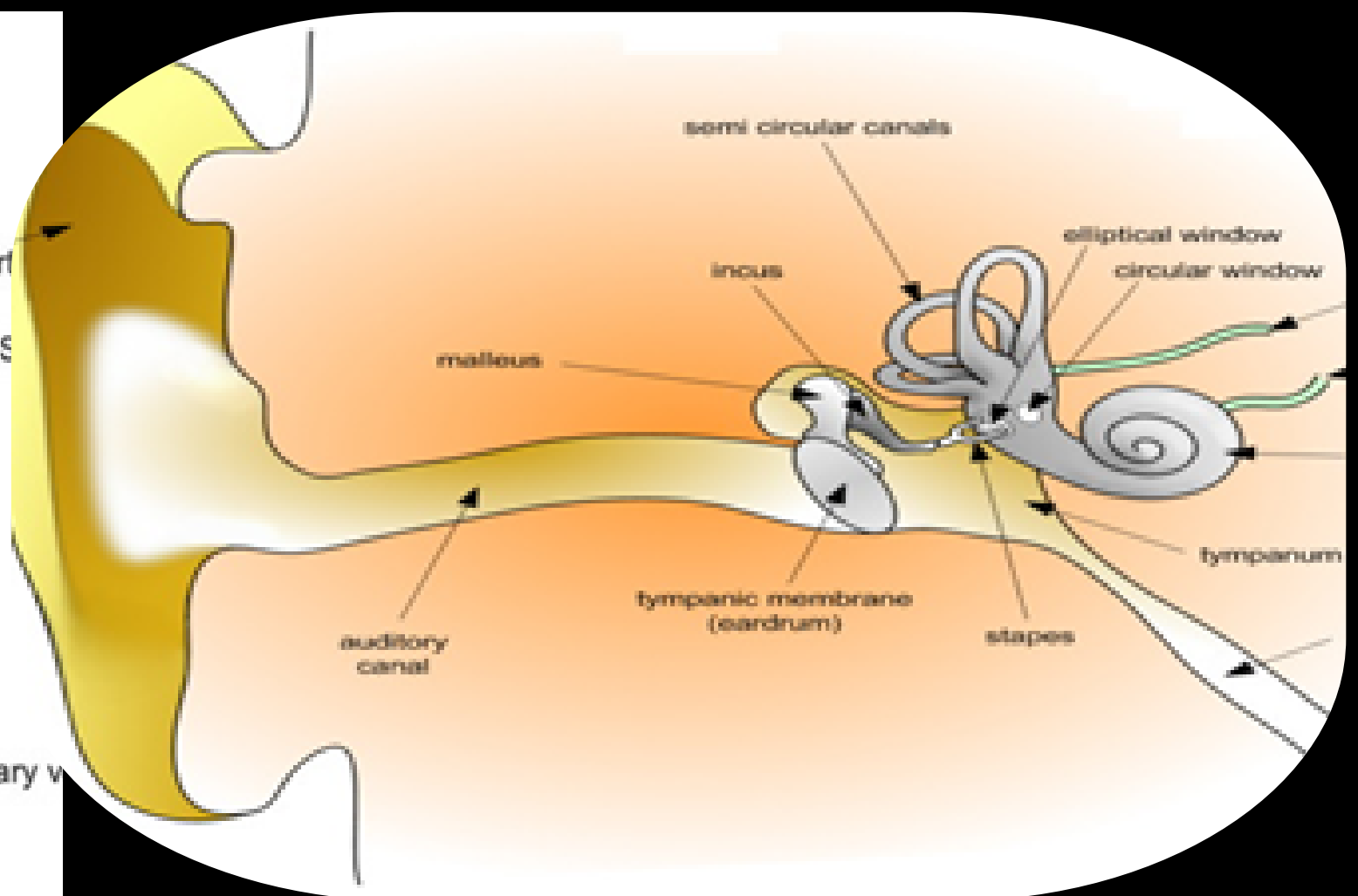
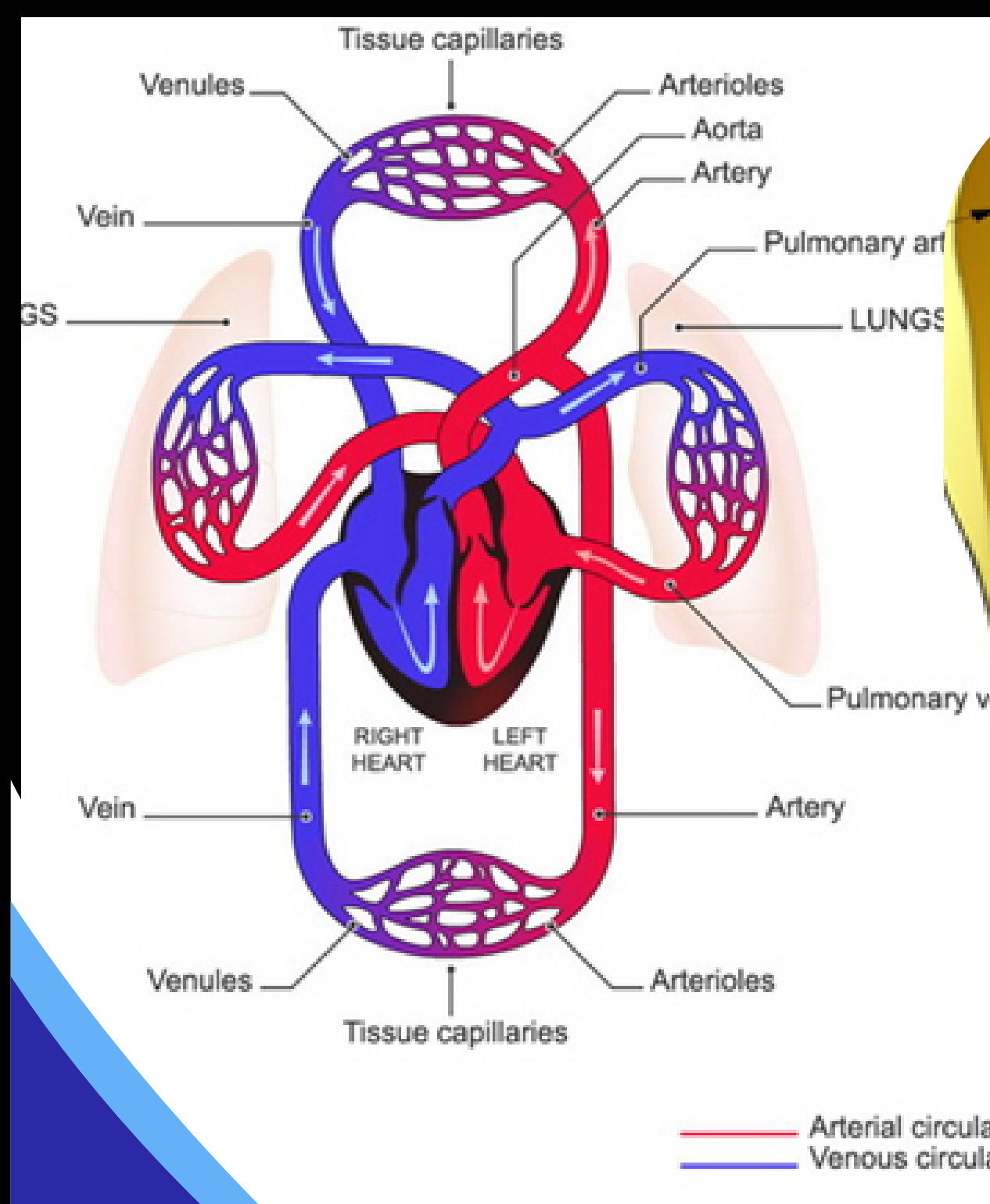


