

The Fundamental Units of Life

- All organisms are made of cells
- The cell is the simplest collection of matter that can live
- Cell structure is correlated to cellular function
- All cells are <u>related</u> by their descent from earlier cells

To study cells, biologists use microscopes and the tools of biochemistry

- Though usually too small to be seen by the unaided eye, cells can be complex
- Microscopy:
- Scientists use microscopes to visualize cells too small to see with the naked eye

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microscope

 In a light microscope (LM), visible light passes through a specimen and then through glass lenses, which magnify the image



- The quality of an image depends on
 - Magnification, the <u>ratio</u> of an object's image size to its real size
 - _ Resolution, the measure of the clarity of the image, or the minimum distance of two distinguishable points

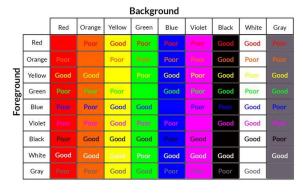


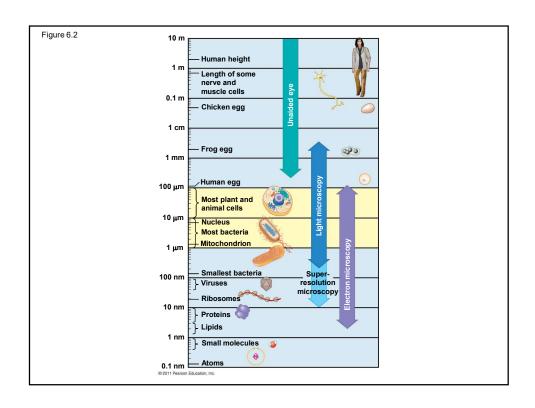


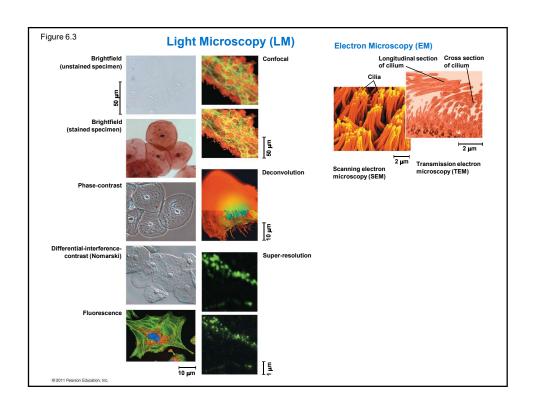
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The quality of an image depends on

-Contrast, visible differences in parts of the sample







- LMs can magnify effectively to about 1,000 times the size of the actual specimen
- Various techniques enhance contrast and enable cell components to be <u>stained</u> or labeled

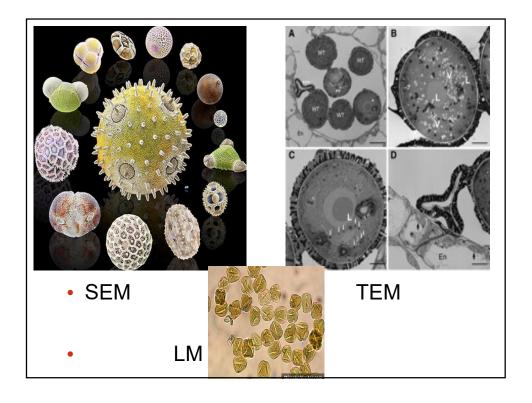
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Most subcellular structures, including organelles (membrane-enclosed compartments), are too small to be resolved by an LM

Electron microscopes

- <u>Two basic types</u> of electron microscopes (EMs) are used to study subcellular structures
- Scanning electron microscopes (SEMs) focus a beam of electrons onto the <u>surface of a specimen</u>, providing images that look <u>3-D</u>

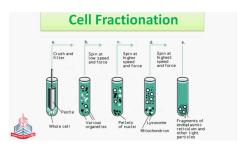
- Transmission electron microscopes (TEMs) focus a beam of electrons through a specimen
- TEMs are used mainly to study the internal structure of cells

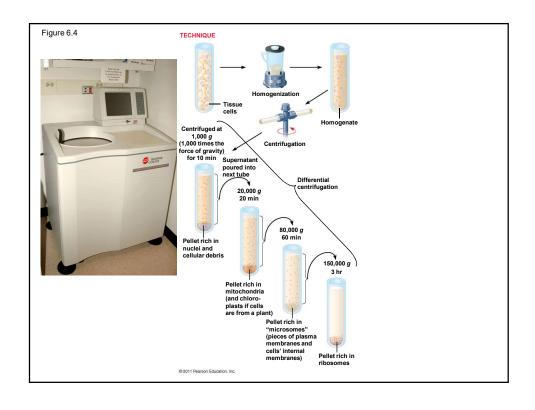


Cell Fractionation

- Cell fractionation takes cells apart and separates the major organelles from one another
- <u>Ultracentrifuges</u> fractionate cells into their component parts

