

Cell Organelles

...a review of structure and function...

TEKS and Student Expectations (SE's)

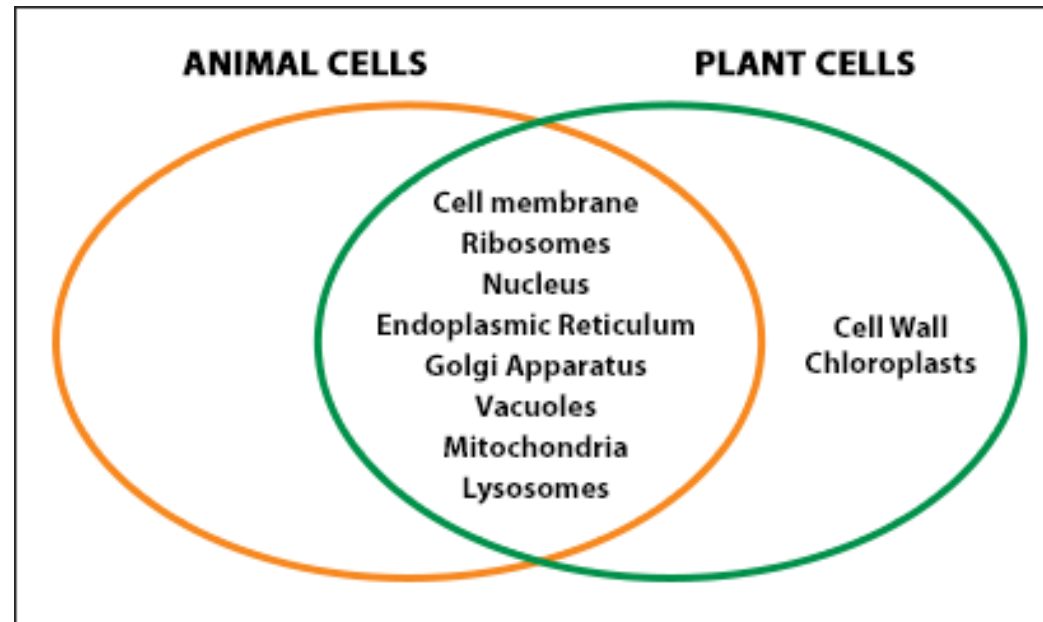
- **B.4 Science concepts.** The student knows that cells are the basic structures of all living things with specialized parts that perform specific functions and that viruses are different from cells. The student is expected to:
 - B.4B investigate and explain cellular processes, including homeostasis, energy conversions, transport of molecules, and synthesis of new molecules; and
- **B.7 Science concepts.** The student knows evolutionary theory is a scientific explanation for the unity and diversity of life. The student is expected to:
 - B.7G analyze and evaluate scientific explanations concerning the complexity of the cell.

Essential question

- How do the functions of the organelles connect to the use or creation of the four carbon compounds?

Key Vocabulary

- Cell Wall
- Cell Membrane
- Cytoplasm
- Cytoskeleton
- Nucleus
- DNA
- Endoplasmic Reticulum
- Golgi Apparatus
- Mitochondrion
- Chloroplast
- Ribosome
- Lysosome
- Vacuole
- Centrosome/Centriole



Prerequisite Questions

- What are the 4 main structures/organelles that ALL living cells must have?
- What are the primary structures (organelles), and their processes, for cells to function properly?
- Differentiate between the structures and functions of plant and animal cell organelles (including cell membrane, cell wall, nucleus, cytoplasm, mitochondrion, chloroplast, and vacuole).

Cell Theory

Three parts of the cell theory:

1. All organisms are composed of one or more cells
2. The cell is the basic unit of structure and organization in organisms
3. All cells come from existing cells

TEDed link for [The Wacky History of the Cell Theory](#)

Requirements for All Cells

- All living cells **MUST** have these 4 organelles/structures...
 1. **Plasma/Cell Membrane** – controls what is inside and outside of cell
 2. **Cytosol/Cytoplasm** – what organelles are connected to in cell
 3. **Genetic Material** – instruction for proteins and cellular chemicals
 4. **Ribosomes** – builds the proteins using the information in DNA/RNA

2 Main categories of Cells

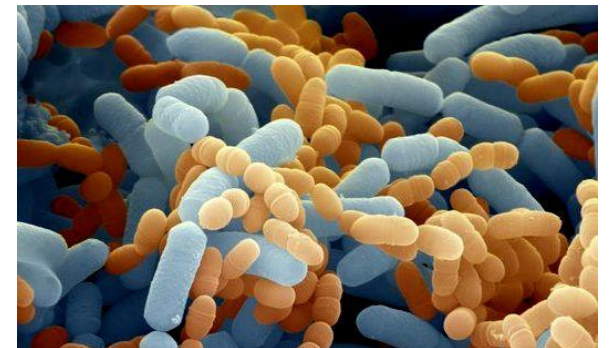
- Living cells belong to one of two categories...

Prokaryotes (archeabacteria and eubacteria)
[for now, call them bacteria]

Eukaryotes (animals, plants, fungi and protists)

Prokaryotic Cells

- Contain two bacterial Kingdoms (Archaeobacteria and Eubacteria)
- Do **NOT** contain membrane bound organelles (only contain DNA/RNA, ribosome, cytosol, cell membranes)
- Only single celled
- Simple in construction (only have a small ring of DNA)
- Most bacteria have cell walls
- Some have flagella to help move around



Eukaryotic Cells



- Contain four Kingdoms (Animalia, Plantae, Fungi and Protista)
- Do contain membrane bound organelles
- Single celled OR multicellular
- Complex in construction (Have **A LOT** of DNA)
- Most bacteria have cell walls
- Some have flagella to help move around