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P.6 SCIENCE STANDARD NOTES



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THEME : THE WORLD OF LIVING THINGS
TOPIC : CLASSIFICATION OF ANIMALS

Living things

- Living things are things that have life.

Main groups of living things.

- Plants
- animals

Examples of living things;

- Plants
- Insects
- Birds
- Human beings
- Worms etc.

Characteristics of living things

- a) Living things respire.
- b) Living things feed.
- c) Living things respond to stimuli.
- d) Living things grow.
- e) Living things reproduce.
- f) Living things excrete.
- g) Living things move

Classification of living things

- Classification is the grouping of things according to common characteristics and features.

Common characteristics and features used in classification of living things.

- 1. Number of legs
- 2. Ways of breathing
- 3. Response to stimuli
- 4. Colour
- 5. Size
- 6. Body divisions
- 7. Ways of movement
- 8. Hair on the body
- 9. Shape
- 10. Adaptation to the environment
- 11. How they get food.

Reasons for classifying living things

- Makes it easy for us to identify them.
- Makes it easy to name them.

Note:

Living things are classified into five groups called **kingdoms**

- Animal kingdom
- Plant kingdom
- monerans
- Fungi kingdom
- protocista kingdom(prototists)

1. Animal kingdom

Characteristics of animals

- Animals are multicellular.
- Animals cannot make their own food because they do not have chlorophyll
- They feed on already made food.
- Animal cells have a cell membrane.

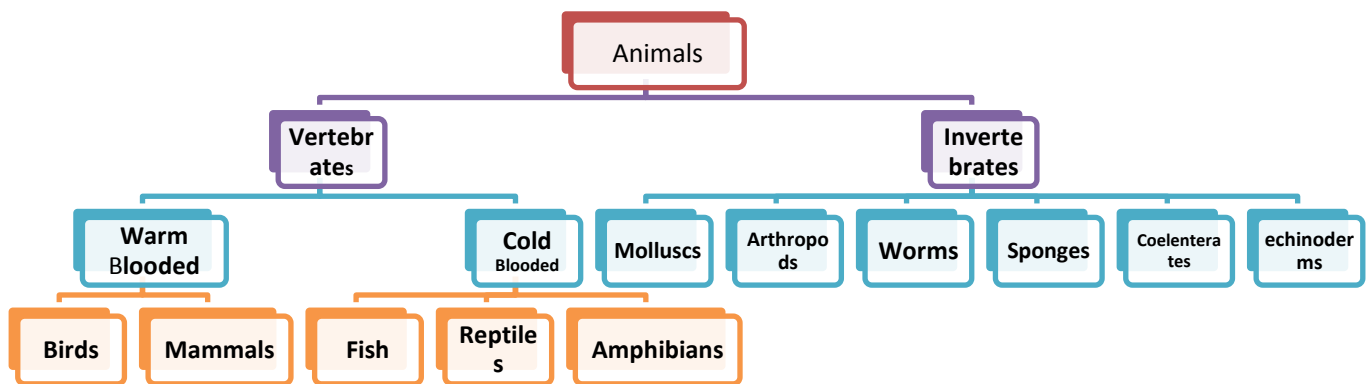
Differences between plants and animals

Plants	Animals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Make their own food ○ Green plants contain chlorophyll ○ Growth occurs only at the tips of roots and shoots ○ React slowly to stimuli ○ Continue growing throughout their life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feed on already made food. ○ Don't have chlorophyll ○ Growth occurs equally on all parts of the body ○ React quickly to external stimuli ○ Stop growing long before their death

Animals are divided into two major parts.

- Vertebrates
- Invertebrates

Classification of animals



Vertebrates:

- Vertebrates are animals with backbones.

Characteristics of vertebrates

- They have an Endo (internal) skeleton.
- They have a large brain protected by the skull (cranium).
- They have back bones.

NB: Vertebrates are also grouped into two;

- Warm blooded (homoeothermic or homoeothermic)
- Cold blooded (poikilothermic)

Warm blooded (homoeothermic)

- Are animals that have a constant body temperature.
 - ✓ Mammals
 - ✓ Birds

Cold blooded (poikilothermic)

- Are animals whose body temperature changes according to the surrounding.
 - ✓ Fish
 - ✓ Reptiles
 - ✓ Amphibians

1. Mammals

- Mammals are groups of vertebrates with mammary glands.
- Mammary means breasts.

Characteristics of mammals

- They are warm blooded.
- Their bodies are covered with fur: **prevent heat loss from the body.**
- All mammals care for their young ones.
- They give birth to live young ones except the egg laying mammals.
- They feed their young ones on milk from their mammary glands.
- They breathe through lungs.
- They have well developed ear lobes (**Pinnae**).
- Their hearts are divided into four chambers.
- They undergo internal fertilization.
- They have teeth which differ in shape and function (**heterodont dentition**).

Main characteristics of mammals.

- They give birth to live young ones.
- Their bodies are covered with fur.
- Have mammary glands.

Groups of mammals

- | | |
|--|--|
| • Primates (flexibly fingered mammals) | • Marsupials (pouched mammals) |
| • Cetaceans (sea mammals) | • Insectivores (insect eating mammals) |
| • Carnivores (flesh eating mammals) | • Chiroptera (flying mammals) |
| • Ungulates (hoofed mammals) | • Monotremes (egg laying mammals) |
| • Rodents (gnawing mammals) | |

A. Primates

- Primates are mammals with a well-developed brain.
- Primates are the most advanced group of mammals.

