

(3D structure of the protein myoglobin)

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## **PRESENT PERFECT (use 'have' / 'has')**

What interesting things **have you done** in your life? **Have you visited** any interesting cities or other places? **Have you travelled** abroad? Where? **Have you met** any interesting people? What's the best restaurant / pizzeria /bar **you have been** to? Etc.

## **PAST SIMPLE (use 'did' / 'does')**

What interesting things **did you do** last Saturday and Sunday? **Did you return home** or **did you stay** in Cagliari? Where **did you go**? Who **did you speak** to? What things **did you** read? What music **did you listen** to?

# TODAY'S LESSON

- 1) Pronunciation: consonants (voiced and unvoiced)
- 2) General English Lexis: The environment (**book 594-97**)
- 3) Grammar: verbs for talking about the future (**book 162-76, 186-88**)
- 4) Lexis for Biology: Atoms, isotopes and carbon-based molecules

# The Phonetic Symbols of English

Vowels

Diphthongs

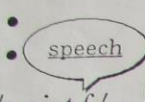











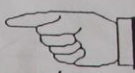








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Consonants










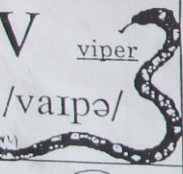

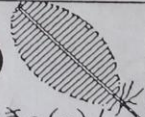


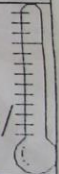








# MONOPHTHONGS (1)

# DIPHTHONGS (2)

VOWELS

<p><b>i:</b>    /spi:tʃ/   see</p>	<p><b>I</b>    /pɪg/   pig</p>	<p><b>U</b>    /bʊks/   good books</p>	<p><b>u:</b>    /mu:n/   two moon</p>	<p><b>ɪə</b>    /tʃɪə(r)z/   here cheers</p>	<p><b>eɪ</b>    /pleɪn/   eight plane</p>	<p><b>X</b> </p>
<p><b>e</b>    /eksreɪ/   egg X-ray</p>	<p><b>ə</b>    /ə'merɪkə/   America</p>	<p><b>ɜ:</b>    /bɜ:d/   her bird</p>	<p><b>ɔ:</b>    /kɔ:k/   four cork</p>	<p><b>ʊə</b>    /tʊəɪst/   cure tourist</p>	<p><b>ɔɪ</b>    /pɔɪnt/   boy point</p>	<p><b>əʊ</b>    /bəʊt/   no boat</p>
<p><b>æ</b>    /kæt/   cat</p>	<p><b>ʌ</b>    /kʌp/   up cup</p>	<p><b>ɑ:</b>    /mɑ:sk/   ask mask</p>	<p><b>ɒ</b>    /bɒt(ə)l/   oil bottle</p>	<p><b>eə</b>    /tʃeə(r)/   there chair</p>	<p><b>aɪ</b>    /klaɪmə(r)/   my climber</p>	<p><b>aʊ</b>    /kaʊ/   now cow</p>

CONSONANTS

<p><b>p</b>    /prezənt/   pen present</p>	<p><b>b</b>    /beɪbɪ/   bee baby</p>	<p><b>t</b>    /tɔ:k/   tea talk</p>	<p><b>d</b>    /drɔ:/   do draw</p>	<p><b>tʃ</b>    /tʃi:z/   chair cheese</p>	<p><b>dʒ</b>    /dʒə'pæn/   just Japan</p>	<p><b>k</b>    /kæʃ/   can cash</p>	<p><b>g</b>    /greɪps/   go grapes</p>
<p><b>f</b>    /fɪʃ/   live fish</p>	<p><b>v</b>    /vaɪpə/   van viper</p>	<p><b>θ</b>    /θri:/   thing three</p>	<p><b>ð</b>    /feðə(r)/   was feather</p>	<p><b>s</b>    /sætən/   so Saturn</p>	<p><b>z</b> 1-1=     /zi:rəʊ/   zero shoe</p>	<p><b>ʒ</b>    /meʒə(r)/   clear measure</p>	
<p><b>m</b>    /meɪl/   me mail</p>	<p><b>n</b>    /nju:z/   mine news</p>	<p><b>ŋ</b>    /wɪŋ/   long Wing</p>	<p><b>h</b>    /hɑ:t/   home heart</p>	<p><b>l</b>    /legz/   love legs</p>	<p><b>r</b>    /rə'ku:n/   right racoon</p>	<p><b>w</b>    /wɜ:ld/   we world</p>	<p><b>j</b>    /jes/   yes</p>



# Pronunciation: consonants

Unvoiced: /s/ /p/ /t/ /k/ /f/ ...

