

# Introduction to Human Anatomy

## General Anatomy of Joints

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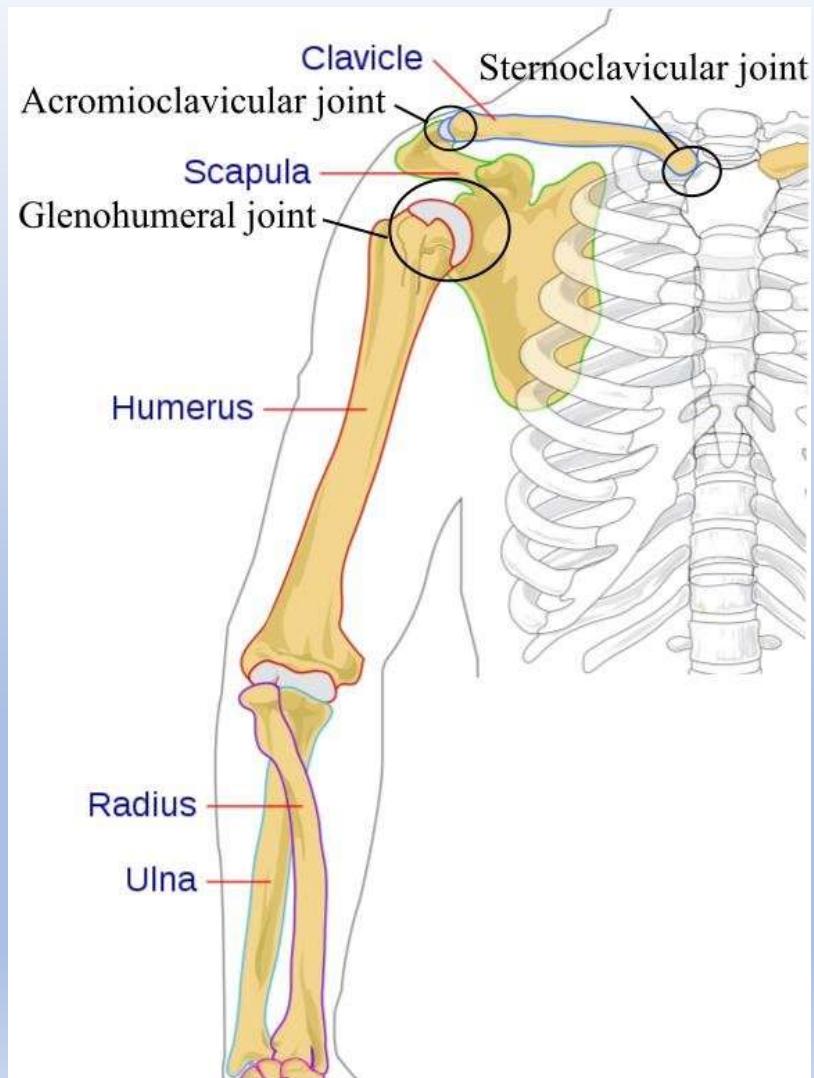
## Joints

### Definition:

- Articulation between 2 or more bones / cartilages
- Site where 2 or more bones / cartilages meet.
- They may have movement or not.

### Importance of joints:

- Joints are responsible for movements. مسؤولة عن الحركة
- Weight bearing. تحمل الوزن
- Stability of skeletal system. ثبات الهيكل العظمي
- Growth of bone. نمو العظام
- Medicolegal importance. فحص في الطب الشرعي  
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## النحوات الدالة في المفاصل والكلويت

### Classifications of Joints

#### Structural:

- Fibrous.
- Cartilaginous.
- Synovial (joints having cavity).

Solid

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NB: Fibrous & cartilaginous joints are called solid joints.

#### Functional:

- Synarthrosis: no movement. joint doesn't move
- Amphiarthrosis: slight movement. حركة المرونة
- Diarthrosis: freely mobile. حركة الحرية

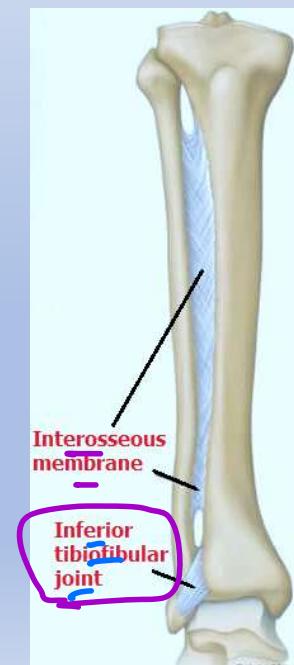
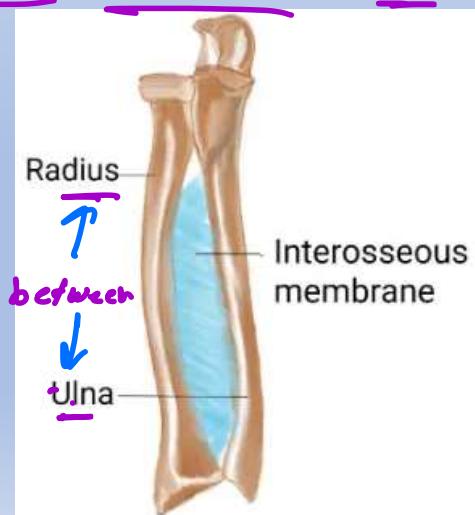
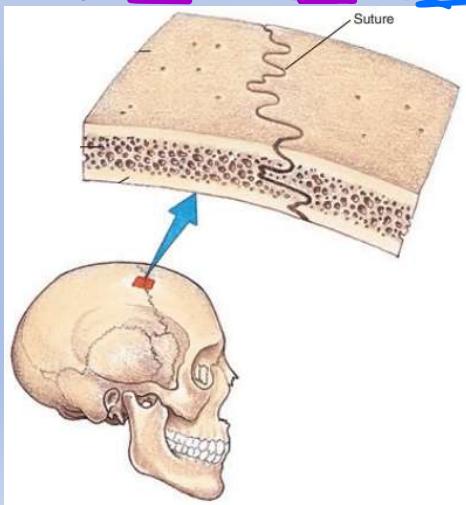
## Fibrous Joints (Synarthrosis)