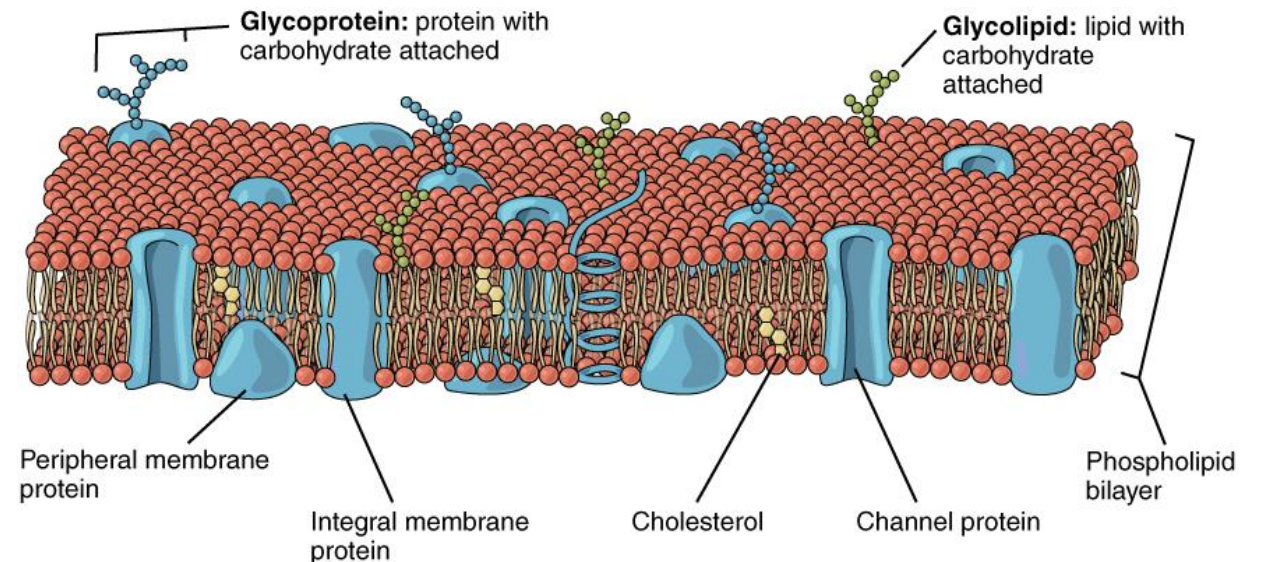


Membrane bound organelles

- A membrane bound organelle **MUST** be made of or surrounded by a membrane (phospholipid bilayer)

Examples:

- Nucleus
- Mitochondria
- Chloroplast
- Endoplasmic Reticulum
- Golgi Apparatus
- Lysosome
- Vesicles
- Vacuole



Cell Wall

What is the structure?

- Porous; allows entry/exit of nutrients
- Made of cellulose in plant cells

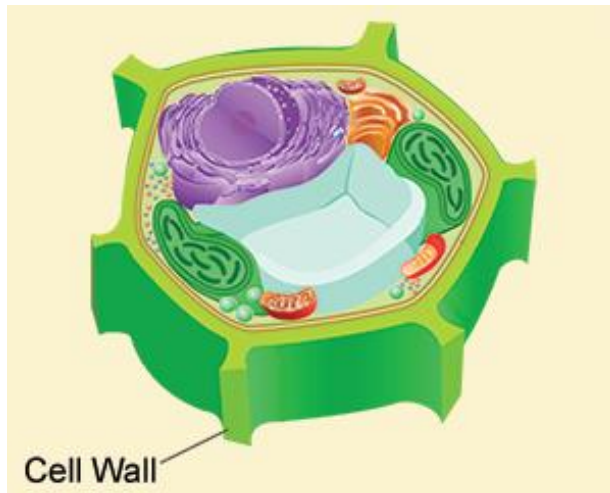
What is the function?

- Outermost boundary in fungi, bacteria, plant and protist cells
- Provides support and protection

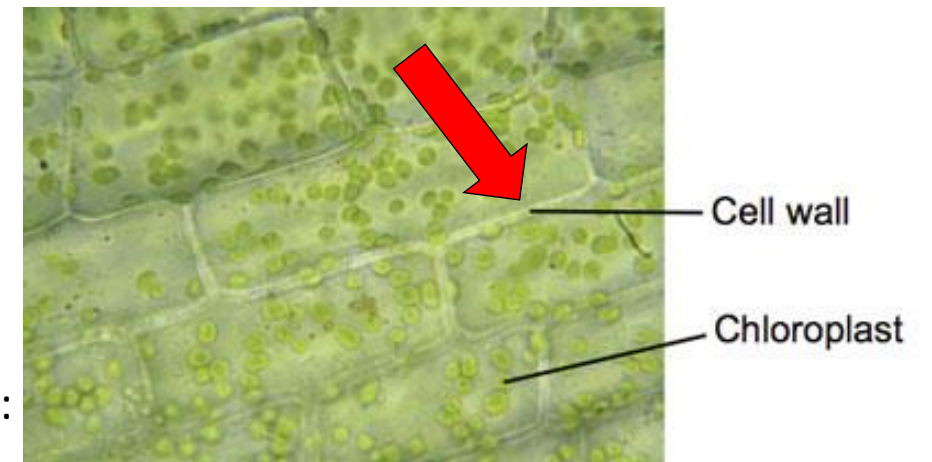
Pro/Eukaryote cell?

- **Prokaryotes**
- **Eukaryotes (Plant, Fungi, and some Protist)**

Illustration:



Microscopic Image:



Cell Membrane

What is the structure?

- Porous; made of a phospholipid bilayer and protein channels (for nutrient exchange)

