

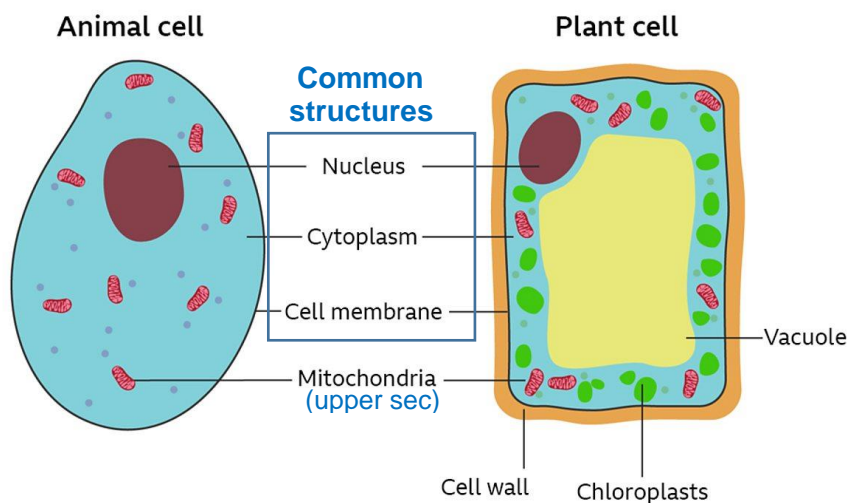
## Model of Cells – the Basic Unit of Life

### 1 The Basic Units of Life

- Organisms are composed of one (\_\_\_\_\_) or more cells (\_\_\_\_\_).
- Bacteria and Amoeba are examples of unicellular organisms.
- Plants and animals are examples of multicellular organisms.
- Most cells are too small to be seen by the naked eye; one way to study cells is to use a \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2 Parts of a cell

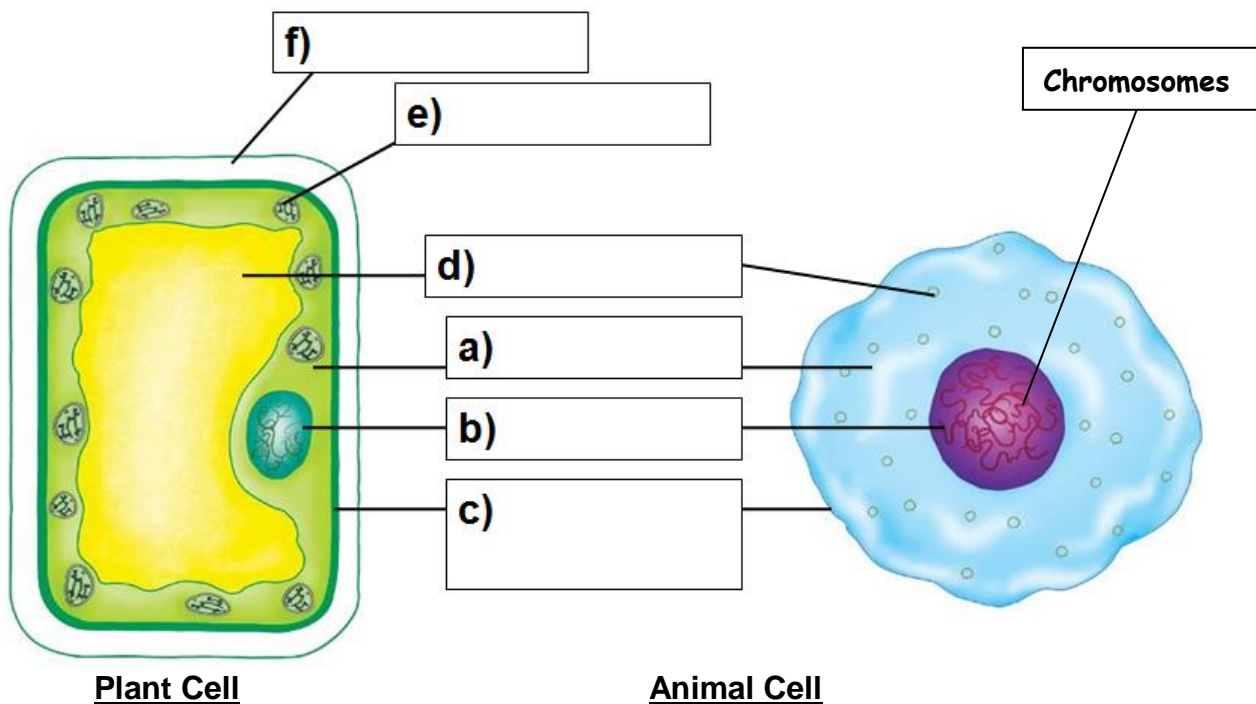
- Cells can be broadly categorised into \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ cells.
- The following are common structures present in both plant and animal cells.



