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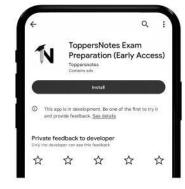
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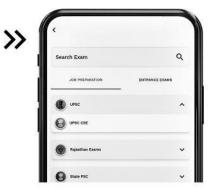
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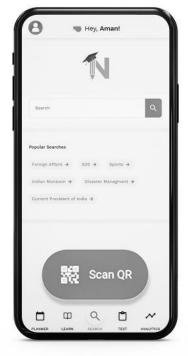
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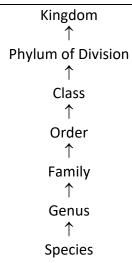
Organisms

- A living thing with an organized structure that can:
 - React to stimuli
 - Reproduce
 - o Grow
 - Adapt
 - O Maintain homeostasis.
- Classified by taxonomy into groups:
 - O Multicellular animals, plants, and fungi or unicellular microorganisms
 - o Eg. protists, bacteria, and archaea.
- All organisms made of cells.

Classification of Organisms

| Based on the number of cells | Based on the subcellular structure | |
|--|--|--|
| Single-celled: Bacteria, archaea, and protists | Eukaryotes: Having a well-defined nucleus with | |
| Multicellular: Animals and Plants | genetic material. | |
| | Prokaryotes: Without nucleus but possess | |
| | genetic material in a nucleoid. | |

Hierarchy of Classification- Groups



- **Hierarchy sequence of categories** in a **decreasing** or **increasing order** from kingdom to species and vice versa.
- Kingdom (highest rank) followed by division, class, order, family, genus and species (lowest rank).
 - 1. Species:





• Group of population similar in form, shape and reproductive features so that fertile sibling can be produced.

2. Genus:

- A group of similar species.
- Genera having only one species monotypic.
- Genera having more than one species polytypic.
- Eg. Lion & tiger are quite similar species placed under genus Panthera.

3. Family:

- Collection of similar genera.
- Separated from genera by reproductive and vegetative features.
- Eg. cats and leopard family Felidae.

4. Order:

- One or more than one similar families constitute order.
- Eg. Family Felidae are included in the order Carnivora.

5. Class:

- One or more than one order makes a class.
- Eg. Class Mammalia includes all mammals bats, rodents, kangaroos, whales, great apes and man.

6. Phylum:

- Collection of similar classes.
- Eg. Phylum chordata of animals has class Mammalia along with birds, reptiles and amphibians.

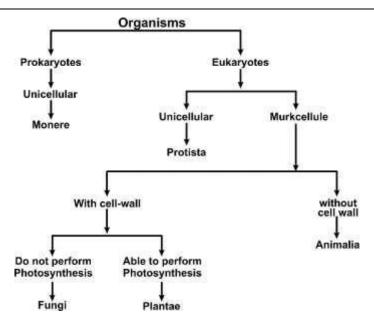
7. Kingdom:

- Top most taxonomic category.
- Eg. all animals are included in Kingdom Animalia.

Taxon

Unit that denotes grouping of organisms based on observable features.

