

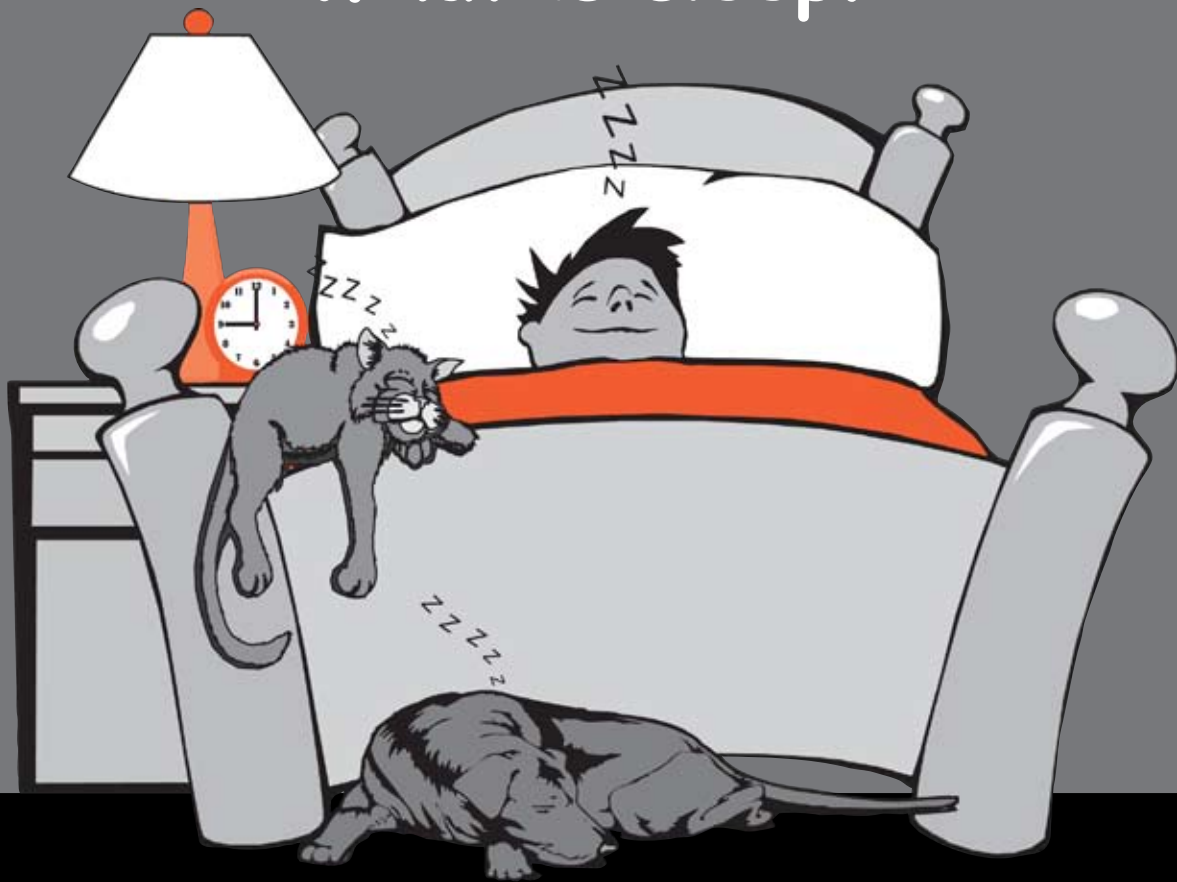
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* Understanding Science

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What is sleep?



Why do you need sleep?
Why do all animals sleep?
Do you sleep enough?

What is sleep?

When you sleep, your brain works differently than when you are awake. There are two kinds of sleep, **REM Sleep** and **Quiet Sleep**. Both kinds are important for good health.

In REM sleep

- Your eyes move
- You dream
- Most of your muscles do not move

In Quiet Sleep

- Your eyes do not move
- You do not dream
- Your muscles move



In REM sleep, your eyes move back and forth while you dream.

A dog's eyeballs move under its eyelids as it dreams.

A Sleep Cycle

When something happens over and over again in the same way, it is called a **cycle**.



At night, you start out in Quiet Sleep, then go into REM sleep, then back again to Quiet Sleep.

What happens when you sleep?

Your body is quiet, but your brain is working hard.



Why Do Animals Sleep?

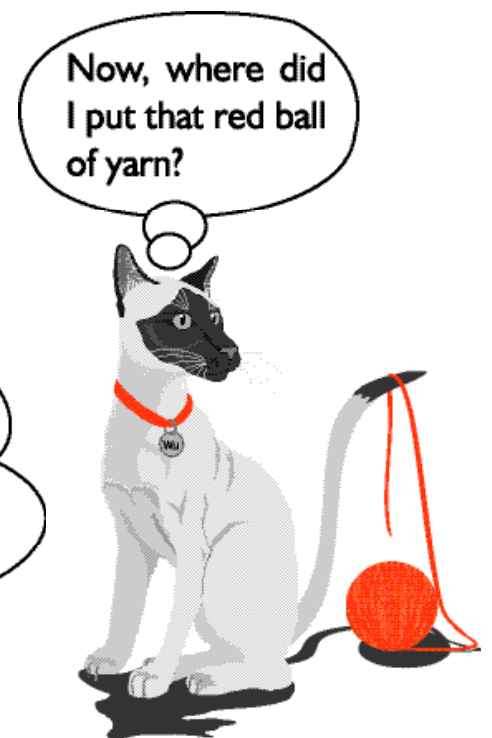
The body's cells need sleep to stay healthy.



