The Immune Response to Infection

Component of the Immune System	Action	Interacts with
Macrophage	 Circulates in the blood and lymph Engulfs viruses, bacteria, infected cells that display the antigen on the surface. Inserts engulfed viral antigen (protein) on their own surface membrane. Signals to other immune cells (T-cells and B-cells) Stimulates helper T cells to bind to the viral antigen on the macrophage surface causing the macrophage to release a protein called interleukin-1 Interleukin-1 stimulates helper T cells to divide. Engulfs viruses, bacteria, or infected cells coated in the antibody. 	 viruses bacteria an infected host cell displaying viral antigen on its surface helper T cells viruses, bacteria, or infected cells with antibodies bound to antigens
Helper T Cell	 Originates in bone marrow, matures in thymus gland (thus the "T" in T cell). Circulates in blood and lymph Recognizes bacteria, and viruses by the proteins found on their surfaces. Recognizes viral and bacterial antigens on macrophage's surface. Binds to viral and bacterial antigens on a macrophage, causing macrophage to release a chemical substance interleukin-1, which stimulates helper T cells to divide. Releases activating factor, interleukin-2, which stimulates other T cells and B cells to divide Part of cell-mediated response. 	 macrophages killer T cells B cells
Killer (Cytotoxic) T Cell	 Originates in bone marrow, matures in thymus gland (thus the "T" in T cell). Circulates in blood and lymph Arrives at infection when macrophages send out signal. Activated by interleukin released from helper T cells. Destroys virus infected cells that display viral antigens on their surface by injecting toxic chemicals into them. Part of cell-mediated response 	 infected host cell displaying viral antigen on its surface

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B Cell	 Originates in bone marrow (thus the "B" in B cell) Circulates in blood and lymph Binds to viruses or bacteria through antibodies on B-cell surface Binds to viral fragments found on infected cell surface. Secretes antibodies that recognize viral and bacterial antigens Stimulated to divide by T-cell interleukin 	 viruses bacteria host cell with viral antigens displayed on its surface
Antibody	 Produced by B cells. Recognizes specific antigen Binds to viruses, preventing viruses from infecting cells Binds to viral antigens on the surface of infected host cells and tags those cells for destruction Stimulates macrophages to engulf viruses, bacteria, and cells with antigens that have antibodies bound to them. 	 viruses bacteria antigens on infected cells
Memory B Cell	 Formed by B cell activated by interactions with antigens Remains after infection. Responds rapidly when encountering the same antigen again. If identical viruses or bacteria infect the body again, the antibody on the memory B cell binds to the viruses or bacteria and marks them for destruction. The pathogen is destroyed before infection is established. 	 viruses and bacteria that have infected the body before