No use of vocal cords

Voiced: /z/ /b/ /d/ /g/ /v/ ...

Use of vocal cords

# Lexis for General English

La natura = English?

L'ambiente = English ?

# Lexis for General English

La natura = John was interested in ~~the~~ nature, ~~the~~ wildlife and ~~the~~ birds

L'ambiente = Industrial development is causing widespread damage to the environment

# The Environment (book 554-55)

1. A belief that animals should be treated well by people. Sometimes it is argued they should not be used for scientific experiments.
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3. All the plants and animals in a particular area, considered as a system with parts that depend on one another.
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3. All the plants and animals in a particular area, considered as a system with parts that depend on one another. **ecosystem**
4. A gas without colour or smell, produced when you breathe out or when substances containing carbon are burnt. **carbon dioxide (andride carbonica)**

## The Environment (book 554-55)

5. A poisonous gas without colour or smell, produced by the engines of vehicles.

6. The fact that the Earth is getting hotter because of carbon dioxide and other gases in the atmosphere is called the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ .

7. Your carbon \_\_\_\_\_ is the sum of all emissions of greenhouse gases like CO<sub>2</sub> (carbon dioxide), which were caused by your activities in a given time frame.

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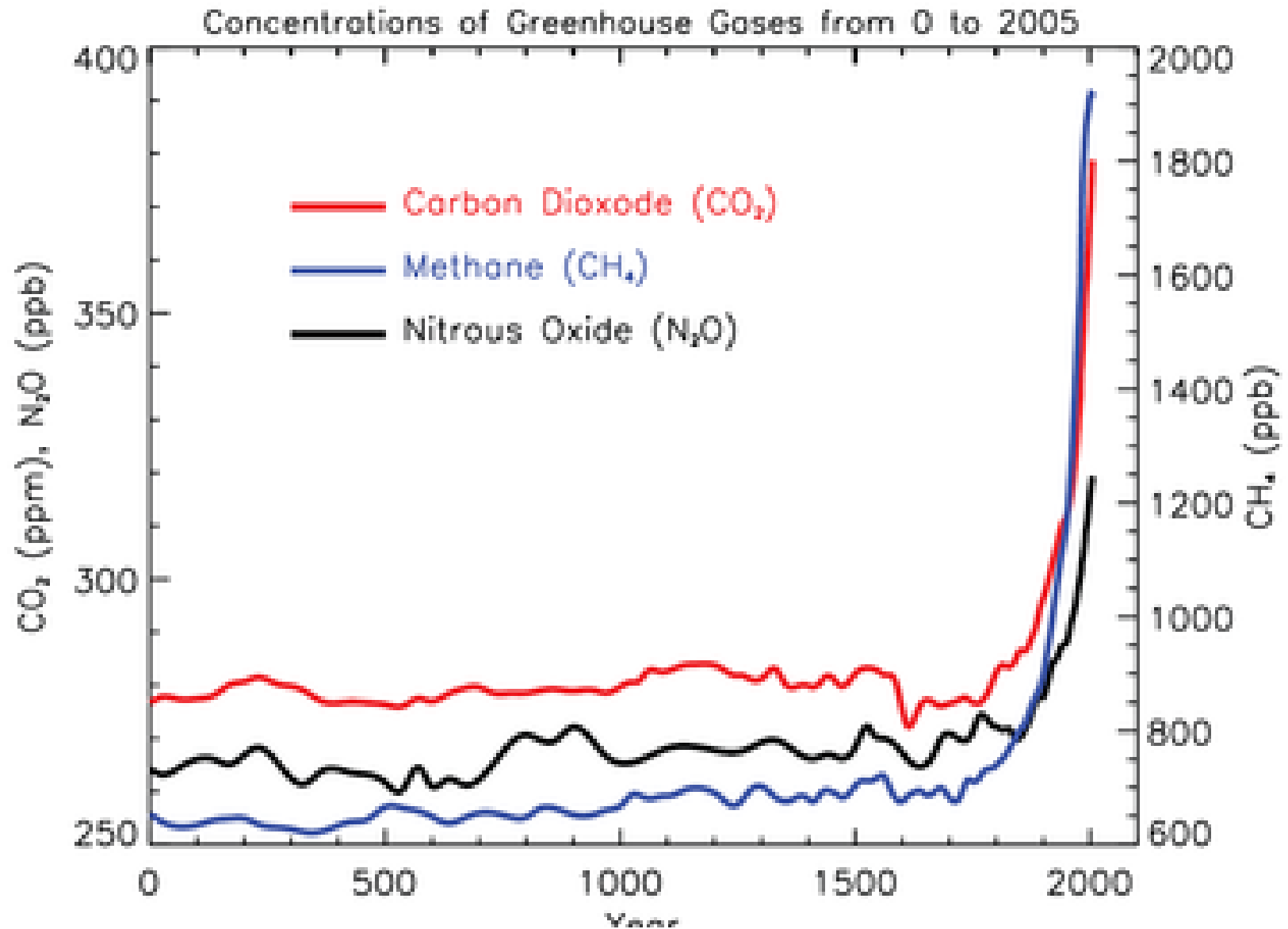
5. A poisonous gas without colour or smell, produced by the engines of vehicles. **carbon monoxide (monossido di carbonio)**