Parts	Function
<b>1. Cell membrane</b> A thin and _____ membrane surrounding the cell	_____ the substances entering and leaving the cell. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows glucose, water, oxygen and waste products to move in and out of the cell.</li> </ul> Serves as a _____ between the cell and external environment.
<b>2. Cytoplasm</b> A jelly-like substances within the cell.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contains _____ to store food.</li> <li>Site where many _____ reactions take place.</li> </ul>

<p><b>3. Nucleus</b> Largest structure in the cell and spherical shape.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contains _____ which carry genetic information</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Chromosomes</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Long _____ structures found in nucleus.</li> <li>- Contains _____ that carry genetic material (<b>DNA</b>) to be passed down from parents to offspring.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Controls _____ (eg. repair of worn-out parts)</li> <li>Responsible for _____</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Vacuole</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fluid-filled spaces surrounded by membranes</li> <li>Found in the cytoplasm</li> </ul>	<p>Stores water and other nutrients</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>_____ and _____ in <b>animal</b> cells</li> <li>_____ and _____ <i>vacuole in <b>plant</b> cells)</i></li> </ul>

### Similarities and Differences between Animal and Plant Cells



**Summary Table - Structural differences between plant and animal cells**

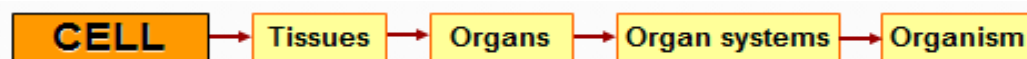
Feature	Plant cell	Animal cell
Cell wall		
Number and size of vacuoles		
Chloroplast		

## Functions of cell wall, chloroplasts and vacuole in plant cells

Structure	Function
<b>Cell wall</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thick layer surrounding cell membrane</li> <li>- Made up of _____</li> <li>- _____ to substances</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• _____ and gives _____ to the cell.</li> </ul>
<b>Chloroplasts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contains the green pigment, _____</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chlorophyll is needed for _____ of _____ required for _____.</li> </ul>
<b>Vacuole</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Usually a _____ fluid-filled space surrounded by a membrane.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Filled with _____, which contains water and dissolved minerals.</li> </ul>

### 3 Forming a multicellular organism

#### Cell Organisation



- \_\_\_\_\_ with specific functions are organised into \_\_\_\_\_
- Different tissues are in turn grouped into \_\_\_\_\_.
- Many organs are then grouped into \_\_\_\_\_.

Eg. A human body is made up of different organs such as the heart, liver and stomach. These organs work together and make the five main organ systems in your body – the **digestive system**, the **circulatory system**, the **respiratory system**, the **skeletal system** and the **muscular system**.

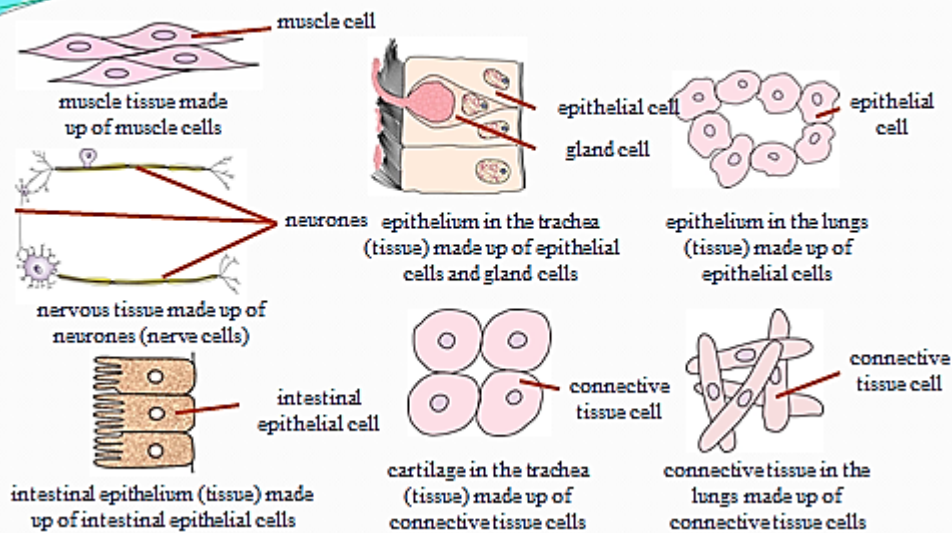
- All organ systems work together to enable \_\_\_\_\_ to function properly.

