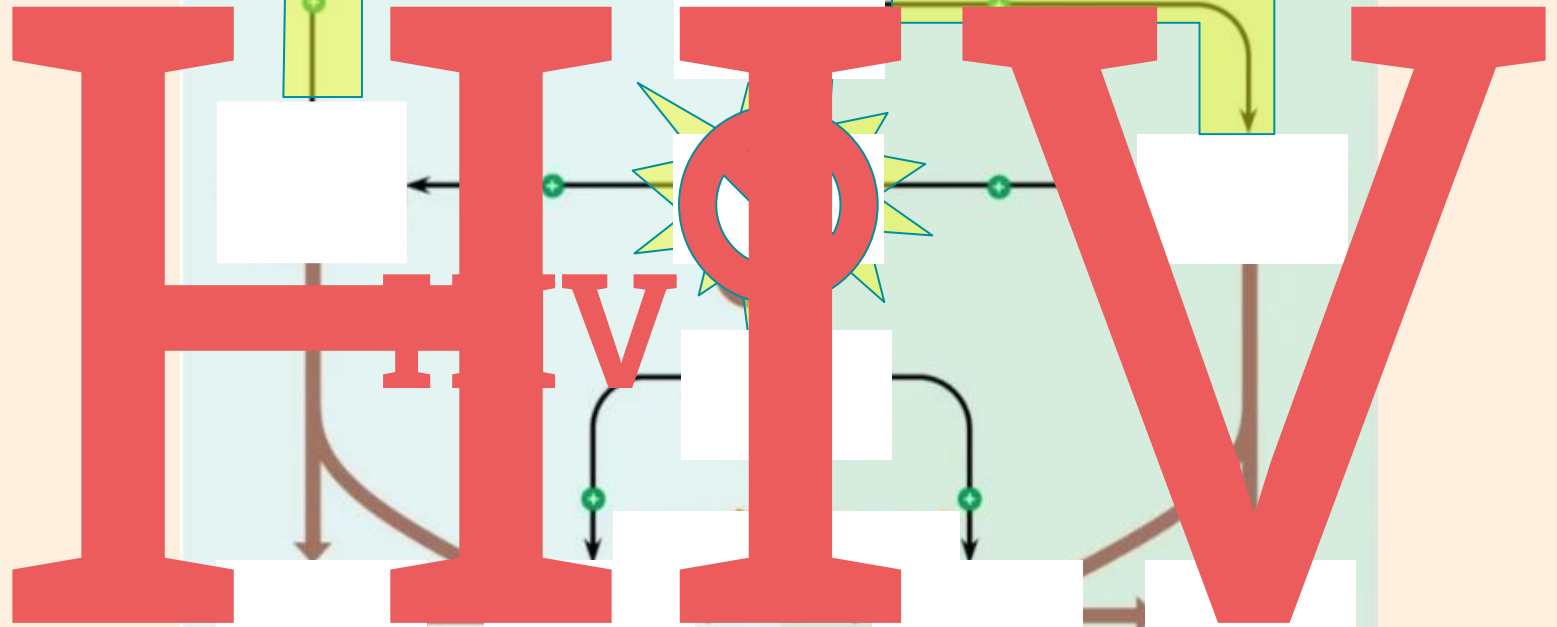


# Adaptive Immunity Overview

Humoral (antibody-mediated) immune response

Cell-mediated immune response

Key  
●→ Stimulates  
→ Gives rise to



# Homework

- Watch the following Crash Course videos and take notes
- Take the Quiz

