

Overview: 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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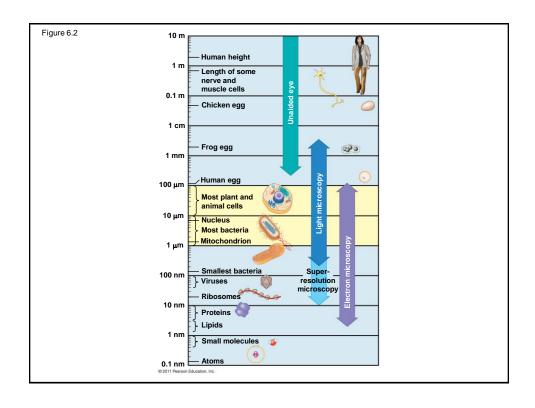
Concept 6.1: To study cells, biologists use microscopes and the tools of biochemistry

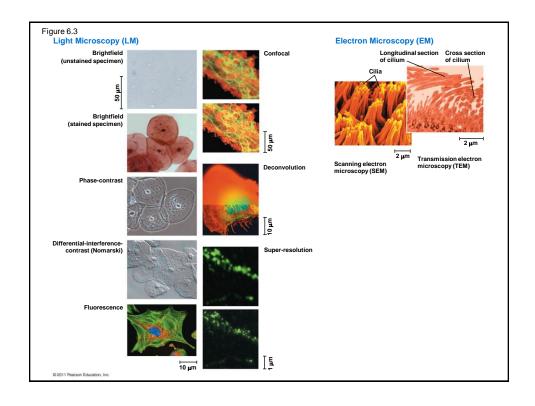
- Though usually too small to be seen by the unaided eye, cells can be complex
- Microscopy:
- Scientists use microscopes to visualize cells too small to see with the naked eye
- In a light microscope (LM), visible light passes through a specimen and then through glass lenses, which magnify the image

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- 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
 - Contrast, visible differences in parts of the sample

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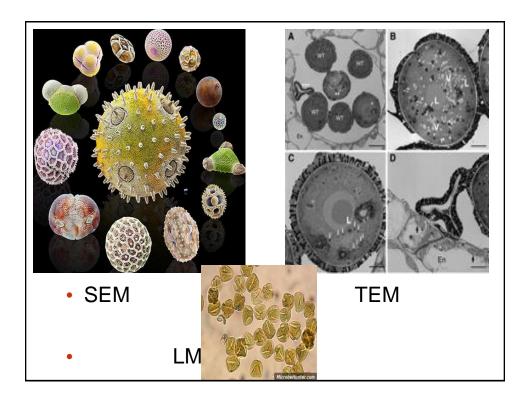
- LMs can magnify effectively to about 1,000 times the size of the actual specimen
- Various techniques enhance contrast and enable cell components to be stained or labeled
- Most subcellular structures, including organelles (membrane-enclosed compartments), are too small to be resolved by an LM

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Electron microscopes

- <u>Two basic types</u> of <u>electron microscopes</u> (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
- Transmission electron microscopes (TEMs) focus a beam of electrons through a specimen
- TEMs are used mainly to study the internal structure of cells

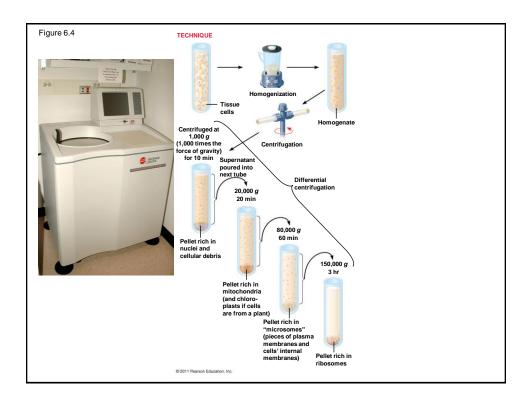
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Cell Fractionation

- 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

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Concept 6.2: 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
- Only organisms of the domains Bacteria and Archaea consist of prokaryotic cells
- Protists, fungi, animals, and plants all consist of eukaryotic cells