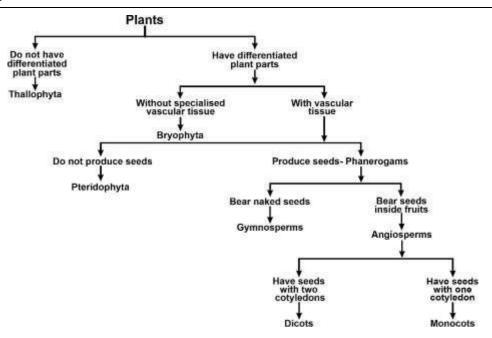
5 Kingdom classification





| Comparison of Five Kingdom | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| Criteria | Monera | Protista | Fungi | Plantae | Animalia |
| Cell Type | Prokaryotic | Eukaryotic | Eukaryotic | Eukaryotic | Eukaryotic |
| Leval of | Unicellular | Unicellular | Multicellular | Tissue/organ | Tissue organ/ |
| organisation | | | and | | organ system |
| | | | unicellular | | |
| Cell wall | Present (made up | Present in some | Present | Present (made | Absent |
| | of peptidoglycan | (made up of | (made up of | up of cellulose) | |
| | and | cellulose, absent | chitin or | | |
| | mucopeptides) | in other) | cellulose) | | |
| Nutrition | Autotrophic | Autotrophic | Hetetrophic, | Autrophic | Heterotrophic |
| | (Phototrophic, | photosynthetic | Parastic or | (photosynthetic) | (holozoic) |
| | Chemoautrophic) | Hetetrophic | saprophytic | | |
| | Hetetrophic | | | | |
| | parastic and | | | | |
| | saprophytic) | | | | |
| Motility | Motile or non- | Motile or non- | Non-motile | Mostly Non- | Mostly motile |
| | motile | motile | / ` | motile | |
| Organisms | Archaebacteria, | Chrysophytes, | Yeast, | Algae, | Sponges, |
| | Eubacteria, | Dinoflagellates, | Mushrooms, | Bryophytes, | Invertebrates |
| | Cyanbacteria, | Euglanoids, | and molds | Pteridophytes, | and |
| | Actinomycetes | Slime molds, | | Gymnosperm | vertebrates |
| | and mycoplasma | Amoeba, | $\Delta \Box$ | and Angiosperm | |
| | ~ /4 | Plasmodium, | | | |
| | | Trypanosoma, | - + | t amman i | 10.1.011 |
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Plantae Kingdom





1. Thallophyta

- Unique features:
 - Plants that do not have well-differentiated body design.
 - Commonly called algae.
 - Predominantly aquatic.
 - o **Eg.** Spirogyra, Ulothrix, Cladophora, Ulva and Chara.
- Reproduction: No specialised reproduction process

2. Bryophyta

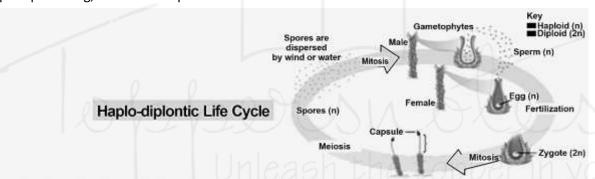
Bryophyta

- Amphibians of plant kingdom
- Grow in terrestrial environment but depend on water for reproduction
- Grow in moist & shady areas
- Responsible for plant succession on bare rocks
- Habitat: Arid forests, rainforests, apart from the alpine habitats
- Grow on rocks, soil, tree trunks, bones, rotting wood etc.

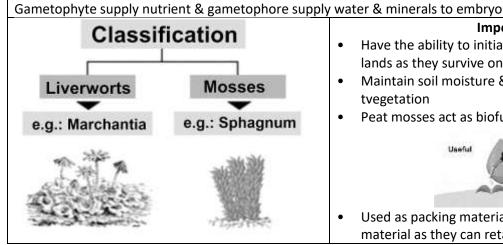


Unique Bryophyta

- Length: Few millimetre to 1 m •
- Partially differentiated body, lacking true roots, leaves & stem
- Root-like structure called rhizoid present, body is more thallus-like & haploid
- Spore producing, non-vascular plants



- Exhibit haplo-diplontic life cycle
- Reproduction: Sex organs are multicellular. Antheridium is the male sex organ while archegonium is the female sex organ → Antheridium produces antherozoids with 2 flagella & archegonium produces single
 - Antherozoid released in water come in contact with archegonium (i)
 - (ii) Male & female gametes fuse to form zygote which remains in archegonium for some time.
 - (iii) Mitosis of zygote forms embryonic sporopyte that is covered & proteced by calyptra
- Meiosis occurs in sporophyte to produce haploid spores which germinate to produce gametophyte



Importance

- Have the ability to initiate soil formation in barren lands as they survive on bare rocks.
- Maintain soil moisture & replenism nutrients in fores tvegetation
- Peat mosses act as biofuel & are economically useful



Used as packing material for shipment of living material as they can retain water.



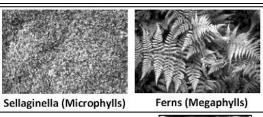
3. Pteridophyta

Pteridophyta

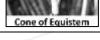
- Family of ferns & horsetails
- Called cryptogams as they don't bear flowers & seeds.
- First group of terrestrial vascular plants.
- Found in damp and shady places.
- Ferns are grown as ornamental plants.