Animals sleep to save energy.









When animals don't sleep enough, they start to forget things!



All animals sleep, but some animals sleep more than others.

Here are some animals and the number of hours they sleep in a 24-hour period.



Animal	Hours of Sleep a Day
 Giraffe	2
 Child	10
 Dog	10
 Squirrel	15
 Opossum	18
 Bat	20



Source: Seigel JW. Why We Sleep. Scientific American, Nov 2003, 92-97 and <http://faculty.washington.edu/chudler/chasleep.html>

Small mammals usually sleep longer each day than large mammals...



...but not always.



Sleepy Numbers

Time flies...



September

October

November

December

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

MONDAY

TUESDAY

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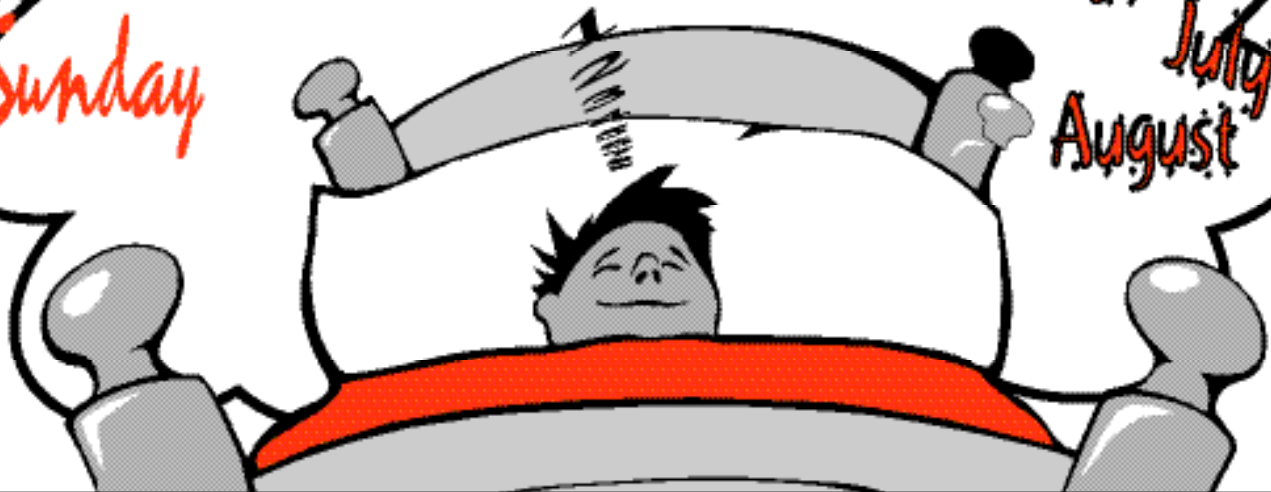
If you sleep 10 hours each night,
you sleep _____ hours each week.

If you have 5 dreams each night,
you have _____ dreams in a week.

Each day, dogs sleep _____ times
as long as giraffes.

If you sleep 10 hours a night, you sleep 70 hours a week.
If you have 5 dreams each night, you have 35 dreams in a week.
Each day, dogs sleep 5 times as long as giraffes.

Answers:

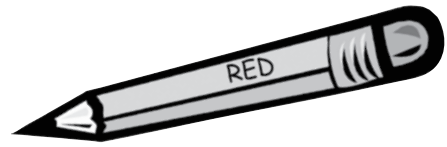
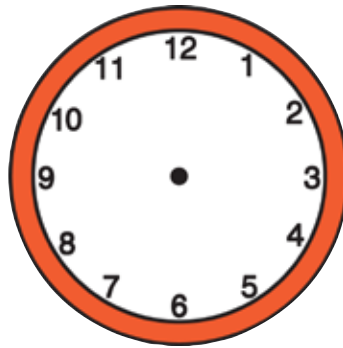


Do You Sleep Enough?

Children need to sleep at least 10 hours every night.
How much do **you** sleep?



Use a blue pencil to mark the time you go to sleep.



Use a red pencil to mark the time you wake up.

Count the hours between the blue and red pencil marks to see how long you sleep!

Here are some things that help you sleep.

Bedtime at 8 PM



A dark, quiet room



Reading

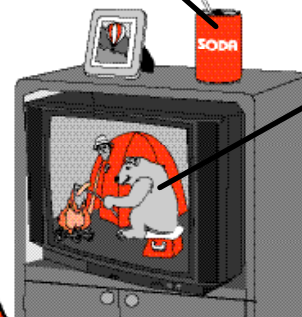
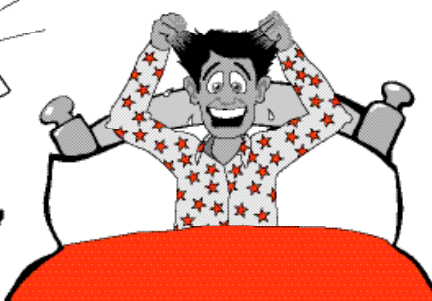
Here are some things that make it harder to sleep.

Bright light



Too late!

Drink with caffeine



TV on

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