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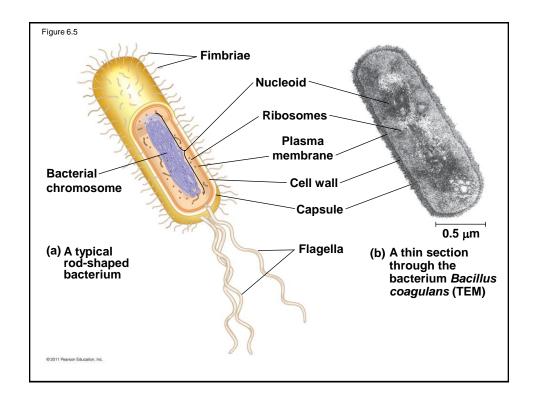
Comparing Prokaryotic and Eukaryotic Cells

- Basic features of all cells:
 - Plasma membrane
 - Semifluid substance called cytosol
 - Chromosomes (carry genes)
 - Ribosomes (make proteins)

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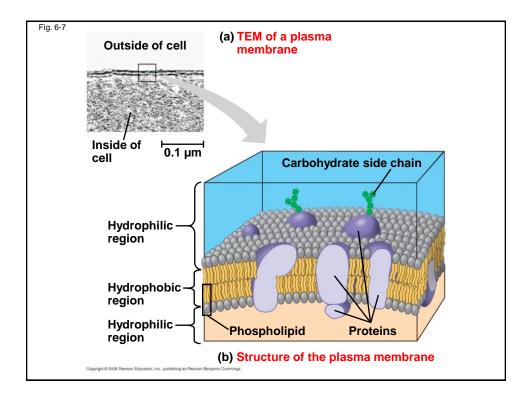
- Prokaryotic cells are characterized by having
 - No nucleus
 - DNA in an unbound region called the **nucleoid**
 - No membrane-bound organelles
 - Cytoplasm bound by the plasma membrane

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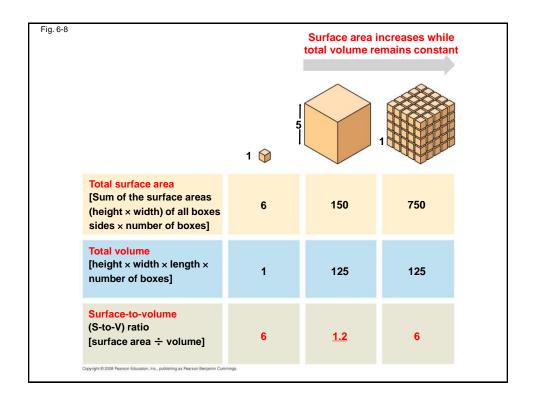


- Eukaryotic cells are characterized by having
 - DNA in a nucleus that is bounded by a membranous nuclear envelope
 - Membrane-bound organelles
 - Cytoplasm in the region between the plasma membrane and nucleus
- Eukaryotic cells are generally <u>much larger</u> than prokaryotic cells

- 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



- 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

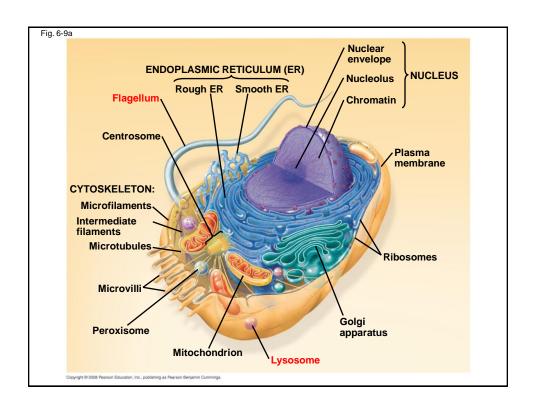


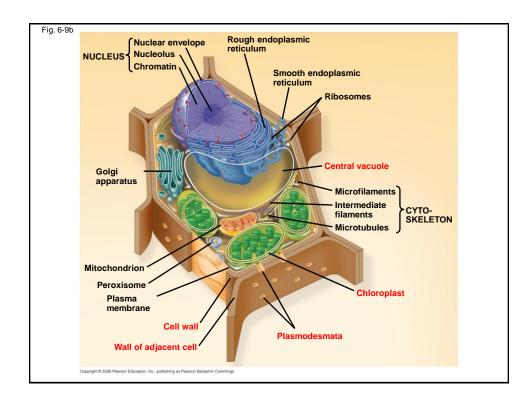
A Panoramic View of the Eukaryotic Cell

- 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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Concept 6.3: The eukaryotic cell's genetic instructions are housed in the nucleus and carried out by the ribosomes