Characteristics of primates

- They have a well-developed brain.
- They have five fingers on their hands and five toes on their feet.
- They have five fingers on each hand and five toes on each foot.
- They are omnivores i.e. feed on both meat and vegetation.
- They use front limbs for holding and hind limbs for walking.
- They have four sets of teeth.

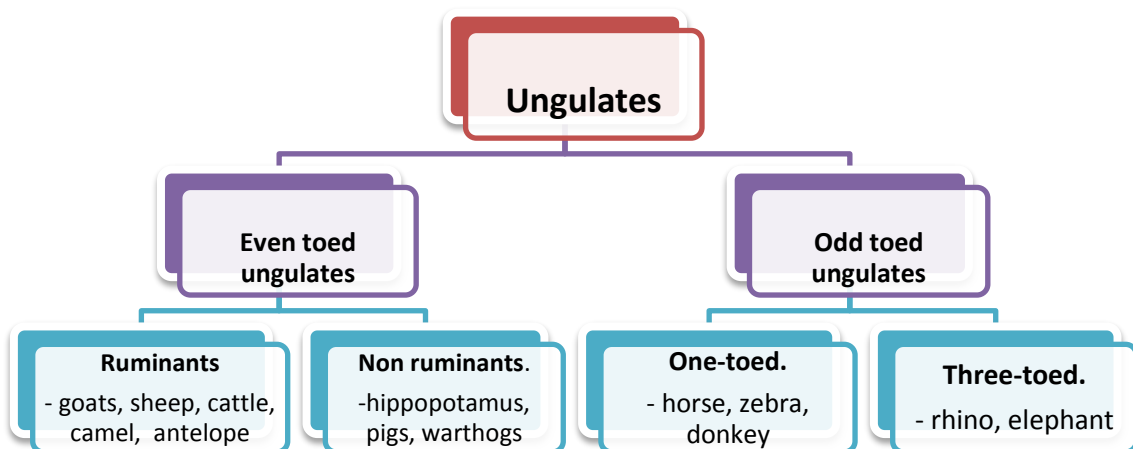
Examples of primates

- Man
- Gorilla
- Baboon
- Monkeys
- Bush baby
- Chimpanzee

B. Ungulates (hoofed mammals)

- Are hoofed mammals that feed on vegetation.
- They are herbivorous mammals.

Classification of ungulates



Even toed ungulates

- Are animals whose toes are in even numbers.

Groups of even toed ungulates.

- Ruminants
- Non-ruminants

Ruminants.

- Are ungulates that chew cud and have four chambered stomachs.

Non-ruminants.

- Are ungulates that have a single stomach and do not chew cud.

C. Carnivores (flesh eating mammals)

- They are mammals which feed on flesh (meat).
- They are also called **preying mammals**.

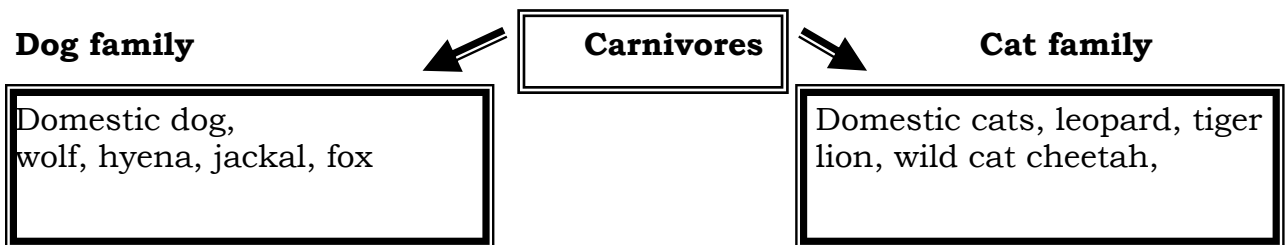
Characteristics of carnivores

- They have long stout legs: **for running very fast.**
- They have well-developed canines for **tearing flesh.**
- They have strong curved claws for **grabbing prey.**
- They have a very good sense of smell.
- They have good eye sight.
- They have soft pads in their feet to move softly.

NB: Carnivores are sub-divided into two groups namely;

- Cat family: **resemble cats.**
- Dog family: **resemble dogs.**

Classification of carnivores



Note:

- Some carnivores (dog family) are scavengers e.g. the hyena and jackals.
- Others are predators (cat family). They hunt and kill prey.

D. Rodents (gnawing mammals)

- Have well developed incisors for biting even hard surfaces.
- They produce many young ones at once.
- Most rodents feed on vegetables.
- They have strong claws for digging the ground.
- They are called gnawing mammals, because **they use their incisor teeth to bite hard surfaces to keep them short.**

Examples of rodents

- Rats
- Porcupines
- Guinea pigs
- Squirrels
- Mice
- Hare

NB. Porcupines have spines for protection.

E. Insectivores (insect eating mammals)

- These are mammals which feed on insects.

Characteristics of insect eating mammals

- They have a high sense of smell.
- They have strong claws for digging the ground to get food.
- They mostly hunt at night.
- Have sticky tongues for catching insects.
- Have long snouts.

Examples of insect eating mammals

- hedgehog,
- moles
- antbears

NB A hedgehog has spines on its body for protection.

F. Chiroptera (flying mammals)

- They are mammals that move by flying.

Characteristics of flying mammals

- Their fore limbs are modified into wings.
- They are nocturnal.
- They can find their food at night using echoes.
- They give birth to live young ones.
- Have mammary glands.

NB: Bats are the major examples of flying mammals.

Moths, hedgehogs are other examples of nocturnal animals.

Types of bats

a) **Fruit eating bats**

b) **Insect eating bats**

c) **Blood sucking bats.**

G. Marsupials (pouched mammals)

- Marsupials are mammals with a pouch.
- Pouch is used to carry its young one until it matures.
- Have breasts inside the pouch.

Characteristic of pouched mammals:

- They have a pouch for carrying young ones.

NB: Marsupials are found in Australia and South America

Example of pouched mammals:

- Kangaroo
- Wallabies
- Koala bear
- wombat

**H. Monotremes (Egg laying mammals)**

- These are mammals which lay eggs.
- Feed their young ones on milk from their mammary glands.

Note:

- They are regarded as the most primitive mammals because;
 - ✓ They have characteristics of reptiles, birds and mammals.
 - ✓ They lay eggs and have beaks similar to those of birds.
 - ✓ They feed their young ones on milk from their mammary glands.

Examples of egg laying mammals:

- Duck billed platypus
- Spiny ant eater(**echidna**)

**I. Cetaceans (sea mammals)**

- Cetaceans are mammals that live in the sea and oceans.
- They have a layer of fats called **blubber** which keep them warm in water.