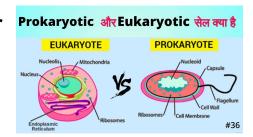
- Cell fractionation enables scientists to determine the functions of organelles
- Biochemistry and cytology help correlate cell function with structure





Eukaryotic cells have <u>internal</u> membranes that compartmentalize their functions

- The basic structural and functional unit of every organism is one of two types of cells:
- •
- -prokaryotic or
- -eukaryotic



- Only organisms of the domains Bacteria and Archaea consist of prokaryotic cells
- Protists, fungi, animals, and plants <u>all</u> consist of eukaryotic cells

Prokaryotic vs. Eukaryotic Cells

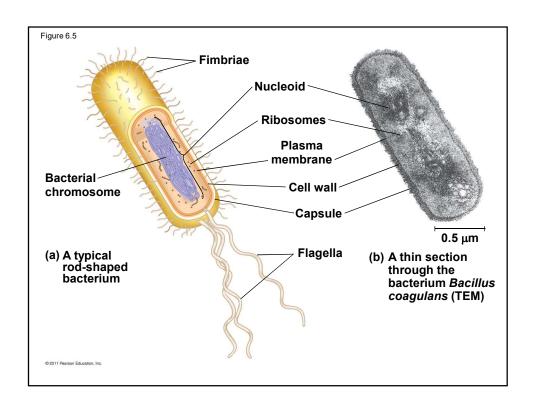
Basic features of all cells:

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- -Plasma membrane
- -Semifluid substance called cytosol
- -Chromosomes (carry genes)
- Ribosomes (make proteins)

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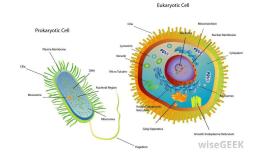
- Prokaryotic cells are characterized by having
 - -No nucleus
 - DNA in an unbound region called the nucleoid
 - No membrane-bound organelles
 - Cytoplasm bound by the plasma membrane



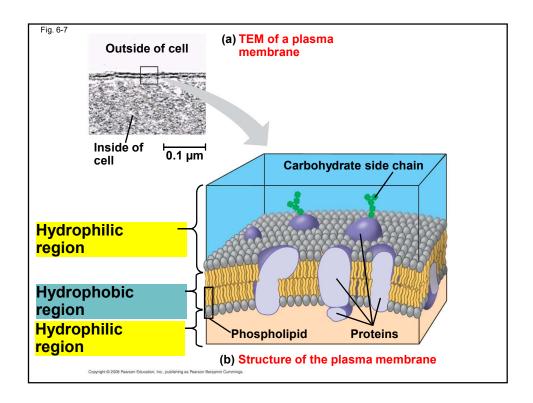
- Eukaryotic cells are characterized by having
 - -DNA in a nucleus that is bounded by a membranous nuclear envelope
 - -Membrane-bound organelles
 - Cytoplasm in the region <u>between</u> the plasma membrane and nucleus

• Eukaryotic cells are generally <u>much</u> <u>larger</u> than prokaryotic cells





- The plasma membrane is a <u>Selective</u> barrier that <u>allows sufficient passage</u> of oxygen, nutrients, and waste to service the volume of every cell
- The general structure of a biological membrane is a double layer of phospholipids



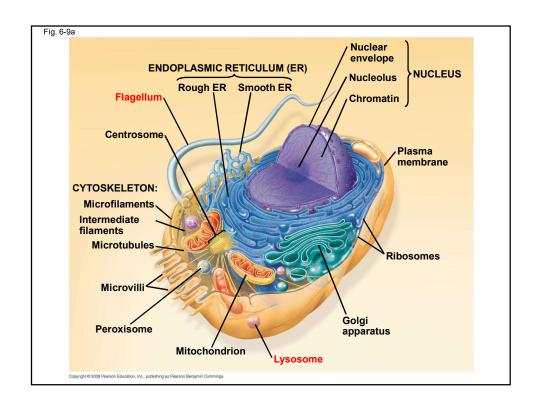
Cell size

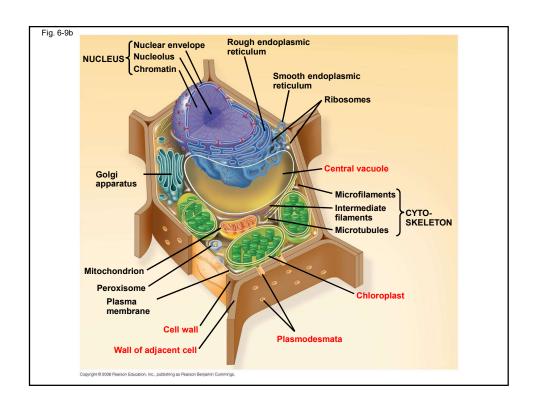
- Metabolic requirements set upper limits on the size of cells
- The surface area to volume ratio of a cell is critical
- Small cells have a greater surface area relative to volume