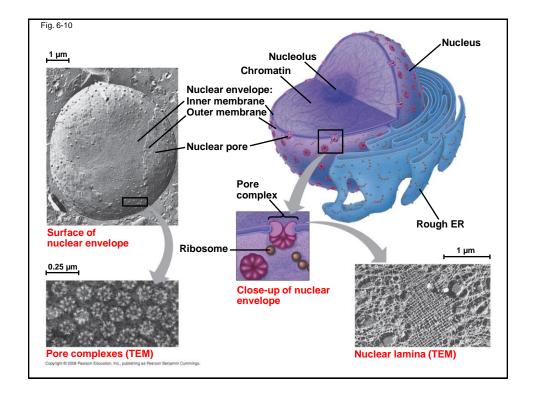
- The nucleus contains most of the DNA in a eukaryotic cell
- Ribosomes use the information from the DNA to make proteins

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The Nucleus: Information Central

- The nucleus is usually the most conspicuous organelle
- The nuclear envelope encloses the nucleus, separating it from the cytoplasm
- 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

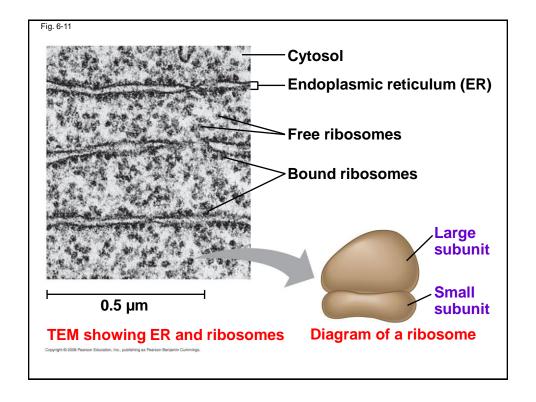
- In the nucleus, DNA is organized into discrete units called chromosomes.
- Each chromosome is composed of a single DNA molecule associated with proteins
- DNA and proteins form genetic material called chromatin.
- Chromatin condenses to form discrete chromosomes as a cell prepares to divide.
- The <u>nucleolus</u> is located within the nucleus and is the <u>site of ribosomal RNA (rRNA) synthesis</u>

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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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Concept 6.4: The <u>endomembrane system</u> regulates protein traffic and performs metabolic functions in the cell

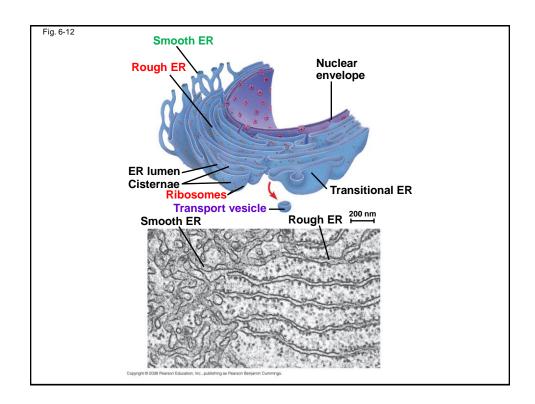
- Components of the <u>endomembrane</u> system:
 - Nuclear envelope
 - Endoplasmic reticulum
 - Golgi apparatus
 - Lysosomes
 - Vacuoles
 - Plasma membrane
- These components are <u>either continuous</u> or connected via transfer by **vesicles**

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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>
- There are two distinct regions of ER:
 - Smooth ER, which lacks ribosomes
 - Rough ER, with ribosomes studding its surface