Characteristics of cetaceans

- They live in seas.
- They breathe by means of lungs.
- Have a high level of intelligence next to primates.

Examples include;

- | | | |
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| • Whales | • Dolphins | • Seals |
| • otter | • walrus | • Porpoises |

Importance of mammals to man.

- Some ungulates and rodents are a source of food to man
- Some mammals are used for transport.
- Some mammals provide raw materials such as hides and skins, horns and tusks for industries.
- Oxen are used to plough land for man.
- They are tourist attractions
- Some rodents can be used to reduce or kill pests on a farm.

Dangers of mammals

- Some rodents are crop pests.
- Dogs and cats are diseases vectors.

Differences between mammals and birds.**Similarities between mammals and birds.**

2. Birds

Characteristics of birds.

- Have streamlined bodies.
- Their bodies are covered with feathers.
- Have scales on their legs.
- They are warm blooded (**homoeothermic**).
- They breathe by means of lungs
- Their front limbs are modified as wings.
- They reproduce by laying eggs.
- They have four chambered hearts.
- They take care of their young ones.
- They undergo internal fertilization.

Groups of birds

- Swimming birds
- Climbing birds
- Birds of prey
- Perching birds
- Scratching birds
- Wading birds
- Scavenger birds
- Flightless birds

A. Birds of prey

- These are birds which hunt and kill prey.

Characteristics of birds of prey:

- They feed on flesh (meat).
- They have strong eye sight to spot their prey even at a distance.
- They have strong, sharp, hooked beaks for tearing their prey.
- They have strong, sharp curved talons for gripping and killing their prey.
- Do not have a crop in their alimentary canal.

Why?

- They feed on already moistened food.

Examples of birds of prey:

- Hawks
- Vultures.
- eagles
- secretary birds
- owls
- kites
- falcons



Structure of the beak and feet



B. Perching birds

- Have three toes pointing forward one back ward.
- This helps them to grasp twigs and small branches.

Groups of perching birds

1. Seed eaters

- Are perching birds that feed on seeds.
- Have strong conical beaks for breaking seeds.

Examples include;

- pigeons,
- doves
- weaverbirds

Structure of a seed eater



2. Insect eaters

- These are perching birds that feed on insects.
- Some have wide beaks when open for catching insects in flight.
- Some have short beaks for picking insects.

Examples include;

- Sparrows
- Robins
- Bee eaters
- Swallows
- Swifts

NB: Swallows and swifts have short wide open beaks to catch insects even when flying.

Structure of an insect eater



3. Nectar suckers

- These are perching birds that feed on nectar.
- They have thin long slender beaks for sucking nectar from flowers.

Examples include; sun bird and humming bird.

Structure of beak



4. Fruit eaters

- These are perching birds that feed on fruits only.
- They have strong long beaks like a horn bill.

C. Scratching birds

- These are groups of birds that scratch the ground searching for food.
- They have strong blunt claws for scratching the ground.
- Scratching birds mostly feed on insects, worms, small grains etc.
- These birds are unable to fly high because: **their bones contain marrow that makes them heavy.**

Examples of scratching birds

- Domestic fowls e.g.
 - ✓ Chicken,
 - ✓ Turkey,
 - ✓ Guinea fowl.

Structure of beak



D. Swimming birds

- These are birds with fully webbed feet:**for swimming.**
- They have a flat broad breast bone:**for floating on water.**
- They have flat spoon shaped beaks:**to help them to sieve and scoop food from mud.**
- Their skin has many oil glands:**that produce oil to make feathers water proof.**

Examples of swimming birds

- | | |
|-------------|---------------|
| • Ducks | • Geese |
| • Pelicans | • Swans |
| • Sea gulls | • King fisher |

Structure of beak and feet



E. Wading birds

- These are groups of birds that find their food in water.
- They have long thin legs: **to prevent them from sinking in water.**
- They have partly webbed feet: **to enable them walk in mud.**
- They have long slender necks: **for swinging the head while spearing food.**

Examples of wading birds

- flamingoes
- herons
- ibis
- crested crane

Structure of beak and feet



F. Flightless birds or walking birds

- These birds that are unable to fly but can run very fast.
- They have weak and small wings compared to their body weight.
- They have compact bones filled with bone marrow.
- Do not have flight feathers.

Examples of flightless birds

- Ostrich
- Penguin
- Kiwi
- Emu

Foot of an ostrich



NB: An ostrich is the largest and fastest flightless bird
Penguins have **wings** and **feet** modified for swimming.

G. Climbing birds

- They are able to climb or walk on tree trunks.
- They have two toes pointing forward and two toes pointing back ward: **to enable them climb trees easily.**
- They have short, curved and strong beaks.

Examples

1. A parrot has a short strong and curved beak **which is used for holding and cracking seeds and nuts.**

Structure of beak and feet



2. Wood pecker

- It has a strong pointed beak for:
- For probing insects.
- For making holes in barks of trees.



H. Scavenger birds

- These are birds that feed on **Carrion**.
- Have strong curved beaks to enable them tear flesh.

NB: They help to clean the environment by feeding on carrion.

Examples of scavenger birds

- vultures,
- crows,
- marabou storks

Structure of beak and feet



Ways in which birds are adapted to flying

- They are streamlined to reduce friction in air.
- They have hollow bones which help to reduce weight.
- Their front limbs are modified into wings.

- They have a nictitating membrane which cover the eyes and protect them against moving air during flight.
- They have flight feathers.
- They have no pinna to obstruct the flow of air.
- They have hollow air sacs from the lungs.

Importance of birds

- They are a source of food to man and animals.
- Their feathers can be used for decoration on hats, hand bags.
- Their bones can be used for making glue.
- Birds are a source of income to farmers.
- Some birds like sun birds pollinate flowers when collecting nectar.
- Some bird like vultures, crows and marabou storks clean our environment

Dangers of birds

- Many birds destroy farmer's crops.
- Some birds cause accidents on run ways at airports.
- They make a lot of noise especially weaver birds
- They keep vectors like fleas and mites.
- Some birds of prey such as kites and eagles kill and eat the chicks of domestic birds.

THE COLD BLOODED VERTEBRATES

- These are vertebrates whose body temperature changes according to the surrounding.