### □ Characters (Features):

- Articulating bones are connected together by fibrous tissue.
- No or very limited movement.

### □ Types: نجعه دئفه دو ده

1. Sutures: between bones of skull. جدران نهاده
2. Gomphosis: between the roots of the teeth their sockets. حایه نهاده
3. Syndesmosis: inferior tibiofibular joint & interosseous membrane.



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# Cartilaginous Joints (amphiarthrosis)

## ❑ Characters (Features):

- Articulating bones are connected together by cartilage.
- No or slight movement.

## ❑ Types:

### A. Primary (Synchondrosis):

- Bones are connected by hyaline cartilage.
- Ossify by age. *جذب العظام*
- No movement.
- Examples: epiphysis of long bone & 1<sup>st</sup> sternocostal joint.

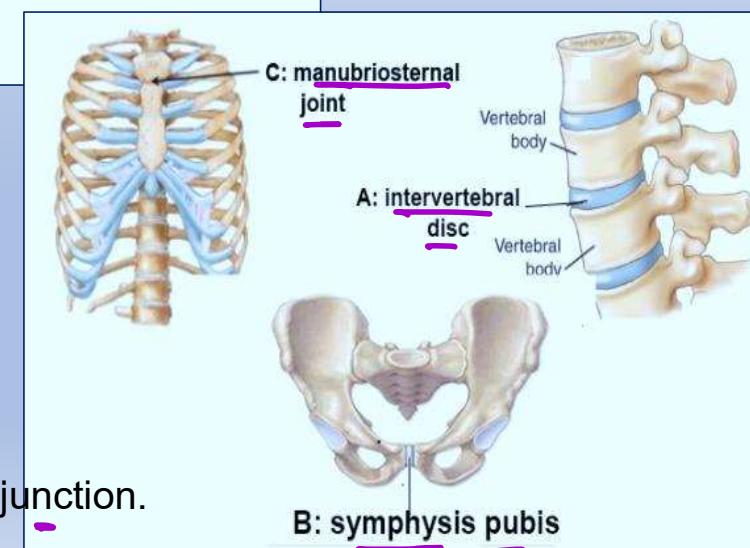
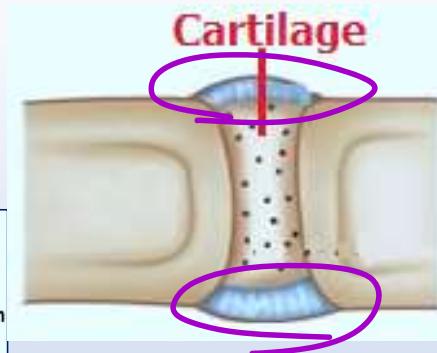
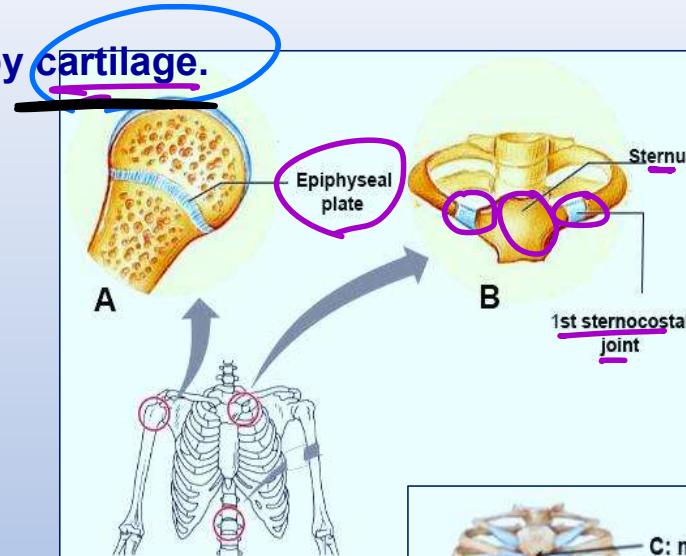
### B. Secondary (Symphysis / Midline joints):

- Bones are connected by fibrocartilage.
- Doesn't ossify.
- Slight movement.
- Examples: symphysis pubis, intervertebral disc & manubriosternal junction.

