



## Breathing vs Respiration

Includes inspiration & expiration  
(Inhalation)      (Exhalation)

- Active

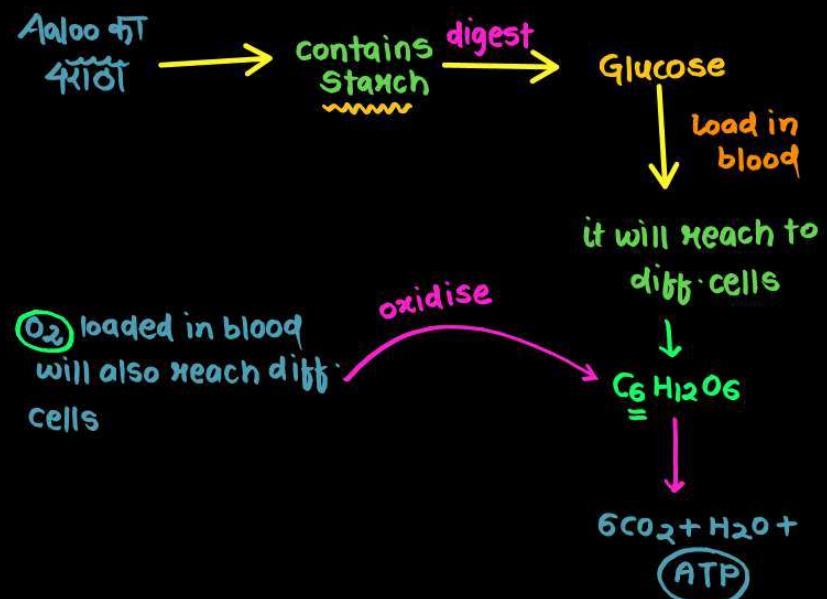


Exit

- Passive



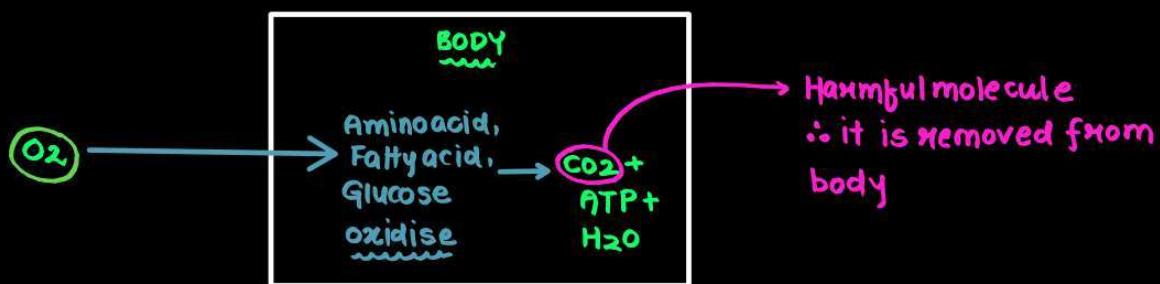
Utilisation of  $O_2$  which enters our body inhalation





## Need of Breathing

- O<sub>2</sub> has to be continuously provided to the cells and CO<sub>2</sub> produced by the cells have to be released out.





## Respiratory Organs

- **Mechanisms of breathing** vary among different groups of animals depending mainly on:

① Level of organisation of animal: e.g., Flatworm / Platyhelminthes

↳ gases diffuse 'in' and 'out' via general body surface

e.g., Humans: Lungs (pulmonary)

② Habitat: Fish: Gills  
↳ aquatic

Human: Lungs  
↳ Terrestrial/land



## Different Respiratory Organs

Organisms	Organs for Respiration
Unicellular Organisms like Amoeba, Paramecium	• simple diffusion via cell
Porifera (sponges), Coelenterate, Ctenophora, Platyhelminthes	• Simple diffusion via general body surface
Earthworm	• Moist cuticle
Arthropoda	Land Insects: Tracheal tubes Crustaceans (like Prawn): In water → gill like structures
Mollusca	• Gill / Branchial respiration
Echinodermata	• TUBE - FEET
Fish	• GILL
Frog	Tadpole: Aquatic Adult frog: Buccopharyngeal, cutaneous, Pulmonary
Amphibians, Reptiles, Aves (birds), Mammals	Lungs



## Human Respiratory System (Flow Chart)

External nostrils (2)  
• upper part of upper lip

Nasal Passage

Nasal chamber

Pharynx  
Common passage  
for food &  
air)

has a part called glottis  
Larynx / Sound box  
• formed of cartilage



TRACHEA  
(Windpipe)

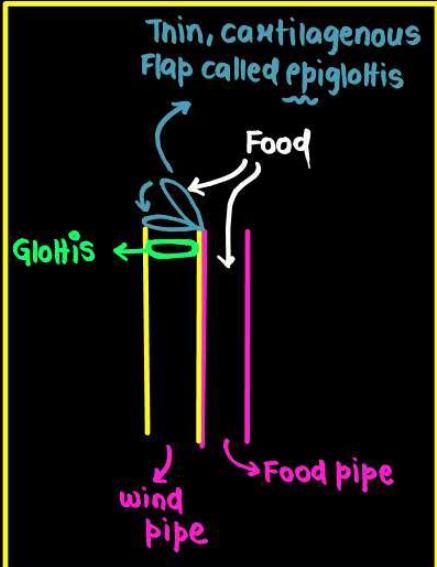
Divided into left & right  
Primary Bronchi at  
the level of 5<sup>th</sup>  
Thoracic vertebrae  
(T5)

3° bronchi  
2° bronchi

Initial bronchioles

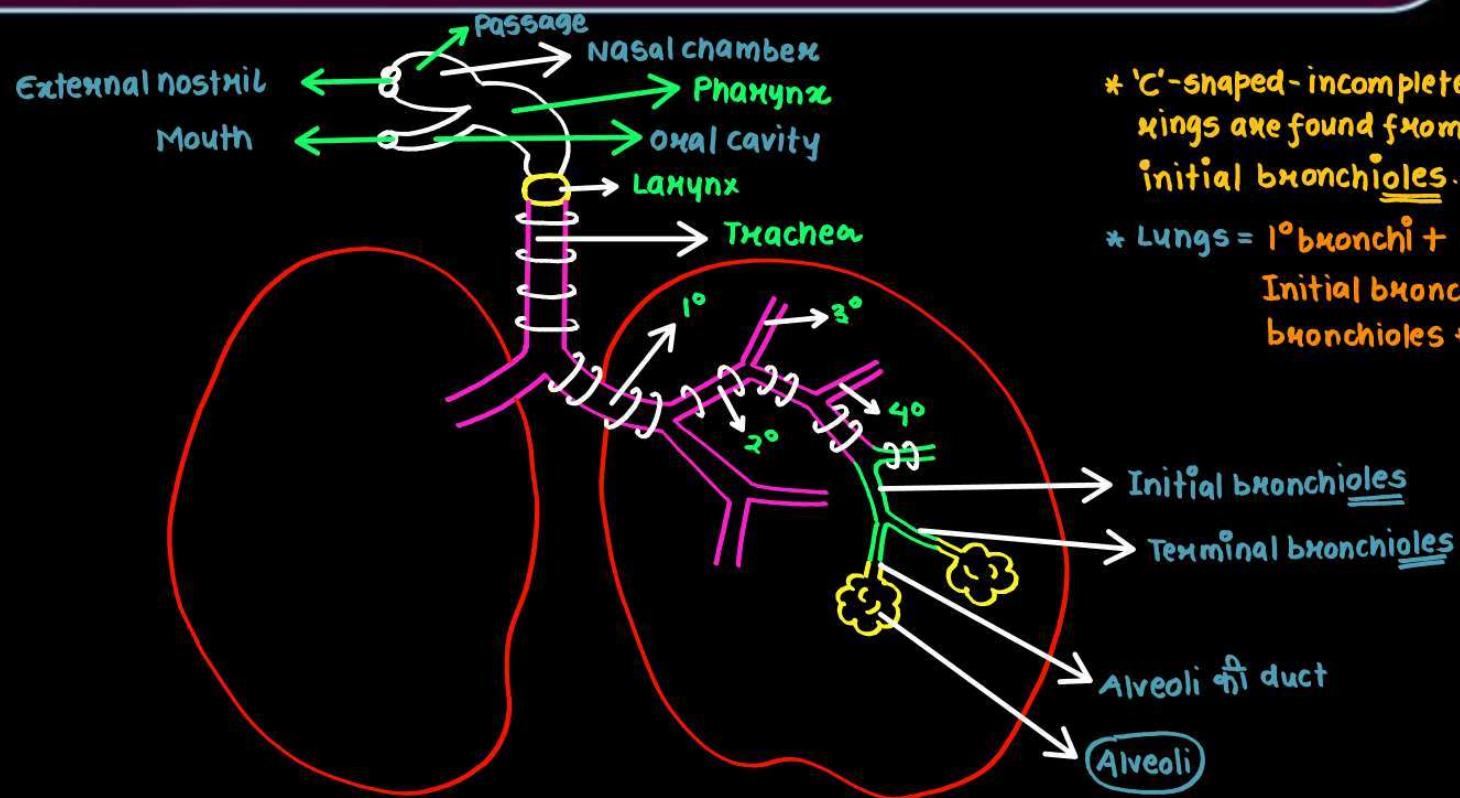
→ 100 million alveoli/lung  
Alveoli & alveolar  
duct

