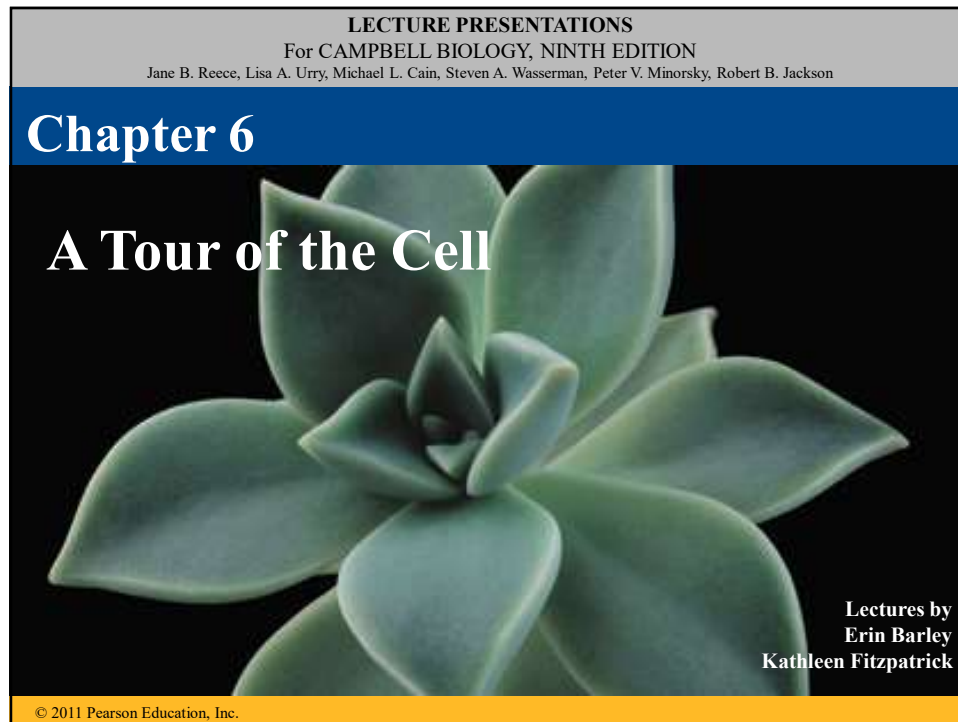




The Fundamental Units of Life

- **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 related by their descent from earlier cells

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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

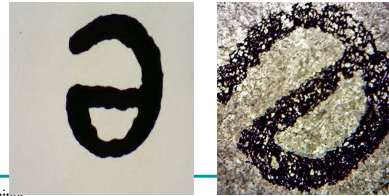
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microscope

- 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 ratio 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

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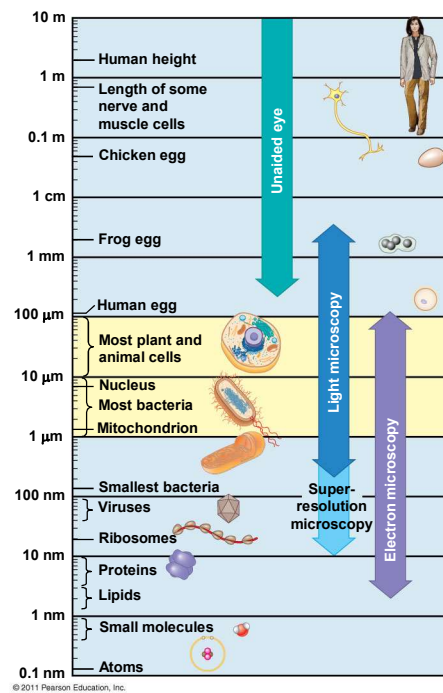
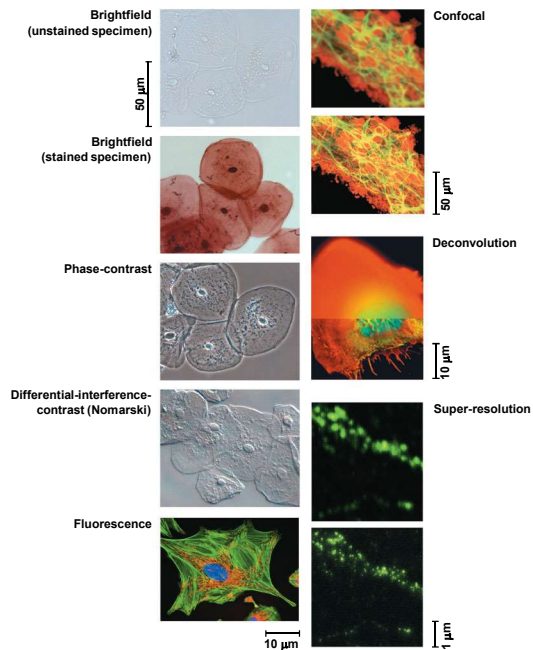
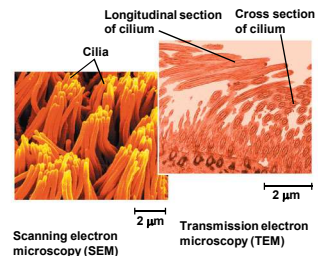


Figure 6.3

Light Microscopy (LM)



Electron Microscopy (EM)

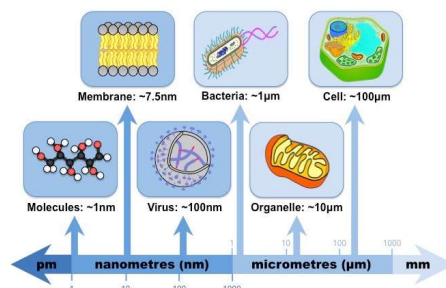


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- **LMs can magnify** effectively to about **1,000 times** the size of the actual specimen
- Various techniques enhance **contrast** and enable cell components to be **stained** or **labeled**

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

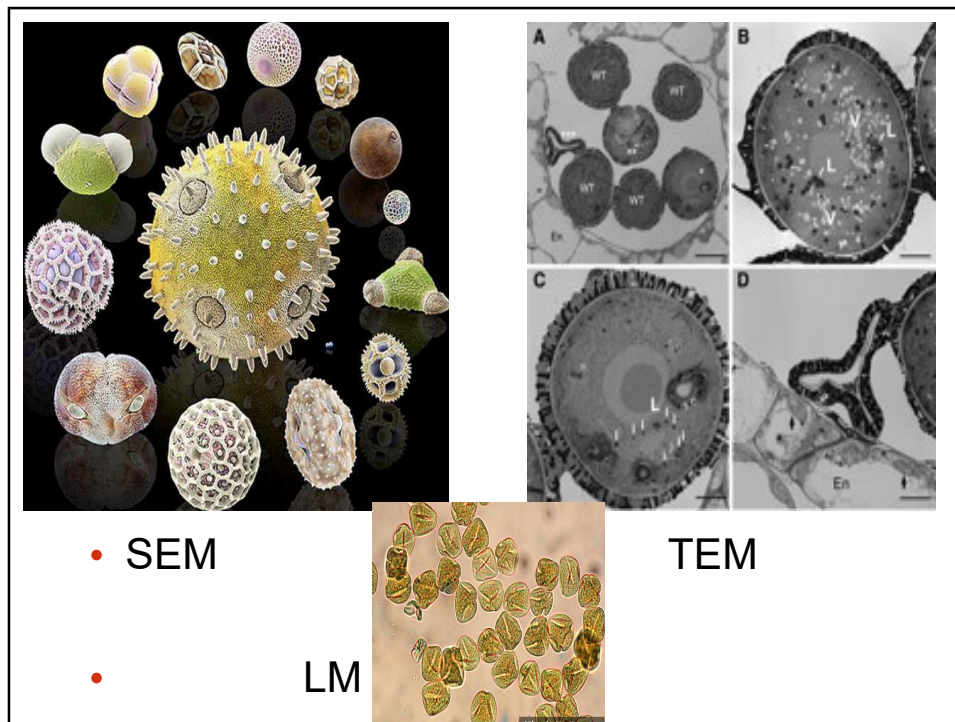


Electron microscopes

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

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- **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
- **Ultracentrifuges 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