Groups of cold blooded animals

- Reptiles
- Amphibians
- Fish

1. Reptiles

Common characteristics of reptiles

- They have back bones.
- They all move by crawling along the ground
- Their bodies are covered with scales
- Their eggs undergo internal fertilization.
- They breathe by means of lungs.
- They have three chambered hearts
- They reproduce by laying eggs.
- They are poikilothermic (cold blooded)
- They do not take care of their young ones
- They have a set of teeth of the same kind

Classes of reptiles

Reptiles are divided into the following groups

- Snakes
- Lizards
- Turtles and tortoises
- Crocodiles and alligators

a) Snakes

- Are reptiles that are limbless.

Characteristics of snakes

- They are limbless.
- They are carnivorous animals.
- Do not have eyelids.
- They have a forked tongue: **for smelling and tasting food.**
- They moult: **to grow.**
- They move by gliding.

Features of snakes.

- They have a forked tongue: **for smelling and tasting food.**
- Have teeth curved inwards: **to prevent the prey from escaping.**
- Do not chew food but just swallow it because: **they do not have molar and pre-molar teeth for chewing.**

Groups of snakes

- Poisonous snakes
- Non-poisonous snakes
- Constrictors

i. Poisonous snake

- These are snakes that produce venom.
- They have fangs: **for injecting venom in the prey.**
- They have triangular shaped heads.
- Have dark scaring colours.

Examples of poisonous snakes

1. Cobras
2. Gabon Viper
3. Black Mamba
4. Puff adder.

ii. Non-poisonous snakes

- These are snakes that do not produce venom.
- They do not have fangs.
- They have slender heads.
- They move swiftly to run away from enemies.

Examples include;

- house snakes,
- grass snakes,
- tree snake

iii. Constrictors

- They are big non-poisonous snakes with strong muscles.
- They have strong muscles: **for squeezing and crushing prey.**
- They have flexible jaws: **to enable them swallow larger prey.**

Examples include;

- Python, king snakes
- Boas
- Anaconda.

Identifying marks of a poisonous and non-poisonous snake.

First aid for snake bites

- Rest the victim in one place
- Clean the bitten part with methylated spirit.
- Tie a piece of cloth just above the bitten part and apply a black stone.
- Take the victim to a nearby health Centre.

Describe first aid for a snake bite in one sentence.

- Tie a piece of cloth just above the bitten part.

Qn: why do we tie a piece of cloth just above the bitten part?

- To prevent quick spread of venom in the body.

Qn; How can the victim of a snake bite be carried to a nearby health Centre?

- Using a stretcher.
- Two people carry
- Piggy back.

How to control snake bites.

- ❖ Slashing bushes in the compound.
- ❖ Covering holes in houses and compound.

Importance of snakes to man

- They provide skin that can be used for making drum membranes, shoes, belts, hand bags.
- They eat pests and vectors.
- Venom is used to make anti-venom drugs.

Lizards

- Are reptile with limbs and movable eyelids.
- Their tongues are fleshy.
- They have movable eyelids.
- Their heads are flat and triangular.

Examples of lizards;

1. Geckoes

- These are small and yellowish-brown.
- They have short and broad tongues.
- They can cast off their tails and develop new ones.
- They feed on small insects and worms.
- They lay eggs in cracks and holes in buildings where they mainly

live.

- They have suction pads on their feet: **which enable them to move upside down on ceilings.**
- They are useful because they feed on mosquitoes and other harmful insects.

2. Chameleon

- They have large heads and protruding eyes.
- The eyes can work independently of each other.
- The feet and tails are well developed for catching and gripping small twigs and branches of trees.
- They have long sticky tongues which are sticky used to trap insects.
- They change colour according to the surrounding.
- for protection and get food.

Tortoises and turtles

- Have hard shells on their bodies for protection.
- Tortoises are land animals that feed on grass and insects.
- Have four limbs that end in clawed toes.
- Have sharp cutting edges in their jaws instead of teeth.
- They reproduce by laying eggs which are fertilized internally.
- Terrapins are a kind of turtles that live in fresh water.

Crocodiles and alligator

- They have a strong tail.
- They have long strong jaws
- The female lays hard-shelled eggs and covers them in sand or mud.
- They are covered with scales.

Qn. What is the use of a tail of a crocodile?

- For swimming
- For defense

Note: A crocodile uses a tail and teeth for protection.

Uses of crocodiles and alligators to man

- We get skins for making shoes, bags and belts.
- Man can eat their meat.

2. Amphibians

- Are animals that live both on land in water.

Characteristics of amphibians:

- They live both in water and on land.
- They are poikilothermic
- Have two pairs of limbs (hind limbs are fully webbed to enable them to swim).
- Their eggs undergo external fertilization.
- They breathe through lungs on land and moist skin while in water.

- But tadpoles breathe through gills.
- Frogs and toads don't have tails while newts and salamanders have tails in the adult stage.

Examples of amphibians

- Frogs
- Toads
- Newts
- Salamanders

Differences between frogs and toads

Frog	Toad
❖ Has a smooth moist skin.	❖ Has a rough dry skin.
❖ Has fully webbed toes.	❖ Has partly webbed toes.
❖ Lays eggs in mass.	❖ Lays eggs in a string-like jelly.
❖ Has longer hind legs and larger eyes.	❖ Has short hind legs and smaller eyes
❖ Spends most of its time in water	❖ Spends most of its time on land.
❖ Most active during day.	❖ Most active during night.

Structure of a frog and toad



Functions of the parts

Mouth – for feeding

Nostrils – sense organ for smell

Eyes – sense organ for sight

External eardrum – for hearing

Poison gland – produce poisonous substance that prevents other animals from eating a toad

Strong hind legs – enable a toad hop to escape from enemies

Webbed feet – enable a toad to swim in water.

Feeding, life history, respiration and adaptation of frogs

Feeding in frogs / toads

- Adult frogs and toads are carnivores.
- They feed on worms, beetles, cockroaches and other insects.
- They have wide mouth and sticky tongues for picking food.
- They have a series of small teeth in the mouth to hold their prey so that they don't escape.



Life cycle (metamorphosis) of a frog / toad

- During rains the male and female form a pair in water
- The males make noises (croaks) to attract females.
- The male climbs the female's back
- The female lays eggs as the male sheds sperms over them and get fertilized externally.
- Eggs are also smeared with a sour jelly called spawn: **to protect them against predators and keep them together.**
- After about 2 weeks the eggs hatch into young ones called tadpoles.

Qn. How do eggs of amphibians hatch?

- By help of heat from the sun.