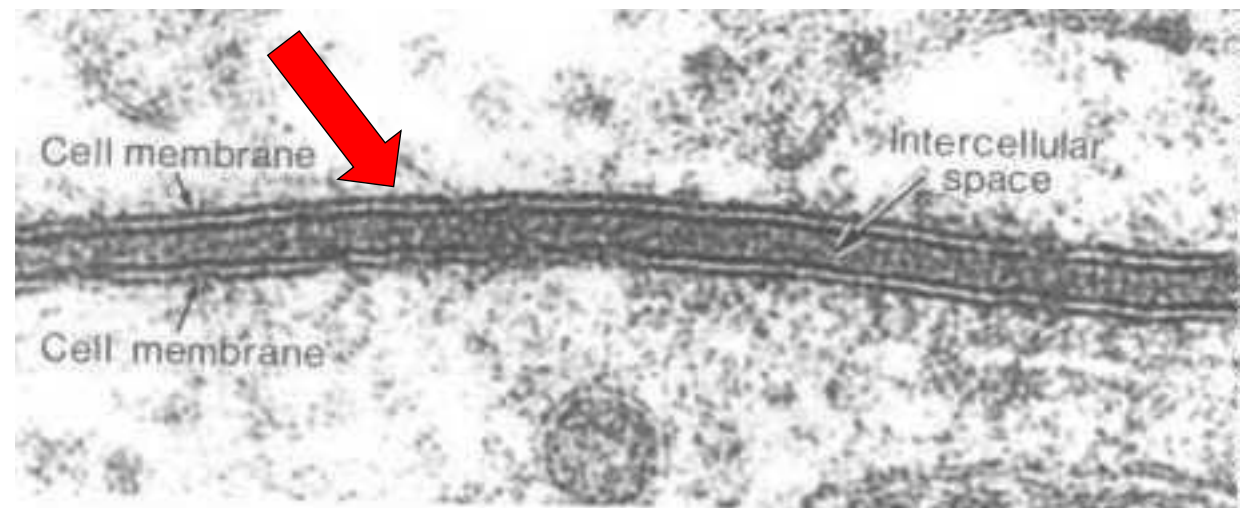
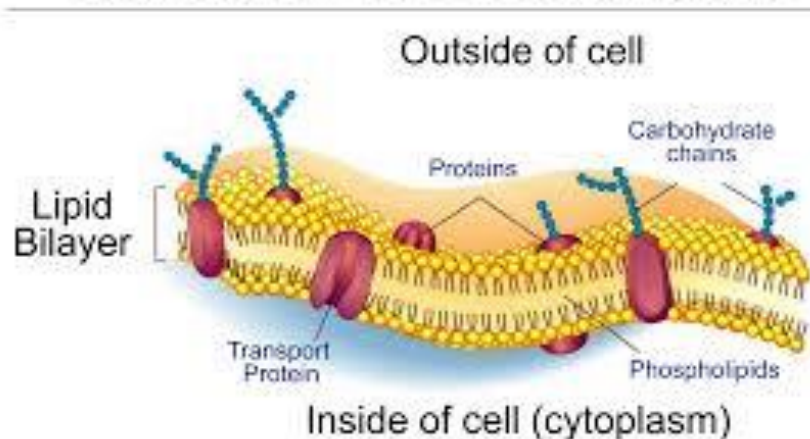
What is the function?

- Barrier for determining what can enter/exit the cell
- AKA “plasma membrane”

Pro/Eukaryote cell?

- **All cells**

Structure of the Cell Membrane



Cytosol/Cytoplasm

What is the structure?

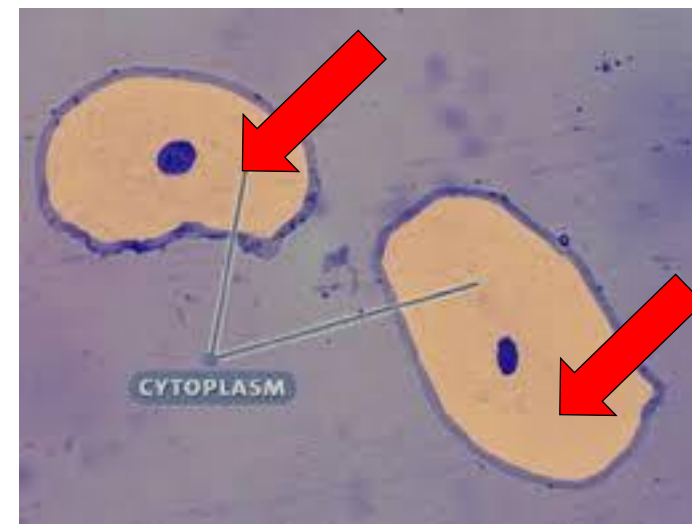
- Jelly-like fluid substance (cytosol) between cell membrane and organelles
- Contains salt, water, and organic nutrients

What is the function?

- Serves as medium for most chemical activities of cell to occur
- Supports internal structure
- Contains enzymes and organelles

Pro/Eukaryote cell?

- **All cells**



Cytoskeleton

What is the structure?

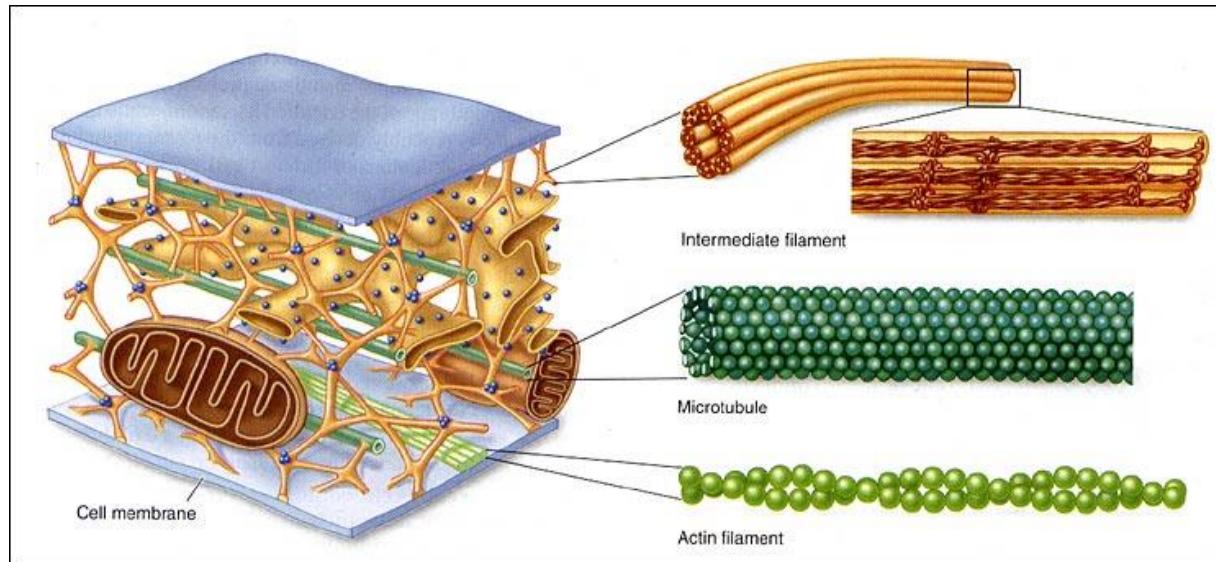
- Interior cell structures that maintain the shape for the cell
- Composed of: Microfilaments, Intermediate filaments and Microtubules

What is the function?