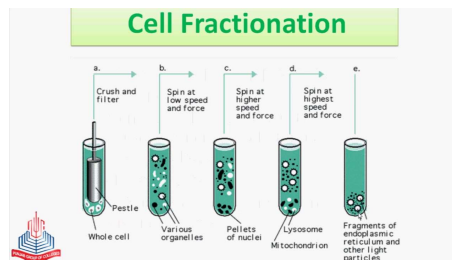
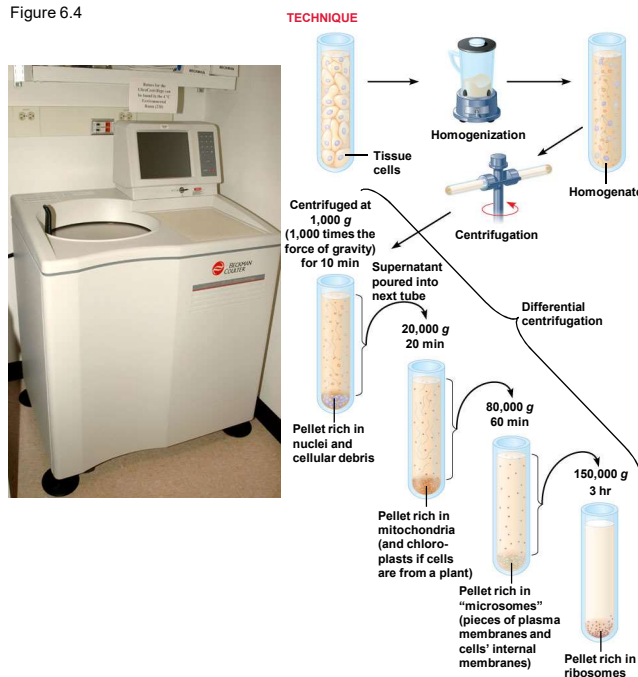


Figure 6.4



Eukaryotic cells have internal membranes that compartmentalize their functions

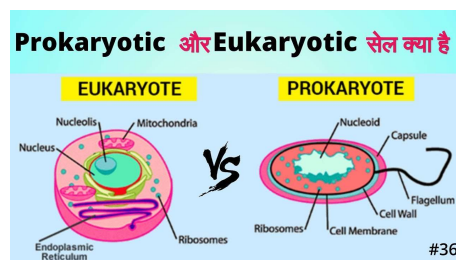
- The basic structural and functional unit of every organism is one of **two types of cells**:

-

–prokaryotic

or

–eukaryotic



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- Only organisms of the **domains Bacteria and Archaea** consist of **prokaryotic cells**
- **Protists, fungi, animals, and plants** all consist of **eukaryotic cells**

Prokaryotic vs. Eukaryotic Cells

Basic features of all cells: •

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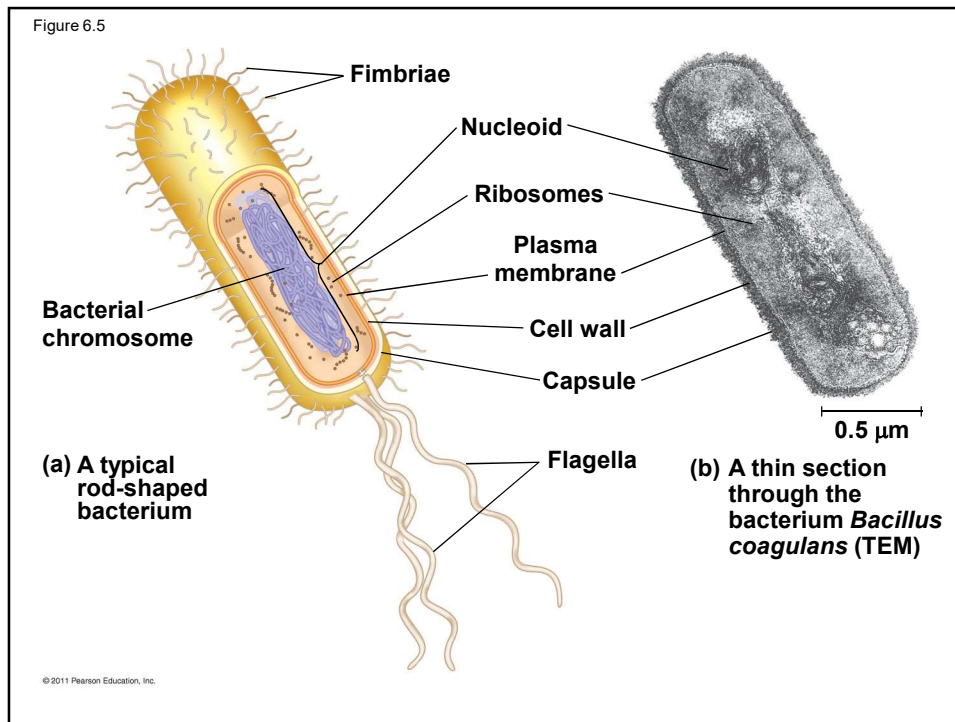
- Plasma membrane
- Semifluid substance called cytosol
- Chromosomes (carry genes)
- Ribosomes (make proteins)

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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

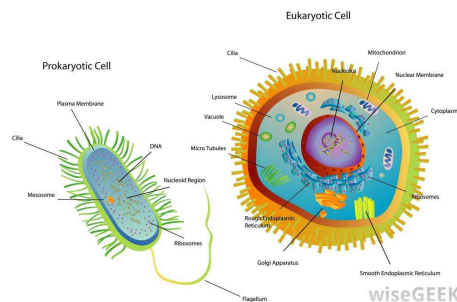
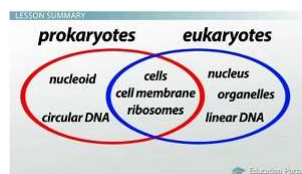
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- **Eukaryotic cells are characterized by having**
 - **DNA in a nucleus** that is bounded by a membranous nuclear envelope
 - **Membrane-bound organelles**
 - **Cytoplasm in the region between the plasma membrane and nucleus**

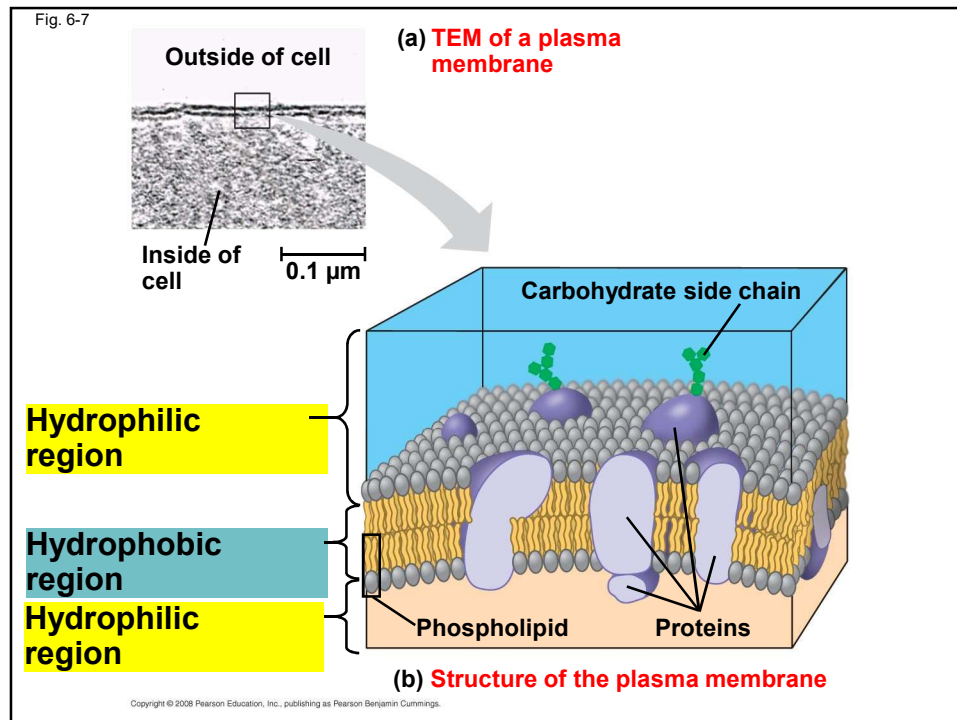
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- **Eukaryotic cells are generally much larger than prokaryotic cells**



- The **plasma membrane** is a **selective barrier that allows sufficient passage 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**

