Thoracic cavity is divided into 3 compartments:
Left and right lung surrounded by pleura (parietal and visceral)
Parietal lines the outside of the lungs
○ Visceral lines the pulmonary cavities e.g. alveoli
○ Visceral and parietal are continuous at the hilum
Parietal pleura named after structure it is in contact with (e.g. cervical, costal, diaphragmatic)
Mediastinum encapsulate the heart and other thoracic components
○ Heart, blood vessels
○ Trachea
○ Oesophagus
Phrenic and cardiac nerves
○ Thoracic duct
○ Lymph nodes
○ Thymus
Mediastinum borders:
○ Thoracic inlet at the neck
○ Diaphragm at the bottom
Mediastinal pleura laterally
Structure and borders of the lung:
Apex extend into the clavicles
 Two recesses (space b/w parietal and visceral pleura: costodiaphragmatic, Costomediastinal)
Right: Superior lobe, horizontal fissure, Medial lobe, oblique fissure, Inferior lobe
○ Left: Superior lobe, oblique fissure, inferior lobe, cardiac notch, lingula
Surfaces: costal, diaphragmatic, mediastinal
○ Borders: anterior, posterior, inferior
Lung position: surface markings:
○ When the arm is raised, medial border of scapula marks the oblique fission
When arm is raised, viewed from the side
Posterior - anterior rib 5-4 marks horizontal fissure
Posterior - anterior rib 5-6 marks oblique fissure
Rib 8 marks inferior border / visceral pleura
Rib 10 marks parietal pleura
○ When viewed from the front:
Sternal line rib 2-4 marks anterior border
Mid-clavicle line rib 6 marks lingula / medial lobe apex
Trachea: rings of cartilage, split into two
Bronchus with blocks of cartilage
○ Hilum: where the pulmonary artery/veins and bronchus enters the lung
○ Right anterior left superior: relative position of pulmonary artery to the bronchus
○ Right bronchus more verticle, left bronchus more horizontal and longer.
• Lobar bronchus - 1 per lobe

Segmental bronchus - 1 per segment
○ 10 segment in right lung, 8-10 in left lung.
○ Each supplied by a segmental bronchus, artery and vein
Bronchioles: from here the walls does not contain cartilage
• Terminal bronchiole
• Respiratory bronchioles, each connect to ~10 alveolar duct, each duct connect to ~5 alveoli
• Alveoli
Breathing action: changing thoracic volume by changing the three axis (Ant-Post, Med-Lat, Sup-Inf)
• Inspiration
○ Lower rib becomes more horizontal, lateral width increase
○ Ext. intercostal contract, elevate sternum, Ant-Post length increase
○ Ext. intercostal contract lifts ribcage up, vertical height increase
Diaphragm contract, increase vertical height.
• Pressure decrease, air drawn in.
Lung development
Lung bud outgrow from endoderm / ventral foregut from the start of 4th week
 Lung bud branching, endoderm form lining and glands, splanchnic mesoderm form smooth muscles, cartilage, neurons
 All lung segments formed by the 8th week, signalling b/w mesoderm & endoderm allow correct branching.
Bronchiole tree develop in 5 stages:
○ Embryonic: week 0-8, development of trachea and bronchi, segmentation, pulmonary artery and veins
Pseudoglanular: week 8-17, develop terminal bronchioles, develop neural networks
Cannaliculi: Week 17-24, primitive alveoli starts to form
Saccular: Week 24-36, Alveolar sac forms, surfactant synthesis, reduce surface tension
○ Alveoli: Week 36 to 2 years old: maturation of alveoli, expansion of gas exchange surface

Compartments of the thorax	
Contents within each	
Pleura segments	
Lung structure, borders, surface	
Lung surface markers	
Breathing 3D	
Development, 5 stages.	