

## **IRON** Why red meat is a good source

- It is **rich in the type of iron (hemeiron)** that is the easiest for the body to absorb.
- It contains more iron than any other meat protein.
- Because **the iron is easily absorbed**, you get much more from a serving than from other food types e.g. leafy green vegetables (which are non-heme iron).





Iron needs are higher in women during their **reproductive years.** 



Iron-rich foods are recommended from **6 months of age** to support growth and development.



Coffee & tea can inhibit the absorption of iron so avoid drinking them during or straight after your meal.



Vitamin C can enhance the absorption of iron so try adding citrus fruits or leafy greens to your meals containing beef.

## Health benefits

Helps reduce tiredness and fatigue.

Supports the immune system.