Eg. Heart Muscle Cells → Heart Muscle Tissues → Heart → Circulatory System → Human Body

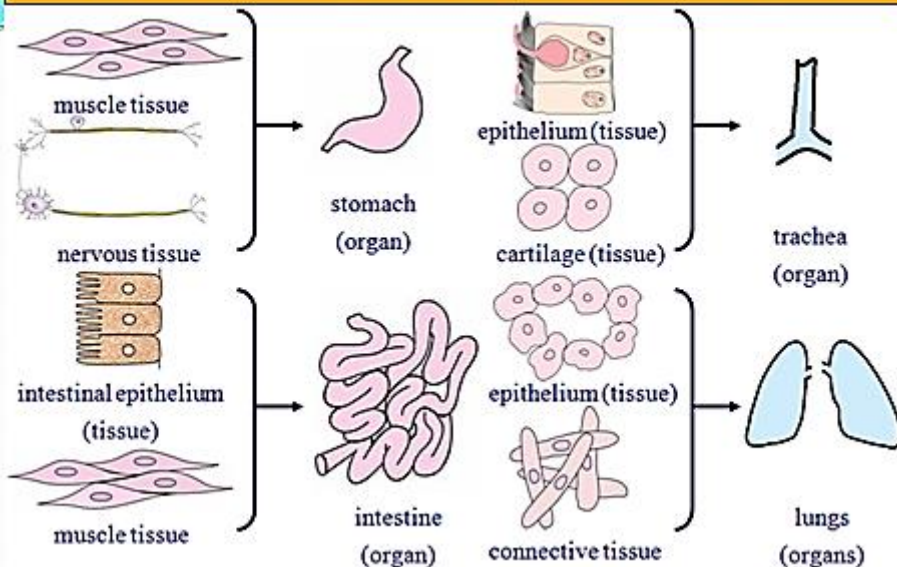
- Heart (organ) is formed by muscle tissue, blood vessels, nerve tissue and connective tissue. It pumps oxygen-rich blood to all the cells in the body.
- In circulatory system, the heart, arteries and veins work together to transport blood to all parts of the body

Eg. Plant Cells → Leaf Tissues → Leaf → Root & Shoot System → Plant

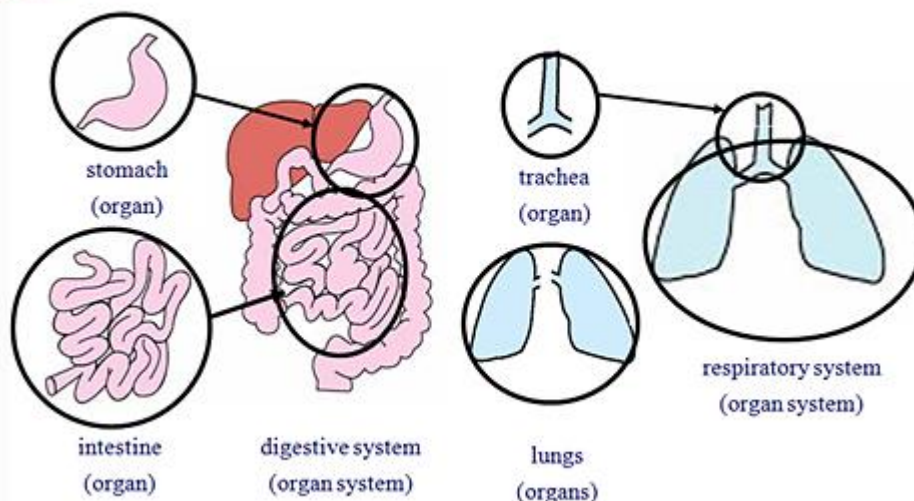
## A group of cells work together to form a **tissue**.



## Different tissues group together to form an **organ**.



## Several organs work together to form an **organ system**.



## 4 Division of Labour

Division of labour is the \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_ and more \_\_\_\_\_ tasks for maximum \_\_\_\_\_.

- Within a plant **cell**:  
Each part of a cell is specially designed to carry out its specific role.
  - Cell membrane regulates substances that enter and leave the cell  
Water needed by photosynthesis can pass through cell membrane.
  - Chloroplasts allow the plant cells to carry out photosynthesis to make its own food.
- Within a **multicellular organism** like the human body:  
Work is divided among each type of cell, tissue and organ to ensure body receive sufficient oxygen and energy
  - Lungs in our \_\_\_\_\_ system take in oxygen and release energy from our food intake.
  - Muscle tissue in our \_\_\_\_\_ system uses the released energy to contract and relax
  - Heart in our \_\_\_\_\_ system pumps blood around the body.
  - Red blood cells in \_\_\_\_\_ transport oxygen to all parts of the body

### Essential Takeaways

- 1 Typical plant and animal cell models represent various types of cells.
- 2 Cells are organised into tissues, organs and systems that make up a multi-cellular organism. This helps to explain the various processes occurring in our body.
- 3 We can infer whether an organism is an animal or plant based on its cellular composition.

### Keywords to Note

Unicellular    Multicellular    Organisms    Cell Membrane    Cytoplasm    Nucleus  
Chromosomes    Vacuole    Cell Wall    Chloroplast    Cell Organisation    Systems    Division  
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