Innregular, bag like, vascular structure





## Human Respiratory System (Diagram)





## Respiratory System Details

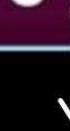
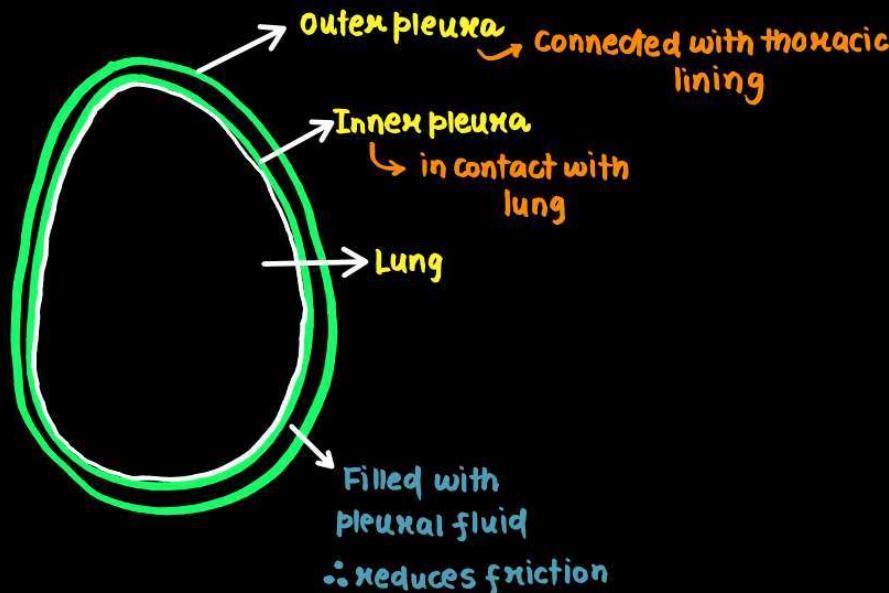
- Lungs comprised of:  $1^{\circ}$  bronchi +  $2^{\circ}$  +  $3^{\circ}$  +  $4^{\circ}$  + Initial & Terminal bronchioles + Alveoli
- Trachea divides into left and right primary bronchi at the level of:  $T_5$
- What does epiglottis do: *✓ covers the glottis when we engulf food so that it can't enter wind pipe*
- Incomplete cartilaginous rings are present in: Trachea to initial bronchioles upto



## Structure of Lung: Cover and Air Tight Nature



- No. of lungs: 2
- Position: in thoracic cavity



### Air Tight compartment

- Ventrally: Sternum
- Dorsal: Vertebral column
- Lateral: Rib-cage
- Below: Diaphragm



- We can't change the pulmonary volume directly .. we need to change the thoracic volume.
- ∴ Pulmonary volume depends on thoracic volume.

# Lung



## Conducting Part



- conducts/transports air from atmosphere to exchange part
- From external nostril to terminal bronchioles



Functions:

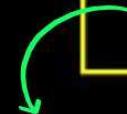
1. conduct of air

2. Humidification of air

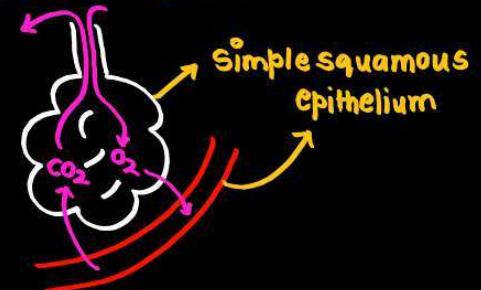
3. Cleaning /filtration of air

4. Maintenance of Temp.

## Respiratory/ Exchange Part



- Gaseous exchange/diffusion occurs here
- Alveoli & its ducts



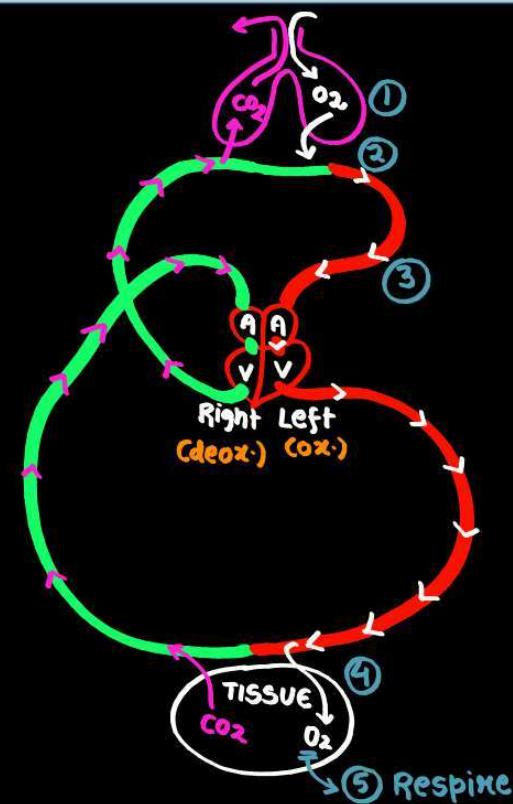


## Mechanism of Breathing

Respiration involves the following steps:

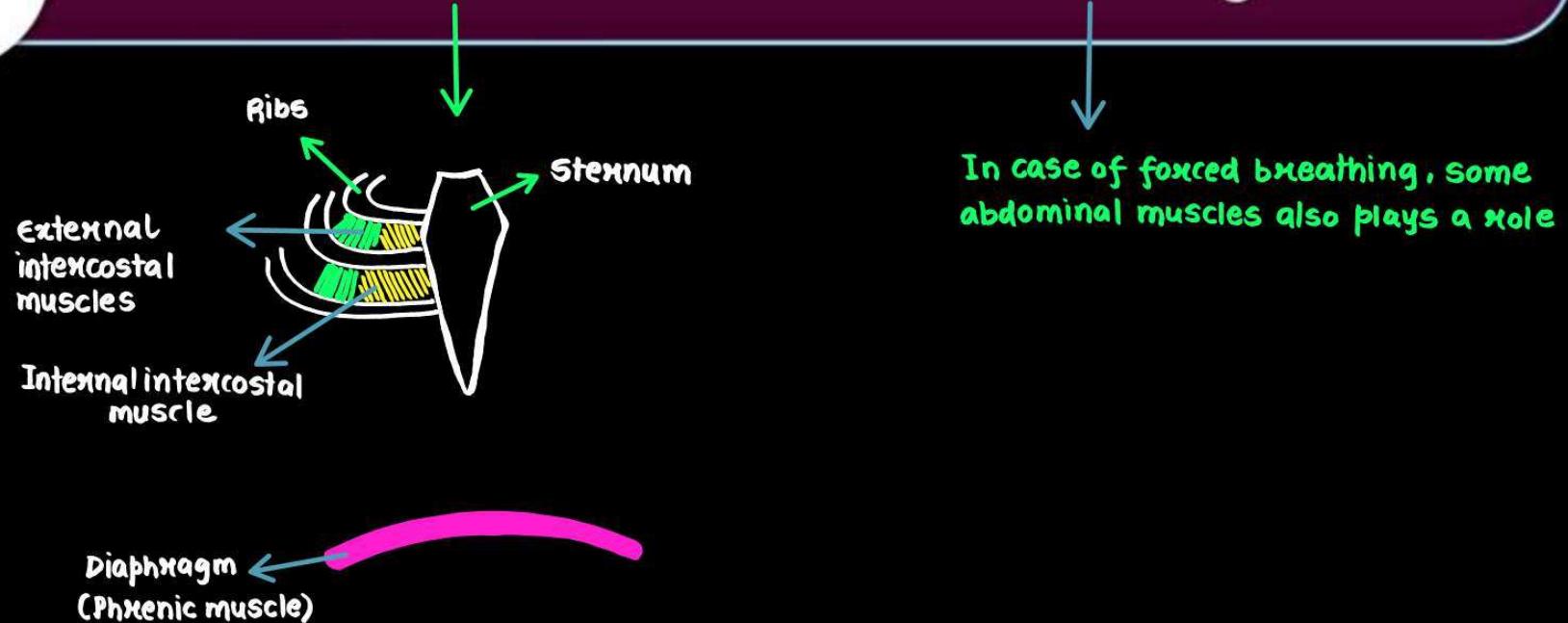
- (i) Breathing or pulmonary ventilation by which atmospheric air is drawn in and CO<sub>2</sub> rich alveolar air is released out.
- (ii) Diffusion of gases (O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub>) across alveolar membrane.
- (iii) Transport of gases by the blood.
- (iv) Diffusion of O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> between blood and tissues.
- (v) Utilization of O<sub>2</sub> by the cells for catabolic reactions and resultant release of CO<sub>2</sub> (cellular respiration).