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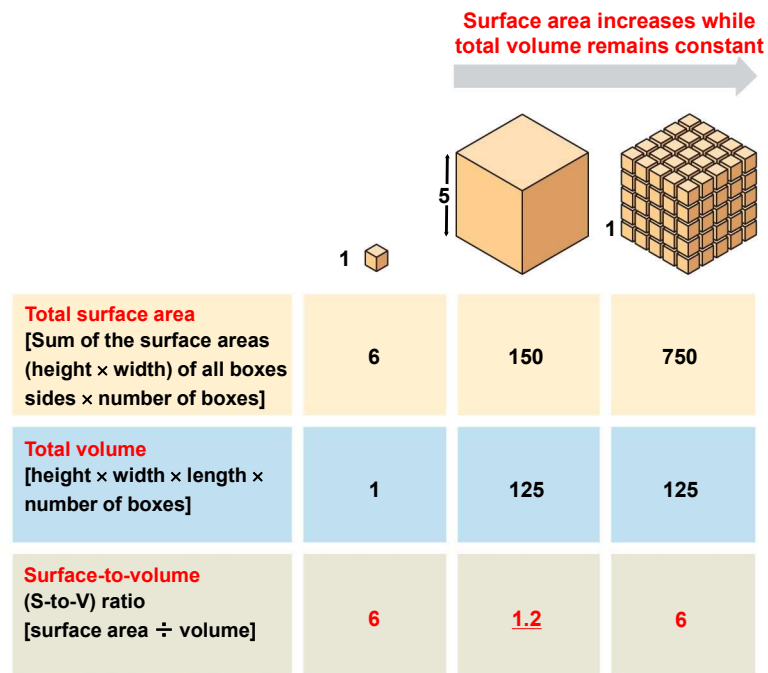


Cell size

- **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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Fig. 6-8



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

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Fig. 6-9a

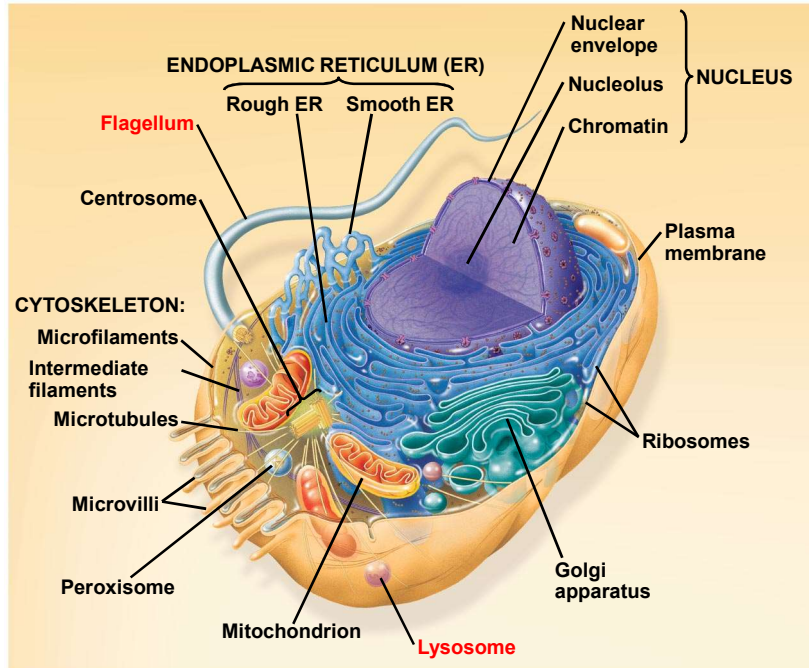
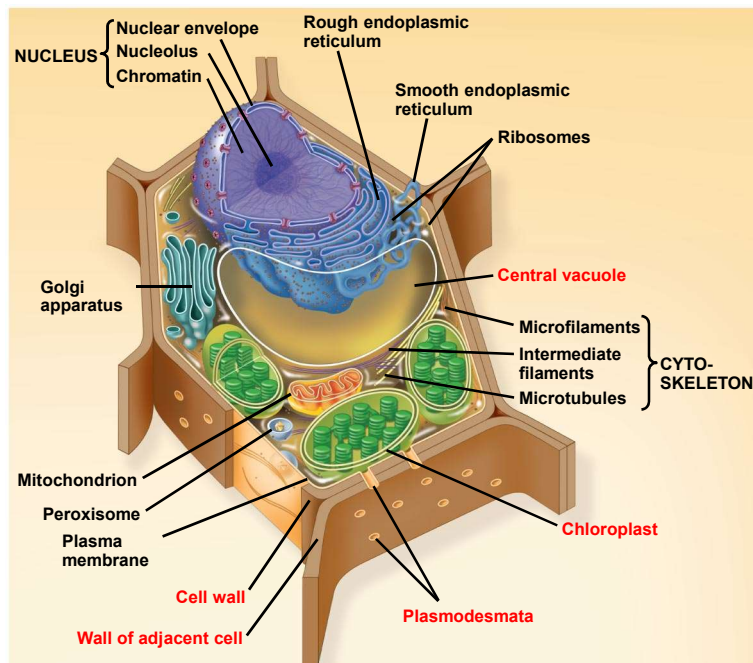


Fig. 6-9b



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

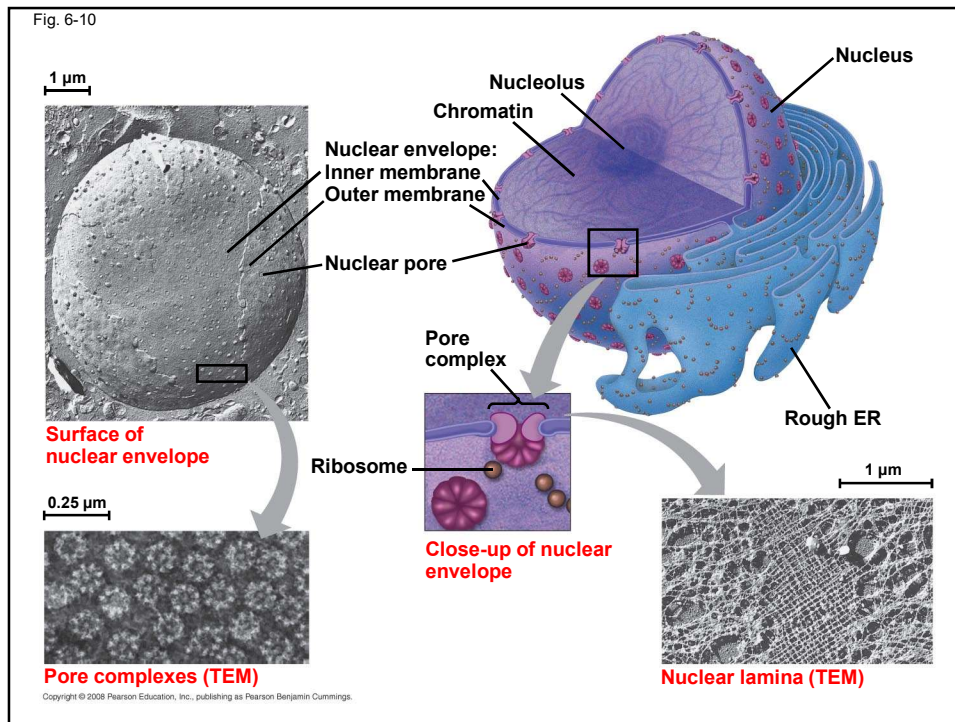
- The **nucleus** contains most of the **DNA** in a eukaryotic cell
- **Ribosomes** use the information from the DNA to **make proteins**

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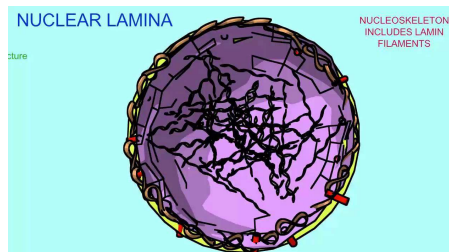
The Nucleus: Information Central