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Functions of Smooth ER

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

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Functions of Rough ER

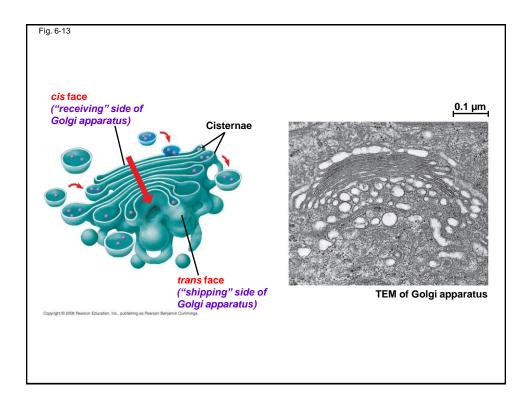
- The rough ER
 - Has bound ribosomes, which secrete glycoproteins (proteins covalently bonded to carbohydrates)
 - Distributes transport vesicles, proteins surrounded by membranes
 - Is a membrane factory for the cell

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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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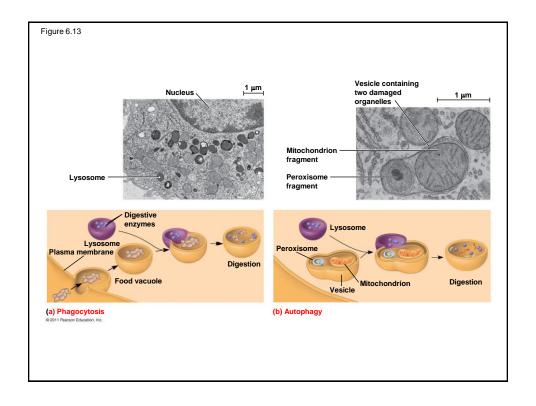
Lysosomes: Digestive Compartments

- 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 inside the lysosome

PLAY Animation: Lysosome Formation

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



Vacuoles: Diverse Maintenance Compartments

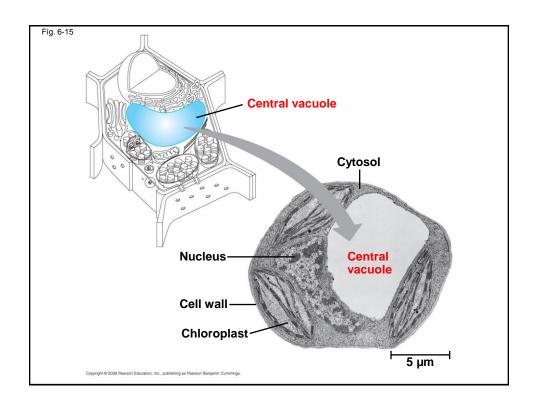
 A <u>plant cell or fungal</u> cell may have one or several vacuoles derived from endoplasmic reticulum and Golgi apparatus

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- Types of Vacuoles:
- Food vacuoles are formed by phagocytosis
- Contractile vacuoles, found in many freshwater protists, pump excess water out of cells
- Central vacuoles, found in many mature plant cells, hold organic compounds and water

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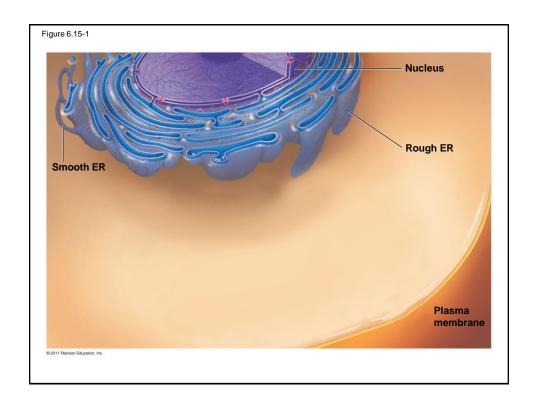
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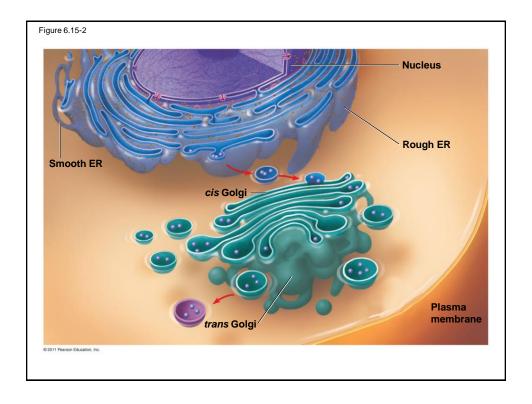