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Total surface area [Sum of the surface areas (height × width) of all boxes sides × number of boxes]	6	150	750
Total volume [height × width × length × number of boxes]	1	125	125
Surface-to-volume (S-to-V) ratio [surface area ÷ volume]	6	<u>1.2</u>	6

A Panoramic View of the Eukaryotic Cell

- A eukaryotic cell has internal membranes that partition the cell into organelles
- Plant and animal cells have most of the same organelles





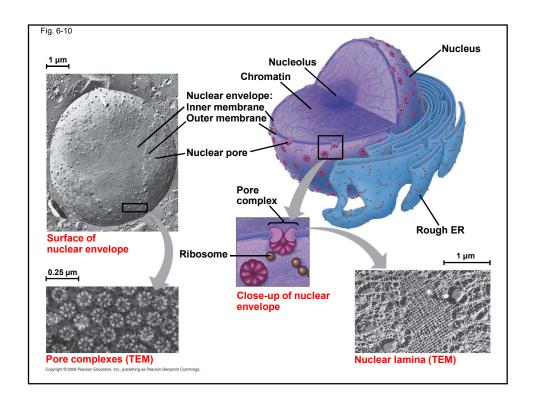
The eukaryotic cell's genetic instructions are <u>housed</u> in the nucleus and carried out by the ribosomes

- The nucleus contains most of the DNA in a eukaryotic cell
- Ribosomes use the information from the DNA to make proteins

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The Nucleus: Information Central

- The nucleus is usually the most conspicuous organelle
- The nuclear envelope encloses the nucleus
- The nuclear membrane is a double membrane; each membrane consists of a lipid bilayer



- Pores regulate the entry and exit of molecules from the nucleus
- The shape of the nucleus is maintained by the <u>nuclear lamina</u>, which is composed of protein

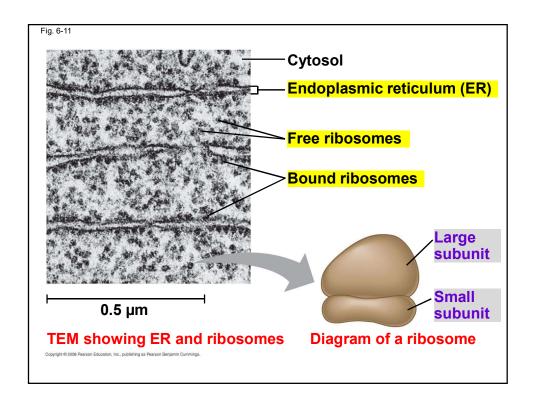


- In the nucleus, DNA is organized into discrete units called chromosomes.
- Each chromosome is composed of a <u>single</u> DNA molecule <u>associated</u> with <u>proteins</u>
- DNA and proteins form genetic material called chromatin.

- Chromatin <u>condenses</u> to form discrete <u>chromosomes</u> as a cell prepares to divide.
- The <u>nucleolus</u> is located within the nucleus and is the <u>site of</u> ribosomal RNA (rRNA) synthesis

Ribosomes: Protein Factories

- Ribosomes are particles made of ribosomal RNA and protein
- Ribosomes carry out protein synthesis in two locations:
 - In the cytosol (**free** ribosomes)
 - On the outside of the endoplasmic reticulum or the nuclear envelope (bound ribosomes)



The endomembrane system regulates protein traffic and performs metabolic functions in the cell

- Components of the system:
 - Nuclear envelope
 - -Endoplasmic reticulum
 - Golgi apparatus
 - Lysosomes
 - Vacuoles
 - Plasma membrane

 These components are <u>either</u> <u>continuous</u> or <u>connected via transfer</u> by <u>Vesicles</u>

The Endoplasmic Reticulum: Biosynthetic Factory

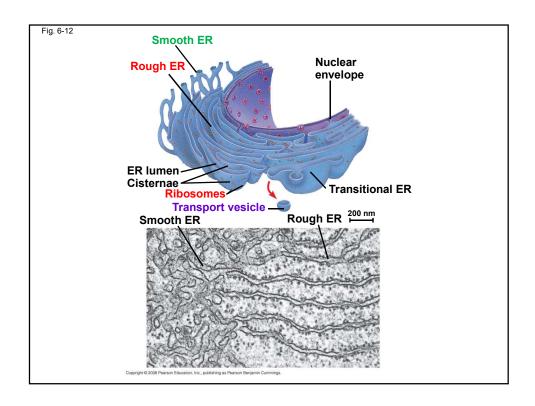
- The endoplasmic reticulum (ER)
 accounts for more than half
 of the total membrane in
 many eukaryotic cells
- The <u>ER membrane</u> is continuous with the <u>nuclear envelope</u>

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 There are two distinct regions of ER:

-Smooth ER that lacks ribosomes

-Rough ER that have ribosomes studding its surface



Functions of Smooth ER

- The smooth ER
 - -Synthesizes lipids
 - -Metabolizes carbohydrates
 - -Detoxifies poison
 - -Stores calcium