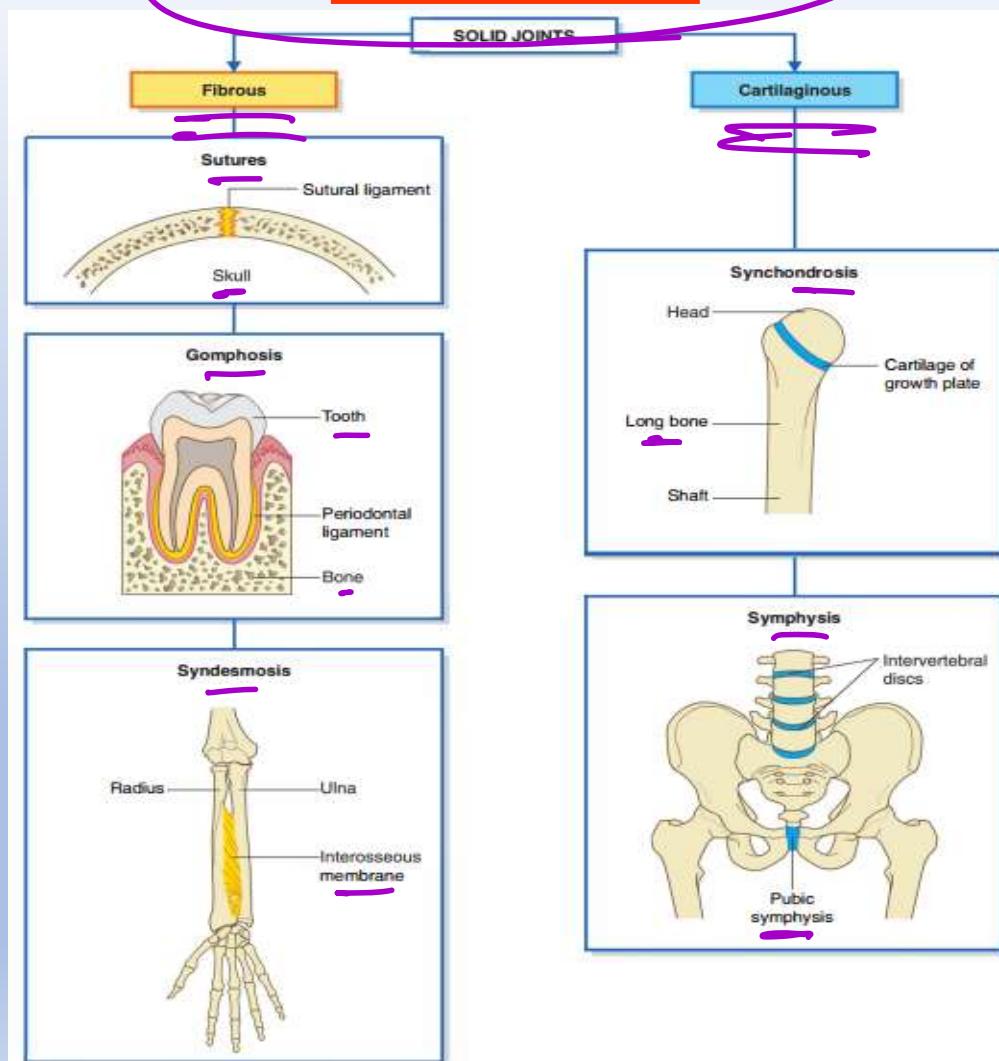
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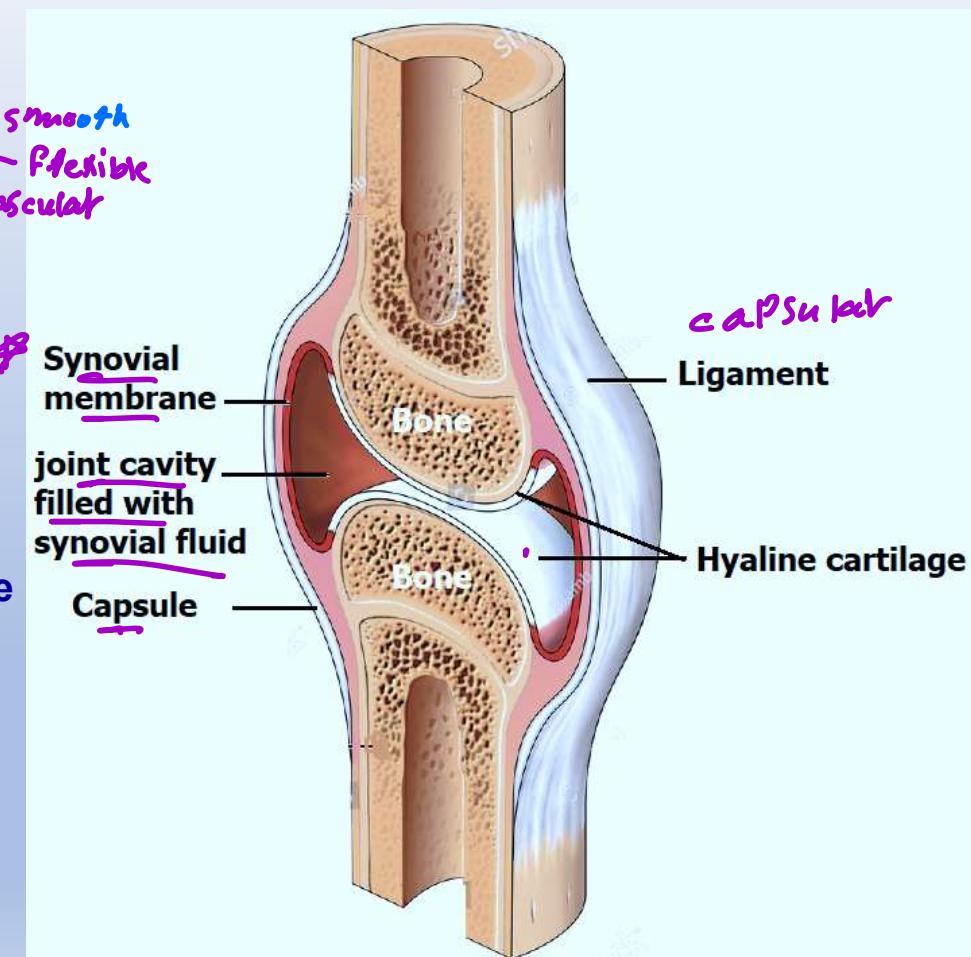
# Solid Joints