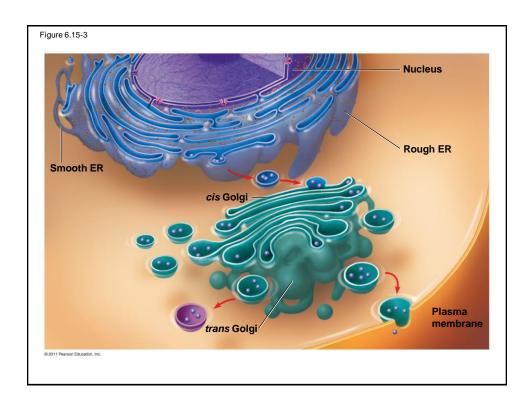
The Endomembrane System: A Review

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

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Concept 6.5: 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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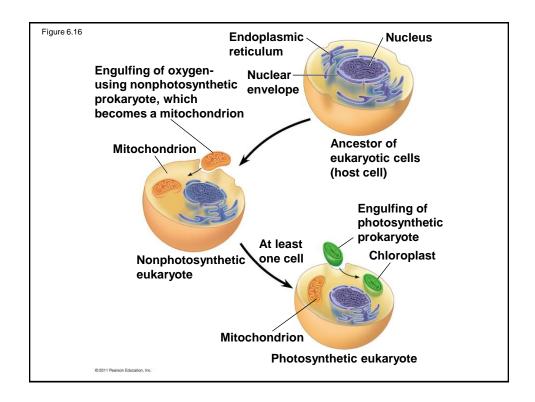
The Evolutionary Origins of Mitochondria and Chloroplasts

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

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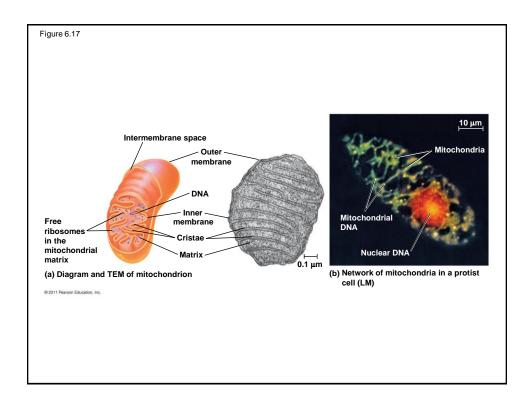


Mitochondria: Chemical Energy

Conversion

- Mitochondria are in nearly all eukaryotic cells
- They have a smooth outer membrane and an inner membrane folded into cristae
- 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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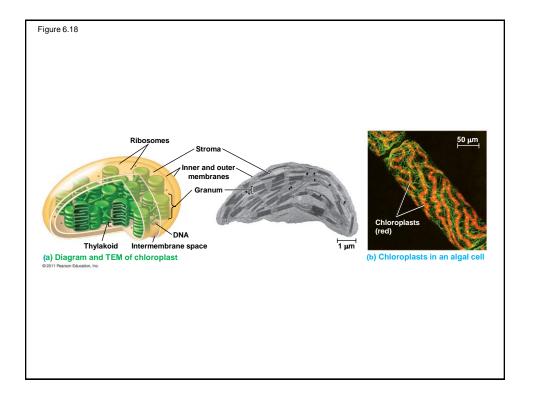
Chloroplasts: Capture of Light Energy

- 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

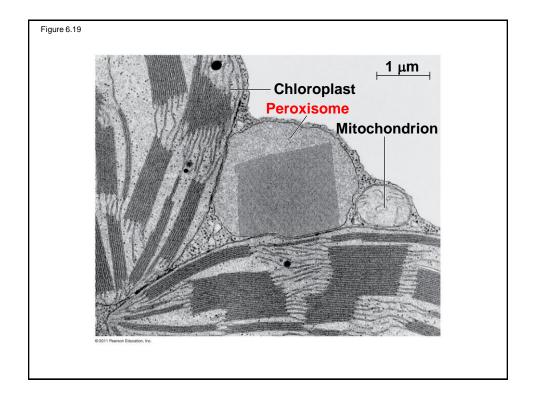
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Peroxisomes: Oxidation

