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Scientists find new part of our immune system

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Scientists have discovered an unknown part of our immune system. It could be important in helping our body fight disease. The researchers are from a science institute in Israel. Dr Yifat Merbl told the BBC the discovery "could provide an untapped source of natural antibiotics". She wrote in a journal: "These findings pave the way for previously undescribed diagnostic and therapeutic strategies in the fight against infectious diseases." The "new" part of the immune system is from a bodily function that recycles proteins. It is capable of producing chemicals that can kill bacteria and viruses.

The researchers focused on peptides. These are amino acid compounds that keep our immune system strong. The scientists said peptides could provide "therapeutic interventions in infectious diseases and immune-compromised conditions". Peptides help to create defences against bacteria and halt their growth. Dr Merbl said: "We discovered a novel mechanism of immunity that is allowing us to have a defence against bacterial infection." She added: "It's happening throughout our body, in all the cells, and generates a whole new class of potential natural antibiotics."

Sources: <https://www.the-independent.com/news/health/immune-system-antibiotics-discovery-b2709988.html>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cpv4jww3r4eo>
<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-025-08615-w>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Scientists have discovered | a. way |
| 2. researchers are from a science | b. of producing chemicals |
| 3. an untapped source of natural | c. strategies |
| 4. pave the | d. and viruses |
| 5. diagnostic and therapeutic | e. antibiotics |
| 6. a bodily function that | f. an unknown part |
| 7. It is capable | g. recycles proteins |
| 8. kill bacteria | h. institute |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The researchers focused | a. growth |
| 2. These are amino acid | b. interventions |
| 3. therapeutic | c. mechanism |
| 4. Peptides help to | d. our body |
| 5. halt their | e. compounds |
| 6. We discovered a novel | f. class |
| 7. It's happening throughout | g. on peptides |
| 8. generates a whole new | h. create defences |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The researchers focused on peptides. These are amino (7) _____ keep our immune system strong. The scientists said peptides could provide "therapeutic interventions in (8) _____ immune-compromised conditions". Peptides help to create defences against bacteria and (9) _____. Dr Merbl said: "We discovered a (10) _____ immunity that is allowing us to have a defence against bacterial infection." She added: "It's happening (11) _____, in all the cells, and generates a (12) _____ of potential natural antibiotics."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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OUR IMMUNE SYSTEM SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about our immune system in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

