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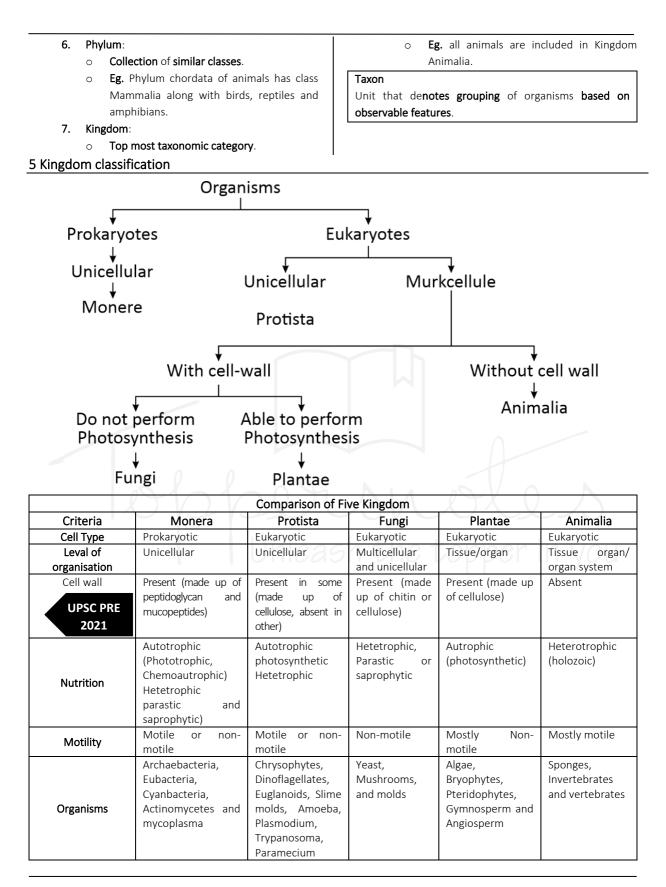




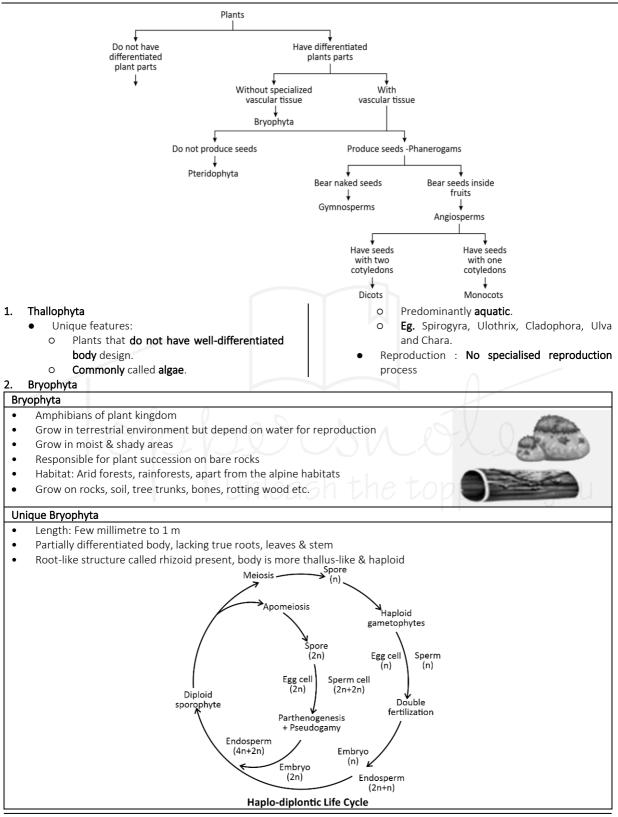
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Classification of Organisms

Based on the number of cells	Based on the subcellular structure						
Multicellular: Animals and Plants	 Eukaryotes: Having a well-defined nucleus with genetic material. Prokaryotes: Without nucleus but possess genetic material in a nucleoid. 2. Genus: 						
 Hierarchy of Classification- Groups Kingdom ↑ Phylum of Division ↑ Class ↑ Order ↑ Genus ↑ Species 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. 	 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. Family: Collection of similar genera. Separated from genera by reproductive and vegetative features. Eg. cats and leopard - family Felidae. Order: One or more than one similar families constitute order. Eg. Family Felidae are included in the order Carnivora. Class: One or more than one order makes a class. Eg. Class Mammalia includes all mammals - bats, rodents, kangaroos, whales, great apes and man. 						