- Interior structure and support
- Attachment site for organelle movement within cells
- Makes up the Cytosol

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- **All cells**



Nucleus

What is the structure?

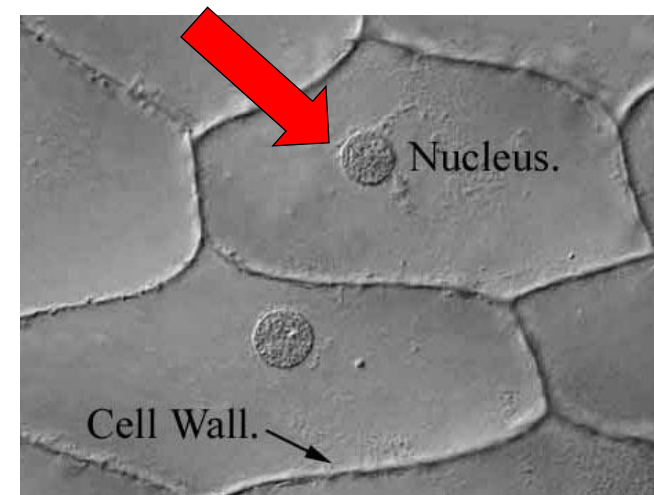
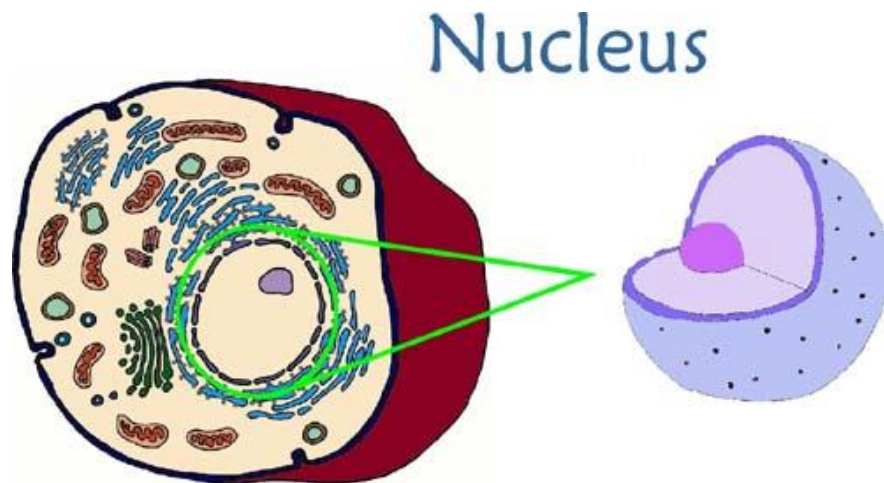
- Fully-enclosed nuclear membrane containing DNA molecules and various proteins

What is the function?

- Contains majority of cell's genetic material
- Controls functions of cell by regulating gene expression and DNA replication

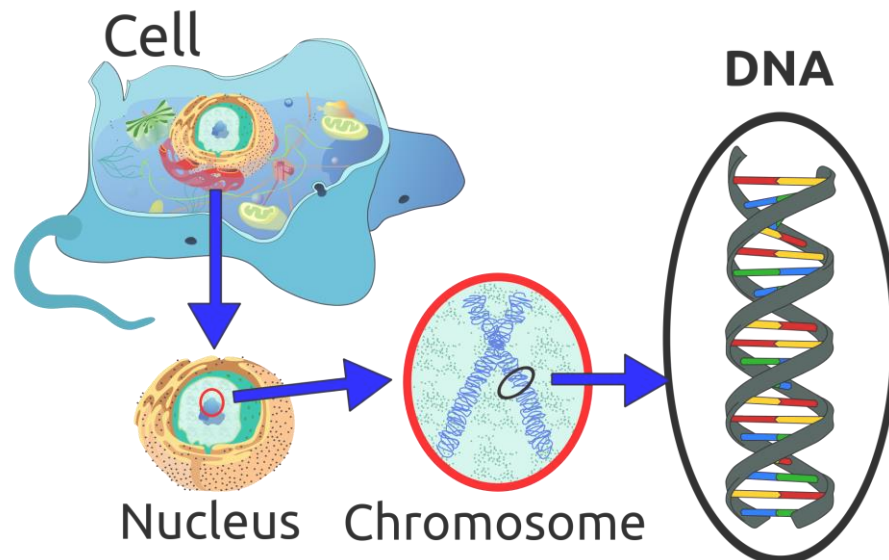
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- **All Eukaryotes**
(**animal**, **plant**, **fungi** and **protist**)



DNA

What is the structure?	What is the function?	Pro/Eukaryote cell?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Made up of tightly coiled nucleotides (containing C,H,O,N,P)Various arrangements of nitrogen bases (A, T, C, G)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Contains genetic instructions for day-to-day function of cells<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Cellular management-Replication-Encoding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All cells



Endoplasmic Reticulum

What is the structure?

