

I. Po przeczytaniu tekstu zaznacz, czy dane stwierdzenie jest prawdziwe (+) czy fałszywe (-).

- 1) In the past drawing blood was a universal medicine.
- 2) Leeches were also good for fat people.
- 3) Live leeches make blood flow again in blocked capillaries.
- 4) An extract from leeches makes blood clot.
- 5) They are using leeches to produce new medicaments.
- 6) Some compounds are being tested to treat haemorrhoids.
- 7) Live leeches are used as contraceptives.

LEECHES MAKE A COMEBACK

Doctors once used live leeches to draw blood as a cure for everything from fevers to obesity. Now surgeons in Europe are experimenting with live leeches to get blood to flow again in blocked capillaries. This lowly, unloved creature is also being used to produce new drugs. An extract from leeches that prevents blood clotting is used to treat piles, rheumatism and acne. Other compounds are being tested as local anaesthetics and drugs to relieve migraine.

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