Functions of Rough ER

- The rough ER
 - Has bound ribosomes, which secrete

glycoproteins

(<u>proteins covalently bonded to carbohydrates</u>)

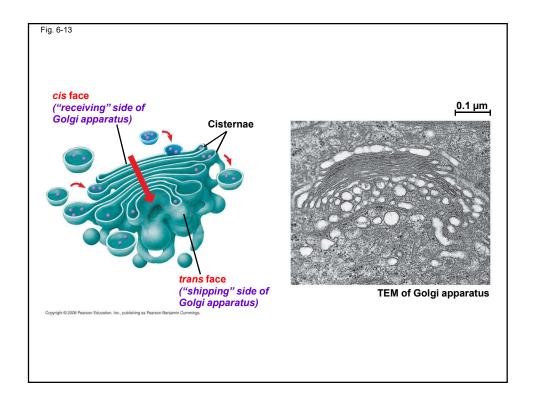
- Distributes transport vesicles ► proteins surrounded by membranes
- Is a membrane factory for the cell

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The Golgi Apparatus: Shipping and Receiving Center

- The Golgi apparatus consists of flattened membranous sacs called cisternae
- Functions of the Golgi apparatus:
 - -Modifies products of the ER
 - Manufactures certain macromolecules
 - Sorts and packages materials into transport vesicles

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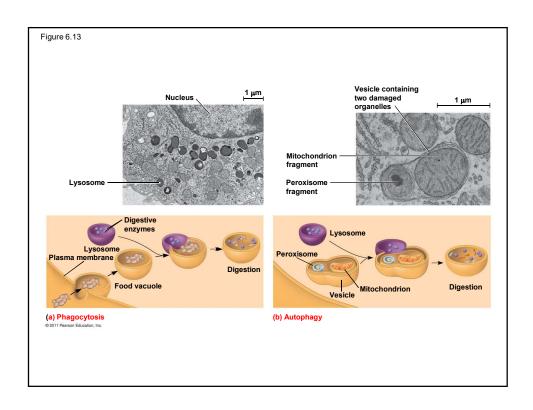
Lysosomes: Digestive Compartments

- A lysosome is a <u>membranous sac</u> of <u>hydrolytic enzymes</u> that can <u>digest</u> macromolecules
- Lysosomal enzymes can <u>hydrolyze</u> proteins, fats, polysaccharides, and nucleic acids.
- Lysosomal enzymes work best in the acidic environment

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- Some types of cell can engulf another cell by <u>phagocytosis</u>
 - this forms a food vacuole
- A lysosome <u>fuses with the food vacuole</u> and <u>digests</u> the molecules

 Lysosomes also use enzymes to <u>recycle</u> the cell's own organelles and macromolecules, a process called autophagy



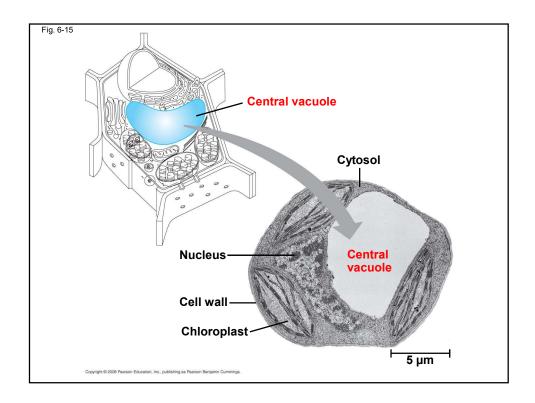
Vacuoles

Diverse Maintenance Compartments

A <u>plant cell or fungal</u> cell may have <u>one</u>
 or <u>several Vacuoles</u> <u>derived</u> from
 endoplasmic reticulum and Golgi
 apparatus

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- Types of Vacuoles:
- Food vacuoles ► formed by phagocytosis
- Contractile vacuoles in many freshwater protists
 Dump excess water out of cells
- Central vacuoles
 in plant cells
 hold organic compounds and water

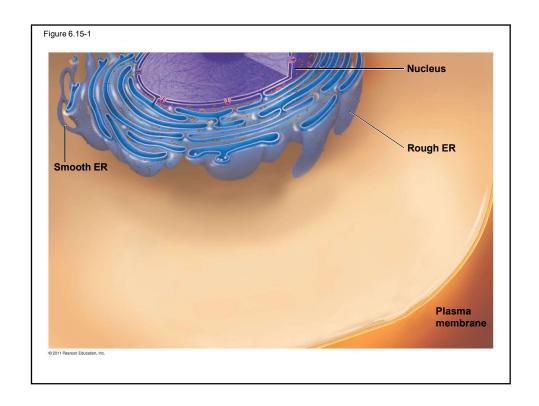


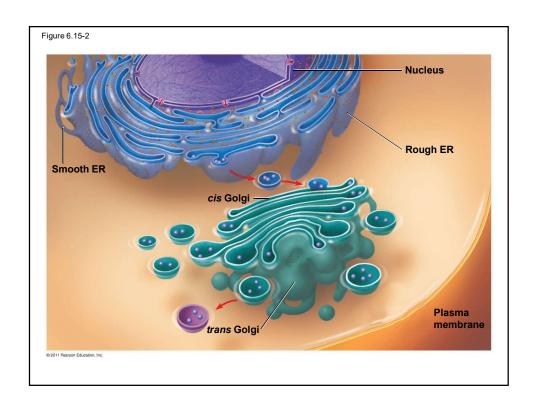
The Endomembrane System:

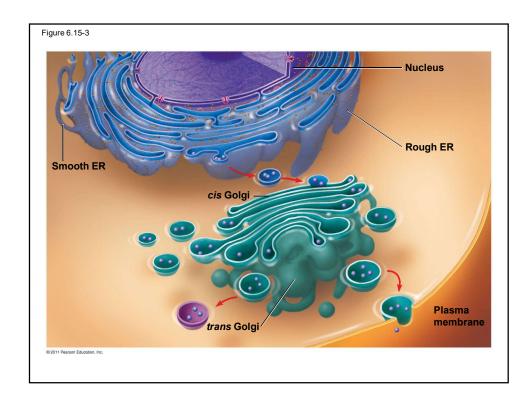
A Review

 The endomembrane system is a complex and dynamic player in the cell's

compartmental organization







Mitochondria and chloroplasts change energy from one form to another

- Mitochondria are the sites of cellular respiration, a metabolic process that generates ATP
- Chloroplasts, found in plants and algae, are the sites of photosynthesis

The Evolutionary Origins of Mitochondria and Chloroplasts

- Mitochondria and chloroplasts have similarities with bacteria:
 - Enveloped by a double membrane
 - Contain free ribosomes and circular DNA molecules
 - Grow and reproduce somewhat independently in cells

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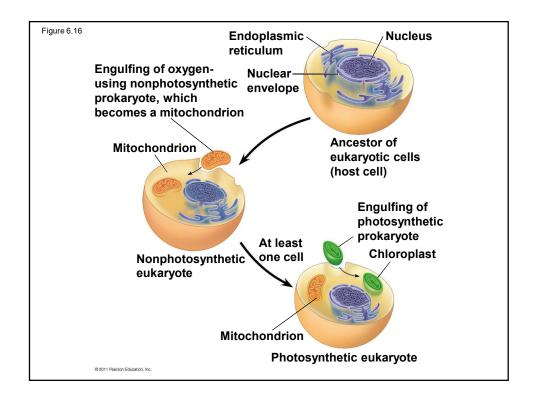
- The Endosymbiont theory
 - An early ancestor of eukaryotic cells engulfed a nonphotosynthetic prokaryotic cell, which formed an endosymbiont relationship with its host
 - The host cell and endosymbiont merged into a single organism, a eukaryotic cell with a

mitochondrion

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At least one of these cells may

photosynthetic
prokaryote, becoming the ancestor of cells that contain chloroplasts



Mitochondria:

Chemical Energy Conversion

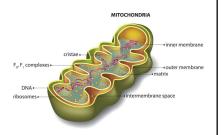
- Mitochondria are in <u>nearly all eukaryotic</u> cells
- They have a smooth outer membrane and an <u>inner membrane folded</u> <u>into cristae</u>

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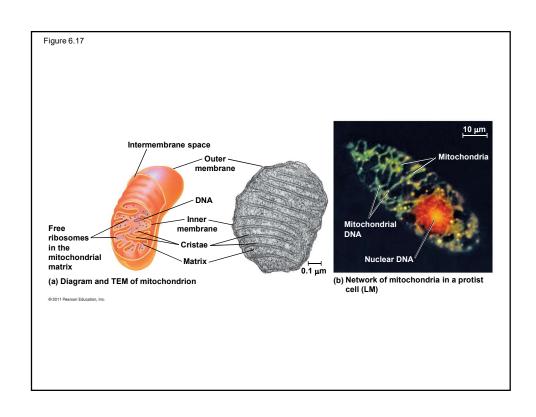
The inner membrane creates

two compartments:

- -intermembrane space and
- -mitochondrial matrix



- Some metabolic steps of cellular respiration are catalyzed in the mitochondrial matrix
- Cristae present a <u>large</u> <u>surface area</u> for enzymes that <u>synthesize ATP</u>



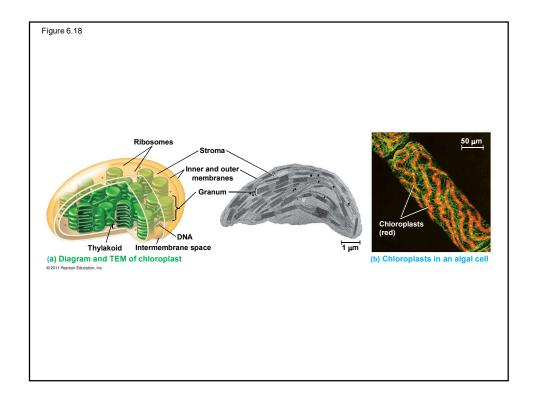
Chloroplasts: Capture of Light Energy

- Chloroplasts contain the green pigment chlorophyll, as well as enzymes and other molecules that function in photosynthesis
- Chloroplasts are found in leaves and other green organs of plants and in algae