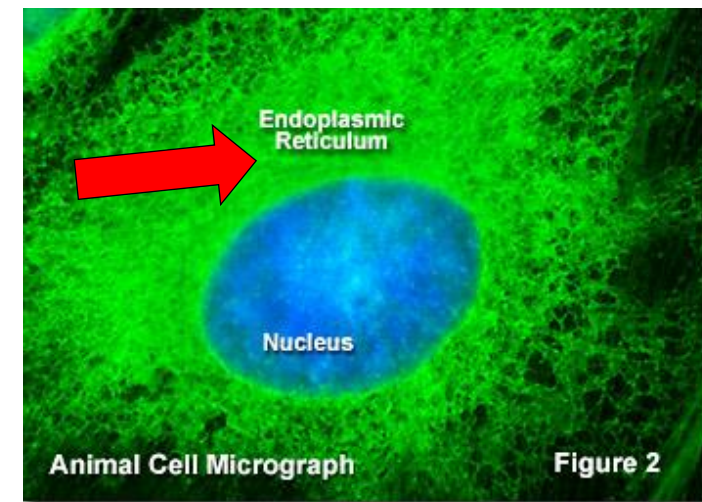
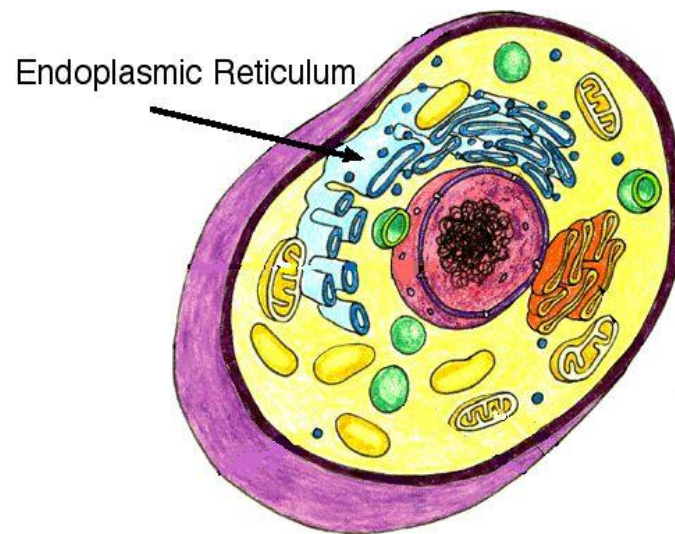
- Membranous tubules within cytoplasm, connected with nuclear membrane
- Rough ER has ribosomes attached
- Smooth ER has no ribosomes

What is the function?

- Involved in protein and lipid synthesis
- Rough ER = active protein synthesis
- Transports synthesized proteins (in vesicles) to Golgi Apparatus
- Smooth ER = aids metabolism

Pro/Eukaryote cell?

- **All Eukaryotes** (**animal**, **plant**, **fungi** and **protist**)



Golgi Apparatus

What is the structure?

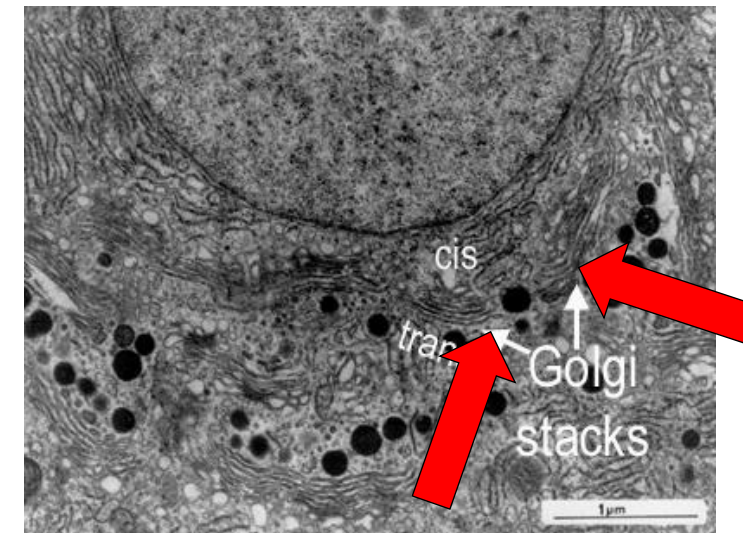
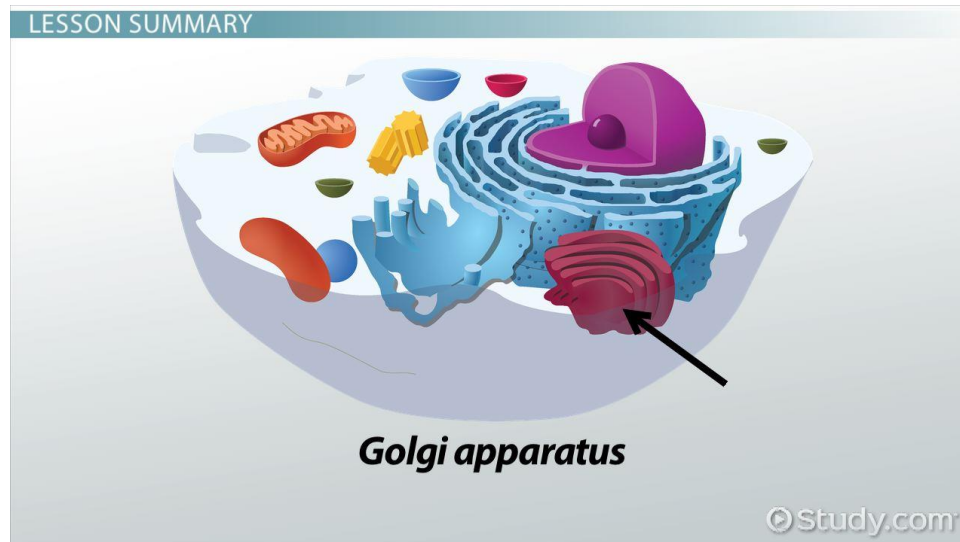
- Membrane-bound structures (cisternae); sac-like

What is the function?

- Receives and sends newly synthesized proteins from endoplasmic reticulum
- Assembles “raw materials” (carbs combining to synthesized proteins) before being transported out of cell

Pro/Eukaryote cell?

- **All Eukaryotes** (**animal**, **plant**, **fungi** and **protist**)



Mitochondrion

What is the structure?

- Made of two membranes; inner and outer
- Contains some DNA for coding mitochondrial ribosomal and messenger RNAs

What is the function?

- Main site of ATP (adenosine triphosphate) synthesis in cells to produce energy
- Uses Krebs Cycle (TCA/ Citric Acid Cycle) as metabolic pathway

Pro/Eukaryote cell?