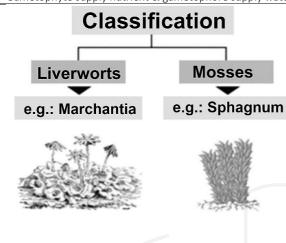


Plantae Kingdom



- 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
 - (i) Antherozoid released in water come in contact with archegonium
 - (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
 - (iv) Meiosis occurs in sporophyte to produce haploid spores which germinate to produce gametophyte

Gametophyte supply nutrient & gametophore supply water & minerals to embryo



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.



Horsetails

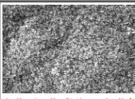
3. Pteridophyta

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.

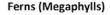
Unique Featuers

- LENGTH : MOSTLY SHORT BUT FEW GROW TALL UPTO FEW METRES.
- Plant body is differentiated into true roots, leaves & steams.
- 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.



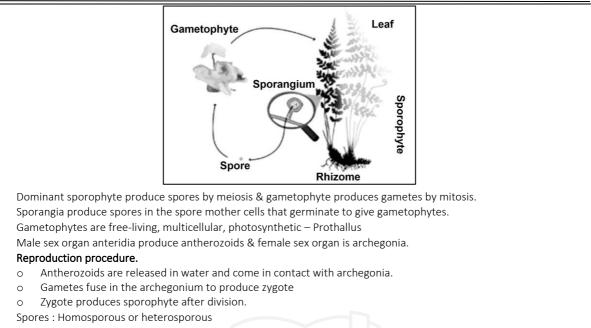
Fern

Sellaginella (Microphylls)



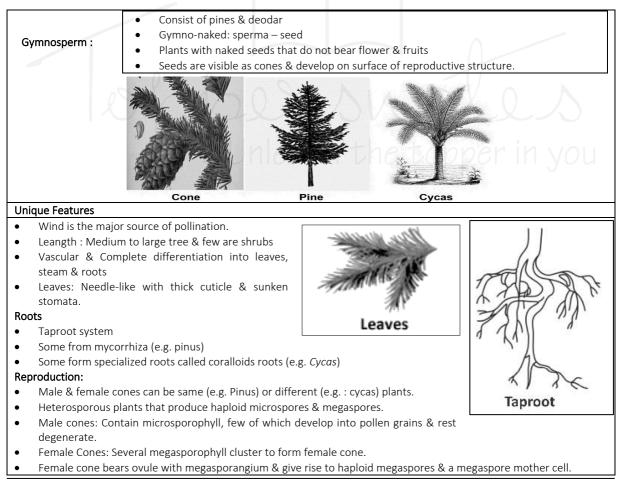


Cone of Equistem

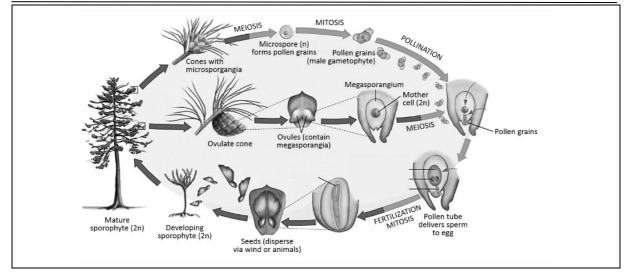


• In heterosporous plants, microspore & megaspore give rise to male & female gametephyte respectively.