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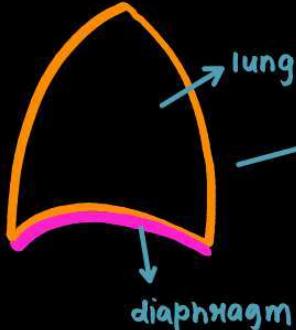
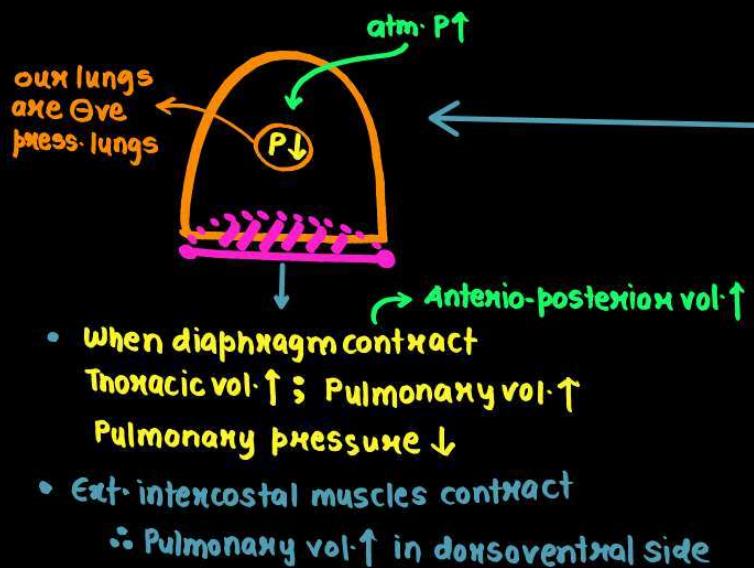
## Muscles involved in Breathing



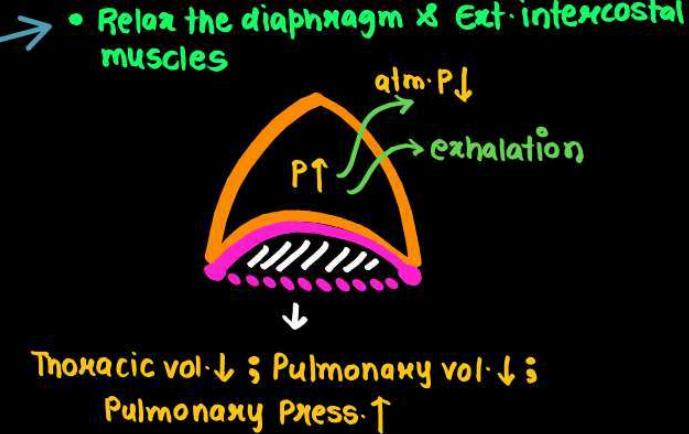
# Breathing



## Inspiration

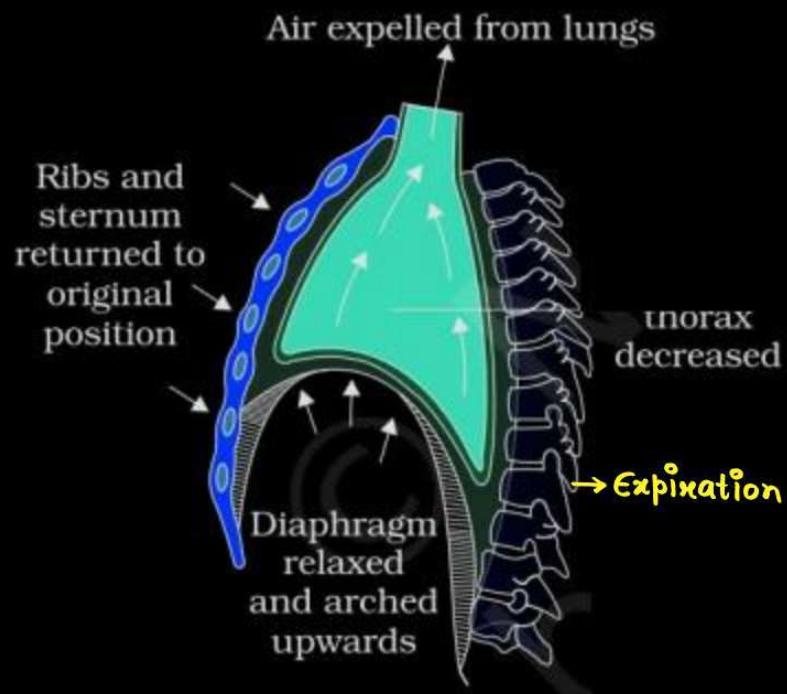
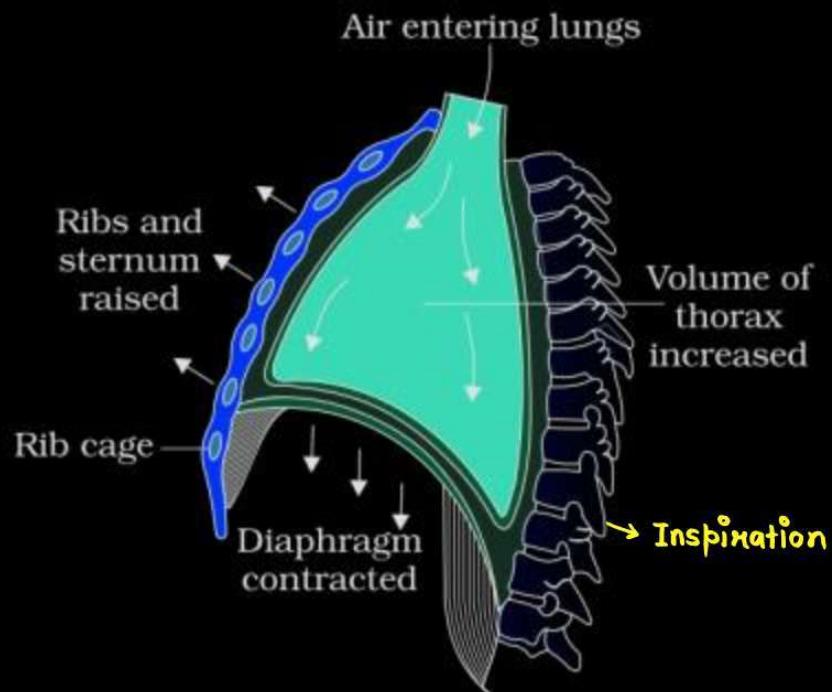


## Expiration





## Mechanism of Inspiration and Expiration





## Facts Related to Breathing

- Average breathing rate of Humans: 12-16 times in a minute  
$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ 12 \times 500\text{ml} = 6\text{L} \end{array}$$
  
$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ 16 \times 500\text{ml} = 8\text{L} \end{array}$$
- Spirometer: monitors the vol. of air inhaled or exhaled by a human  
∴ It has clinical significance





## Respiratory Volumes and Capacities

Basic Terms

Derived from resp. volumes  
only

① Tidal volume (TV): Air taken in or sent out during normal inspiration & expiration  
→ 500mL

② Inspiratory Reserve volume (IRV): Forceful inhalation after inhaling TV.  
→ 2.5-3L

③ Expiratory Reserve Volume (ERV): Forceful exhalation after exhaling TV.  
→ 1.1-1.2L (1000-1100mL)

④ Residual volume (RV): Vol. of air remained in lungs even after forceful exhalation  
↓  
can't be measured by  
Spirometer  
→ 1.1-1.2L (1100-1200mL)

