

TASK 1. Look at the infographic. Which fact is the most interesting? Tell your partner.

HEART TRIVIA

Today, the heart can be used as an emoticon, for example on Facebook. Just hold down the Alt key and press 3 on your Num Pad.

Laughing is healthy because when you laugh, your heart sends 20% more blood around your body.

An average adult's heart is the size of two fists.

An average human heart beats 100,000 times a day.

The heart shape started to represent the concept of love in the Middle Ages.

In English, the symbol of the heart can be used to replace the verb 'love', for example 'I love you'.

The shape that we now know as the symbol of love was used only as a symbol of a leaf in the past.

The symbol of the heart also represents 'life' and 'health', for example in computer games. This use of the symbol first appeared in the game The Legend of Zelda in 1986.

TASK 2. In the infographic, find words for the definitions below:

1. – typical, ordinary
2. – the red substance that we have in our bodies
3. – a shape you make with your hand when you're very angry
4. – the action that the heart does to pump blood
5. – a symbol showing feelings, used in electronic communications
6. – something that trees lose in winter
7. – the period of European history from the 5th to the 15th century

Student's Worksheet B

The shape of the heart

TASK 3. Find the answers to the questions in the infographic. Write them down on a separate piece of paper.

1. What did the shape of the heart use to represent in the ancient past?
2. When did the shape of the heart start to be the symbol of love?
3. What concepts does the shape of the heart represent today?
4. When was the symbol of the heart first used in a game to mean 'life'?
5. What do you have to do to type ♥ in a Facebook post?
6. How big is an average heart of a grown-up?
7. How many times does an average human heart beat?
8. Why is laughter healthy for the body?

TASK 4. Work in pairs. One person looks at the infographic, the other one only looks at the questions in Task 3. The person who looks at the questions reads them out and tries to remember the answers. The person who looks at the infographic helps and checks the answers.

Task 5. Use the notes that you made in Task 3 but do not look back at the infographic. Write a text about the heart using some of the information that you learned.