- Peroxisomes are specialized metabolic compartments bounded by a single membrane
- Peroxisomes produce hydrogen peroxide and convert it to water
- Peroxisomes perform reactions with many different functions
- How peroxisomes are related to other organelles is still unknown

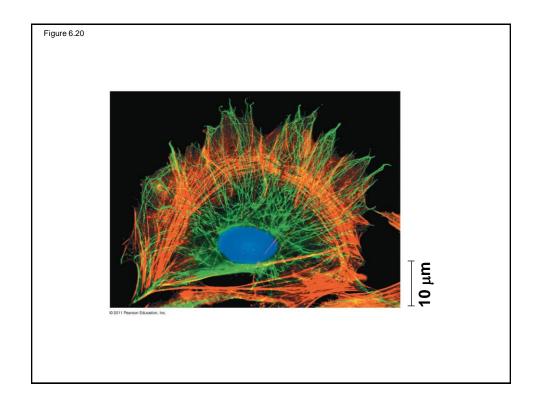
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Concept 6.6: The cytoskeleton is a network of fibers that organizes structures and activities in the cell

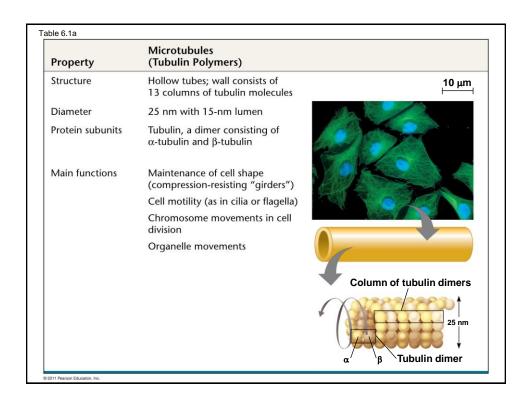
- The cytoskeleton is a network of fibers extending throughout the cytoplasm
- It organizes the cell's structures and activities, anchoring many organelles
- It is composed of three types of molecular structures.

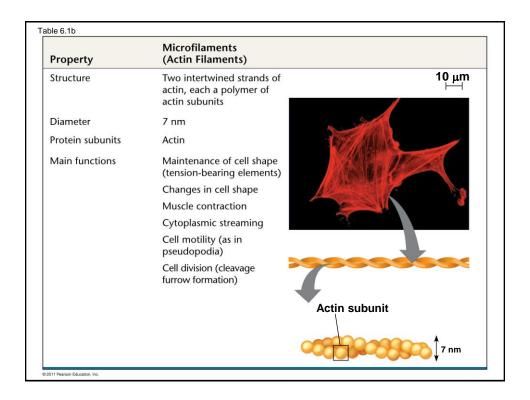
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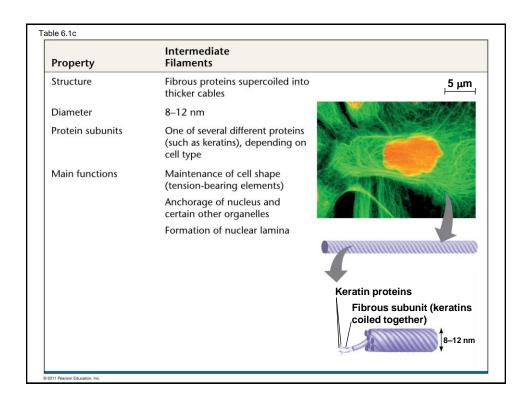


- Three main types of fibers make up the cytoskeleton
 - Microtubules are the thickest of the three components of the cytoskeleton
 - Microfilaments, also called actin filaments, are the thinnest components
 - Intermediate filaments are fibers with diameters in a middle range