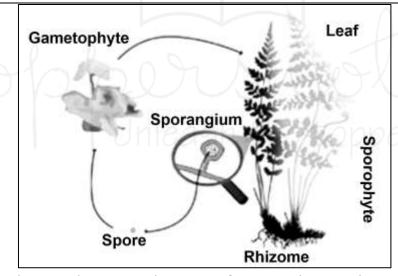
Unique Featuers

- Length: Mostly short but few grow tall upto few metres.
- Plant body is differentiated into true roots, leaves &
- Leaves can be small (microphylls) or large (megaphylls)
- Sporangia bear leaf-like appendages sporophyll
- Sporophylls form compact structure called cones or strobili in som plants.
- Reproduction: Show true alternation of generation.









- Dominant sporophyte produce spores by meiosis & gametophyte produces gametes by mitosis.
- Sporangia produce spores in the spore mother cells that germinate to give gametophytes.
- Gametophytes are free-living, multicellular, photosynthetic Prothallus
- Male sex organ anteridia produce antherozoids & female sex organ is archegonia.
- Reproduction procedure.
 - o Antherozoids are released in water and come in contact with archegonia.
 - o Gametes fuse in the archegonium to produce zygote
 - Zygote produces sporophyte after division.
- Spores: Homosporous or heterosporous
- In heterosporous plants, microspore & megaspore give rise to male & female gametephyte respectively.



4. Gymnosperms

Gymnosprem:

- Consist of pines & deodar
- Gymno-naked: sperma seed
- Plants with naked seeds that do not bear flower & fruits
- Seeds are visible as cones & develop on surface of reproductive structure.







Unique Features

- Wind is the major source of pollination.
- Leangth: Medium to large tree & few are shrubs
- Vascular & Complete differentiation into leaves, steam & roots
 - Leaves: Needle-like with thick cuticle & sunken stomata.

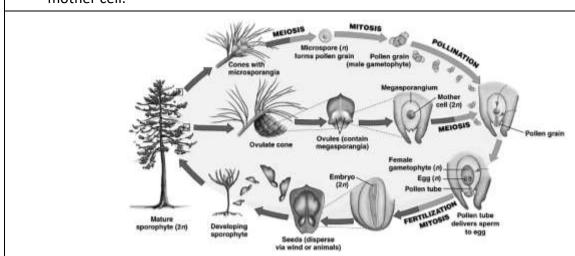


Roots

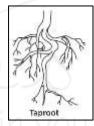
- Taproot system
- Some from mycorrhiza (e.g. pinus)
- Some form specialized roots called coralloids roots (e.g. Cycas)

Reproduction:

- Male & female cones can be same (e.g. Pinus) or different (e.g. : cycas) plants.
- Heterosporous plants that produce haploid microspores & megaspores.
- Male cones: Contain microsporophyll, few of which develop into pollen grains & rest degenerate.
- Female Cones: Several megasporophyll cluster to form female cone.
- Female cone bears ovule with megasporangium & give rise to haploid megaspores & a megaspore mother cell.









5. Angiosperms

Angiosperms

- The family of flowering platns.
- Vascular fauna dominating across the globe.
- Called phanerogams due to the presence of flowers
- Seeds (ovules) are enclosed inside hollow ovary (which forms the fruit)

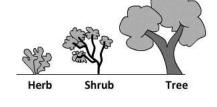


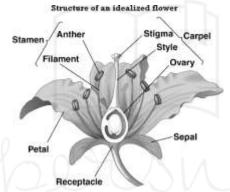
Unique Features

- Well differentiated plant body with fully developed root & shoot system.
- Survive in various habitats.
- Length: Microscopic Wolfia to > 100 m tall Eucalphytus
- Vast diversity including woody trees, shrubs & herbs.
- Leaves, steam & roots are adapted as per habitat