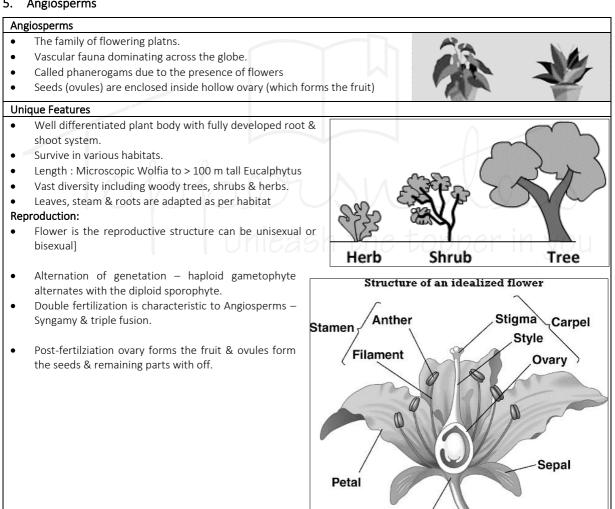
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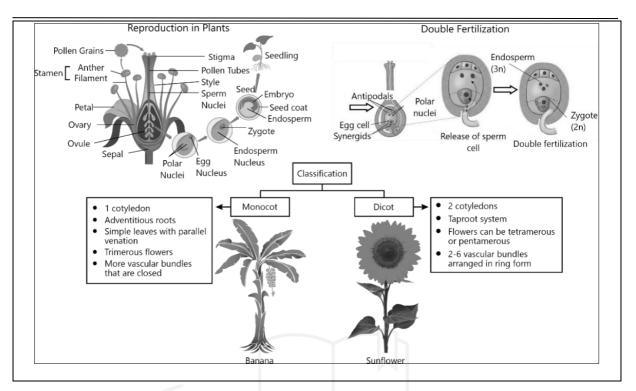
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5. Angiosperms



Receptacle

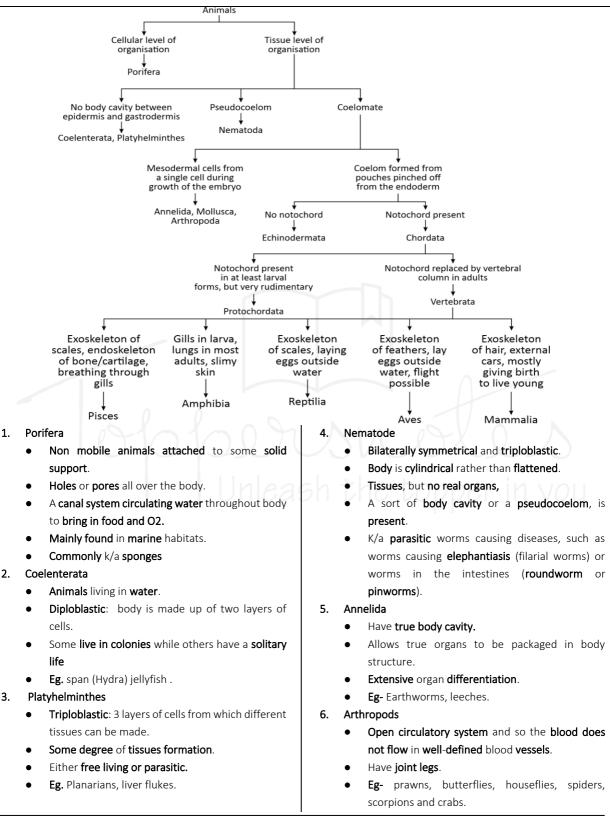


Vascular and Nonvascular Plants

	Vascular Plants	Non - Vascular Plants
Definition	Possess vascular system to conduct food and water throughout the plant	Lack vascular systems
Diversity	Higher	• Low
Vascular System	Present	Absent
True stem, Roots & Leaves	• Yes Unleash the	 No; a stem and leaf-like structures and rhizoids, instead of true structures.
Plant Strength	Xylem tissues contain lignified tissues - provide support and rigidity to the plant.	 No water conducting tissues Tender and shorter than 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

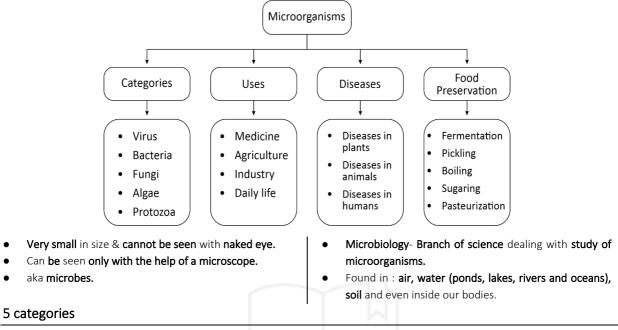
Sporophytes	Gametophytes			
Use the process of meiosis	Use the process of mitosis			
Results- formation of spores	Results - production of game t es			
Diploid plants	Haploid plants			
Have two sets of chromosomes	Have a single set of chromosomes			
Reproduce asexually	Reproduce sexaully			