- 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

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



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

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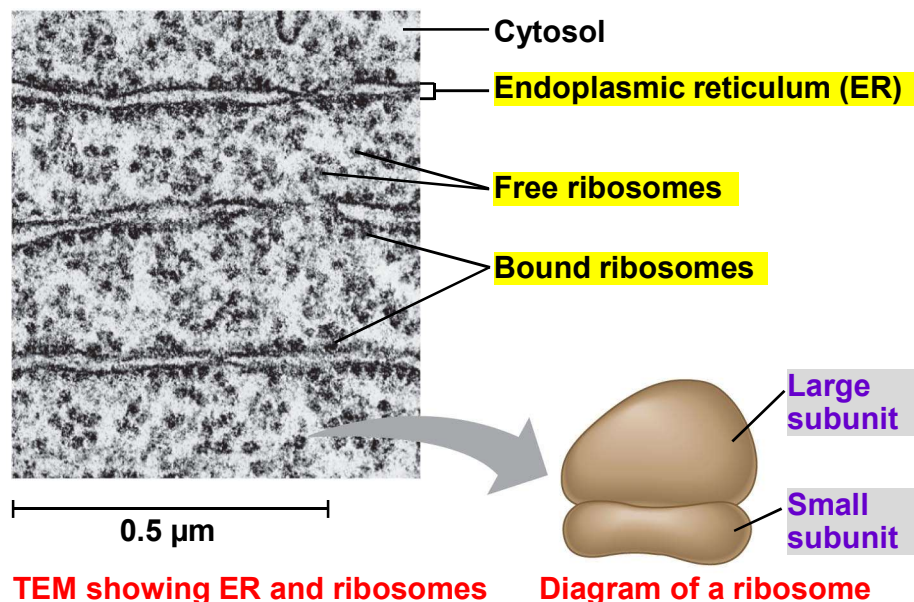
- Chromatin condenses to form discrete **chromosomes** as a cell prepares to divide.
- The nucleolus is located within the nucleus and is the site of ribosomal RNA (rRNA) synthesis

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***)

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Fig. 6-11



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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 either continuous or connected via transfer by vesicles

The Endoplasmic Reticulum: Biosynthetic Factory

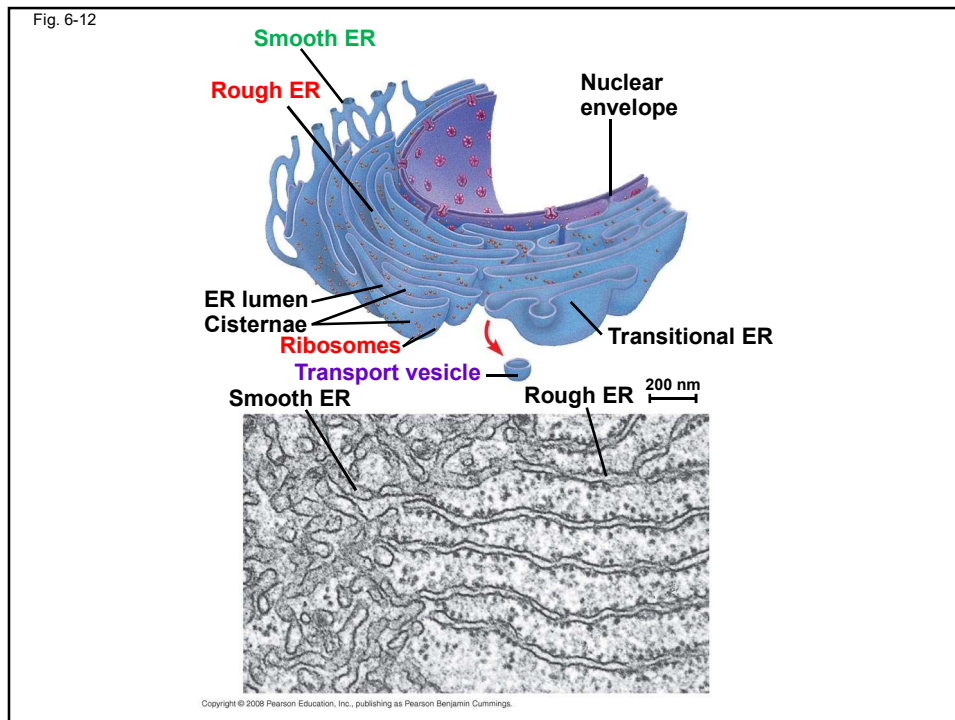
- The **endoplasmic reticulum (ER)** accounts **for more than half of the total membrane** in many eukaryotic cells
- The **ER membrane** is continuous with the **nuclear envelope**

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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

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Functions of Rough ER

- **The rough ER**
 - **Has bound ribosomes, which secrete**
glycoproteins
(proteins covalently bonded to carbohydrates)
 - **Distributes transport vesicles ► proteins surrounded by membranes**
 - **Is a membrane factory for the cell**

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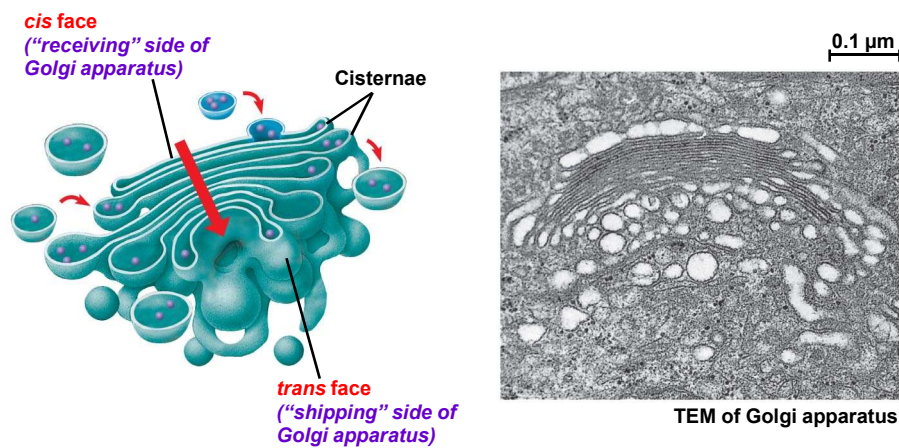
The Golgi Apparatus: Shipping and Receiving Center

- **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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 - **Modifies** products of the ER
 - **Manufactures** certain macromolecules
 - **Sorts** and **packages** materials into transport vesicles

Fig. 6-13



Lysosomes: Digestive Compartments

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

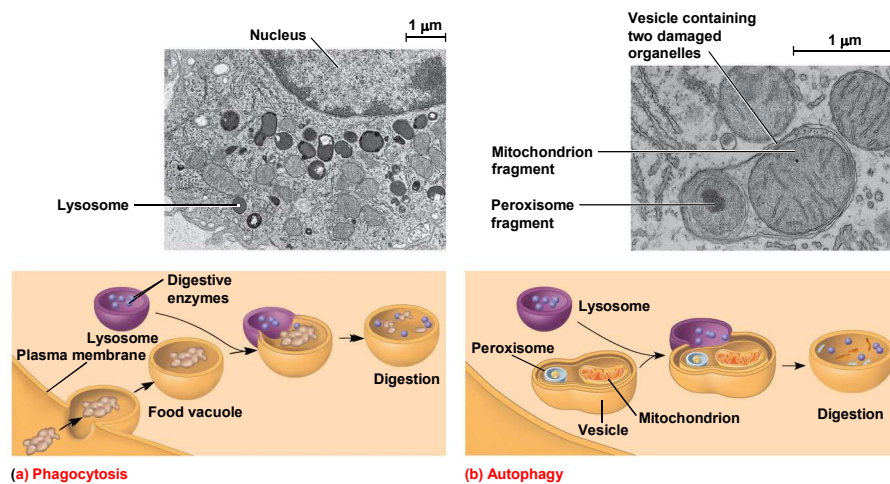
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-
- Some types of cell can engulf another cell by phagocytosis
 - this forms *a food vacuole*
 - A lysosome fuses with the food vacuole and digests the molecules

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- Lysosomes also use enzymes to **recycle** the cell's own organelles and macromolecules, a process called **autophagy**

