THE IMMUNE SYSTEM

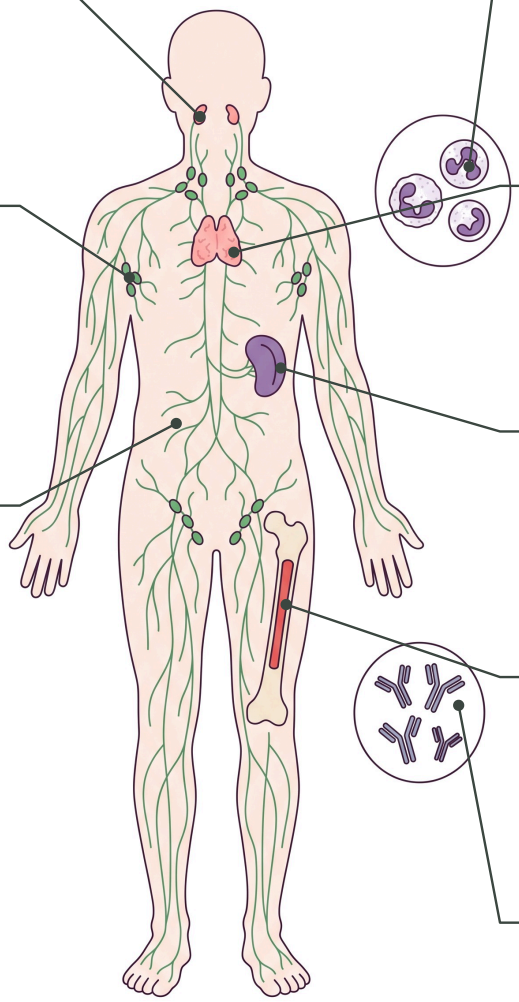
HUMAN BODY *What each part does*

The immune system is the body's defense network. It finds and destroys germs before they can make you ill.

Tonsils
Two lumps of tissue at the back of the throat. They trap germs.

Lymph Nodes
Small bean-shaped filters that trap germs. They can swell when you are sick.

Lymphatic Vessels
Thin tubes that collect fluid from the body's tissues and return it to the blood.



White Blood Cells
The cells that find and destroy germs.

Thymus
An organ in the upper chest. It helps T cells mature.

Spleen
An organ in the upper belly. It filters the blood.

Bone Marrow
The soft tissue inside bones. All blood cells are made here.

Antibodies
Y-shaped proteins that stick to a germ and mark it to be destroyed.