Animalia



7.	Mollusca		Body is streamlined, and a muscular
	• Have an open circulatory system and kidney like		tail for movement. T
	organs for excretion.		 Cold-blooded
	Little segmentation.		 Hearts have only two chambers.
	• A foot is used for moving around.		 Lay eggs.
	• Eg- snails, and mussels, octopus.		 Eg. sharks, tuna or rohu
3.	Echinodermate	C.	Amphibia
	• Spiny skinned organisms.		 No scales
	 Exclusively free living marine animals. 		 Have mucus glands in the skin,
	 Have a water driven tube system that they use for 		 3 chambered heart.
	moving around.		 Respiration through either gills or
	Have hard calcium carbonate structure that they		lungs.
	use as skeleton.		 Lay eggs.
	• Eg- starfish, sea cucumber.		 Found both in water and on land.
9.	Protochordats		 Eg. Frogs, toads and salamanders
	Marine animals.	D.	Reptilia
	 Eg. balanoglossus, hardemania and amphioxus. 	υ.	 Cold-blooded
10	Vertebratia		 Have scales and breathe through
	 Have a true vertebral column & internal skeleton. 		lungs.
	 Bilaterally symmetrical 		 Most have a three-chambered heart
	Triploblastic		 Exception: crocodiles- 4 heart
	Coelomic and segmented		chambers.
	Complex differentiation of body tissues and		 Lay eggs with tough coverings.
	organs.		 Do not need to lay their eggs in water,
	 All chordates possess the following features: 		unlike amphibians.
	 An chordates possess the following reactives. o have a notochord 		 Eg. Snakes, turtles, lizards and
	o have a dorsal nerve cord		crocodiles
	• Triploblastic	E.	Aves
	o Paired gill pouches		Warm-blooded animals
	• Coelomate.		 4-chambered heart.
	Grouped into six classes:		 Lay eggs.
	A. Cyclostomes		 An outside covering of feathers; 2
	 Jawless vertebrates. 		forelimbs modified for flight.
			 Breathe through lungs.
	 Have an elongated eel-like body, singular mouth alimutatin 		
	circular mouth, slimy skin	F	• Eg. All birds
	 Scaleless. Extension on the second of the second seco	F.	Mammalia
	 Ectoparasites or borers of other 		 Warm-blooded animals with four- chambered hearts.
	vertebrates.		
	 Eg. Petromyzon (Lamprey) and Myxine 		 Have mammary glands for production
	(Hagfish)		of milk.
	B. Pisces		• Skin has hairs& sweat and oil glands.
	 Exclusively aquatic animals. 		 Produce live young ones.
	 Skin is covered with scales/ plates. 		 Few like platypus and echidna lay egg
	 Obtain oxygen dissolved in water by 		 Kangaroos give birth to very poorly
	using gills.		developed young ones.
			 Eg. human, monkeys, whale etc