## Synovial Joints (Diarthrosis)

### □ Characters (Features):

- Freely mobile.
- Articular surfaces are covered by hyaline cartilage.  
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- Articulating bones are separated by joint cavity.
- Joint is surrounded by fibrous tissue capsule.
- Capsule is thickened to form capsular ligaments.
- Capsule is strengthened by accessory ligaments.
- Synovial membrane lines the capsule & covers the non-articular parts of the bones.
- Synovial membrane secretes synovial fluid which:
  - ✓ Provides lubrication and nutrition of articular cartilage.
  - ✓ Allows free movement of the joint.



# Synovial Joints (Diarthrosis)

## □ Characters (Features):

- **Synovial joint cavity may contain one or more of the following structures:**

❖ **Tendon of muscle:** as long head of biceps in shoulder joint,

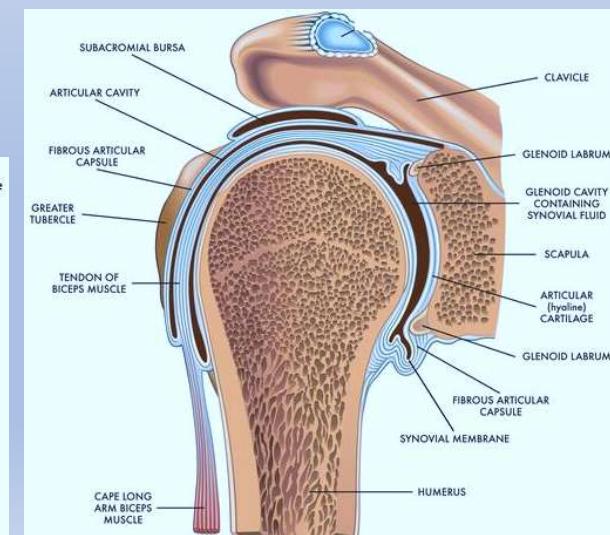
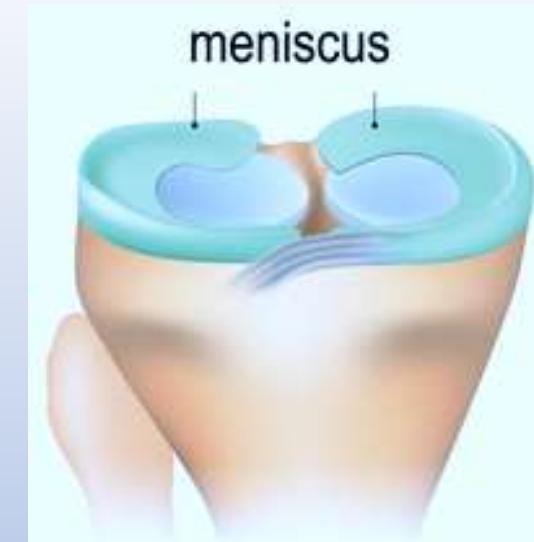
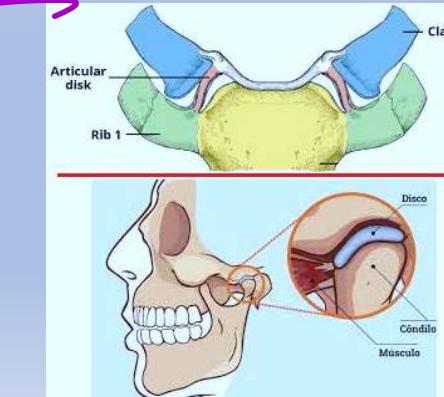
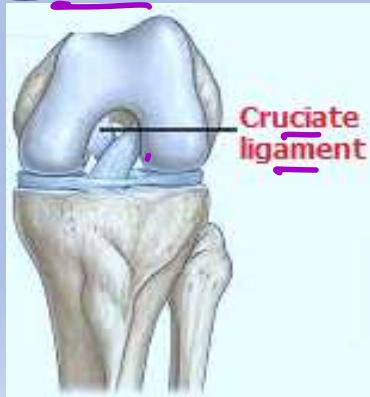
❖ **Ligament:** as cruciate ligament in the knee.