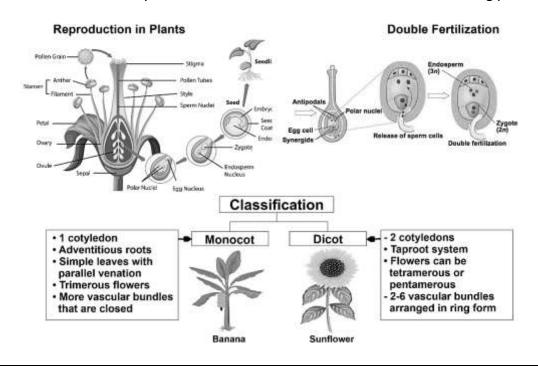
Reproduction:

Flower is the reproductive structure can be unisexual or bisexual





- Alternation of genetation haploid gametophyte alternates with the diploid sporophyte.
- Double fertilization is characteristic to Angiosperms Syngamy & triple fusion.
- Post-fertilization ovary forms the fruit & ovules form the seeds & remaining parts with off.



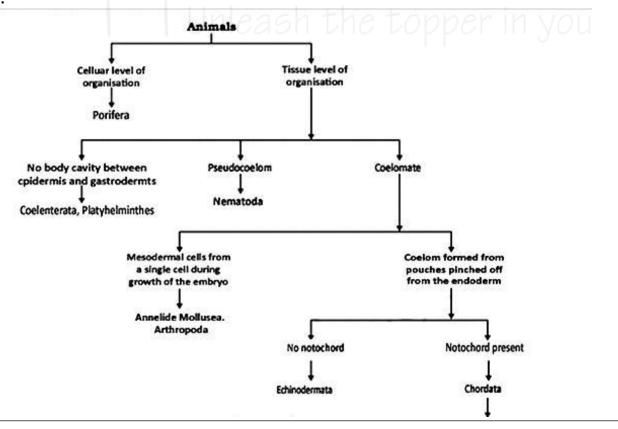


Vascular and Nonvascular Plants

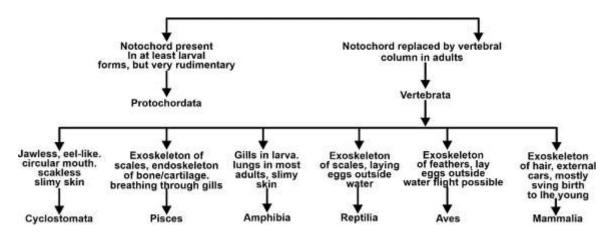
| | Vascular Plants | Non - Vascular Plants |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| Definition | Possess vascular system to conduct | Lack vascular systems |
| | food and water throughout the plant | |
| Diversity | Higher | • Low |
| Vascular System | Present | • Absent |
| True stem, Roots & | • Yes | No; a stem and leaf-like |
| Leaves | | structures and rhizoids, instead |
| | | of true structures. |
| Plant Strength | Xylem tissues contain lignified tissues | No water conducting tissues |
| | provide support and rigidity to the | Tender and shorter than |
| | plant. | vascular plants |
| Reproduction | Sporophytes | Gametophytes |
| Examples | • Ferns, conifers, and flowering plants. | Bryophytes, including |
| | | liverworts, mosses, and |
| | | hornworts. |
| Drought Resistance | Almost all are drought resistant | Susceptible to drought. |
| | | Associated with swamps |

| Sporophytes | Gametophytes | |
|--|--|--|
| Use the process of meiosis | Use the process of mitosis | |
| Results- formation of spores | Results - production of gametes | |
| Diploid plants | Haploid plants | |
| Have two sets of chromosomes | Have a single set of chromosomes | |
| Reproduce asexually | Reproduce sexaully | |

Animalia:







1. Porifera

- Non mobile animals attached to some solid support.
- Holes or pores all over the body.
- A canal system circulating water throughout body to bring in food and O2.
- Mainly found in marine habitats.
- Commonly k/a sponges

2. Coelenterata

- Animals living in water.
- **Diploblastic**: body is made up of two layers of cells.
- Some live in colonies while others have a solitary life
- Eg. span (Hydra) jellyfish.

3. Platyhelminthes

- Triploblastic: 3 layers of cells from which different tissues can be made.
- Some degree of tissues formation.
- Either free living or parasitic.
- Eg. Planarians, liver flukes.