Microorganisms



	 A tiny particle made up of genetic material and protein. Intermediate between living and nonliving things. Intercollular obligatory paragitor
	Intracellular obligatory parasites.
	 Virology- study of viruses. 10,000 times smaller than bacteria.
Virus	
virus	 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. UPSC PRE 2021
	Wildses carried and require inving flost cens for propagation
	• 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),
Bacteria	 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.
	• processing plants and can contaminate food products.
	• known to exhibit antibiotic resistance, which can make them difficult to treat. upsc prelims 2022
	IT CAN BE CULTURED ARTIFICIALLY.
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	• Eukaryotic organisms that lack chlorophyll.
	• Grow in dark environments .
E	• Either unicellular (like Yeast) or multicellular (like Penicillium).
Fungi	• 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.
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	Very simple plants like eukaryotic organisms.
	Found in moist habitats.
	Rich in chlorophyll
	• Seen as thin film on surface of lakes and ponds.
Algae	• aka 'grass of water'.
	• Autotrophic and produce their own food(with help of chloroplast).
	Algology/ phycology- study of algae.
	• Size - 1 micron to 50 meter.
	• Eg : Chlamydomonas, Volvox, Ulothrix, Fristschiella etc.
	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.
Protozoa	• Eg : Paramecium, Euglena, Amoeba, Plasmodium etc.
	• Probiotics are live microorganisms that are intended to have health benefits when
	consumed.Some probiotics, particularly those in the Lactobacillus and Bifidobacterium families,
	are able to break down lactose, the sugar found in milk. Probiotic organisms are not just found in
	the foods we eat, but also occur naturally in our gut microbiota.
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۸	imala	•	Het	terotrophic, motile & with specialized sensory
	imals		org	gans,
•	Any eukaryotic multicellular organism of kingdom		0	Lacking a cell wall & growing from a blastula during
	Animalia			embryonic development.

Characteristics

• Any eukaryotic Animalia.	multicellular organism of kingdom 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.
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	• Eg: eyes, ears, nose, skin, and tongue.
sensory organs:	• Vital in recognizing and responding to stimuli in environment.
	• Contains common and specialized receptors.
Reproduce	• Produce a haploid sperm cell (a male sex cell) & a haploid ovum (a female sex cell)
sexually	• Unite at fertilization to form a diploid zygote.
	Capable of asexual reproduction.
	• Eg: some cnidarians produce a genetic clone by budding.
Aerobic	Inhale oxygen and release carbon dioxide.
Respiration	• 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.

Cell Structure and its components

Cell Organelles

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

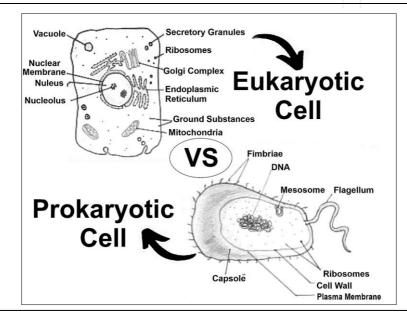
Plasma / Cell Membrane	 Outermost covering of the cell Separates contents of cell from its external environment. A selectively permeable membrane as it allows entry and exit of some materials in and out of
Cell Wall	 the cell. ONLY in plants Outside the plasma membrane. Mainly composed of cellulose. 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. 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 Reticulum	 A large network of membrane-bound tubes and sheets. 2 types : Rough endoplasmic reticulum [RER] Has ribosomes attached to its surface. Ribosomes - sites of protein manufacture. Smooth endoplasmic reticulum



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

	• Also functions as a cytoplasmic framework providing a surface for some biochemical activities of cells.
Golgi Apparatus/ Complex	 A system of membrane-bound vesicles arranged parallel to each other in 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. Kind of waste disposal system of the cell. Help to keep the cell clean by digesting any foreign material as well as 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: Outer membrane- porous Inner membrane - deeply folded. Folds create a large surface area for ATP-generating chemical reactions.
АТР	 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. 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 Cilia	 Hair-like outgrowths of the cell membrane. Cilia - small structures which work like oars, causing the movement of either the cell or the surrounding fluid. Flagella - comparatively longer and responsible for cell movement. Prokaryotic bacteria have flagella but structurally different from eukaryotic flagella.
Centrosome and Centrioles	 Centrosome- an organelle usually containing 2 cylindrical structures called centrioles. Surrounded by amorphous pericentriolar materials. Both the centrioles in a centrosome lie perpendicular to each other