❖ **Cartilaginous structure:**

1✓ **Disc:** as in the temporomandibular & sternoclavicular joints.  

2✓ **Labrum:** as in the shoulder & hip joints, 

3✓ **Meniscus:** as in the knee joint.  

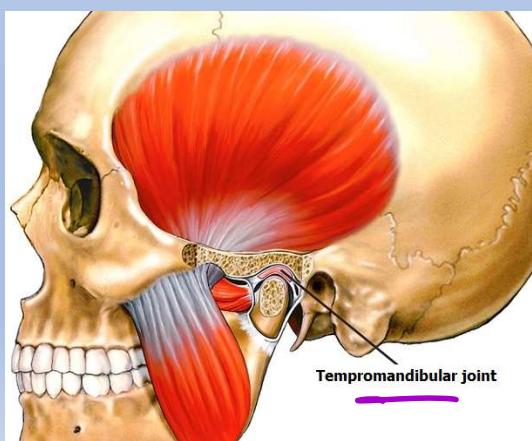
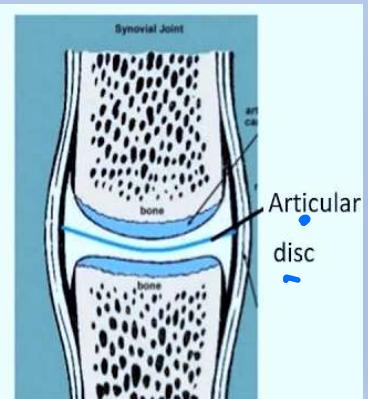
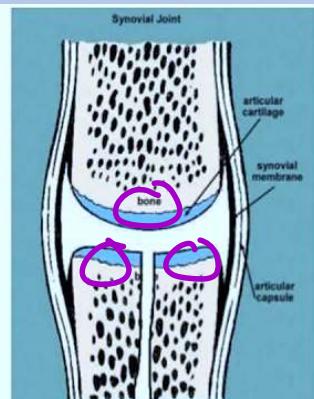
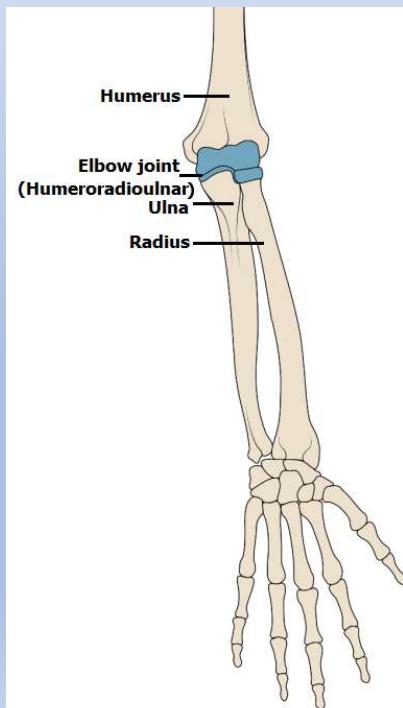
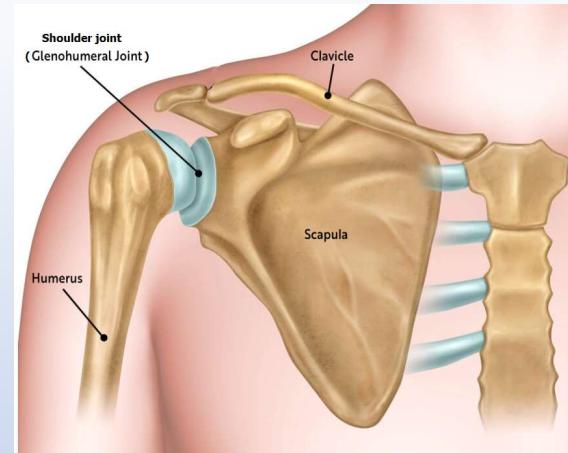


# Synovial Joints (Diarthrosis)

## □ Types (Classifications):

### ➤ According to the number of articulating bones:

- ❖ **Simple:** articulation of 2 bones (e.g. shoulder).
- ❖ **Compound:** articulation of more than 2 bones (e.g. elbow).
- ❖ **Complex:** has intra-articular disc (e.g. temporomandibular joint).