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- Chloroplast structure includes
 - Thylakoids, membranous <u>Sacs</u>, stacked to form a granum
 - -Stroma, the internal fluid
- The <u>chloroplast</u> is one of a group of plant organelles, called <u>plastids</u>

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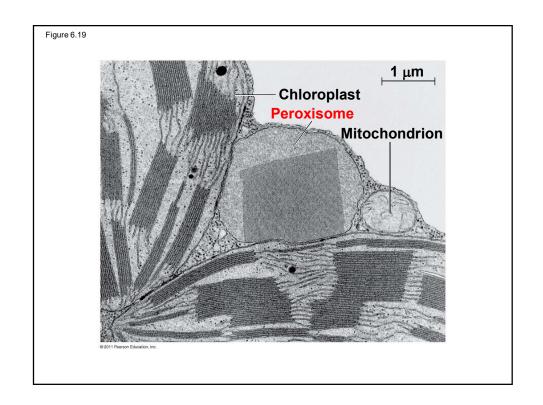
Peroxisomes: Oxidation

- Peroxisomes are specialized metabolic compartments bounded by a single membrane
- Peroxisomes produce <u>hydrogen peroxide</u> and convert it to water

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Peroxisomes

- Peroxisomes perform reactions with many different functions
- How peroxisomes are related to other organelles is still unknown

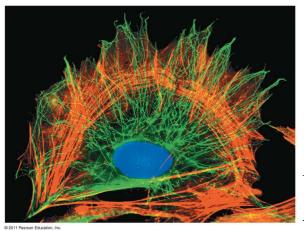


The cytoskeleton is a network of fibers that organizes structures and activities in the cell

- The cytoskeleton is a network of fibers extending throughout the cytoplasm
- It <u>organizes</u> the cell's structures and activities, anchoring many organelles

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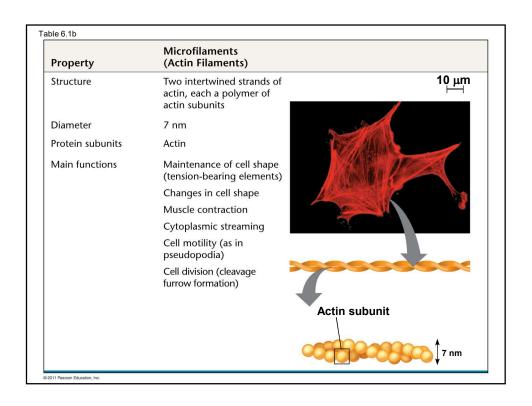
It is composed of three types of molecular structures.

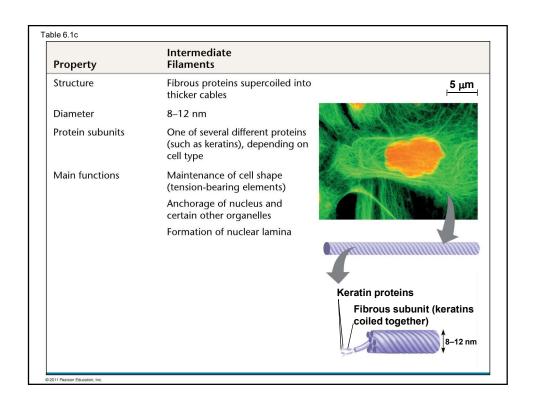


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- Three main types of fibers make up the cytoskeleton
 - Microtubules are the thickest of the three components of the cytoskeleton
 - Microfilaments, also called <u>actin</u>
 filaments, are the <u>thinnest</u> components
 - Intermediate filaments are fibers with diameters in a middle range

Property	Microtubules (Tubulin Polymers)	
Structure	Hollow tubes; wall consists of 13 columns of tubulin molecules	<u>10 μm</u>
Diameter	25 nm with 15-nm lumen	
Protein subunits	Tubulin, a dimer consisting of α -tubulin and β -tubulin	
Main functions	Maintenance of cell shape (compression-resisting "girders")	
	Cell motility (as in cilia or flagella)	
	Chromosome movements in cell division	
	Organelle movements	
		Column of tubulin dimers
		25 nm
		α \β \Tubulin dimer





Roles of the Cytoskeleton:

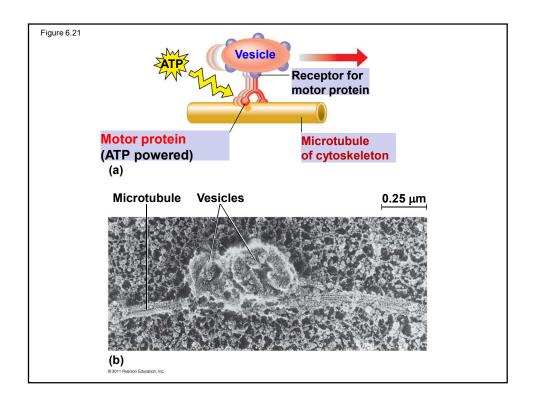
Support and Motility

- The cytoskeleton helps to support the cell and maintain its shape
- It interacts with motor proteins to produce motility