4. Nematode

- Bilaterally symmetrical and triploblastic.
- Body is cylindrical rather than flattened.
- Tissues, but no real organs,
- A sort of **body cavity** or a **pseudocoelom**, is **present**.
- K/a parasitic worms causing diseases, such as worms causing elephantiasis (filarial worms) or worms in the intestines (roundworm or pinworms).

5. Annelida

- Have true body cavity.
- Allows true organs to be packaged in body structure.
- Extensive organ differentiation.
- Eg- Earthworms, leeches.

6. Arthropods

- Open circulatory system and so the blood does not flow in well defined blood vessels.
- Have joint legs.
- Eg- prawns, butterflies, houseflies, spiders, scorpions and crabs.



7. Mollusca

- Have an open circulatory system and kidney like organs for excretion.
- Little segmentation.
- A foot is used for moving around.
- Eg- snails, and mussels, octopus.

8. Echinodermate

- **Spiny skinned** organisms.
- Exclusively free living marine animals.
- Have a water driven tube system that they use for moving around.
- Have hard calcium carbonate structure that they use as skeleton.
- Eg- starfish, sea cucumber.

9. Protochordats

- Marine animals.
- Eg. balanoglossus, hardemania and amphioxus.

10. Vertebratia

- Have a true vertebral column & internal skeleton.
- Bilaterally symmetrical
- Triploblastic
- Coelomic and segmented
- Complex differentiation of body tissues and organs.
- All chordates possess the following features:
 - o have a notochord
 - have a dorsal nerve cord
 - Triploblastic
 - Paired gill pouches
 - Coelomate.
- Grouped into six classes:

A. Cyclostomes

- Jawless vertebrates.
- Have an elongated eel-like body, circular mouth, slimy skin
- Scaleless.
- Ectoparasites or borers of other vertebrates.
- Eg. Petromyzon (Lamprey) and Myxine (Hagfish)

B. Pisces

- Exclusively aquatic animals.
- Skin is covered with scales/ plates.
- Obtain oxygen dissolved in water by using gills.
- Body is streamlined, and a muscular tail for movement. T
- Cold-blooded
- Hearts have only two chambers.
- Lay eggs.
- Eg. sharks, tuna or rohu



C. Amphibia

- No scales
- Have mucus glands in the skin,
- 3 chambered heart.
- Respiration through either gills or lungs.
- Lay eggs.
- Found both in water and on land.
- Eg. Frogs, toads and salamanders

D. Reptilia

- Cold-blooded
- Have scales and breathe through lungs.
- Most have a three-chambered heart
- Exception: crocodiles- 4 heart chambers.
- Lay eggs with tough coverings.
- Do not need to lay their eggs in water, unlike amphibians.
- Eg. Snakes, turtles, lizards and crocodiles

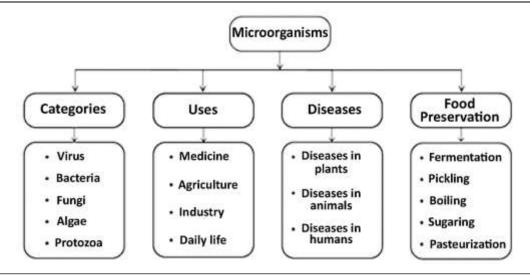
E. Aves

- Warm-blooded animals
- 4-chambered heart.
- Lay eggs.
- An outside covering of feathers; 2 forelimbs modified for flight.
- Breathe through lungs.
- Eg. All birds

F. Mammalia

- Warm-blooded animals with four-chambered hearts.
- Have mammary glands for production of milk.
- Skin has hairs& sweat and oil glands.
- Produce live young ones.
- Few like platypus and echidna lay egg
- Kangaroos give birth to very poorly developed young ones.
- Eg. human, monkeys, whale etc

Microorganisms





- Very small in size & cannot be seen with naked eye.
- Can be seen only with the help of a microscope.
- aka microbes.
- Microbiology- Branch of science dealing with study of microorganisms.
- Found in: air, water (ponds, lakes, rivers and oceans), soil and even inside our bodies.
- 5 categories.