Figure 6.13



Vacuoles

Diverse Maintenance Compartments

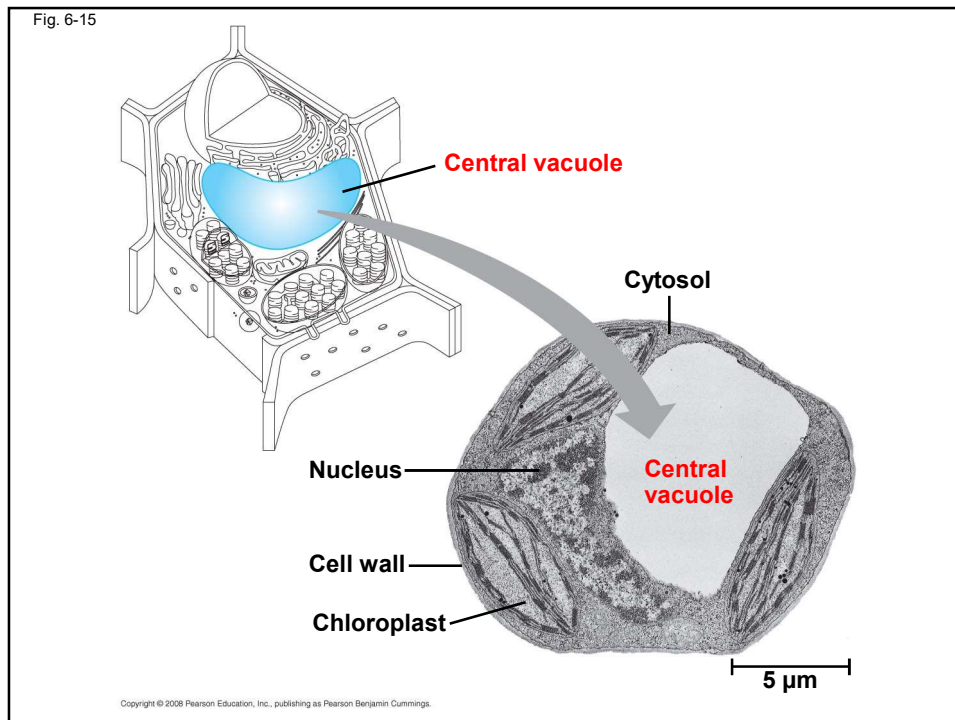
- A plant cell or fungal cell may have **one or several vacuoles** derived from endoplasmic reticulum and Golgi apparatus

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• Types of Vacuoles:

- **Food vacuoles** ► formed by phagocytosis
- **Contractile vacuoles** ► in many freshwater protists ► pump excess water out of cells
- **Central vacuoles** ► in plant cells ► hold organic compounds and water

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The **Endomembrane System:** *A Review*

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

**compartmental
organization**

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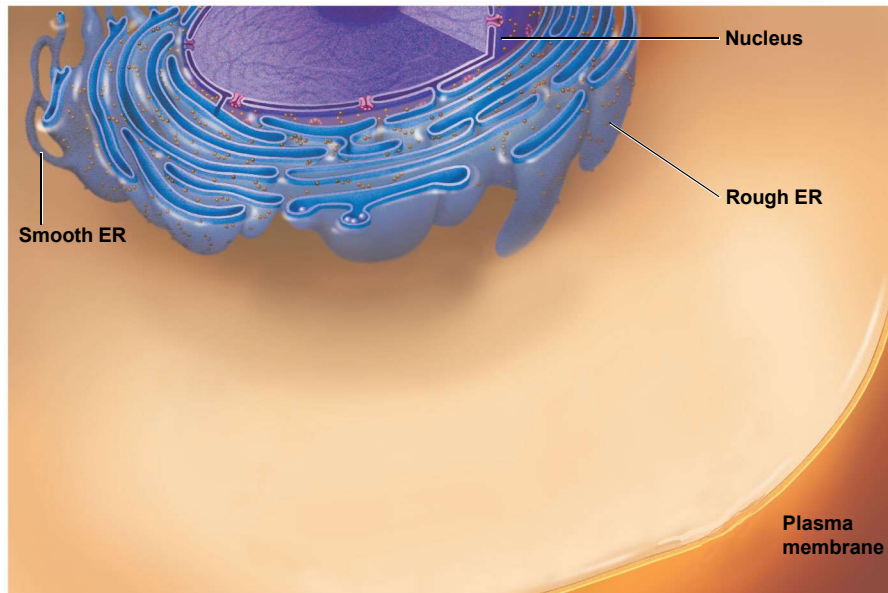


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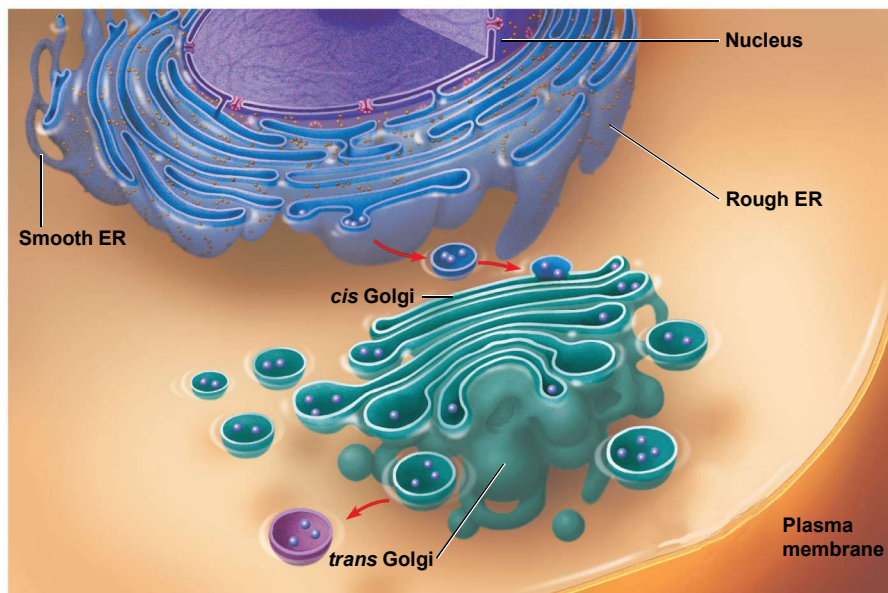
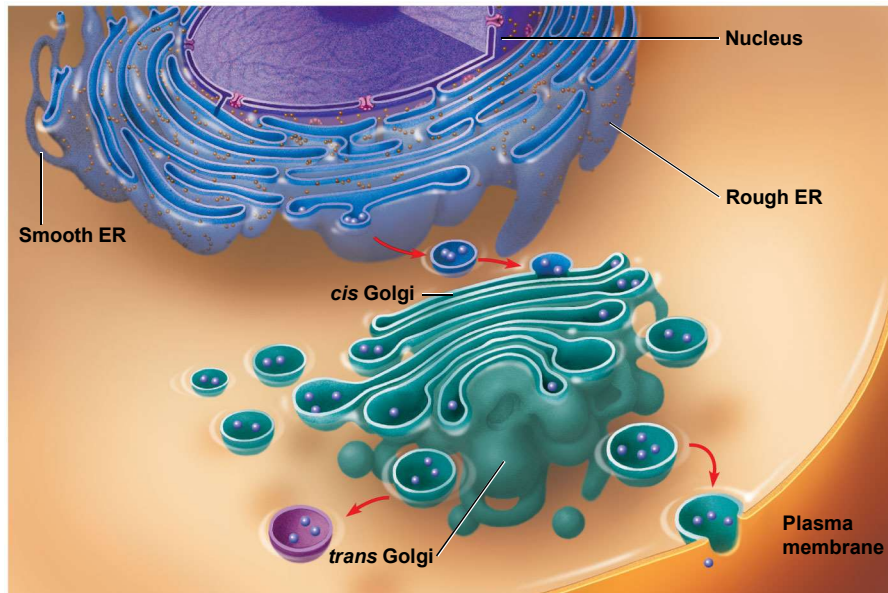


Figure 6.15-3



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

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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**