Types of Cells



Prokaryotic Cell	Eukaryotic Cell
Primitive/undeveloped nucleus.	Has true or developed nucleus
• Size - 0.2 - 2.0 micrometers	• Size- 10- 100 micrometers.
Simpler in structure	More complex
Organelles not membrane-bound	Organelles membrane bound & specific in function.
DNA arranged in circular shape	DNA linear in shape
• Cytoplasm present, but lacks in most cell organelles.	Consists of both cytoplasm and organelles
Cell wall present.	• Usually, absence of cell wall here.
Made of mucopeptide or peptidoglycan	Made of cellulose
Cell division - binary fission, transduction,	Cell division - mitosis
conjugation, and transformation	
Mitochondria absent	Mitochondria present .
Endoplasmic reticulum not present.	Endoplasmic reticulum present .
Ribosome present	Ribosome present
Plasmids commonly found.	Plasmids very rarely found
 A small, circular, double-stranded DNA molecule 	
distinct from a cell's chromosomal DNA.	
 Naturally exist in bacterial cells. 	
Only asexual reproduction.	Both sexual and asexual reproduction.
Have a single origin of replication	Have multiple origins of replication
Only 1 chromosome.	Many chromosomes present
• Eg. Bacteria and Archaea.	• Eg. Plant and animal cells.

Plant and Animal Cells

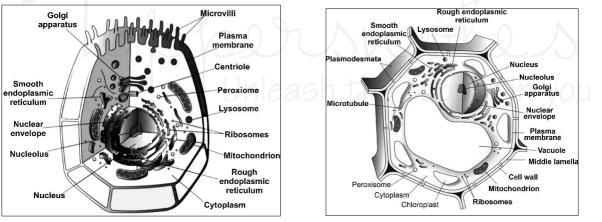


Fig : Animal Cell

Fig : Plant Cell

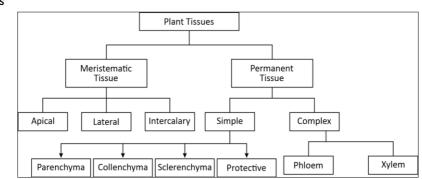
	Animal Cell	Plant Cell
Nucleus	Present	Present
Cilia	Present	Very rare
Shape	Round (irregular shape)	Rectangular (fixed shape)
Chloroplast	NO chloroplasts	Chloroplasts present
Cytoplasm	Present	Present
Endoplasmic Reticulum	Present	Present
Ribosomes	Present	Present
Mitochondria	Present	Present
Vacuole	One or more small vacuoles	One large central vacuole taking up 90% of cell
	(much smaller than plant cells).	volume.

Tissues

• A group of cells with similar shape and function.

Types of Tissues

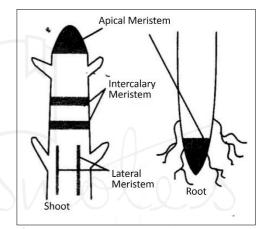
1. Plant Tissues



On the basis of the dividing capacity, plant tissues are of two types:

A. Meristematic tissues

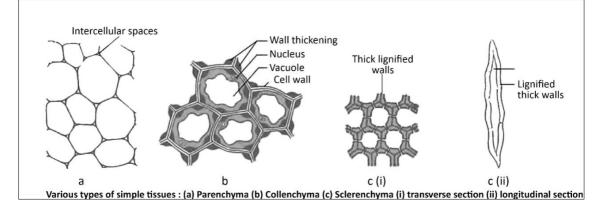
- Consist of actively-dividing cells.
- 3 types:
 - a. Apical meristem:
 - Present at the growing tips of stems and roots.
 - Increases the length of stems and roots.
 - b. Intercalary meristem:
 - Present at the base of leaves or internodes.
 - Longitudinal growth of plants.
 - c. Lateral meristem:
 - Present on the lateral sides of the stems and roots.
 - Increases thickness of stems and roots.



B. Permanent Tissues

- Formed when cells from meristematic tissues loose the ability to divide.
- 2 types:
 - a. Simple permanent tissue:
 - o Consist of only one type of cells.

Types:



- **Group of** (cells \rightarrow Tissues \rightarrow Organs \rightarrow Organ systems).
- Histology: study of tissues

b. Parenchyma:

- Composed of unspecialised living cells with relatively thin cell walls, intercellular space.
- o Present in soft parts of the plant.
- Main function storage.

c. Collenchyma:

- Composed of living and elongated cells with cell walls irregularly thickened at the comers.
- No intercellular space.
- Provides mechanical support and elasticity to plant - helps in bending of leaves and stems.

d. Sclerenchyma:

- Composed of long, narrow, and thickwalled cells.
- o Made up of **dead cells**.
- o No intercellular spaces.
- Present in seeds, nuts, the husk of a coconut, fibres of jute etc.