| Virus | A tiny particle made up of genetic material and protein. |
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| | Intermediate between living and non living things. |
| | Intracellular obligatory parasites. |
| | Virology- study of viruses. |
| | • 10,000 times smaller than bacteria. |
| | Can be rod shaped, spherical or of other shapes. |
| | Contains a core DNA or RNA. |
| | Core surrounded with a protein coat |
| | Protein coat is sometimes covered by an envelope of proteins, lipids, and |
| | carbohydrates. |
| | Causes diseases to plants, animals and human beings. |
| Bacteria | Single-celled prokaryotes(cells without nuclei). |
| | Considered 1st living organisms on earth. |
| | Grouped under the kingdom Monera. |
| | Bacteriology- study of bacteria. |
| | • Size - 1μm to 5μm(micrometer). |
| | • 2 types based on respiration : |
| | Aerobic bacteria (requires oxygen), |
| | Anaerobic bacteria (does not require oxygen). |
| | An outer covering k/a cell wall. |
| | Other cell organelles (mitochondria, golgi body, endoplasmic reticulum etc.,) are |
| | absent. |
| | Eg: E.coli, Bacillus anthracis, Vibrio cholera etc. |
| Fungi | Eukaryotic organisms that lack chlorophyll. |
| | Grow in dark environments. |
| | Either unicellular (like Yeast) or multicellular (like Penicillium). |
| | Found in all kinds of habitats. |
| | Included under kingdom Fungi. |
| | Mycology- study of fungi. |
| | Some are macroscopic (Eg. Mushroom). |
| | Around 70,000 species of fungi in the world. |
| Algae | Very simple plants like eukaryotic organisms. |
| | Found in moist habitats. |
| | Rich in chlorophyll |
| | Seen as thin film on surface of lakes and ponds. |
| | o aka 'grass of water'. |
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| | Autotrophic and produce their own food(with help of chloroplast). | |
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| | Algology/ phycology- study of algae. | |
| | • Size - 1 micron to 50 meter. | |
| | • Eg: Chlamydomonas, Volvox, Ulothrix, Fristschiella etc. | |
| Protozoa | Single celled eukaryote. | |
| | Included under the kingdom Protista. | |
| | Protozoology- Study of protozoa. | |
| | Found in ponds, ocean, in moist soil , and in the cells and tissues of plants and | |
| | animals - causing diseases. | |
| | Range - 2 to 200 microns. | |
| | • Eg : Paramecium, Euglena, Amoeba, Plasmodium etc. | |

Animals

- Any eukaryotic multicellular organism of kingdom Animalia.
- Heterotrophic, motile & with specialized sensory organs,
 - O Lacking a cell wall & growing from a blastula during embryonic development.

Characteristics

| Multicellular | Body composed of several cells performing specific functions. Cells organized into various animal tissues, Eg: Epithelial tissues, connective tissues, etc. |
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| Eukaryotic | Contain a membrane-bound nucleus. Nucleus -organelle containing chromosomes that bear genes. Other organelles suspended in the cytoplasm of an animal cell, Eg. Golgi apparatus, endoplasmic reticulum, lysosomes, and peroxisomes, |
| Heterotrophic | Depend on other organisms for food. |
| Motile | Capacity to move at will. by muscles and locomotory structures(e.g. arms, legs, wings, fins, tails, etc.) |
| Specialized sensory organs: | Eg: eyes, ears, nose, skin, and tongue. Vital in recognizing and responding to stimuli in environment. Contains common and specialized receptors. |
| Reproduce sexually | Produce a haploid sperm cell (a male sex cell) & a haploid ovum (a female sex cell) Unite at fertilization to form a diploid zygote. Capable of asexual reproduction. Eg: some cnidarians produce a genetic clone by budding. |
| Aerobic Respiration | Inhale oxygen and release carbon dioxide . Oxygen important to cell respiration for synthesis of energy. |

Cell

- Simplest and most basic unit of life.
- **Discovered:** Robert Hooke (1665)
- All living things made up of cells- structural, functional, and biological unit of life.





- Has the ability to duplicate itself on its own.
- aka "building blocks of life."

