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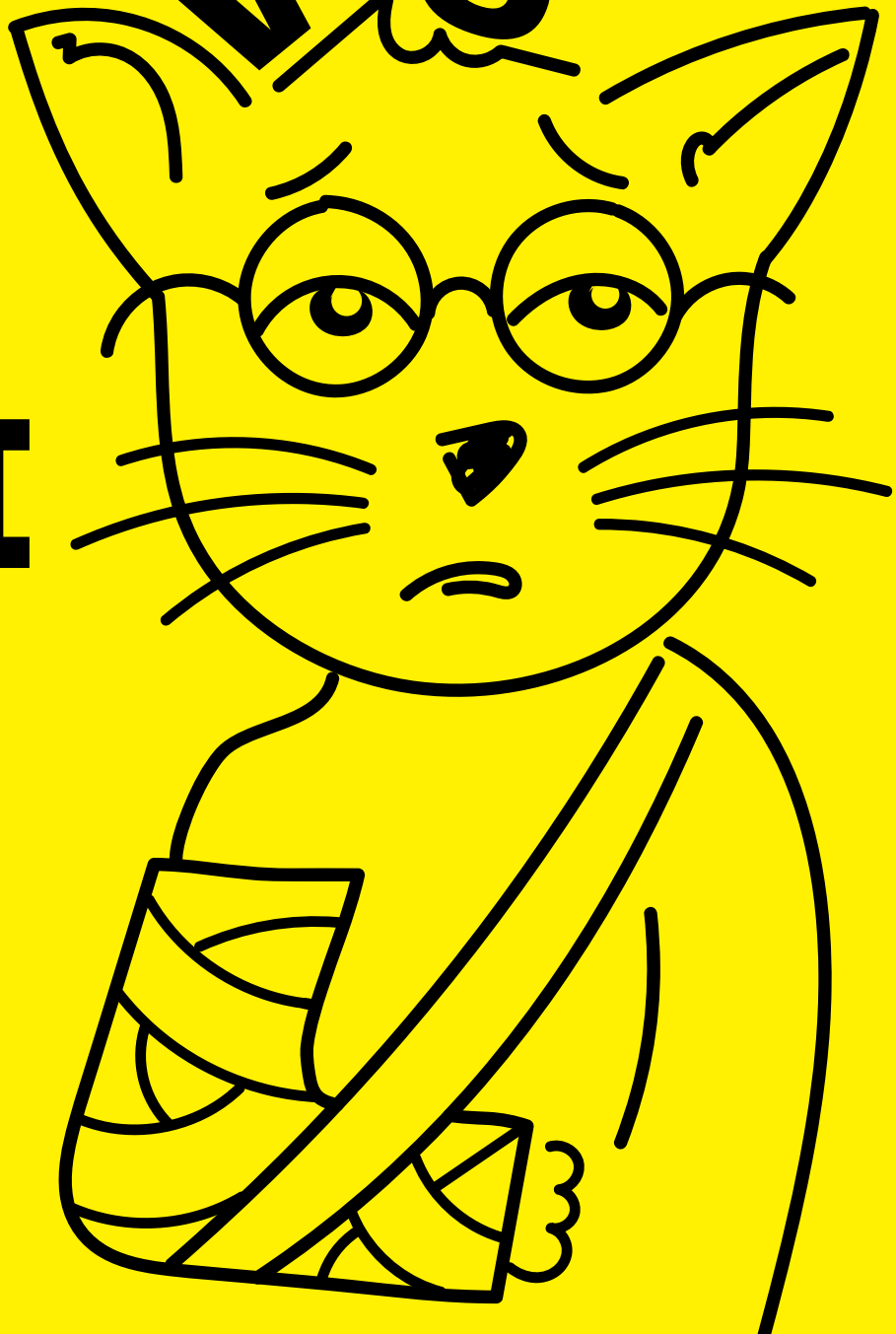


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PART ONE

Anaxigatos is at the local **Pawspital**, which is obviously a hospital for cats. He waits for his turn, next to an open office door. He overhears a surgeon talking to his wife. He tells her that last night he was so overworked, that he became careless and made a terrible mistake. He gave five sick cats the wrong syrup. He should have given them a cough syrup but instead he gave them a deadly, slow-acting chemical. This affects different organs in different cats so now he is in a situation in which he needs five separate organs to save their lives; Two lungs, two kidneys and a heart. Without these organs his five patients will definitely die. And it will be proven that he killed them by giving them the wrong liquid.