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Roles of the Cytoskeleton:

- Inside the cell, vesicles can travel along "Monorails" provided by the cytoskeleton
- Recent evidence suggests that the cytoskeleton may help <u>regulate</u> biochemical activities

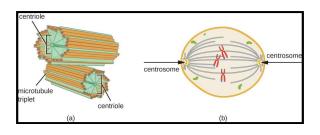


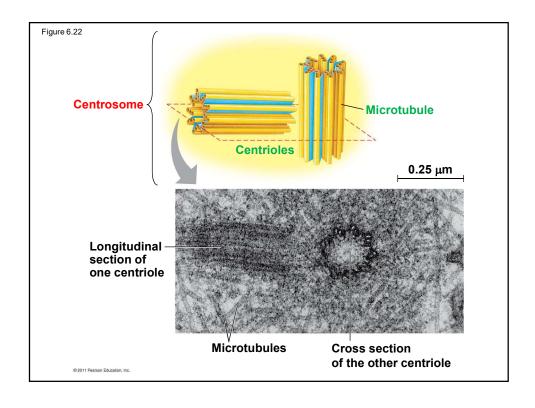
Centrosomes and Centrioles

- In many cells, <u>microtubules</u>
 grow out from a <u>centrosome</u>
 near the nucleus
- The centrosome is a "microtubule-organizing center"

Centrosomes and Centrioles

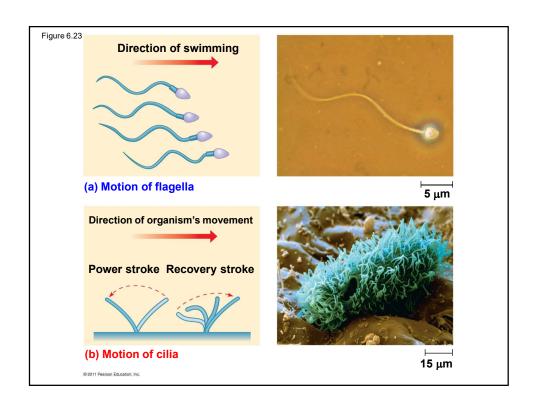
• In animal cells, the centrosome has a pair of <u>centrioles</u>, each with <u>nine</u> triplets of <u>microtubules</u> arranged in a ring

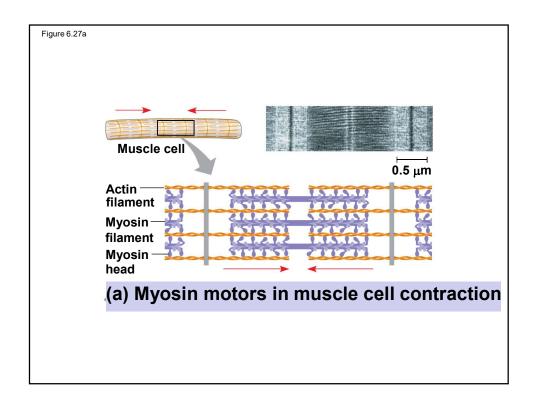


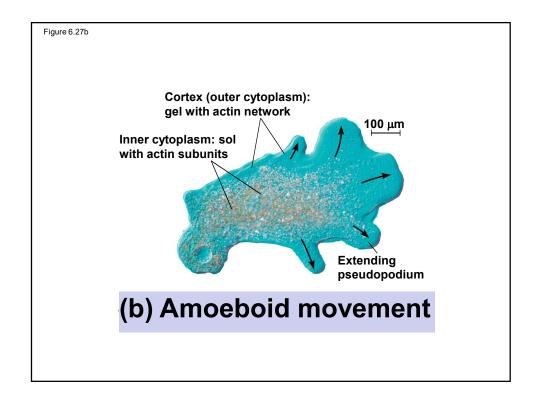


Cilia and Flagella

- Microtubules control the beating of cilia and flagella, locomotor appendages of some cells
- Cilia and flagella differ in their beating patterns

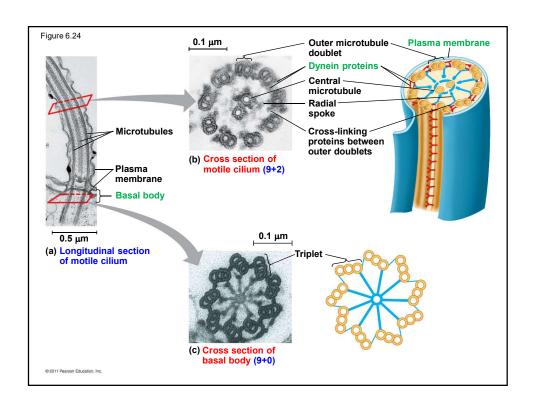






Cilia and flagella share a common structure

- A core of microtubules sheathed by the plasma membrane
- A basal body that anchors the cilium or flagellum
- A motor protein called dynein,
 which drives the bending movements
 of a cilium or flagellum