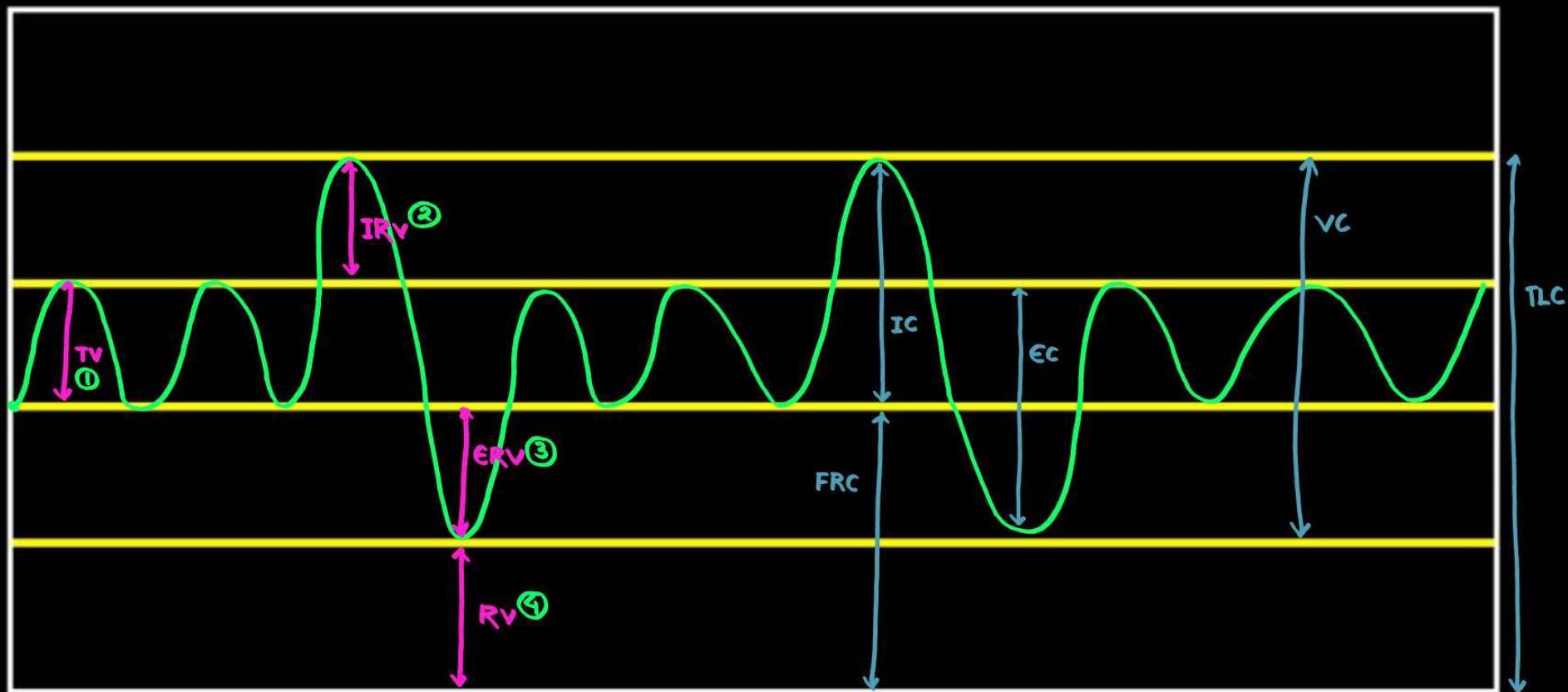


## Respiratory Capacities

- **Inspiratory Capacity (IC):**  $TV + IRV$   $\downarrow$   $\text{500mL}$   $\stackrel{\textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2}}{\Rightarrow}$   $2500-3000\text{mL}$  → Vol. of air inspired after normal expiration
- **Expiratory Capacity (EC):**  $TV + ERV$   $\downarrow$   $\text{500mL}$   $\stackrel{\textcircled{1} + \textcircled{3}}{\Rightarrow}$   $1000-1100\text{mL}$  → Vol. of air expired after normal inspiration
- **Functional Residual Capacity (FRC):**  $\textcircled{3} + \textcircled{4}$   $\downarrow$   $\text{ERV}$   $\downarrow$   $\text{RV}$   $\Rightarrow$   $1100-1200\text{mL}$   
 $\Rightarrow$   $1000-1100\text{mL}$
- **Vital Capacity (VC):**  $\textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2} + \textcircled{3}$   $\downarrow$   $TV$   $\downarrow$   $IRV$   $\downarrow$   $ERV$
- **Total Lung Capacity (TLC):**  $\textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2} + \textcircled{3} + \textcircled{4}$   
 $\downarrow$   $VC + RV$   $\downarrow$   $I+2+FRG$   $\downarrow$   $TV$   $\downarrow$   $IRV$   $\downarrow$   $ERV$   $\downarrow$   $RV$   
 $\downarrow$   $VC$



## Respiratory Volumes and Capacities





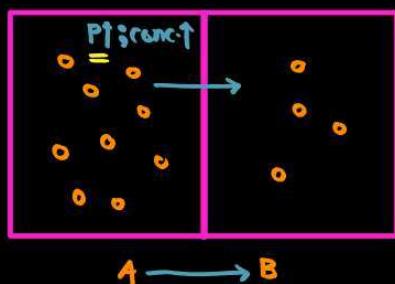
## Exchange of Gases

- Diffusion occurs at 2 places:



- Diffusion depends upon:

① Pressure/conc. gradient



② Solubility of gas

• CO<sub>2</sub> is 20-25X more soluble than O<sub>2</sub> in plasma

∴ O<sub>2</sub>: 3/4 transported in dissolved state  
CO<sub>2</sub>: 7/4 transported in dissolved state



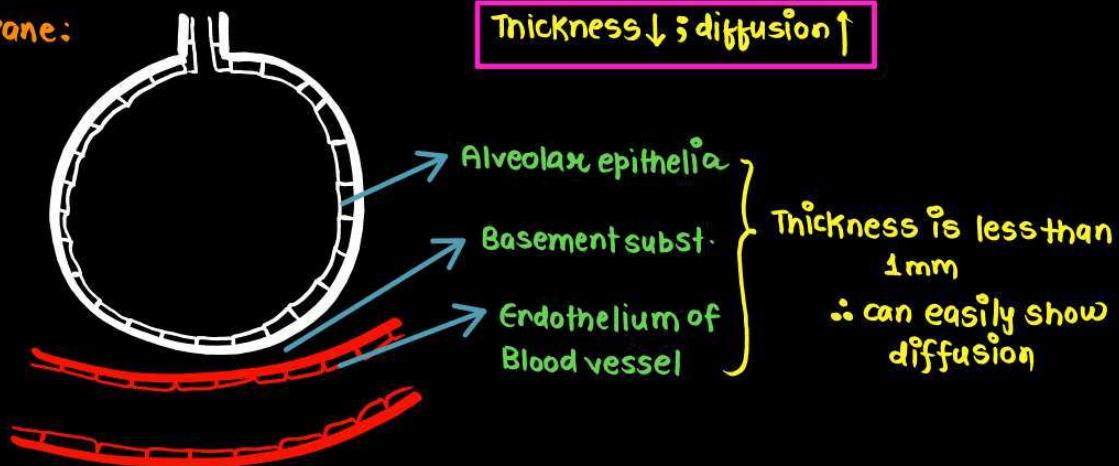
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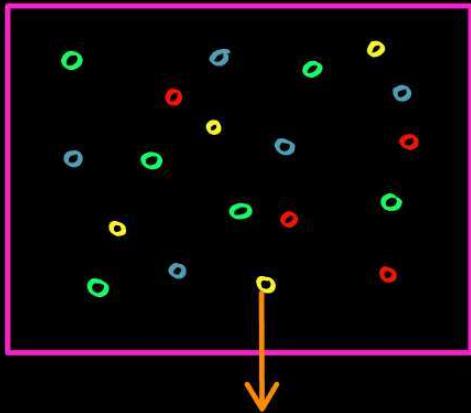
③ Thickness of membrane:





## Partial Pressure of Gases

- Definition:



- Total pressure: 760 mmHg

$$\begin{aligned} p_{O_2} &: 159 \text{ mmHg} \\ p_{CO_2} &: 0.3 \text{ mmHg} \end{aligned}$$

Partial pressure: pressure created by individual gas in a mixture of gases.