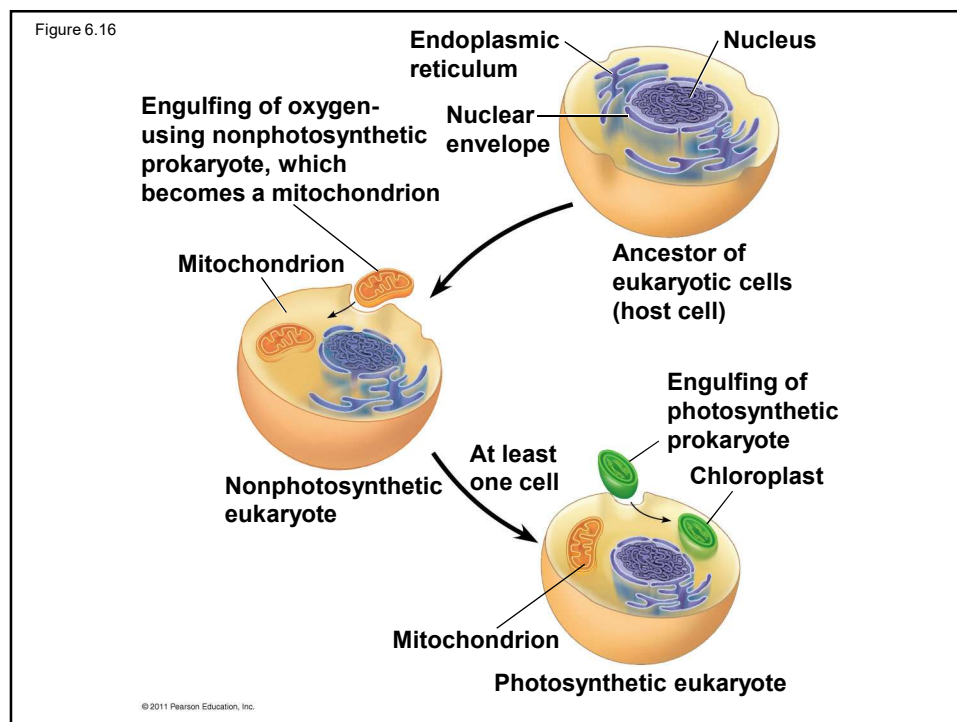
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• The Endosymbiont theory

- 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**

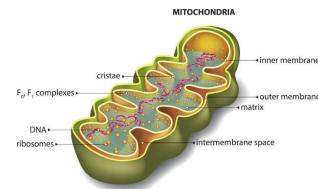
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At least one of these cells **may have taken up a photosynthetic prokaryote**, becoming the ancestor of cells that contain **chloroplasts**



Mitochondria: Chemical Energy Conversion

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

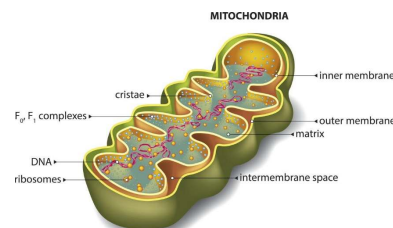


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The inner membrane creates
two compartments:

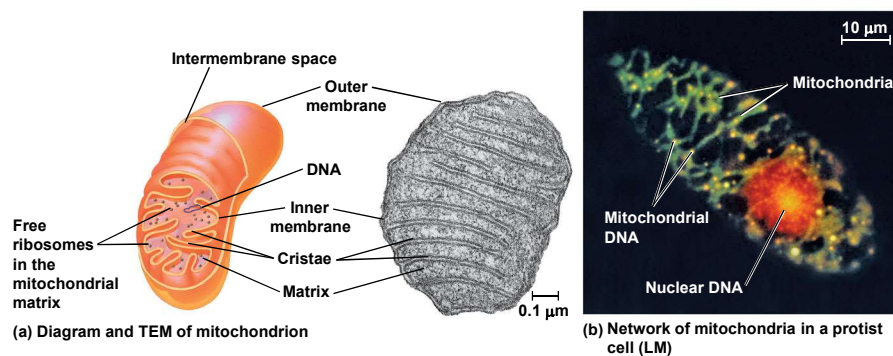
–intermembrane space and

–mitochondrial matrix



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

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Chloroplasts: Capture of Light Energy

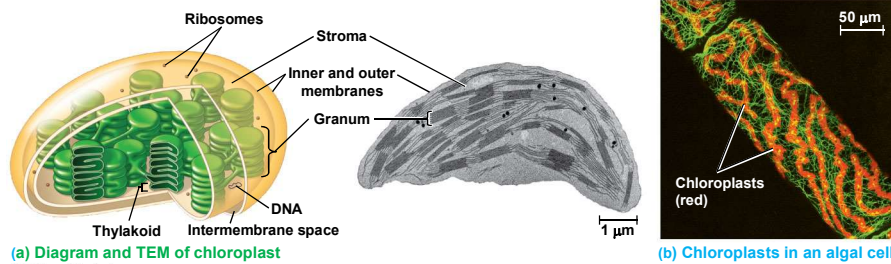
- Chloroplasts contain the **green pigment chlorophyll**, as well as **enzymes** and **other molecules** that function in photosynthesis
- **Chloroplasts** are found **in leaves** and other **green organs** of plants and in algae

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- **Chloroplast structure** includes
 - **Thylakoids**, membranous **sacs**, stacked to form a **granum**
 - **Stroma**, the internal **fluid**
- The **chloroplast** is one of a group of plant organelles, called **plastids**

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Figure 6.18



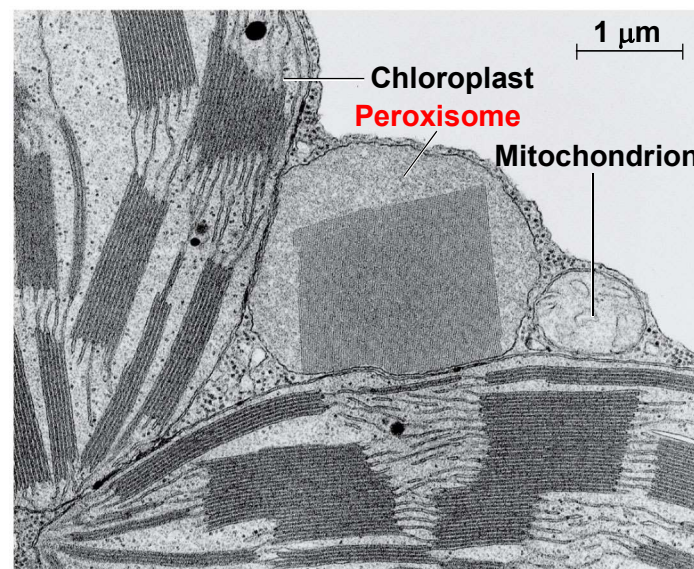
Peroxisomes: Oxidation

- **Peroxisomes** are specialized metabolic compartments bounded by a **single membrane**
- **Peroxisomes** produce hydrogen peroxide and convert it to water

Peroxisomes

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

Figure 6.19



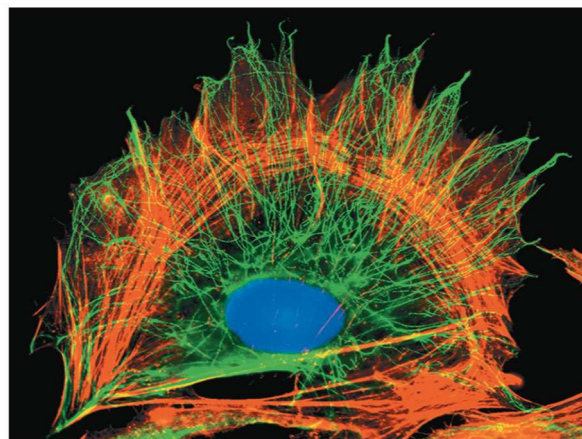
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The cytoskeleton is a network of fibers that organizes structures and activities in the cell

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

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It is composed of **three types of molecular structures.**



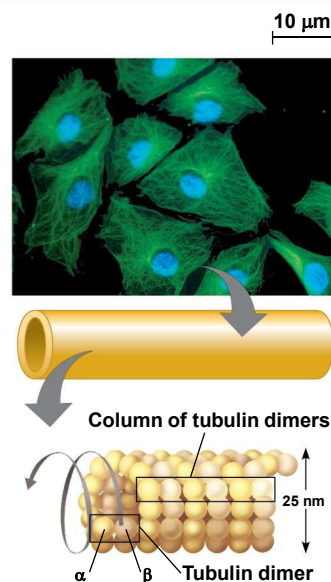
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- **Three main types of fibers** make up the cytoskeleton
 - **Microtubules** are the **thickest** of the three components of the cytoskeleton
 - **Microfilaments**, also called **actin filaments**, are the **thinnest** components
 - **Intermediate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