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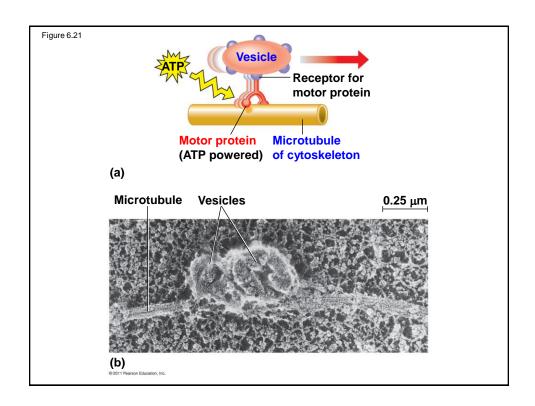




Roles of the Cytoskeleton: Support and Motility

- The cytoskeleton helps to support the cell and maintain its shape
- It interacts with motor proteins to produce motility
- Inside the cell, vesicles can travel along "monorails" provided by the cytoskeleton
- Recent evidence suggests that the cytoskeleton may help regulate biochemical activities

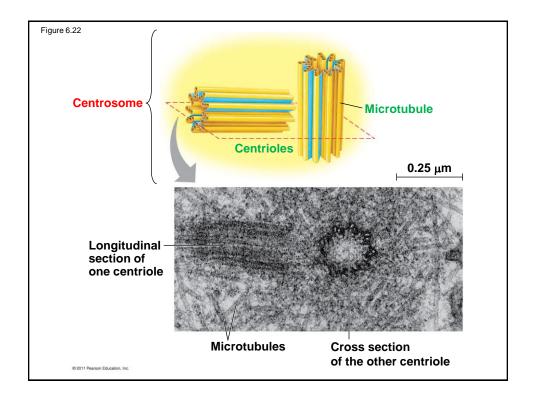
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Centrosomes and Centrioles

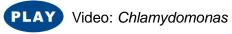
- In many cells, microtubules grow out from a centrosome near the nucleus
- The centrosome is a "microtubule-organizing center"
- In animal cells, the centrosome has a pair of centrioles, each with nine triplets of microtubules arranged in a ring

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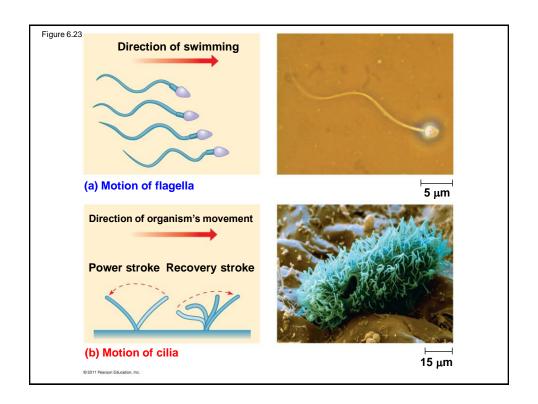
Cilia and Flagella

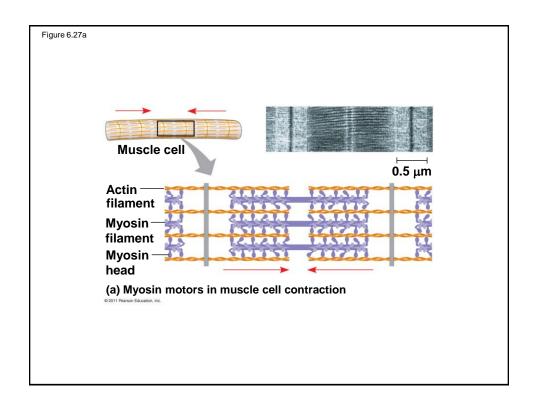
- Microtubules control the beating of cilia and flagella, locomotor appendages of some cells
- Cilia and flagella differ in their beating patterns



PLAY Video: Paramecium Cilia

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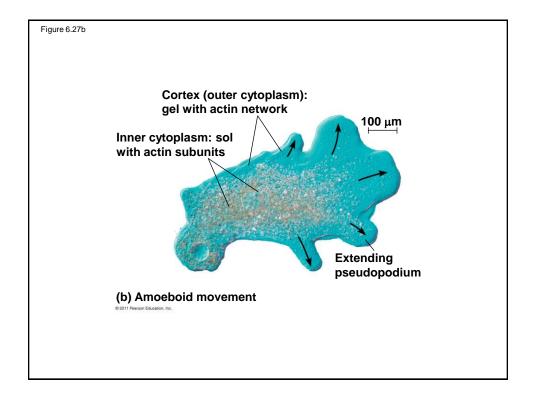
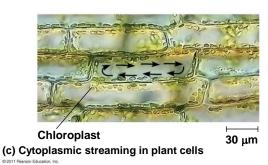
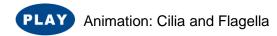