e.g.,  $\overbrace{p_{O_2}; p_{CO_2}}$

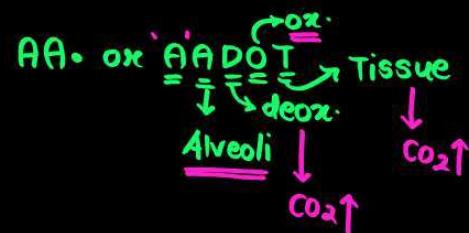
part pressure  
of  $O_2$



## Partial Pressure of O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub>

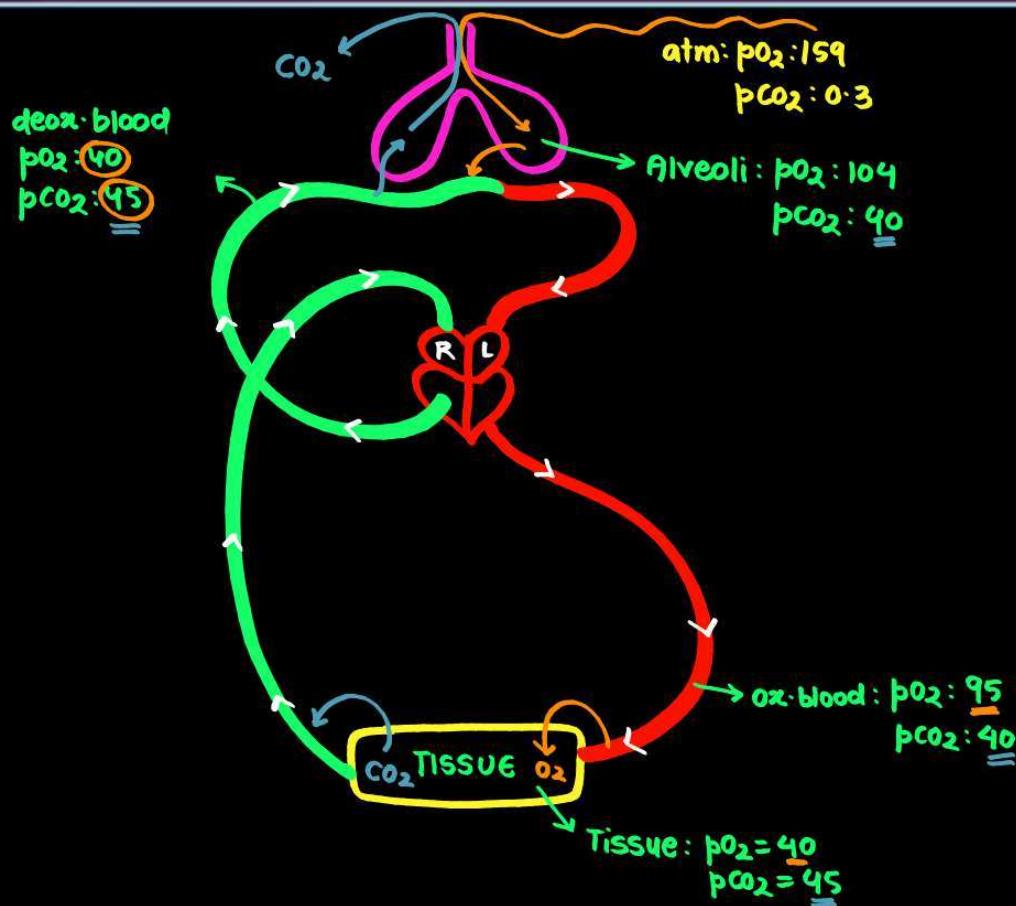
Partial Pressures (in mm Hg) of Oxygen and Carbon dioxide at Different Parts Involved in Diffusion in Comparison to those in Atmosphere

Respiratory Gas	Atmospheric Air	Alveoli	Blood (Deoxygenated)	Blood (Oxygenated)	Tissues
O <sub>2</sub>	159	104	40	95	40
CO <sub>2</sub>	0.3	40	45	40	45





## Mechanism





## Transport of Gases

### Oxygen Transport

97% as  
oxyhaemoglobin

3% as plasma

Red colour, Fe cont. pigment  
found in RBC

### Carbon Dioxide Transport

70% in form of  
BICARBONATE

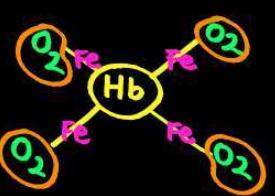
7% in plasma

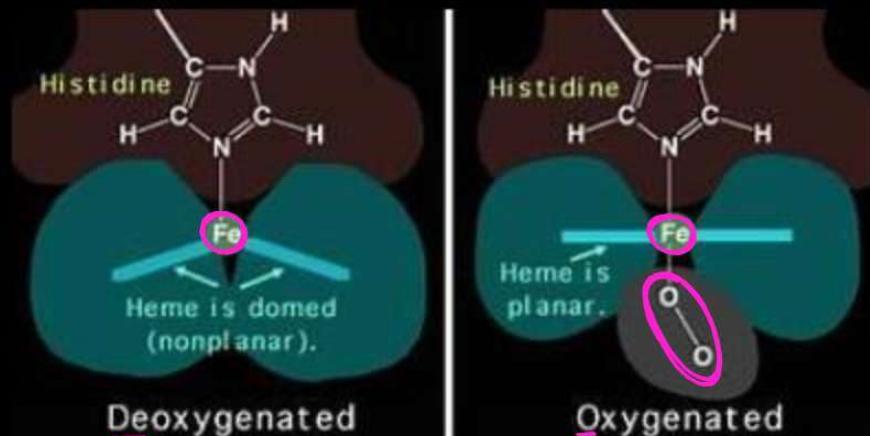
20-25%  
(~23%)

as  
Carbamino-haemoglobin



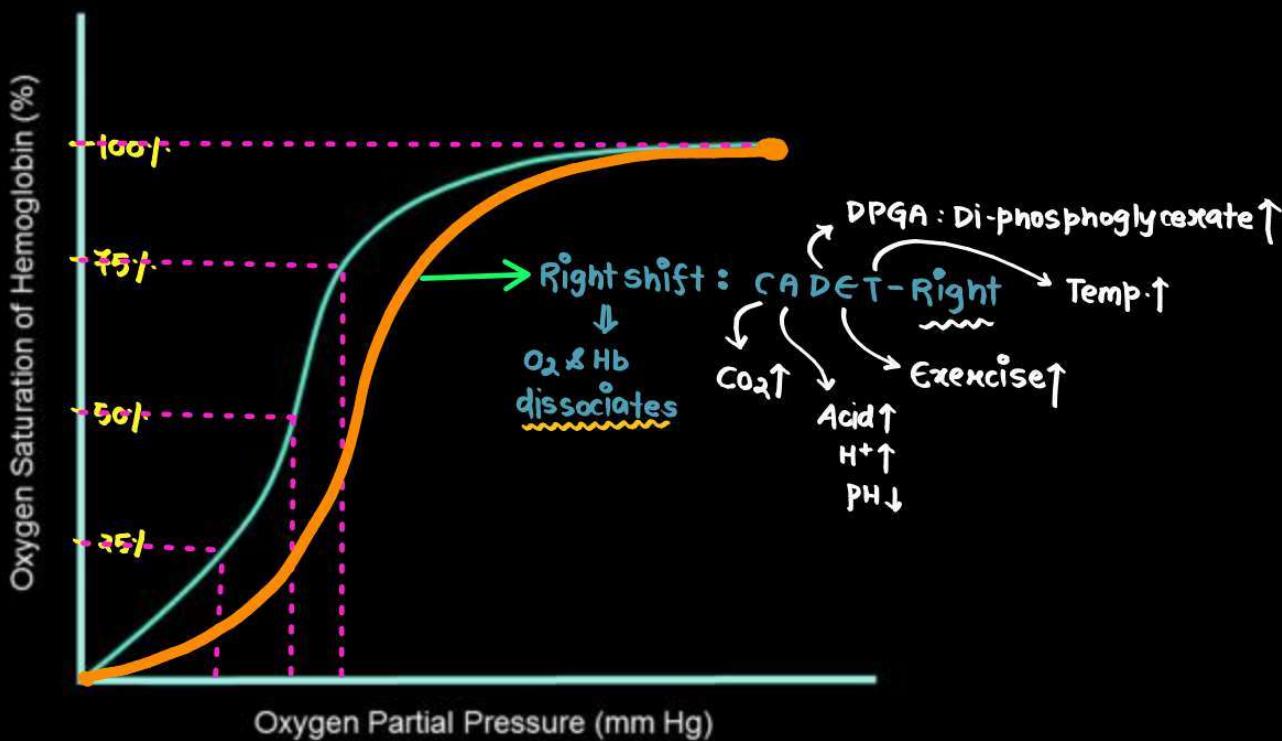
## Transport of Oxygen

- Hemoglobin: Fe containing red coloured pigment in RBC
  - Binding is reversible and Cooperative
    - one 'O<sub>2</sub>' molecule makes the loading of next 'O<sub>2</sub>' molecules easy
- 
- 1 'Hb' bind with 4 'O<sub>2</sub>' molecules
  - ————— 8 'oxygen' atoms





## Oxygen Haemoglobin Dissociation Curve

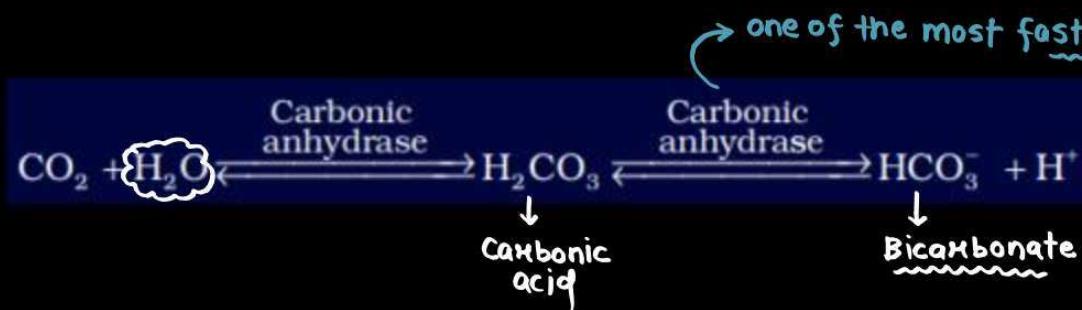
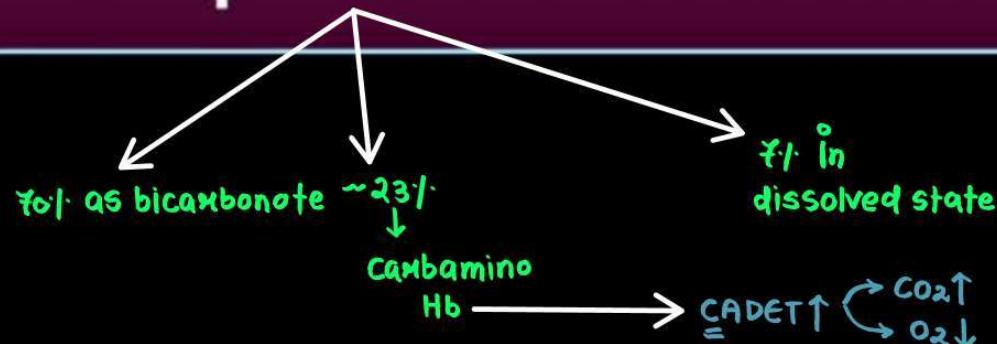


\* 100mL of ox. blood carry  
5ml O<sub>2</sub>.