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Table 6.1a

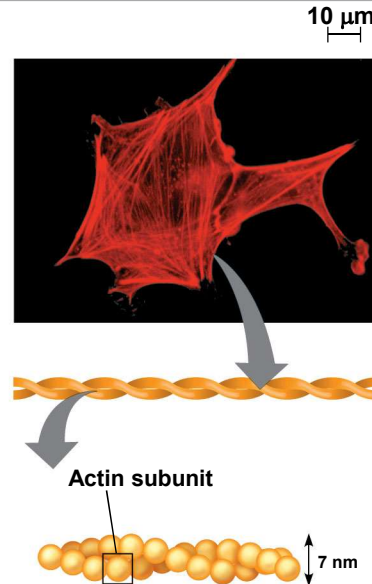
Property	Microtubules (Tubulin Polymers)
Structure	Hollow tubes; wall consists of 13 columns of tubulin molecules
Diameter	25 nm with 15-nm lumen
Protein subunits	Tubulin, a dimer consisting of α -tubulin and β -tubulin
Main functions	Maintenance of cell shape (compression-resisting "girders") Cell motility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



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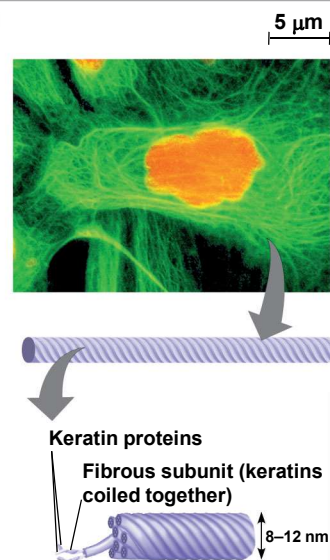
Property	Microfilaments (Actin Filaments)
Structure	Two intertwined strands of actin, each a polymer of actin subunits
Diameter	7 nm
Protein subunits	Actin
Main functions	Maintenance of cell shape (tension-bearing elements) Changes in cell shape Muscle contraction Cytoplasmic streaming Cell motility (as in pseudopodia) Cell division (cleavage furrow formation)



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Table 6.1c

Property	Intermediate Filaments
Structure	Fibrous proteins supercoiled into thicker cables
Diameter	8–12 nm
Protein subunits	One of several different proteins (such as keratins), depending on cell type
Main functions	Maintenance of cell shape (tension-bearing elements) Anchorage of nucleus and certain other organelles Formation of nuclear lamina



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Roles of the Cytoskeleton:

Support and Motility

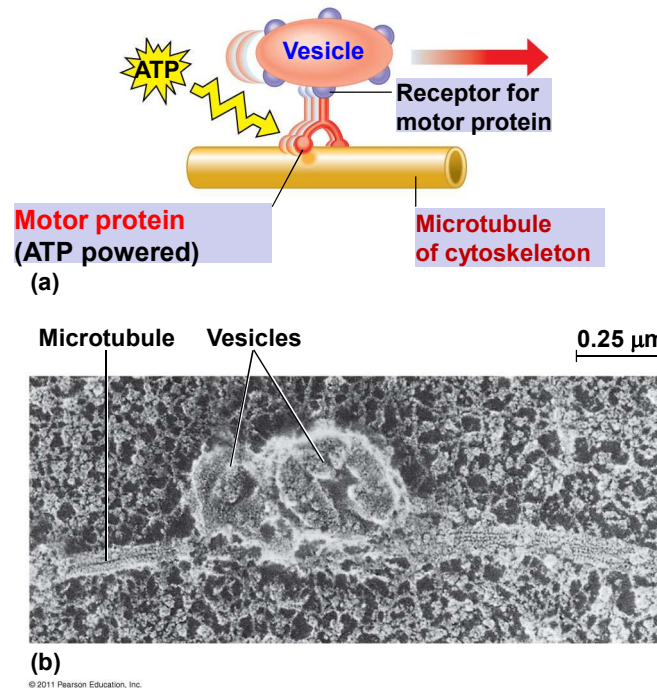
- The cytoskeleton helps to **support the cell** and **maintain its shape**
- It interacts with **motor proteins** to produce **motility**

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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 **regulate biochemical activities**

Figure 6.21



Centrosomes and Centrioles

- In many cells, microtubules grow out from a centrosome near the nucleus
- The centrosome is a “microtubule-organizing center”

Centrosomes and Centrioles

- In animal cells, the centrosome has a pair of **centrioles**, each with **nine triplets of microtubules arranged in a ring**

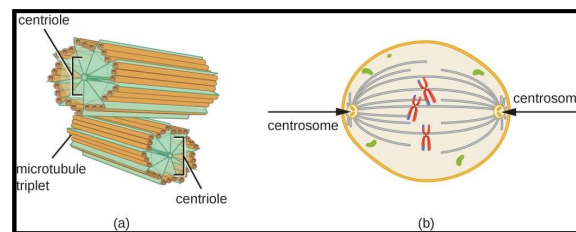
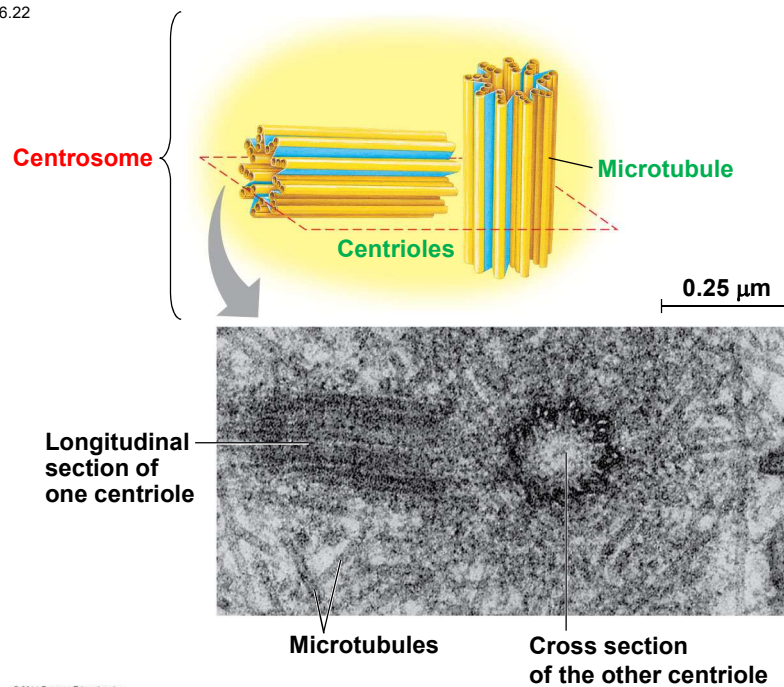


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Cilia and Flagella

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

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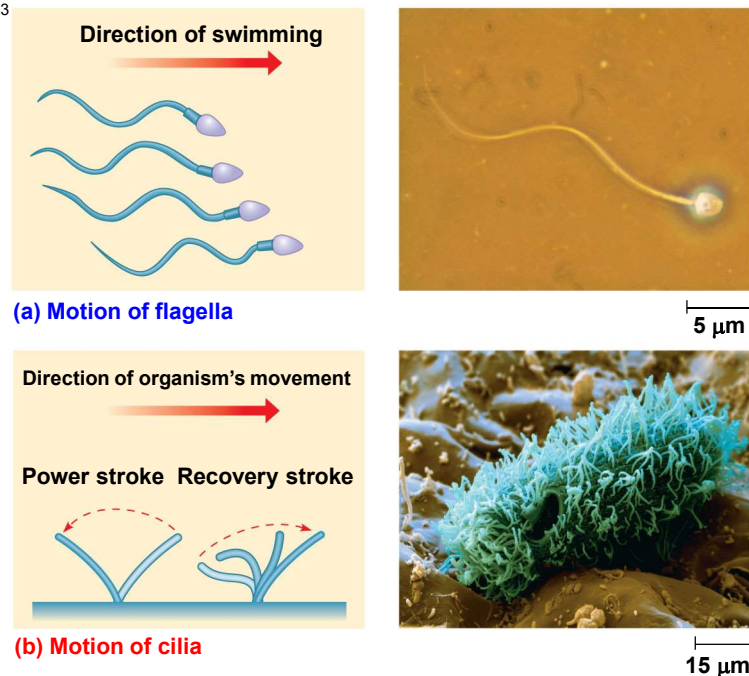