6. The fact that the Earth is getting hotter because of carbon dioxide and other gases in the atmosphere is called the **greenhouse effect** or **global warming**.

7. Your carbon **footprint** is the sum of all emissions of greenhouse gases like CO<sub>2</sub> (carbon dioxide), which were caused by your activities in a given time frame.

8. Benzina senza piombo. **Unleaded petrol.**

# The Environment





# The Environment (book 554-55)

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8. Pioggia acida

9. Uragano

10. Plants grown for food, usually on a farm.

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7. Inquinare / Inquinamento **Pollute / Pollution**
8. Pioggia acida **Acid rain**
9. Uragano **Hurricane**
10. Plants grown for food, usually on a farm. **Crops**
11. A long period of time when there is little or no rain and crops die. **Drought**
12. A serious lack of food that continues for a long time and causes many people in a country to become ill or die. **Famine**
13. Last year, the **drought** caused **crop** failure and led to widespread **famine**.

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14. A type of animal or plant that may soon become extinct (specie in via di estinzione)

15. A large amount of water that covers an area that was dry before. (The southwest of England has been badly hit by \_\_\_\_\_s.)

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16. Come pensi che l'uomo vivrà fra vent'anni? **How do you think people will be living in twenty years' time?**

17. Sono dell'opinione che fra cinquant'anni tutta l'energia sarà ad alimentare solare. **I'm of the opinion that in fifty years all energy will be solar powered.**

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If plastic is thrown away in landfills, it takes 450 years to decompose.

# GRAMMAR: PLAN OF COURSE

Lesson:

- 1: overview of exam
2. verbs to talk about the present
- 3: verbs to talk about the past
- 4: **TODAY: verbs to talk about the future**
- 5: modal verbs, passive forms, infinitive and ing- form
- 6: countable / uncountable quantities, articles and comparisons
- 7: zero, first and second conditionals (= periodo ipotetico)
- 8: Word order, relative clauses and subordinate clauses

Grammar: talking about the future. Going to / present continuous / will (book 162-76, 186-88)

When do we use these different verbs for the future?

She looks unhappy. **She's going to** cry.

**I'm going to** wear my new clothes on Saturday.

**Mary's meeting** Peter tomorrow at 8.30.

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She looks unhappy. **She's going to** cry. (= A future event or action that seems certain because of evidence that we can see now)

**I'm going to** wear my new clothes on Saturday. (= An intention or decision made before the moment of speaking)

**Mary's meeting** Peter tomorrow at 8.30. (= An arrangement made for a particular time in the future.)



**Grammar: talking about the future. Going to / present continuous / will (book 162-76, 186-88)**

The melting of Artic sea ice **will create** more possibilities for oil exploration. (A simple future fact.)

(In a bar) **I'll have** a coffee, please. (A decision, that we make now, at the moment of speaking.)

## **Example of 'will' as a simple, future fact.**

In December 2015, in Paris, many countries in the world agreed to reduce global warming to below 2°C. But even if a drastic and immediate effort is made to reduce emissions (= the burning of fossil fuels), it **will** be necessary to do something more to stop the ice at the North Pole from disappearing (melting) completely in summer, possibly by 2030. This loss of summer Arctic sea ice **will** have the following three negative consequences.