Diagrams showing eggs of a toad and frog.

frog	toad
	

Respiration in a toad/ frog

A frog can breathe in three different ways;

- i) lungs, bucal cavity and moist skin.
- ii) A toad can breathe through the bucal cavity and lungs only

Differences between a tadpole and an adult frog / toad

Tadpole	Adult
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- It has gills for breathing.- Has a tail for swimming	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- uses lungs and moist skin for breathing.- uses its webbed feet for swimming

Ways in which a frog is adapted to living in water

- Has a streamlined body that enables it to move easily in water.
- Have strong hind legs with fully webbed feet so it can swim rapidly.
- The eyes and nostrils are arranged in such a way that they can float on water and its body is hidden from its enemies.
- They can hibernate during dry season i.e. rest or sleep.

Importance of amphibians

- They feed on harmful insects such as houseflies.
- Used as specimen in science laboratories.

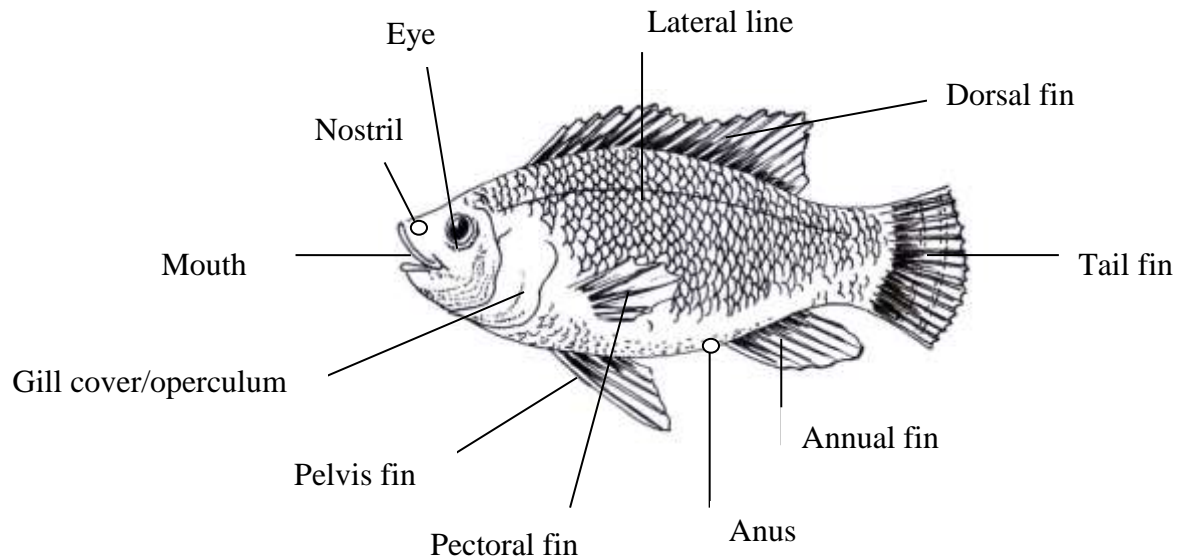
f. Fish

Characteristics of Fish

- They are poikilothermic animals.
- They live in water.
- They have fins used for swimming.
- Their eggs undergo external fertilization.

- They have streamlined bodies to reduce friction while swimming.
- Some fishes' bodies are covered with scales.
- Have nostrils used for smelling and tasting food.

External features of fish



Functions of the parts

The mouth– helps fish to take in food and water.

Nostrils – used for smelling and tasting food

Scales – protect the body from external injuries.

Gill cover or operculum- protects the gills from damage.

Lateral line – to detect sound movement in water

Qn. How does a lateral line detect movements in water?

- By vibration of the fluid.

Fins – make fish stable and control the direction in water.

Caudal fin: helps a fish to swim forward

For changing direction.

The median fins

Dorsal fin: keeps the fish upright

For protection

Controls the fish from rolling and yawing.

Ventral fin: keeps the fish upright

Controls the fish from rolling and yawing.

Paired fins

Pelvic fin: helps to reduce speed

Helps a fish to swim upwards and downwards.

Pectoral fin: helps to reduce speed

Helps it to swim upwards and downwards.

Anus – used for passing out waste.

Gills – used for breathing

Classification of Fish

Types of Fish

- Bony fish
- Cartilaginous
- Lung fish

Bony fish

- Their skeletons are made of bones
- Their eyes have no eyelids.
- Their bodies are covered with scales that overlap.
- Their gills are covered by a bony structure called operculum.
- They have a swim bladder which prevents them from sinking (keeps them buoyant)

Examples of bony fish;

- Nile perch
- Tilapia
- Salmon
- Pike

Cartilaginous fish

- Their skeleton is made of cartilage.
- The mouth is situated on the underside of the head.
- They have tough and spiny scales.
- They have no gill cover but have gill slits on the surface of the body
- They have no swim bladder.

Examples of cartilaginous fish;

- Dog fish
- Skates
- Rays
- Shark

Lung fish

- They breathe by means of gills in water and by the swim bladder when the gills can't supply enough oxygen.
- They have long and thin pelvic and pectoral fins.
- They live in dirty pools, swamps or rivers that dry up during the dry season.
- They hibernate during the dry season.

Examples of lung fish;

- Common lung fish,
- Dipon

Reproduction in fish

- The female lays eggs in shallow water and the male sheds sperms over them.
- The eggs hatch out by the heat from the sun.
- Young fish are called fry.
- Most fish don't care for their young ones except tilapia.

How do fish carry out external fertilization?

The male fish sheds sperms on eggs.

How fish protect themselves against enemies

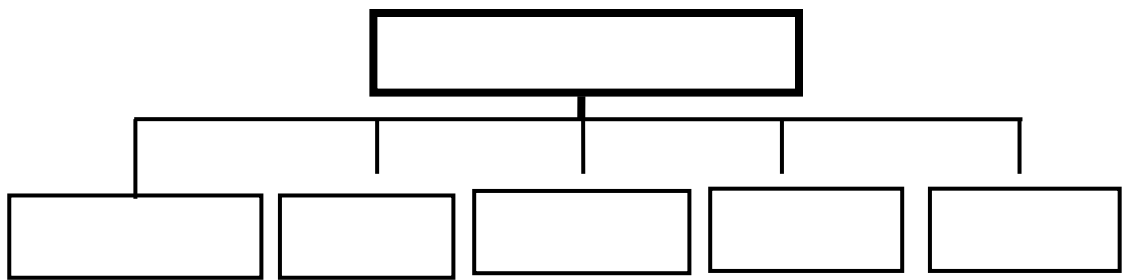
- By use of dorsal fins and teeth.
- Some fish have electric organs which give out high voltage electricity to shock the enemy i.e. electric ray fish.