e. Protective tissues:

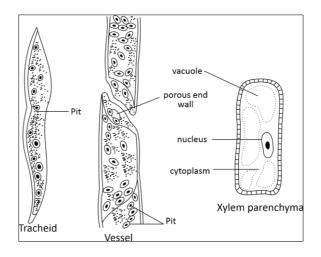
- Protect the plant body by forming an outer layer.
- 2 types:
 - a. Epidermis:
 - Covers the entire body of plant.
 - **Protect plants** from injury, germs and water loss.
 - Cells form a continuous layer without intercellular spaces.
 - b. Cork Simple Tissues:
 - Consist dead cells with no intercellular spaces.
 - Form the outer layer of old tree trunks.
 - Cells have a chemical suberin in their walls that makes them impervious to gases and water.
 - **Protects plants** from injuries, germs and water loss.
 - Lightweight used for making several products like bottle stoppers and shuttlecock.

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Features	Parenchyma	Collencyma	Sclerenchyma
Cell shape	Isodiametric cells which are oval,	Circular, oval or polyhedral	Variable in shape Fibres and
	sperical or polygonal shape.		sclereids
Cell wall	Thin cellulosic cell wall	Uneven thickeving on their	Lighified secondary cell wall
		cell wall	present.
Cytoplasm	Abundant	Present	Absent
Nucleus	Prsent (Living tissue)	Present (Living tissue)	Absent (Dead tissue)
Vacuoles	Large vacuole	Vacuolated	Absent
Intercellular spaces	Present	Absent	Absent
Occurrence	Basically packing tissue all soft part	Dicot stem, petiole and	Dicot hypodermis, bundle
	of plant-path ocrtex, medullary	beneath the epidermis	sheath, pericyct seed, pulp of
	rays	Absent in monocot and	fruits.
		roots	on in you

Complex permanent tissue:

- Made up of more than one type of cells (Conducting tissues.)
- Types:
 - Xylem:



- **Conducts water** and **minerals** from roots to different parts of plant.
- 4 different types of cells:.
 - Tracheids
 - Elongated angular dead cells mainly involved in conduction of water and minerals in gymnosperms.
 - Vessels
 - Advance element (generally found in angiosperms).
 - Cylindrical tube like structures placed one above other end to end to form a continuous

channel for efficient conduction of water.

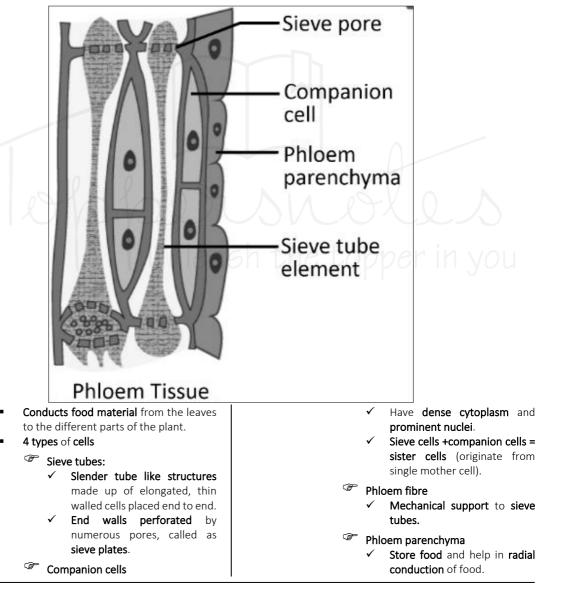
Xylem parenchyma —

✓ Small & thick walled parenchymatous cells subjected for storage of starch (food).

Xylem sclerenchyma

 Non-living fibres with thick walls and narrow cavities provide mechanical support.

Except xylem parenchyma all other xylem elements are dead.



• Phloem:



Features	Xylem	Phloem
Cells: Living/ dead	Dead	Living
Cell walls: Thickness	Thick	Thin
Material	Lignin	Cellulose
Permeability	Impermealble	Permeable
Cross walls	None	Sieve Plates
Cytoplasm	None	Yes
Function	Carries water and salts	Carries sugar
Direction of flow	Upwards	Down and up
Special features	Fibres	Companion cells

Animal Tissues