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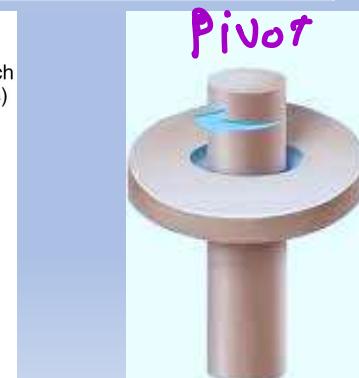
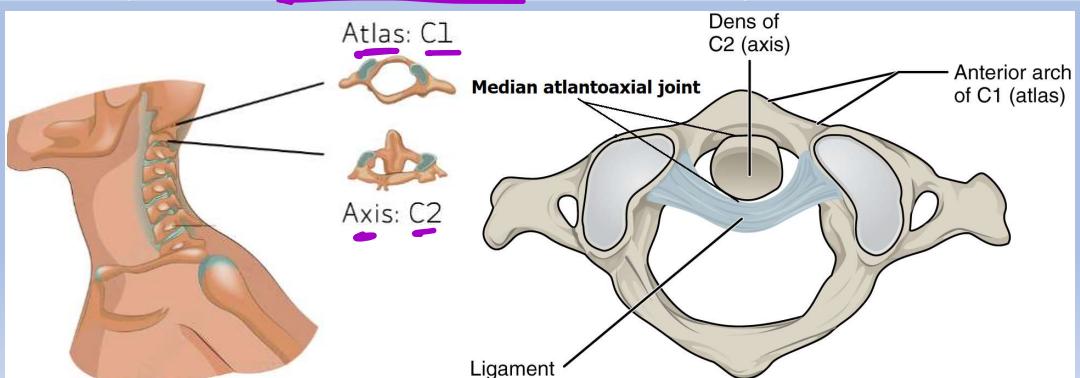
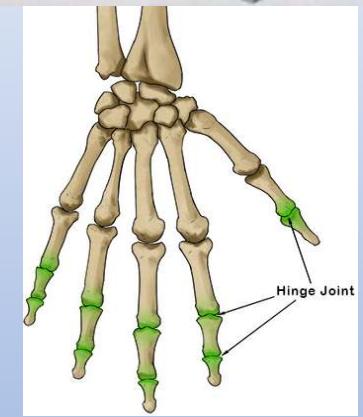
## □ Types (Classifications):

### ➤ According to the number of axes:

**A. Uniaxial:** movement occurs around one axis.

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	1. Hinge	2. Pivot
✓ Axis:	• Bilateral.	• Vertical.
✓ Movement:	• Flexion and extension.	• Rotation.
✓ Examples:	• Elbow joint.	• Superior radioulnar joint.
	• Interphalangeal joints.	• Median Atlantoaxial joint.



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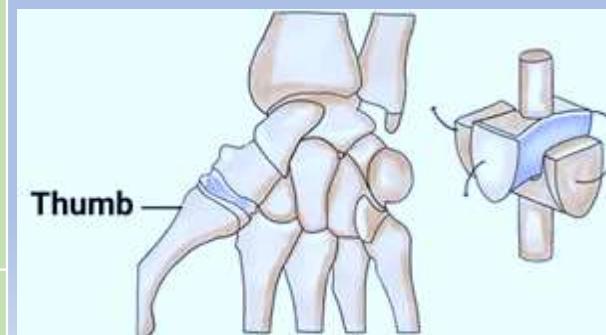
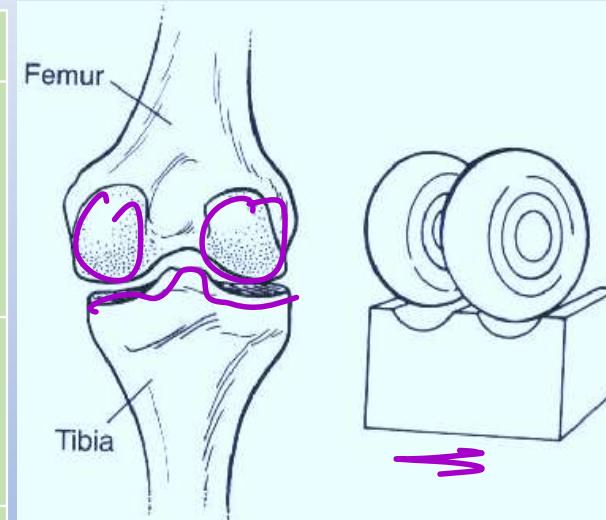
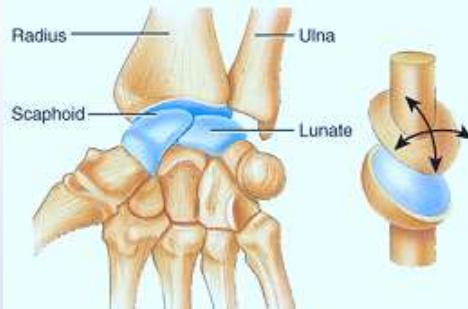
## □ Types (Classifications):

➤ According to the number of axes:

**B. Biaxial:** movement occurs around 2 axes.

	Axes	Movements	Example
<b>1. Ellipsoid:</b>	Bilateral Anteroposterior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flexion &amp;</li> <li>Extension.</li> <li>Adduction &amp;</li> <li>Abduction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wrist.</li> </ul>
<b>2. Bicondylar:</b>	Bilateral Vertical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flexion &amp;</li> <li>Extension.</li> <li>Rotation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knee.</li> </ul>
<b>3. Saddle:</b>	Bilateral Anteroposterior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flexion &amp;</li> <li>Extension.</li> <li>Adduction &amp;</li> <li>Abduction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carpo-metacarpal joint of thumb</li> </ul>