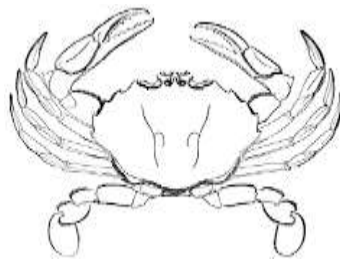
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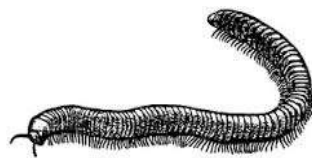
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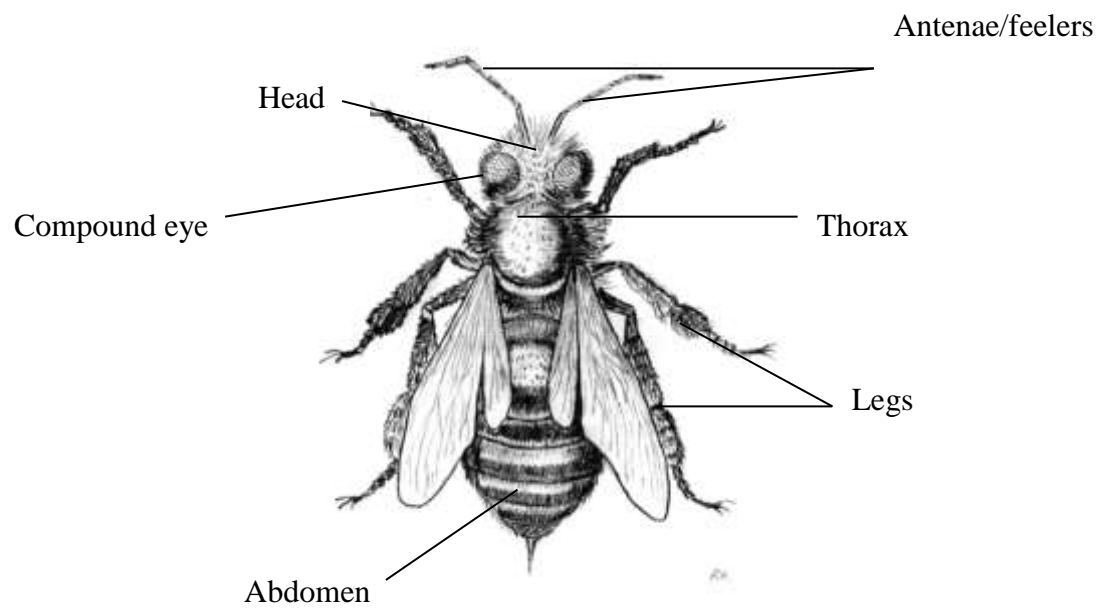


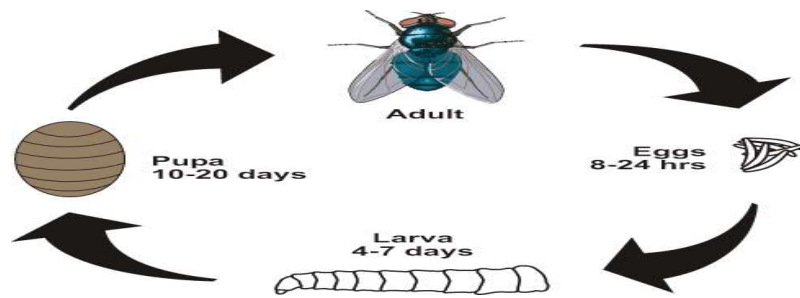
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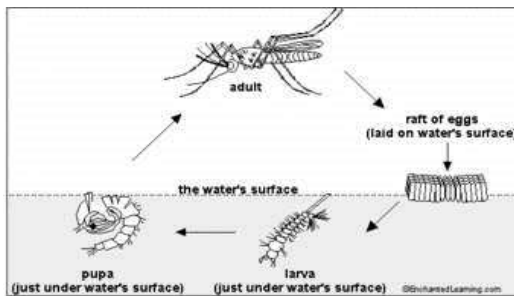




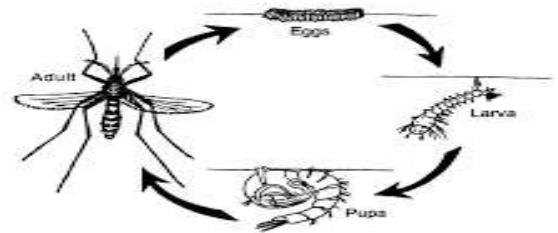


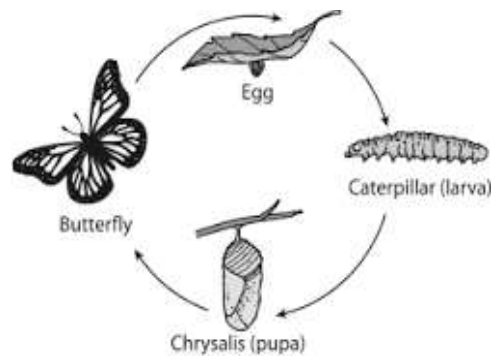


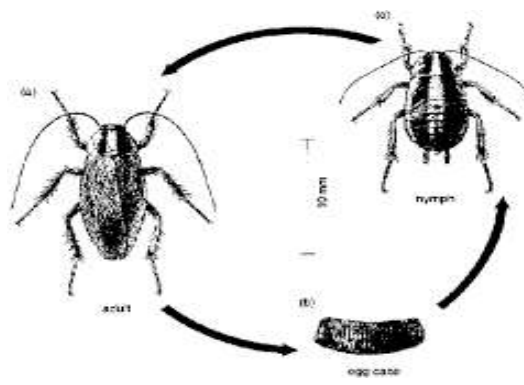


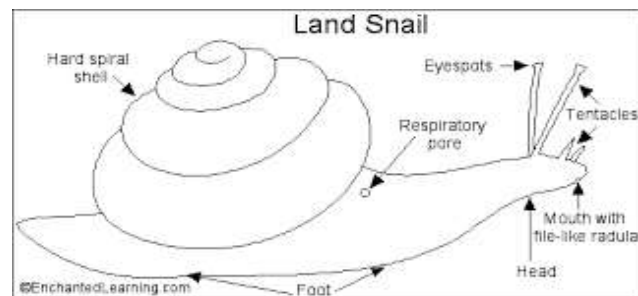


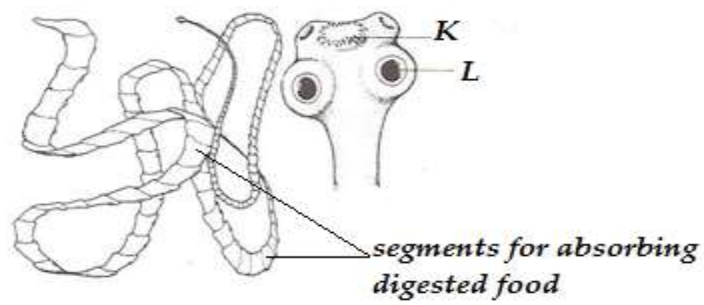
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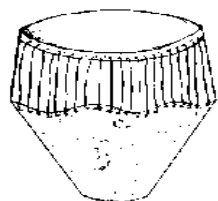
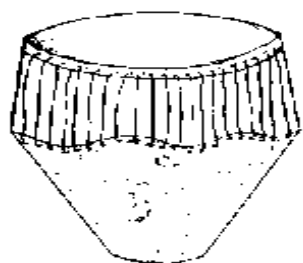