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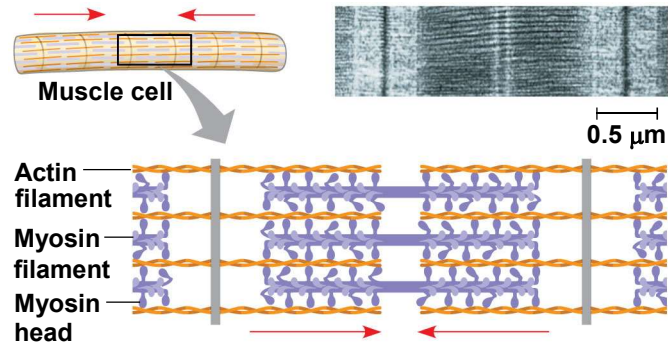
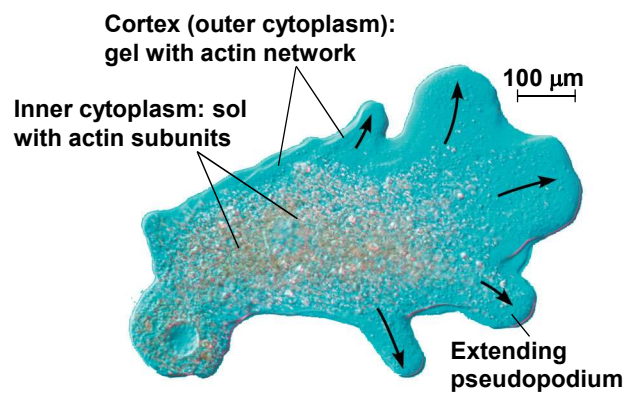
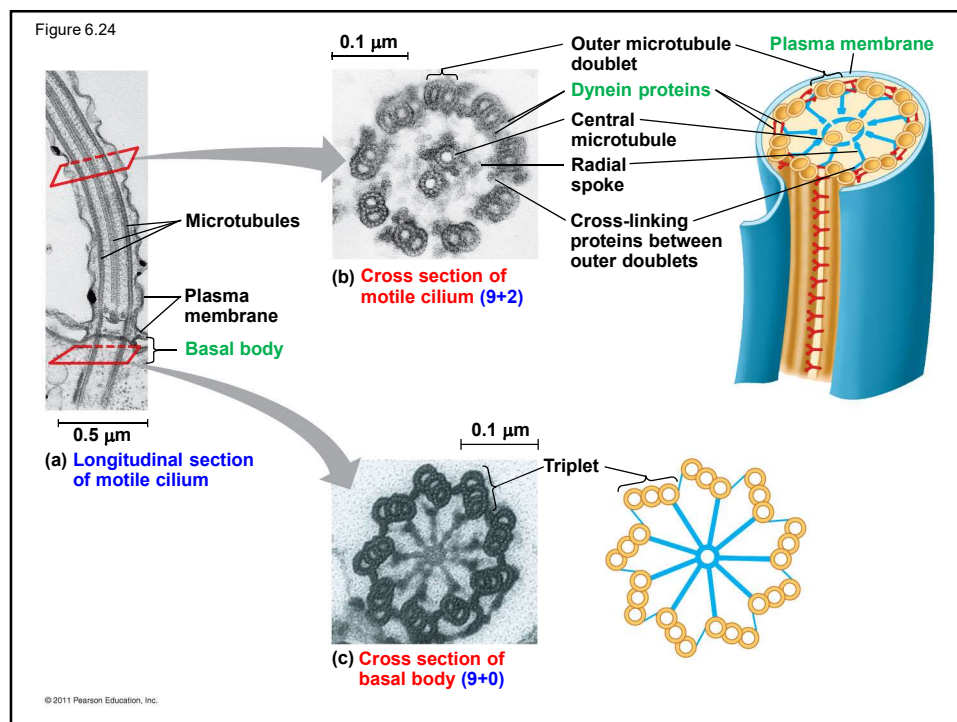
**(a) Myosin motors in muscle cell contraction**

Figure 6.27b

**(b) Amoeboid movement**

- **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*

- **Plasmodesmata** are channels between adjacent plant cells

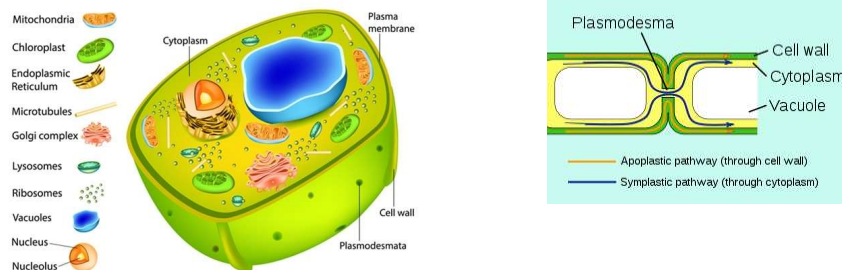
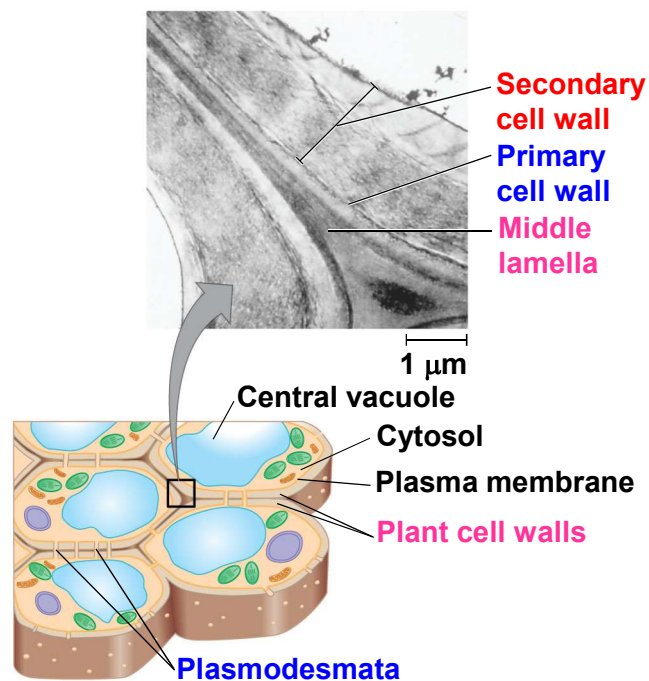


Figure 6.28



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****

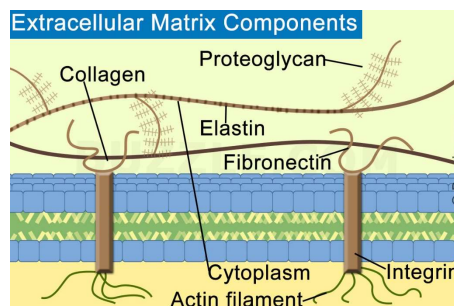
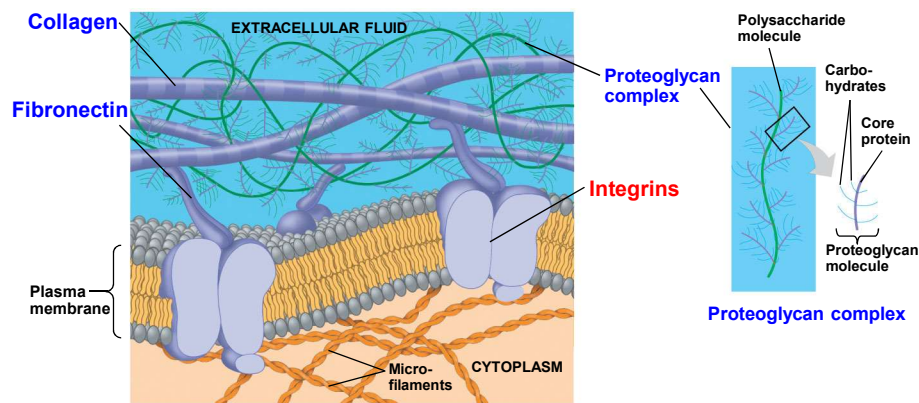


Figure 6.30



• Functions of the ECM

- **Support**
- **Adhesion**
- **Movement**
- **Regulation**

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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, preventing leakage of extracellular fluid**
- **Desmosomes (anchoring junctions) fasten cells together into strong sheets**

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Gap junctions

(communicating junctions)

***provide cytoplasmic channels
between adjacent cells***