\* 100mL of deox. blood carry  
4ml CO<sub>2</sub>.



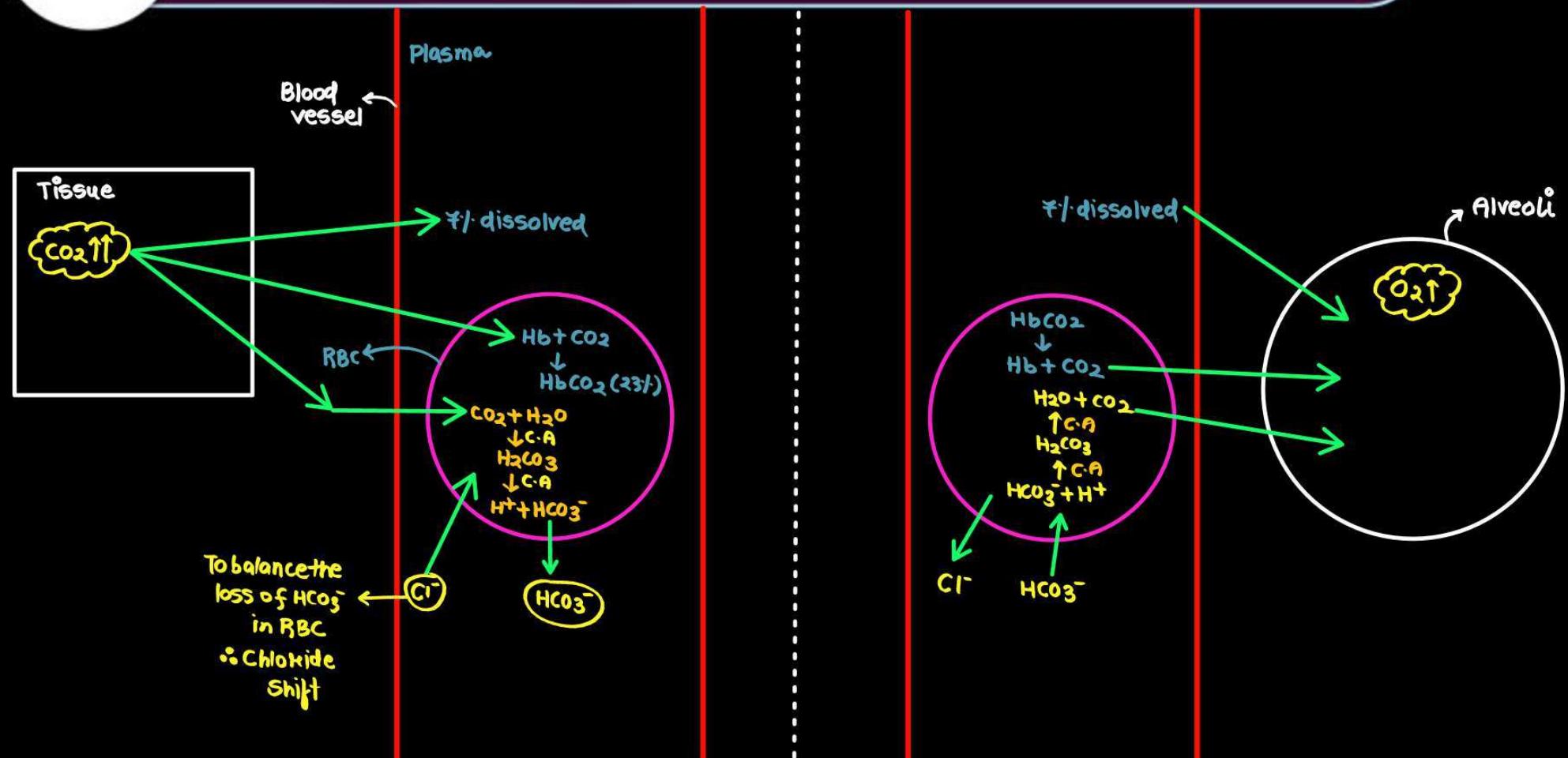
## Transport of Carbon Dioxide



- Carbonic anhydrase is very abundant in RBC
- Some amount of this enzyme is also found in plasma

