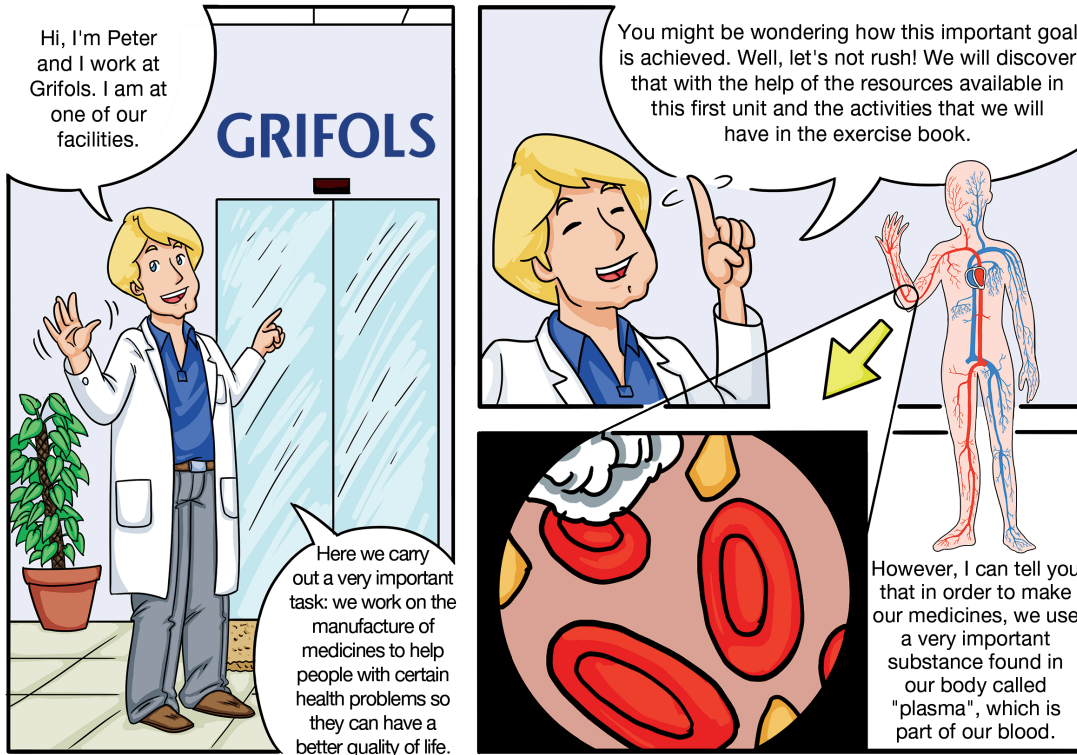


UNIT 1

COMIC 1.1



Hi, I'm Peter and I work at Grifols. I am at one of our facilities.

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Here we carry out a very important task: we work on the manufacture of medicines to help people with certain health problems so they can have a better quality of life.

You might be wondering how this important goal is achieved. Well, let's not rush! We will discover that with the help of the resources available in this first unit and the activities that we will have in the exercise book.

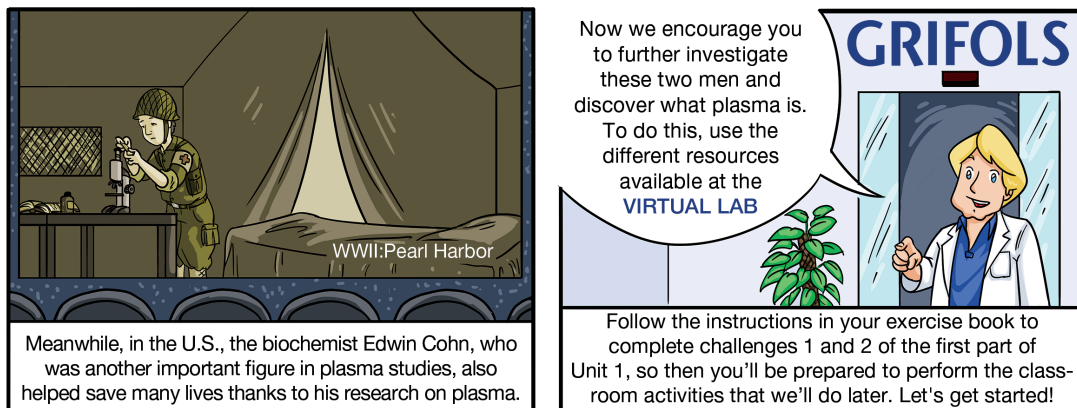
However, I can tell you that in order to make our medicines, we use a very important substance found in our body called "plasma", which is part of our blood.



All the achievements and procedures carried out at Grifols wouldn't have been possible without José Antonio Grifols' research.

HISTORY OF GRIFOLS

In the mid 20th century, the Spanish researcher published pioneering studies in Europe about the importance of separating the plasma from the blood of a donor, in order to use the properties of this substance.



Now we encourage you to further investigate these two men and discover what plasma is. To do this, use the different resources available at the **VIRTUAL LAB**.

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Meanwhile, in the U.S., the biochemist Edwin Cohn, who was another important figure in plasma studies, also helped save many lives thanks to his research on plasma.

Follow the instructions in your exercise book to complete challenges 1 and 2 of the first part of Unit 1, so then you'll be prepared to perform the classroom activities that we'll do later. Let's get started!