**NB:** Saddle joint permits slight rotation in combination with other movements (Opposition)



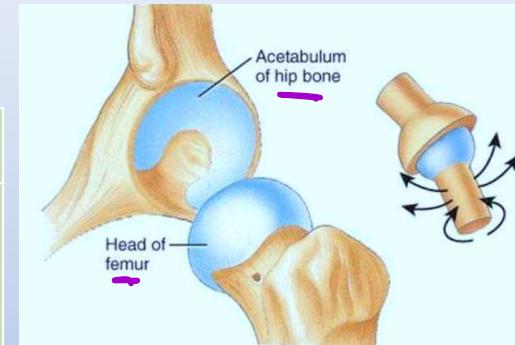
# Synovial Joints (Diarthrosis)

## □ Types (Classifications):

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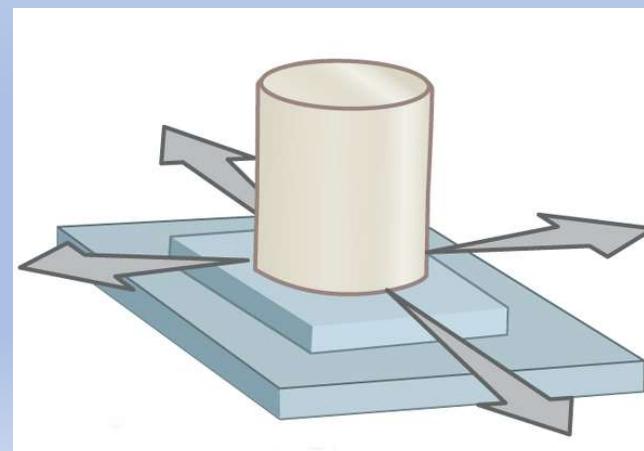
**C. Polyaxial (Multiaxial):** movement occurs around 3 axes.

	Axes	Movements	Examples
<b>Ball &amp; socket</b>	Bilateral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flexion &amp; Extension.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hip joint.</li></ul>
	Anteroposterior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Abduction &amp; Adduction</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shoulder joint.</li></ul>
	Vertical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rotation</li></ul>	



**D. Non-axial:** permit sliding (gliding) movement.

Example: intercarpal & intertarsal joints.



# Synovial Joints (Diarthrosis)

## □ Types (Classifications):

➤ According to shape of articulating bones:

✓ Hinge: like the hinge of a door

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✓ Pivot: central axis rotates in a ring.



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✓ Ellipsoid: one convex surface fitting in an elliptical concavity.

✓ Bicondylar: two convex surfaces fitting in two concavities.

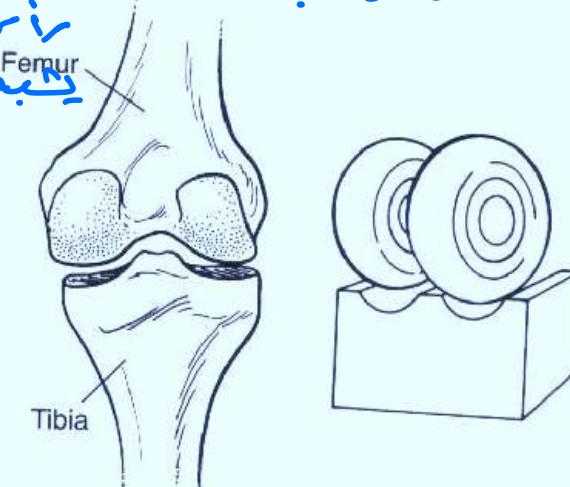
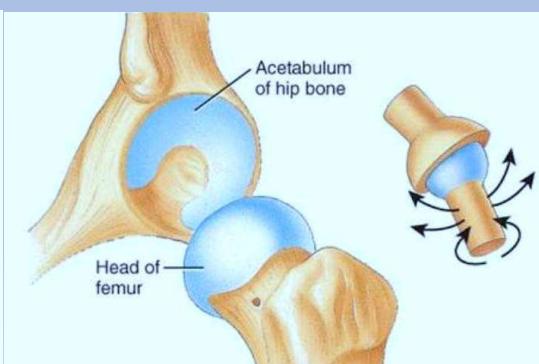
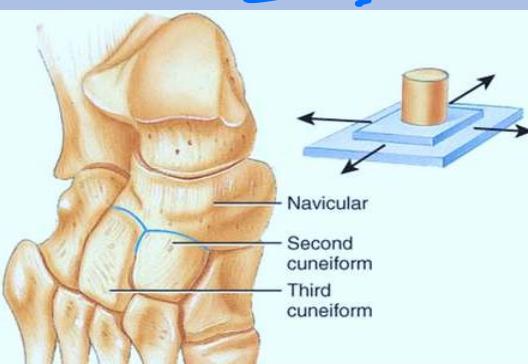
✓ Saddle: articulating surfaces are alternatively concavo-convex.

✓ Ball & socket: rounded head fitting in a cup-shaped concavity.