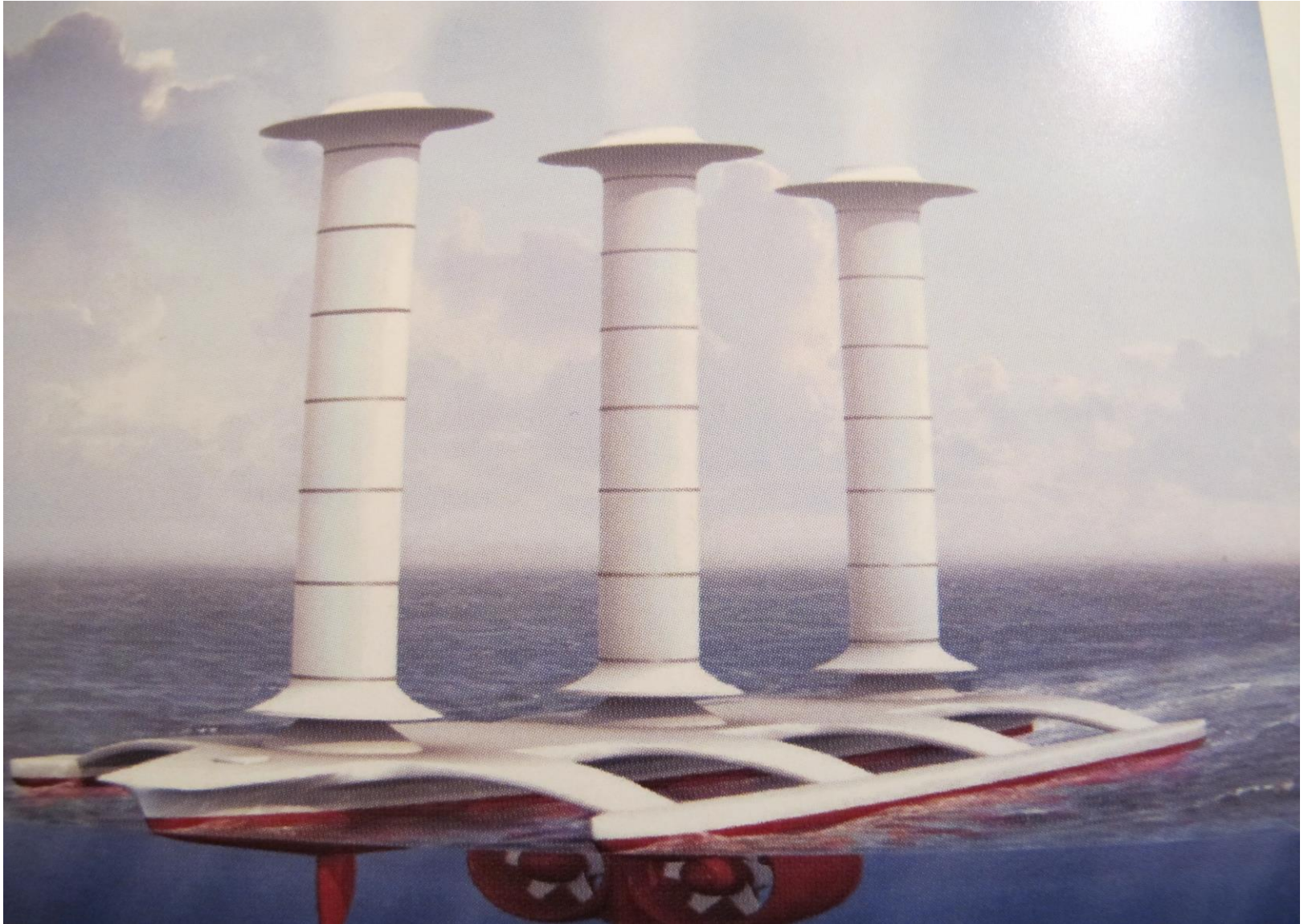
## Examples of 'will' as a simple, future fact.

First, it will endanger many species, from polar bears to fish. Second, it **will** also cause further global warming. It will release more carbon-based gases such as carbon dioxide and methane into the atmosphere, and it **will** remove the ice that reflects solar radiation back into space. Third, it will disrupt weather patterns in the northern hemisphere. (A reduction of the difference between the temperature at the North Pole and the equator **will** affect wind patterns.)

## Examples of 'going to' for a decision made before the moment of speaking.

Example: Imagine it is now 2025. What **are** the scientists and politicians **going to** do? Answer: Some are going to use wind pumps to bring very cold water under the surface of the sea to the surface. It will freeze and thicken the ice. Others **are going to** spray aerosol particles into the stratosphere so that they directly reflect sunlight back into space and produce a cooling effect. Others **are going to** spray sea water into the atmosphere above the North Pole. This will create clouds that will also reflect sunlight back into space and produce a cooling effect.