Cell Structure and its components

Cell Organelles

• Present within a cell & perform certain specific functions to carry out life's processes.

| Plasma / Cell | Outermost covering of the cell | | |
|---------------|--|--|--|
| Membrane | Separates contents of cell from its external environment. | | |
| | A selectively permeable membrane as it allows entry and exit of some | | |
| | materials in and out of the cell. | | |
| Cell Wall | ONLY in plants | | |
| | Outside the plasma membrane. | | |
| | Mainly composed of cellulose. | | |
| | Cellulose: A complex substance - provides structural strength to plants. | | |
| Cytoplasm | Jelly-like substance present between cell membrane & nucleus. | | |
| | Fluid content inside plasma membrane. | | |
| | • Contains many specialised cell organelles (mitochondria, golgi bodies, ribosomes, etc) | | |
| Nucleus | • Contains chromosomes that contain information for inheritance of features | | |
| | from parents to next generation in form of DNA | | |
| | Plays a central role in cellular reproduction. | | |
| | Nuclear membrane- a double-layered covering on nucleus. | | |
| 0 | O Allows transfer of material from inside nucleus to its outside, i.e., to | | |
| | cytoplasm. | | |
| Nucleolus | Ribosome synthesis site regulating cellular activity and reproduction. | | |
| Gene | Unit of inheritance in living organisms. | | |
| Protoplasm | Entire content of a living cell [cytoplasm + nucleus]. | | |
| | aka living substance of the cell. | | |
| Chromosomes | Rod-shaped structures | | |
| | Visible only when the cell is about to divide. | | |
| | • Contain information for inheritance of features from parents to next | | |
| | generation in the form of DNA (deoxyribo nucleic acid) | | |
| | Composed of DNA and Protein. | | |
| DNA molecules | Contains information necessary for constructing and organising cells. | | |
| | Functional segments of DNA - genes. | | |
| Vacuoles | Empty structure in cytoplasm | | |
| | Act as storage sacs for solid or liquid contents. | | |
| | Common in plant cells. | | |
| | Smaller in animal cells. | | |
| | • Substances stored- amino acids, sugars, various organic acids and some | | |
| | proteins. | | |
| Endoplasmic | A large network of membrane-bound tubes and sheets. | | |



| Reticulum | • 2 types: |
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| | 1. Rough endoplasmic reticulum [RER] |
| | Has ribosomes attached to its surface. |
| | O Ribosomes - sites of protein manufacture. |
| | 2. Smooth endoplasmic reticulum |
| | O Helps in the manufacture of fat molecules , or lipids, important for cell |
| | function. |
| | Some of these proteins and lipids help in building the cell membrane |
| | k/a membrane biogenesis. |
| | Serve as channels for transport of materials between various regions of |
| | cytoplasm or between the cytoplasm and the nucleus. |
| | Also functions as a cytoplasmic framework providing a surface for some |
| | biochemical activities of cells. |
| Golgi Apparatus/ | A system of membrane-bound vesicles arranged parallel to each other in |
| Complex | stacks called cisterns. |
| | Packages and dispatches material synthesised near ER to various targets inside |
| | and outside the cell. |
| | Stores, modifies and packages products in vesicles. |
| | Involved in the formation of lysosomes. |
| | Membrane-bound sacs filled with digestive enzymes. |
| | O Kind of waste disposal system of the cell. |
| | O Help to keep the cell clean by digesting any foreign material as well as |
| n | worn-out cell organelles. |
| Mitochondria | Aka powerhouse of the cell. |
| | Energy required for various chemical activities is released by mitochondria in |
| | the form of ATP (Adenosine Triphosphate) molecules. |
| | • 2 membranes: |
| | O Outer membrane- porous |
| | o Inner membrane - deeply folded. |
| | ■ Folds create a large surface area for ATP-generating chemical |
| | reactions. |
| ATP | aka energy currency of the cell. |
| | Body uses energy stored in ATP for making new chemical compounds and for |
| | mechanical work. |
| Ribosomes | Site of protein synthesis. |
| Mibosomes | Polyribosomes or Polysomes: Several ribosomes may attach to a single mRNA |
| | and form a chain. |
| | Prokaryotes- ribosomes are associated with the plasma membrane of the cell. |
| Cilia and Flagella | Hair-like outgrowths of the cell membrane. |
| Cilia and Flagena | Cilia - small structures which work like oars, causing the movement of either |
| Cilia | the cell or the surrounding fluid. |
| | |
| | Flagella - comparatively longer and responsible for cell movement. |