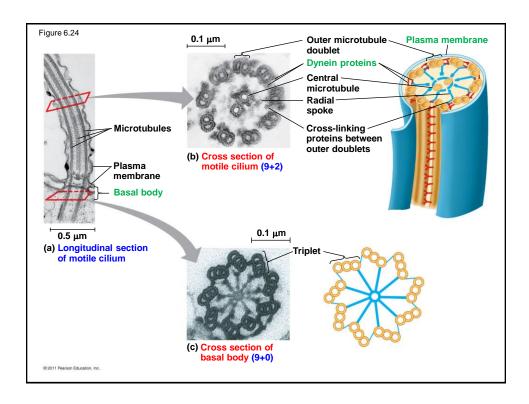
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- Cilia and flagella share a common structure
 - A core of microtubules sheathed by the plasma membrane
 - A basal body that anchors the cilium or flagellum
 - A motor protein called dynein, which drives the bending movements of a cilium or flagellum



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Concept 6.7: 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

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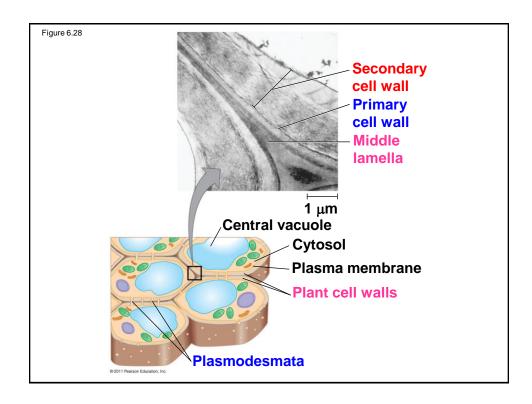
Cell Walls of Plants

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

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- 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

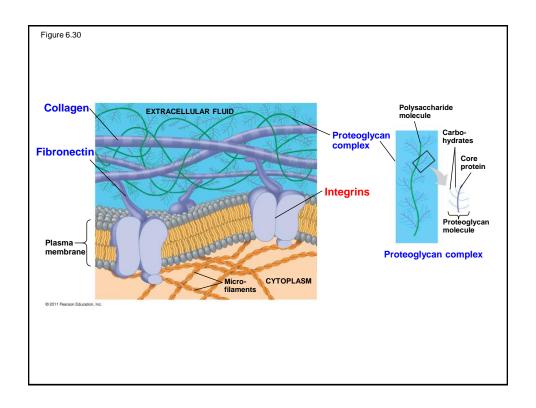
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The Extracellular Matrix (ECM) of Animal Cells

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

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Functions of the ECM

- Support
- Adhesion
- Movement
- Regulation

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Cell Junctions

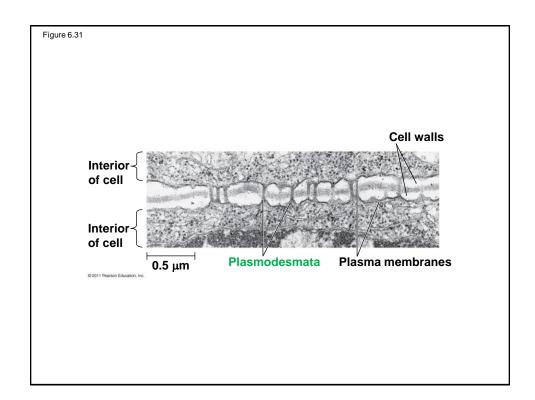
- Neighboring cells in tissues, organs, or organ systems often adhere, interact, and communicate through direct physical contact
- Intercellular junctions facilitate this contact
- There are several types of intercellular junctions
 - Plasmodesmata
 - Tight junctions
 - Desmosomes
 - Gap junctions

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

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