- **All Eukaryotes** (**animal**, **plant**, **fungi** and **protist**)

Mitochondria Structural Features

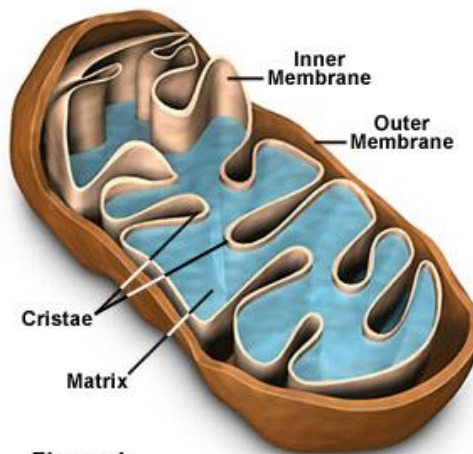
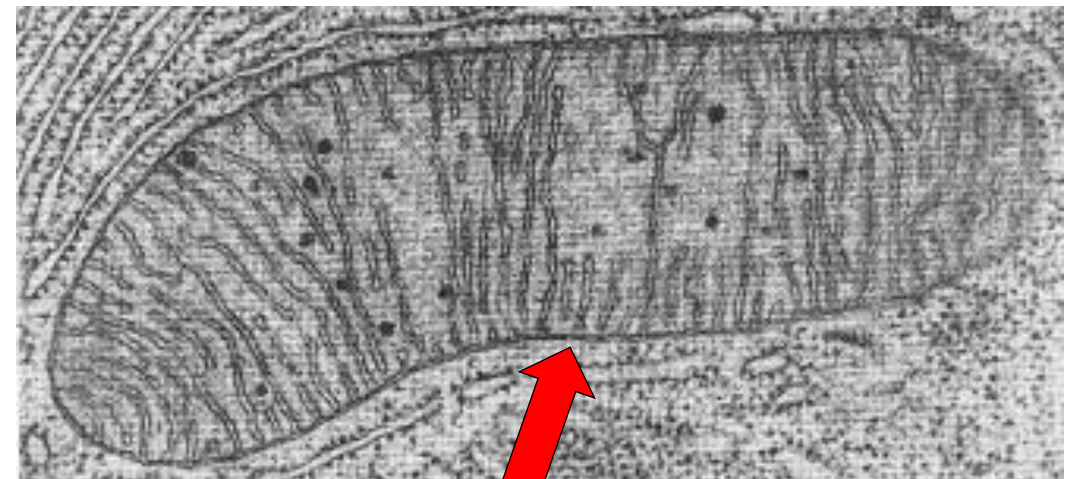


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Chloroplast

What is the structure?

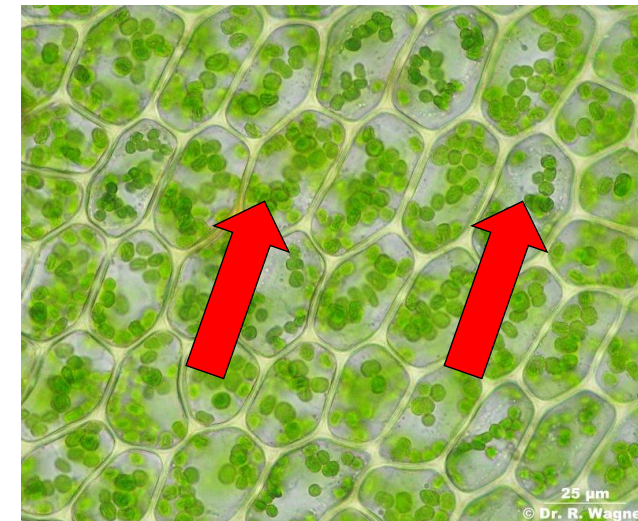
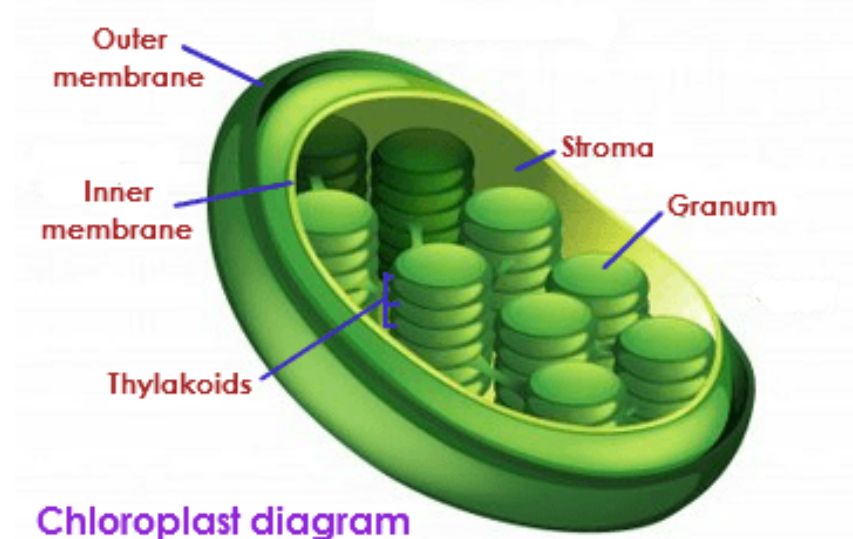
- Inner and outer membrane
- Contains chlorophyll
- Contains thylakoids, chlorophyll, water, carbon dioxide, etc.

What is the function?

- Contains most of the reaction of Photosynthesis
- Converts energy into sugars (creating food) and a byproduct of oxygen
- Similar to mitochondria

Pro/Eukaryote cell?

- **Some Eukaryotes**
(**plant** and **protist**)



Ribosome

What is the structure?