Extracellular components and connections between cells help coordinate cellular activities

- Most cells synthesize and secrete materials that are external to the plasma membrane
- These extracellular structures include
 - Cell walls of plants
 - The extracellular matrix (ECM) of animal cells
 - Intercellular junctions

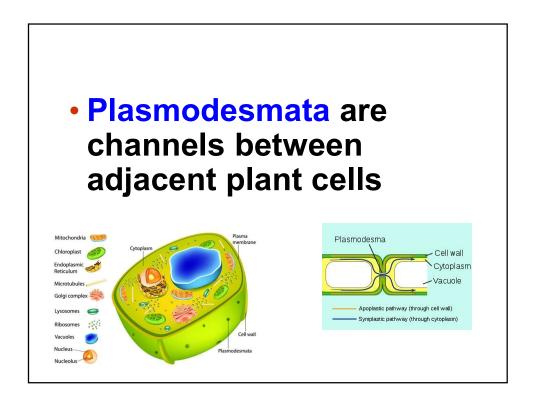
Cell Walls of Plants

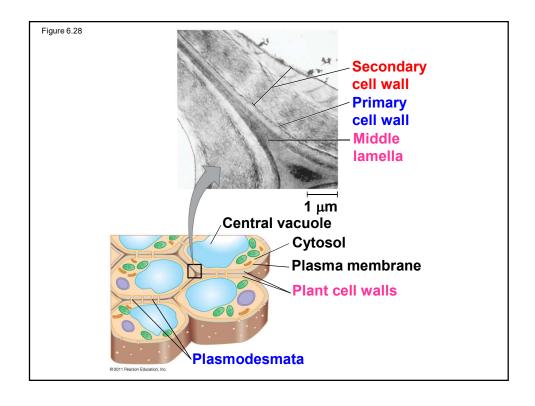
- The cell wall is an extracellular structure that distinguishes plant cells from animal cells
- Prokaryotes, fungi, and some protists also have cell walls

Cell Walls of Plants

- The cell wall protects the plant cell, maintains its shape, and prevents excessive uptake of water
- Plant cell walls are made of cellulose fibers embedded in other polysaccharides and protein

- Plant cell walls may have multiple layers
 - Primary cell wall: relatively thin and flexible
 - Middle lamella: thin layer between primary walls of adjacent cells
 - Secondary cell wall (in some cells): added between the plasma membrane and the primary cell wall





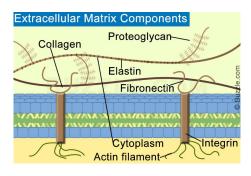
The Extracellular Matrix (ECM) of Animal Cells

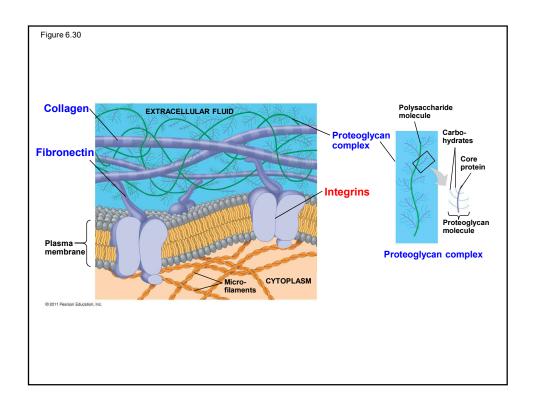
- Animal cells lack cell walls but are covered by an elaborate extracellular matrix (ECM).
- The ECM is made up of glycoproteins such as collagen, proteoglycans, and fibronectin

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The Extracellular Matrix (ECM) of Animal Cells

 ECM proteins bind to receptor proteins in the plasma membrane called integrins





- Functions of the ECM
 - Support
 - Adhesion
 - Movement
 - -Regulation

Cell Junctions

- Neighboring cells in tissues, organs, or organ systems often adhere, interact, and communicate through direct physical contact
- Intercellular junctions facilitate this contact

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Cell Junctions

- There are several types of intercellular junctions
 - Plasmodesmata
 - Tight junctions
 - Desmosomes
 - Gap junctions

Plasmodesmata: in Plant Cells

- Plasmodesmata are channels that perforate plant cell walls
- Through plasmodesmata, water and small solutes (and sometimes proteins and RNA) can pass from cell to cell

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Tight Junctions, Desmosomes, and Gap Junctions in Animal Cells

- At tight junctions, membranes of neighboring cells are pressed together, <u>preventing leakage</u> of extracellular fluid
- Desmosomes (anchoring junctions) <u>fasten</u> cells together into strong sheets

Gap junctions (communicating junctions) provide cytoplasmic channels between adjacent cells