But, he says, luckily, there is a way out. He has a new patient that has just come in, is in excellent health, and has a blood type that guarantees success if he transplants his organs to the other five. All he needs to do is cut him up and distribute his parts among the five who need them.

Anaxigatos has to choose. Should he let the surgeon correct his mistake by killing the new patient or should he report him to the head of the Pawspital before it's too late? If he stops him, then those five will probably die.

LISTEN to the two voices:

Voice of Gatosthenes:

Oh that's a tough one. Hmm. How can you kill someone innocent? This would be one more mistake. He has already made one. Don't let him make another. The new patient should not die. It is not his fault.

Voice of Catagoras:w

First time I am going to agree with Gatosthenes that it is indeed a tough one. But it's five lives against one. You will be saving more lives this way. What has happened now cannot be undone. We are standing at a crossroads, and we have a choice to either save one cat or five cats. The one is innocent, but... the five are innocent too.

Questions for students:

What would they do if they were the doctor?
Would they give themselves up? Try to cover it?

ACTIVITY

Label the diagram with the following words:

Stomach

Brain

Pancreas

Heart

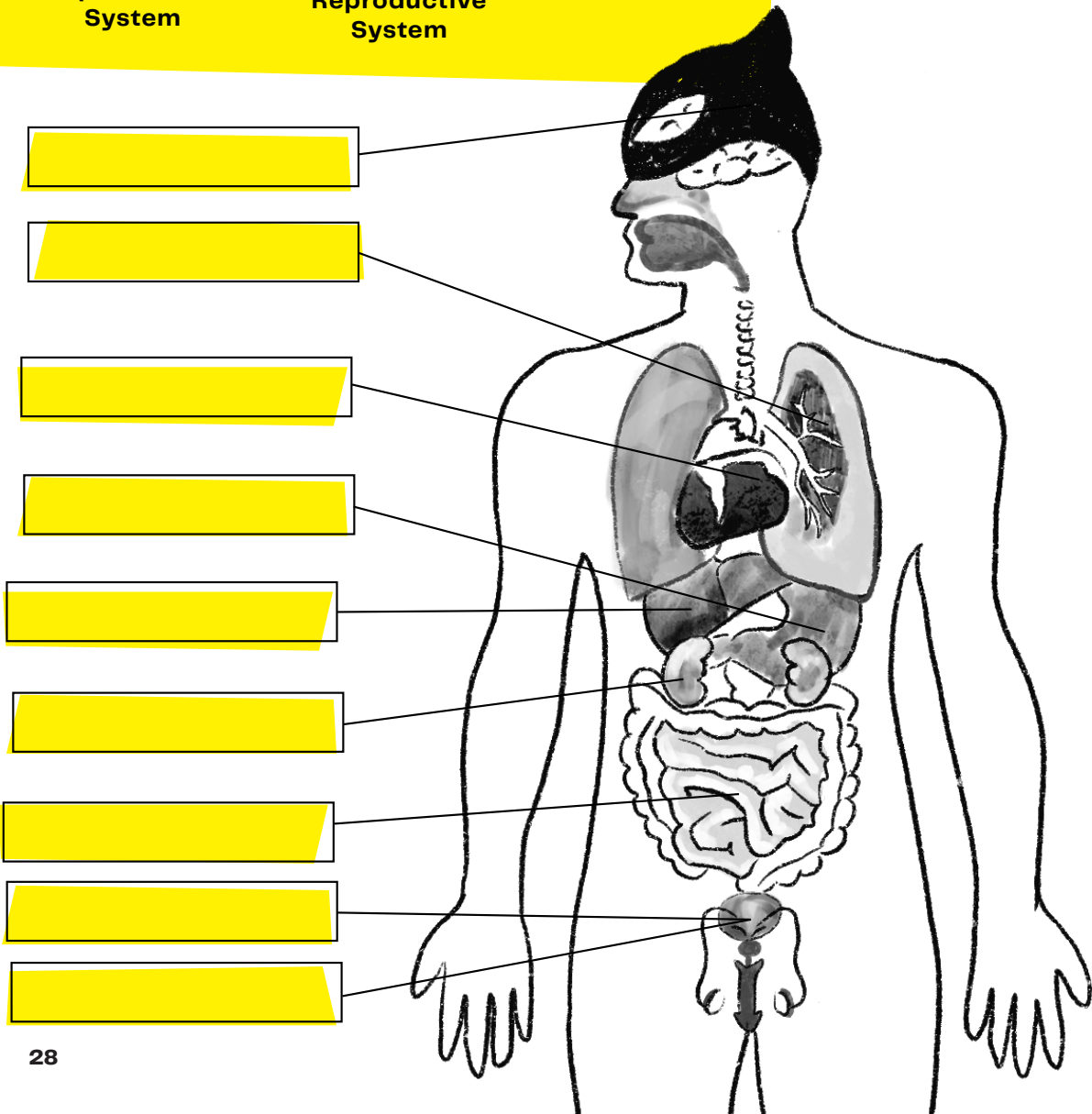
Kidney

Lungs

**Male
Reproductive
System**

**Female
Reproductive
System**

Intestines



It is located in the center of the chest, and its function is to keep blood flowing through the body. Blood carries substances to cells that they need and also carries away waste from cells. It starts beating like crazy when you see someone you like. It is also responsible for a lot of poetry. It is the _____.

It is located in the head and functions as the body's control center. It is the seat of all thoughts, memories, perceptions, and feelings. It is the one that doesn't let you sleep at nights. It also helps you pass Grammar exams. It is the _____.

They are located on either side of the body. Their function is to filter blood and form urine, which is excreted from the body. They often make you want to pee as soon as you get into class after the break, or enter a car for a long journey. They are the _____.

It is located on the right side of the abdomen. It has many functions, including filtering blood, secreting bile that is needed for digestion, and producing proteins. It is the _____.

They are located on either side of the upper chest. Their main function is exchanging oxygen and carbon dioxide with the blood. They are the _____.

It creates digestive juices and breaks down food. It holds food until it is ready to empty into your small intestine. It really enjoys pizza. It is the _____.

It plays an essential role in converting the food we eat into fuel for the body's cells. It's the body's gas station. It is the _____.

Their job is to absorb most of the nutrients from what we eat and drink and reject the rest. There's a small one and a bigger one. They rarely fight. They are the _____.