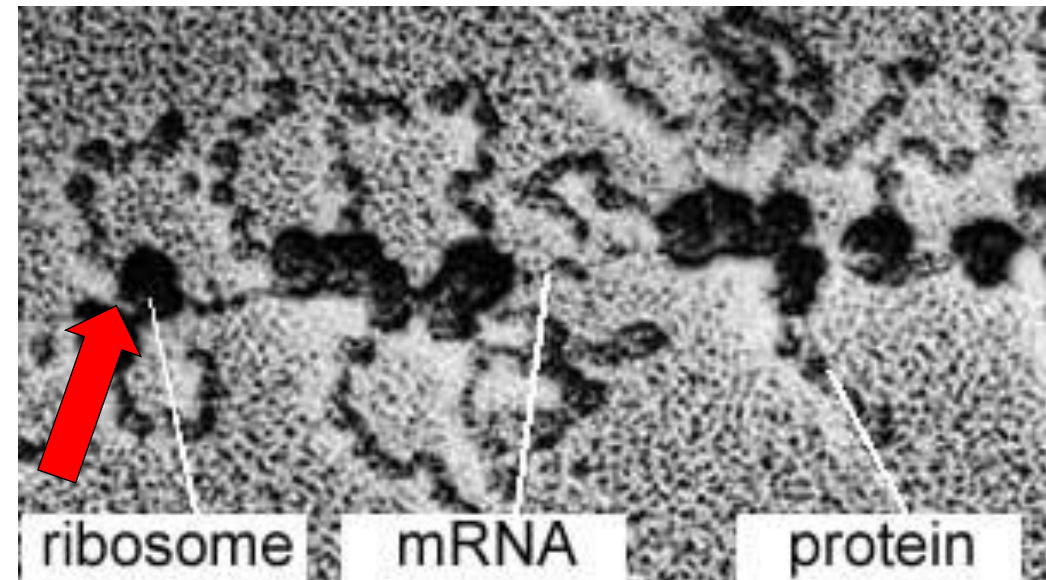
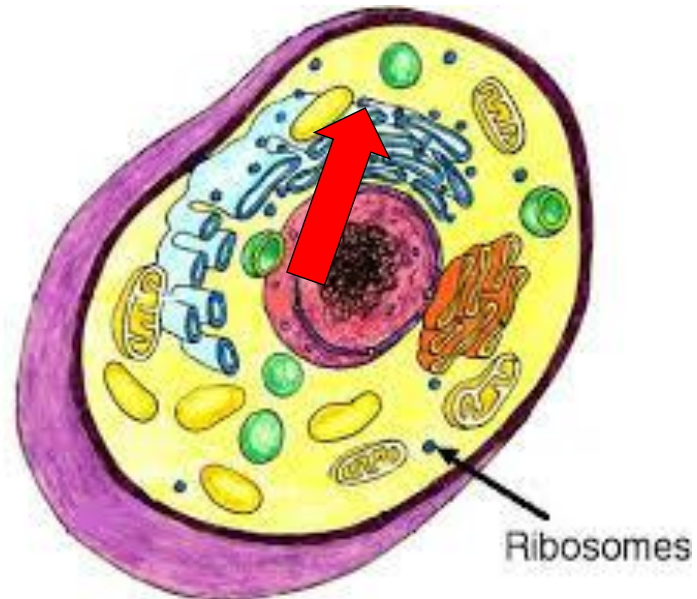
- Freely suspended in cytoplasm
OR attached to Endoplasmic Reticulum (part of Rough ER)

What is the function?

- Protein synthesis;
- Makes proteins from amino acids
- Subunits made of one or more rRNA (ribosomal RNA) molecules and proteins

Pro/Eukaryote cell?

- **All cells**



Vacuoles or Vesicles

What is the structure?

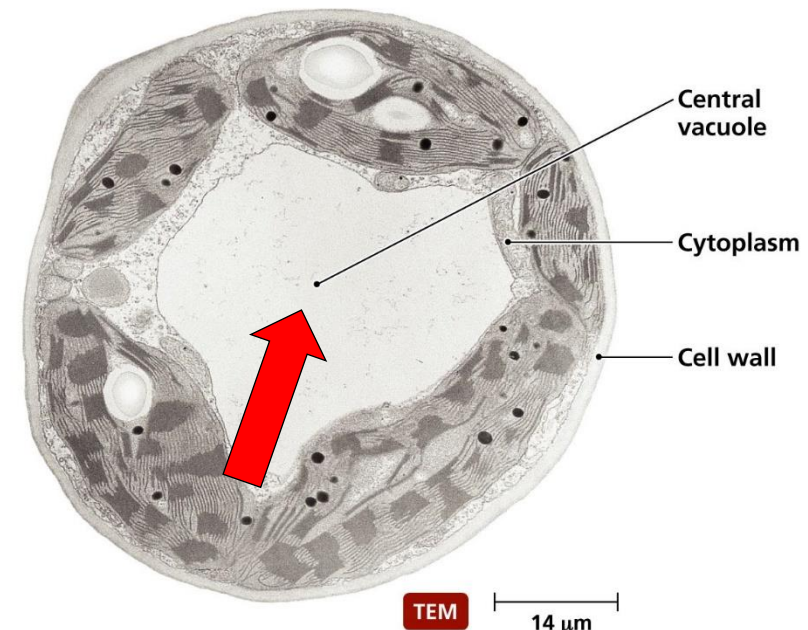
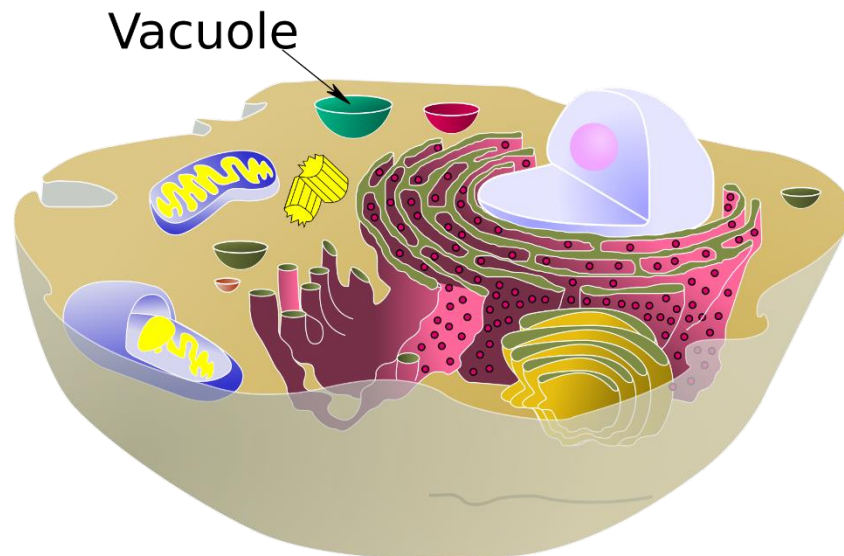
- Membranes surrounding mass of fluid
- A single LARGE vacuole in plant cells (called the Tonoplast)

What is the function?

- Vacuole - Storage site found in cells for water, nutrients, and waste
- Vesicle - Transport sac within the cytosol/cytoplasm

Pro/Eukaryote cell?

- **All Eukaryotes** (**animal**, **plant**, **fungi** and **protist**)



Lysosome

What is the structure?

