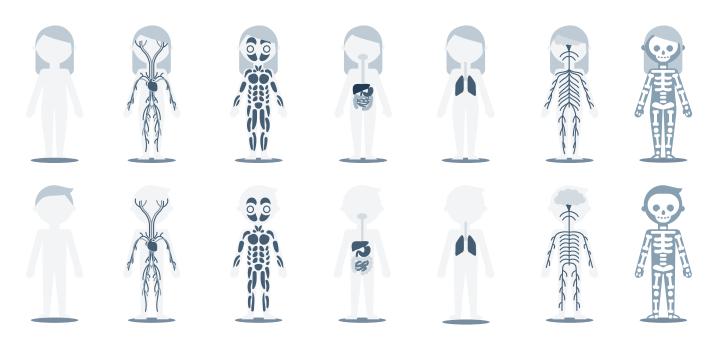
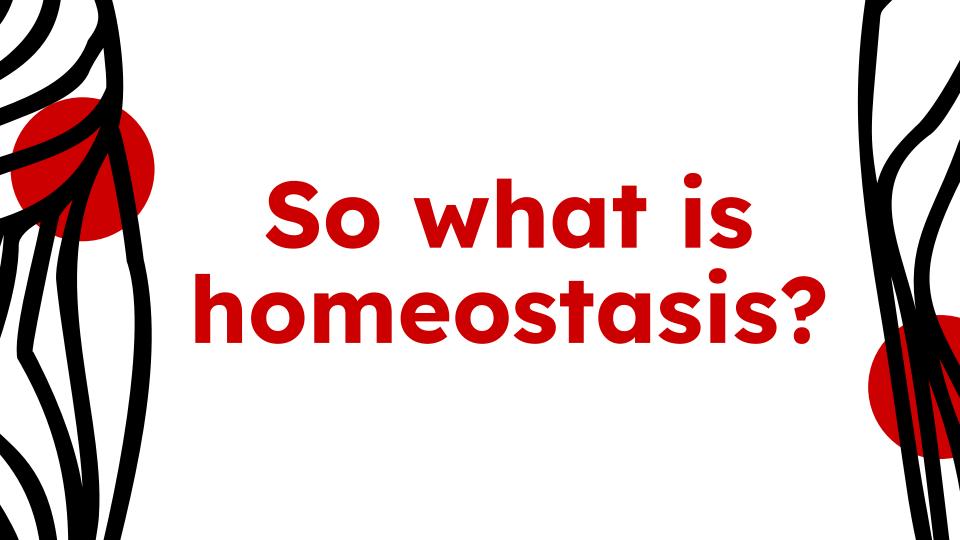


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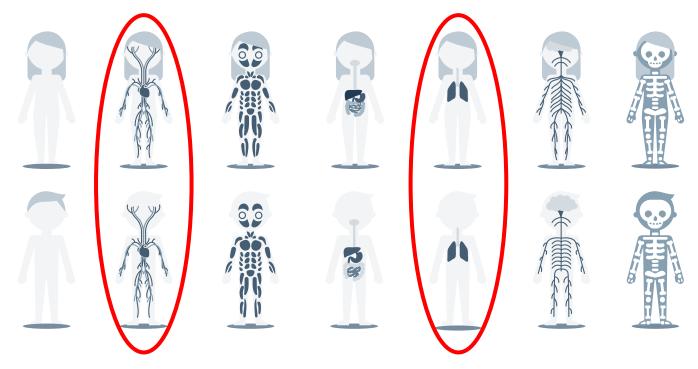
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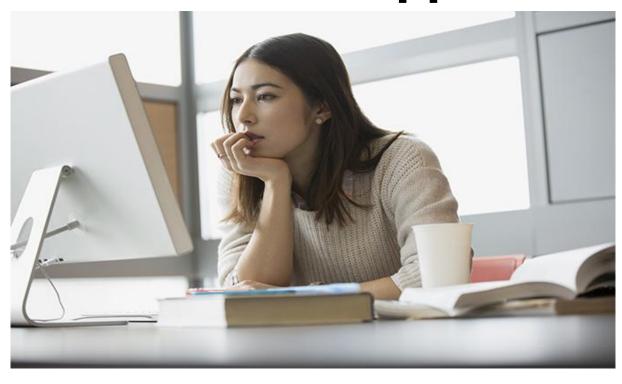














What is homeostasis?



Life's Edge by Carl Zimmer

"All the vital mechanisms, however varied they may be, have only one object, that of preserving constant the conditions of life in the internal environment." So wrote the French biologist Claude Bernard in 1865. Bernard observed that our internal environment is mostly water. When our body's water supply starts running low, we get thirsty, causing us to replenish it. In 1926 the Harvard physiologist Walter B Cannon updated Bernard's concept and gave it is modern name: homeostasis.

How do the systems work together to keep you alive?