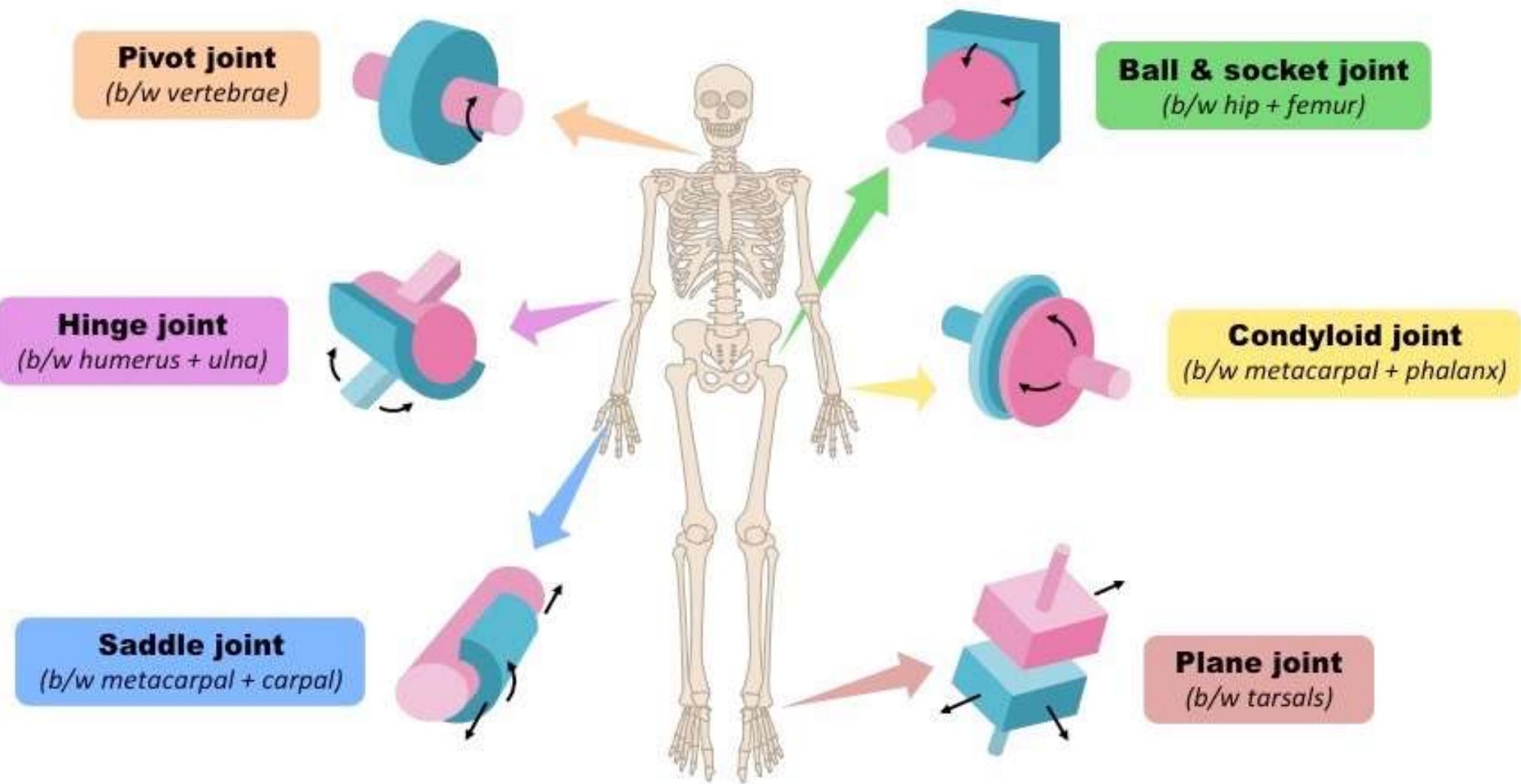
✓ Plane: articular surfaces are flat.

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# Synovial Joints (Diarthrosis)



## Stability of Joints

### □ Stability of joints depends on:

- Shape, size & arrangement of articulating bones.
- Tone (Contraction) of the surrounding muscles      قوة نسج (الانقباض) العضلات  
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- Position & strength of the surrounding ligaments.

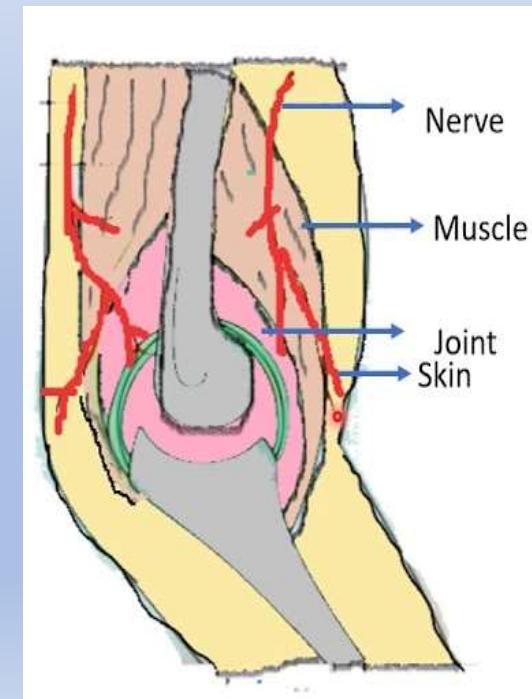
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## Nerve Supply of Joints

### **(Hilton's Law)**

- The sensory nerve supplying a joint also supplies the muscles moving the joint and the overlying skin.

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