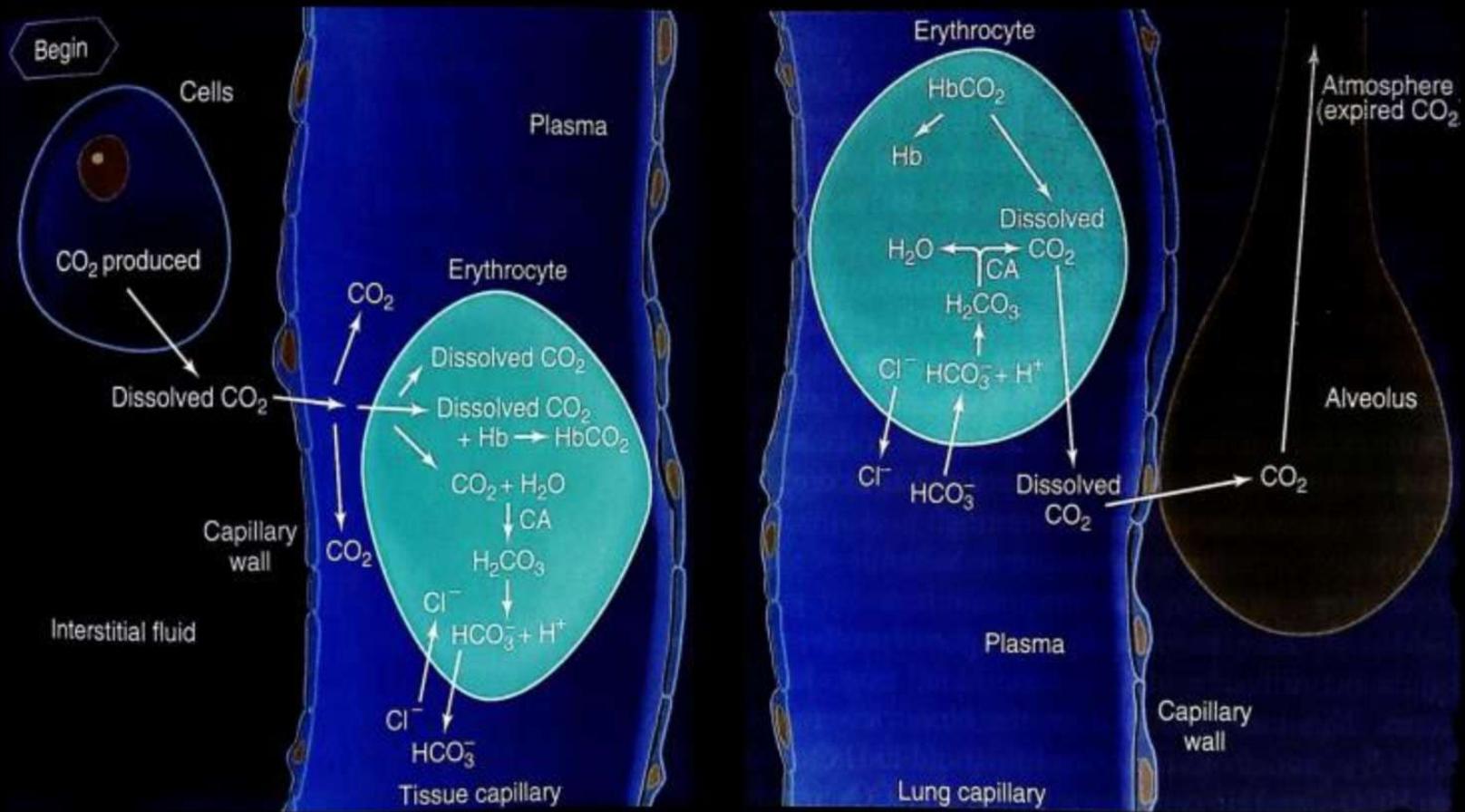


## Transport of Carbon Dioxide





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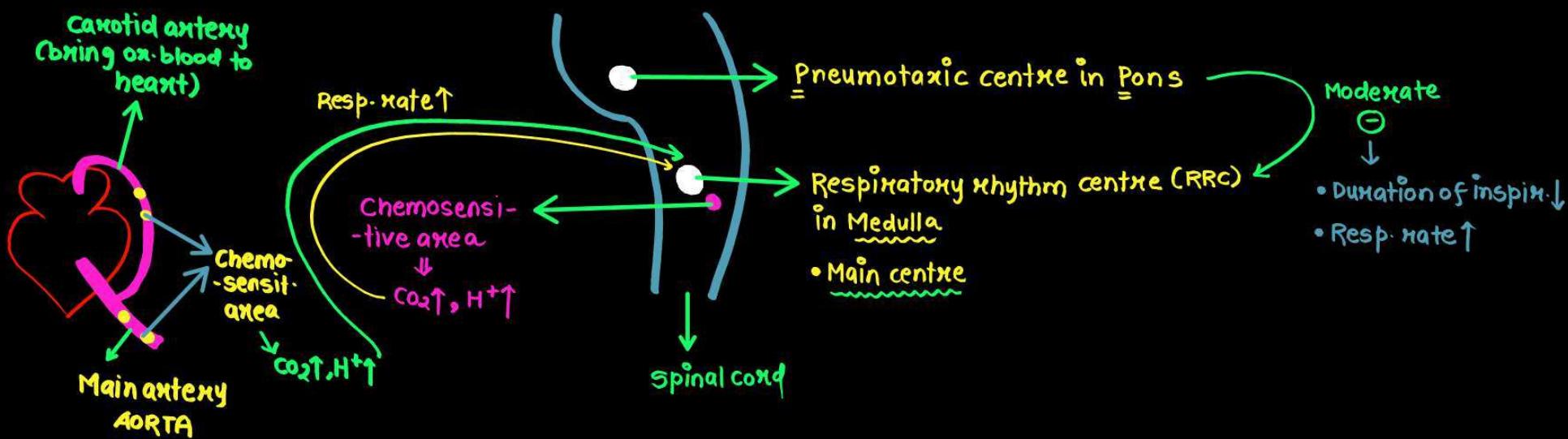




## Regulation of Respiration

- Mainly regulated by nervous system
- Some chemoreceptors also helps in regulation

\* O<sub>2</sub> levels are insignificant for this regulation





## Disorders

S. No.	Disease	Features
1	Asthma	<p>Difficulty in breathing causing wheezing due to inflammation of bronchi and bronchioles</p> 
2	Emphysema	<p>Chronic disorder (due to cigarette smoking) in which alveolar walls are damaged due to which respiratory surface is decreased.</p> 



## Disorders



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### Occupational Lung Disorders

In certain industries, especially those involving grinding or stone-breaking, so much dust is produced that the defense mechanism of the body cannot fully cope with the situation.

Long exposure can give rise to inflammation leading to fibrosis (proliferation of fibrous tissues) and thus causing serious lung damage.

Workers in such industries should wear protective masks.



Silicosis: silica

Asbestosis: Asbestos

- Breathing: inspire + expire .....  
 $\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{in}$  ( $\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{out}$ )
- Respiration: utilisation of  $\text{O}_2$  to indirectly break molecules to make ATP / Energy
- Mechanism of breathing in diff. animals: depends on 1. Habitat & 2. level of organisation of animals

Animals	Respiration Type
Sponges, Coelenterates, Flatworms	Simple diffusion through body surface
Earthworms	Moist cuticle
Insects Aquatic arthropods and Molluscs	Trachea Gills (branchial respiration)
Fishes	Gills
Amphibian, Reptiles, Aves and Mammals	Lungs (pulmonary)
Frog	Buccopharyngeal, Lungs and Cutaneous (skin)

### Breathing and Exchange of Gases

### HUMAN RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

Pair of external nostrils → Nasal Passage → Nasal chamber  
 (above lips)

NOTE: Glottis can be covered by Epiglottis (cartilagenous flap) to prevent entry of food in Larynx

Trachea ← Larynx ← Pharynx  
 (windpipe) (Cartilage; soundbox) (Food + air - common)

↓  
 Divides into left and right bronchi at T5 - ① → 2° Bronchi → 3° Bronchi → Initial bronchioles ④  
 ② ③ ⑤ ⑥

Alveoli ← Terminal bronchioles  
 (vascular bags) ⑤

- Lungs = 1+2+3+4+5+6
  - Incomplete cart. rings = Trachea + ⑥
  - From nostril to Terminal bronchioles = conducting part
  - Alveoli & Alveolar duct = exchange / respiratory part: diffusion
  - Lungs covered by double layered pleura & have pleural fluid b/w layers
- transport air, clean it, humidify it, set temp.

- Lungs are  $\oplus$ nt in air tight chamber:

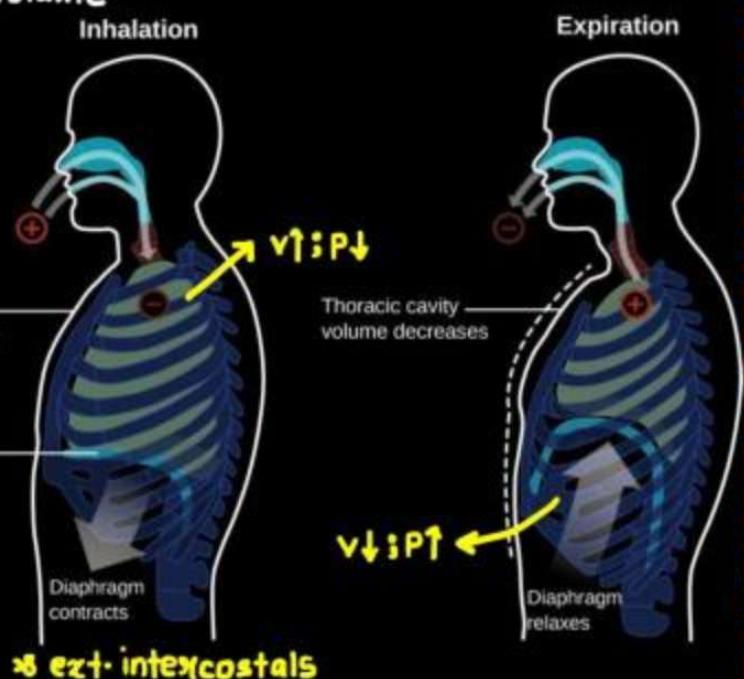
Dorsally: vertebral column

Ventrally: sternum

Sides: Rib cage

Below: Diaphragm

- change in thoracic volume will lead to change in pulmonary volume



## Breathing and Exchange of Gases

- 12-16 times/min
- measured by SPIROMETER

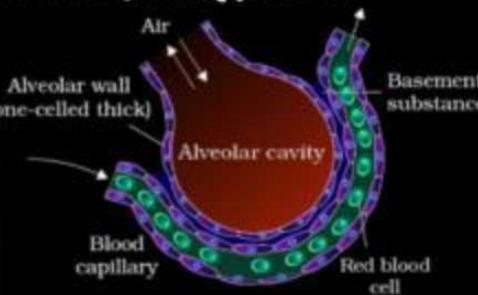
### Respiratory volumes & capacities

Respiratory volumes	Feature
1. TV (Tidal Volume): 500mL	Normal air inspired and expired
2. IRV (Inspiratory Reserve Volume): 2.5-3L	Additional air inhaled by forceful inspiration
3. ERV (Expiratory Reserve Volume): 1-1.1L	Additional air exhaled by forceful expiration
4. RV (Residual Volume): 1.1-1.2L	Air in lungs even after forceful expiration

Respiratory Capacity	Sum of
IC (Inspiratory Capacity)	1 + 2
EC (Expiratory Capacity)	1 + 3
FRC (Functional Residual Capacity)	3 + 4
VC (Vital Capacity)	1 + 2 + 3
TLC (Total Lung Capacity)	1 + 2 + 3 + 4

## Gaseous Exchange

- Primary site: Alveoli
- Factors affecting diffusion
- 1. Pressure/conc. gradient  
∴ Gradient↑; diffusion↑
- 2. Thickness of membrane  
∴ Thin; ↑ diffusion