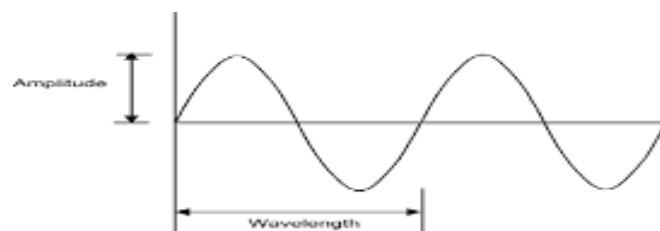


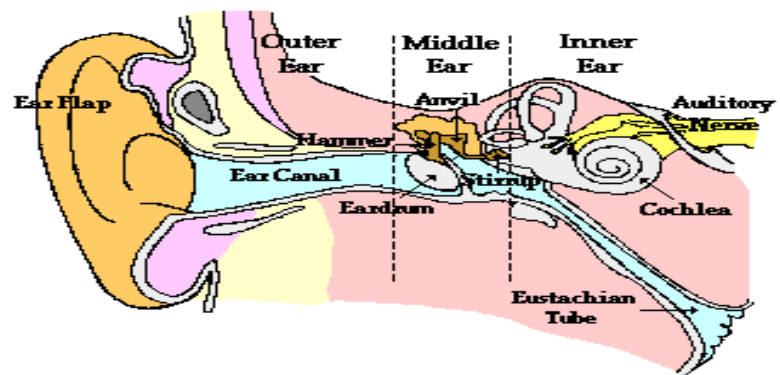


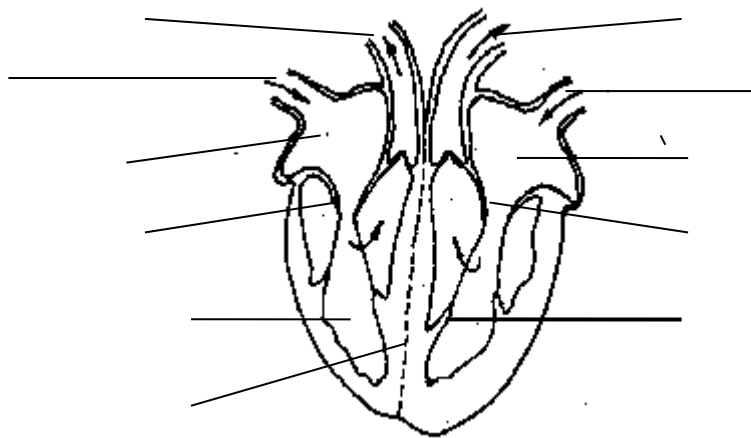


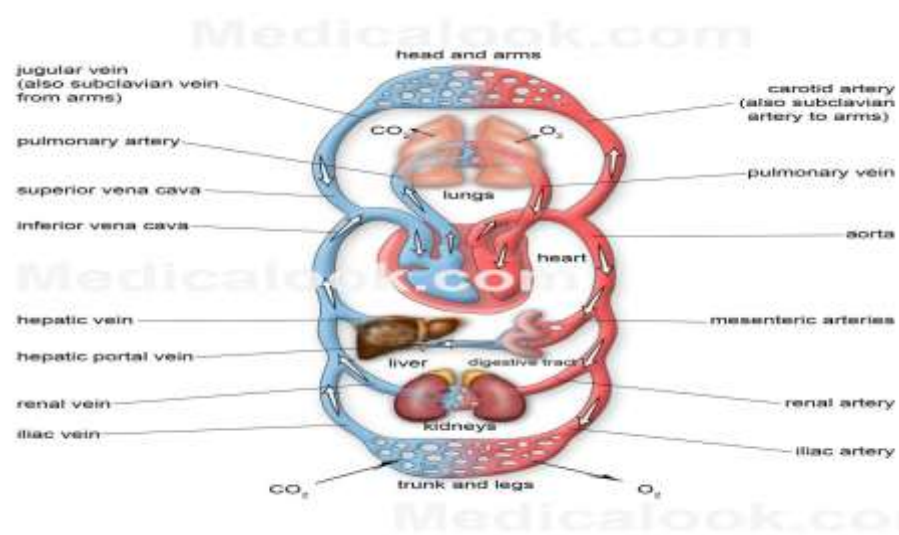


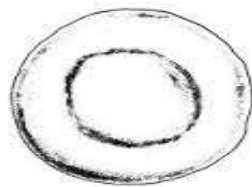
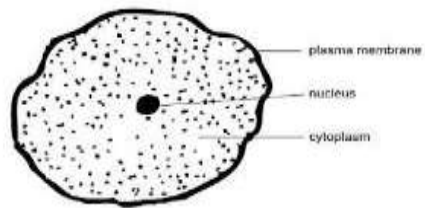




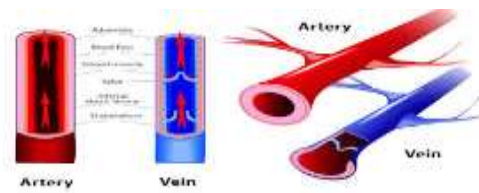
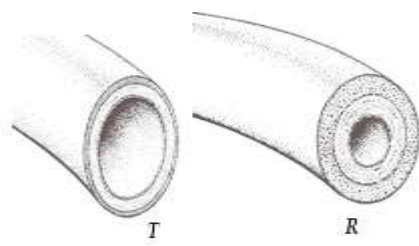


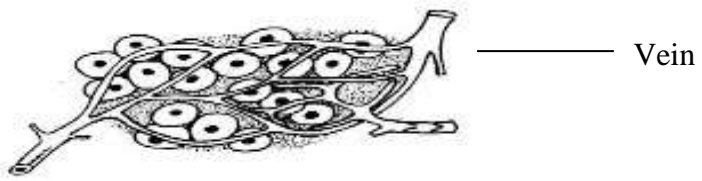












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