# Injection of water particles into clouds



Imagine it is still 2025. You and your colleagues are political leaders or eminent scientists (geo-engineers). What are you going to do about climate change (and the melting of the ice)? Discuss the following proposals:

Make people pay for their carbon footprints ||  
Increase the price of petrol and diesel || Install solar panels on all houses || Make Agip, Esso, Q8 and other fossil-fuel companies pay more taxes ||  
Develop clean bio-fuels || Reduce low-cost flights || Design and use cheap electric cars || Turn Sardinia into a wind farm || Spray water into the atmosphere above the North Pole || Something else

What are you doing tomorrow? I'm seeing my friend at 8.30 (Use **present continuous** for an arrangement made for a particular time in the future)

What are you going to do after you graduate in biology? / get your degree in biology? I'm going to be a nurse. (Use **going to** for an intention or decision made before the moment of speaking)

**What are they going to do this evening?** (Use **going to** for a future event or action that seems certain because of evidence that we can see now)





Lexis for biology (read *Scientific American*)

## **Atoms, isotopes and carbon-based molecules**

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What is “mass”? In physics, mass is defined as a measure of a body’s resistance to changes in  $v$  \_\_\_\_\_ (‘inertial mass’), and also of the  $f$  \_\_\_\_\_ experienced in a gravitational field (‘gravitational mass’).

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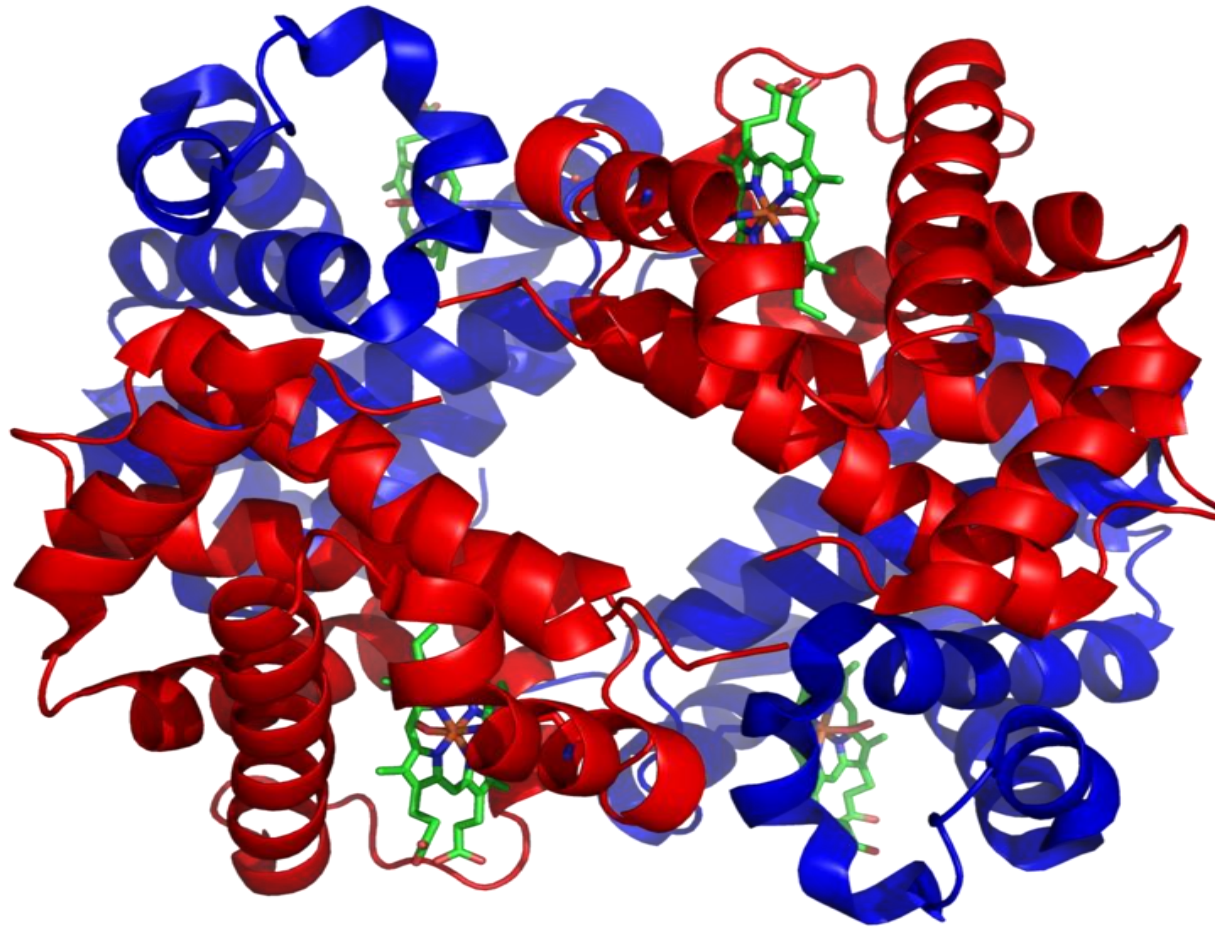
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# 3D structure hemoglobin



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