ACTIVITY

Match the organs to their functions:

Pancreas

Liver

Lungs

Intestines

Brain

Heart

Brain

Kidneys

Stomach

PART TWO

The surgeon storms out of the room to prepare for the surgery. Anaxigatos goes into his office to see if he can find any evidence about what happened. In his first drawer he finds the wills of the five patients that have named him their beneficiary. What should Anaxigatos do? Report him? If so it may be too late. Stop him when he comes in? Do nothing?

LISTEN to the two voices:

Voice of Gatosthenes:

What a terrible person! He even lied to his wife! He is despicable! Well I mean, there is no real dilemma now, is there? A liar will continue to do damage to the hospital and to people's lives. And he is not just a careless practitioner. He is a murderer. For me the case is closed. Run to the administrator and report him immediately.

Voice of Catagoras:

Hold on, hold on. There are five cats dying, true, but there is also an innocent cat about to be killed. If you report him the five cats may die by the time you sort it out. If you don't, they will be saved, yet the innocent one will be killed. I don't see how this is a better situation. We do have more information but the course of action is still unclear.

ACTIVITY

Divide the class into two groups. Those supporting that the five cats must die must present a solid argument. Those supporting the new patient must die do the same.

PART THREE

While thinking about it, the surgeon comes back in the office. He is in a terrible state. He sees Anaxigatos holding the wills. He starts crying and says that his plan was to kill them and take their money, so he gave them the poison, but now he regrets doing it and wants to save them, while there is still time. If he operates now he will save them, otherwise he will have positively murdered them. No one will find out. Having made up his mind, he goes away to kill the innocent patient.

LISTEN to the two voices:

Voice of Catagoras:

Hey I have an idea! Why not kill the doctor instead of the new patient? Another doctor can perform the operation. I have a friend at the hospital. He will surely do it if I ask him to. What do you say? He is a horrible cat after all. Those five will be saved, and the new patient won't be harmed. It's a way out. Remember, he is a murderer.

Voice of Gatosthenes:

This is horrible. Even if the doctor is guilty he has repented. He is not a murderer, at least not yet. I agree he is guilty, but he should face the law. He should face a jury and a proper trial. Otherwise you are just as guilty as he is! Who are you to give him the death penalty?

Organ Donors Research:

- A Who can become an organ donor?
- B What organs can somebody give away?
- C What objections are there to organ donation?
- D What process do you need to go through?
- E Would you consider becoming one?

Useful links:

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