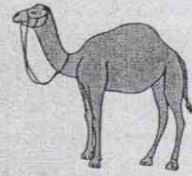


Whenever blood has been shed in a criminal act, the identification and typing of the blood stains are of primary importance to the crime scene investigator. The ABO blood groups are used to screen out possible suspects involved in the crime. The first step in the investigation is to distinguish the bloodstains from other similar looking compounds such as fruit juices, jam, chemicals, paint, etc. Secondly, along with a number of sophisticated tests to determine the sex of the individual from which the blood came, and the age of the blood stain, a simple blood typing test is also performed. Although a positive match of the suspect's blood type is not sufficient to convict someone of a crime, it is one type of evidence that is often obtained during a crime investigation.



DID YOU KNOW?

Camels and their relatives are the only mammals having oval red blood cells.