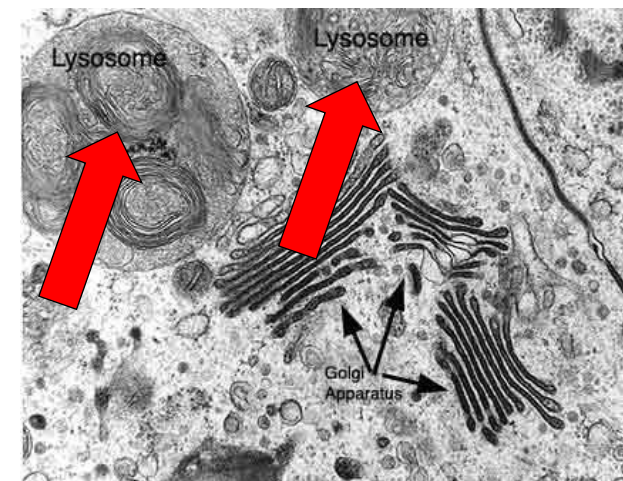
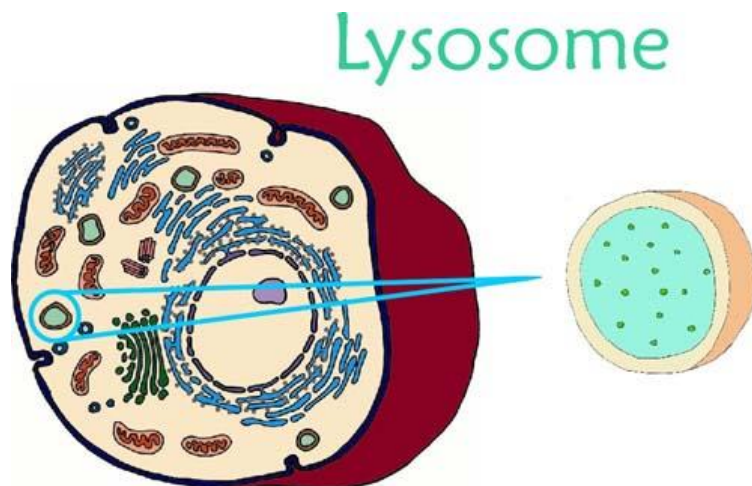
- Tiny membrane sacs filled with fluid containing digestive/catalytic enzymes

What is the function?

- Digestion
- Enables cell to process nutrients
- Destroy cell after it has died

Pro/Eukaryote cell?

- **Only Eukaryotes but mostly animal**
- (Something similar can be found in **plant**, **fungi** and **protist**)



Centrosome/Centrioles

What is the structure?

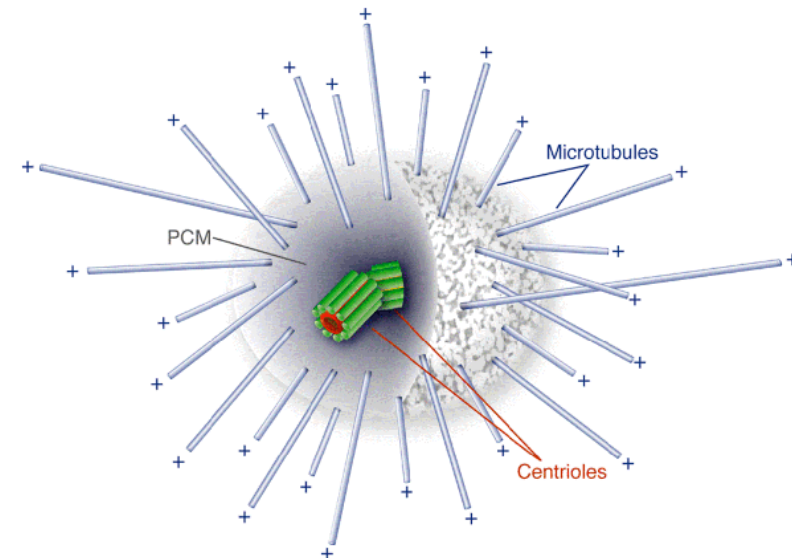
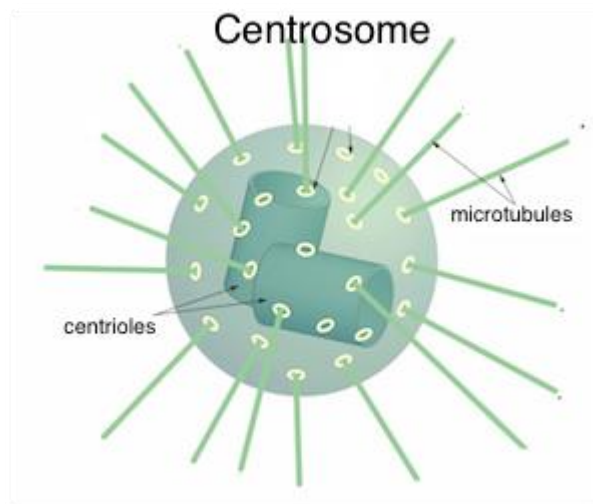
- Centrioles are a construction of microtubules that make up the centrosome

What is the function?

- Assist in mitosis

Pro/Eukaryote cell?

- Only Eukaryotes but mostly **animal**
- (Something similar can be found in **plant**, **fungi** and **protist**)



Flagella

What is the structure?

- Whip-like structure attached to the outside of an organism



What is the function?

- Aid in movement through the environment



Pro/Eukaryote cell?

- Some **Prokaryotes**
- Some Eukaryotes like **protist** or **animal** (**sperm cells**)

Cilia

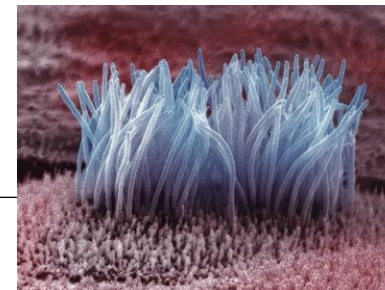
What is the structure?

- Whip-like structure attached to the outside of an organism



What is the function?

- Moves fluids around the outside of the organism



Pro/Eukaryote cell?

- Some Eukaryotes like **protist** or **animal** (**digestive lining**)

Concept Mastery Questions

- What is the major difference between a prokaryote and a eukaryote?
- What organelle controls how cells transport molecules in and out of the cell?
- How do cells use organelles to maintain homeostasis?
- How are the structures of organelles in the cell related to their function?