3 layers total thickness  $< 1\text{mm}$

### 3. Solubility of gases

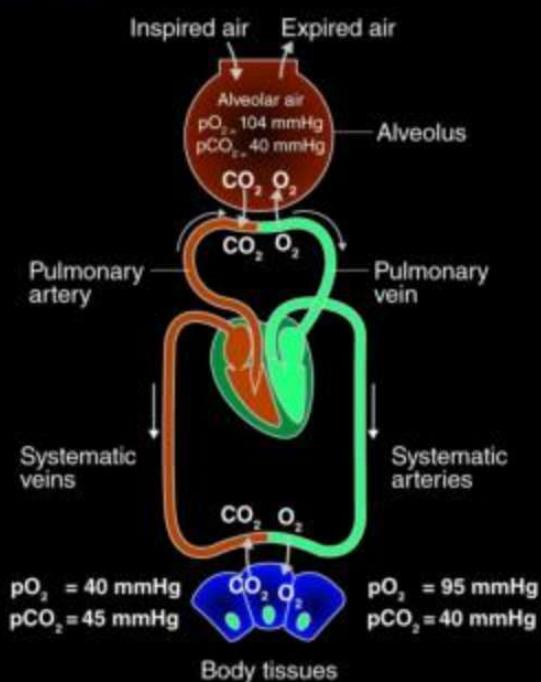
∴ Solubility↑; diffusion↑

- $\text{CO}_2$  is 20-25X more soluble than  $\text{O}_2$

### Exchange of Gases

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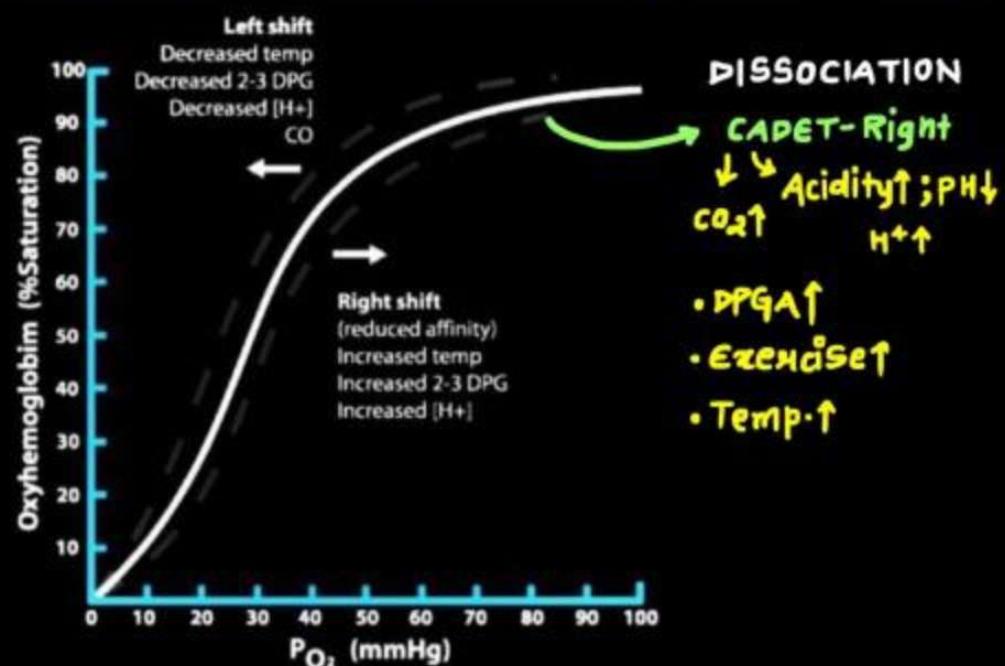
Steps: 1. Pulmonary ventilation; 2. Diffusion across alveoli; 3. Transport of gases by blood; 4. Diffusion b/w blood and tissue 5. Respiration in Tissues



### Transport of Gases

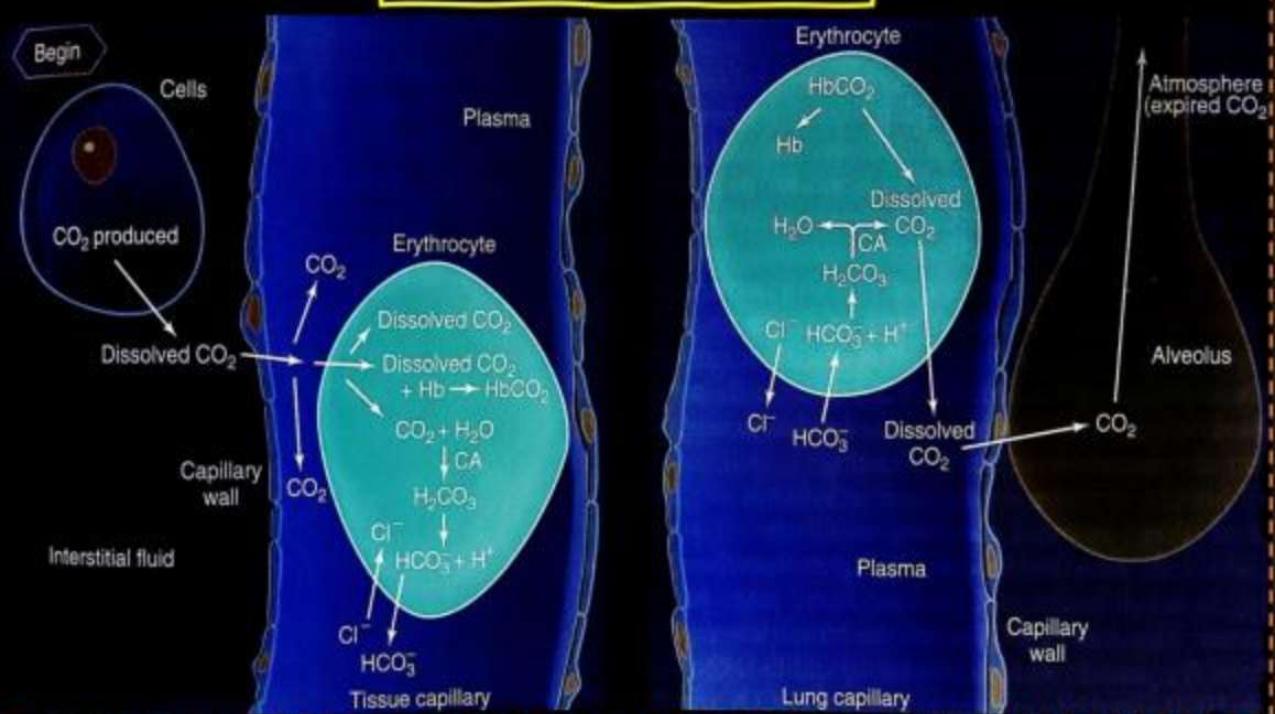
97% through RBC  $\leftrightarrow$  O<sub>2</sub>  $\leftrightarrow$  70% bicarbonate  
 3% through Plasma  $\rightarrow$  CO<sub>2</sub>  $\rightarrow$  20-25%  $\rightarrow$  RBC  
 7% through plasma

O<sub>2</sub>-TRANSPORT: Hb can bind with 4 O<sub>2</sub> molecules reversely.



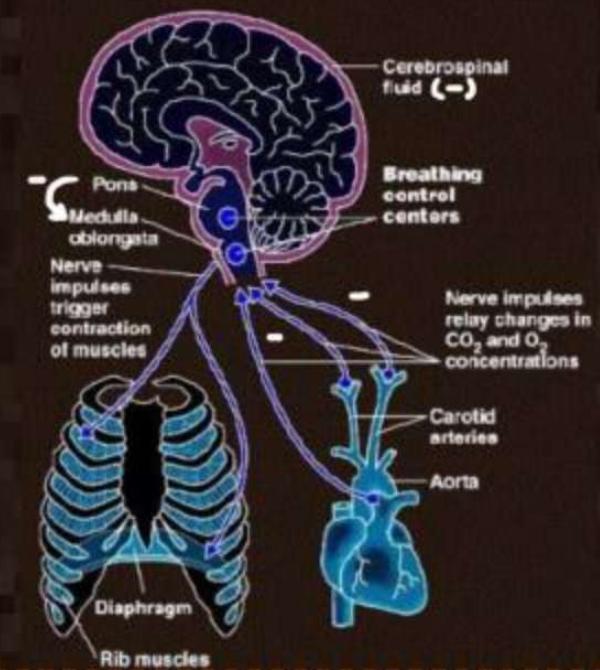
100mL of ox. blood carrying 5ml O<sub>2</sub> & deox. blood carrying 4ml CO<sub>2</sub>

## Transport of CO<sub>2</sub>



## Regulation of Respiration

- **Medulla:** Respiratory rhythm center (main)
- **Pons:** Pneumotaxic center



## Disorders

- **Asthma:** wheezing due to inflammation of bronchi & bronchioles; difficulty in breathing
- **Emphysema:** Alveolar walls damaged ∵ surface ↓; chronic due to cigarette smoking

- **Occupational disorders:** Fibrosis  
**Silicosis:** Silica  
**Asbestosis:** Asbestos

**QUESTION (NEET PYQ EXAM 2024)**

Match List I with List II :

	List I		List II
A.	Expiratory capacity	I.	Expiratory reserve volume + Tidal volume + Inspiratory reserve volume
B.	Functional residual capacity	II.	Tidal volume + Expiratory reserve volume
C.	Vital capacity	III.	Tidal volume + Inspiratory reserve volume
D.	Inspiratory capacity	IV.	Expiratory reserve volume + Residual volume

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

- (1) A-II, B-IV, C-I, D-III  
(X) A-II, B-I, C-IV, D-III

- (2) A-III, B-II, C-IV, D-I  
(X) A-I, B-III, C-II, D-IV

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## QUESTION (NEET PYQ EXAM 2024)

Which of the following factors are favourable for the formation of oxyhaemoglobin in alveoli?

- (1) High  $pO_2$  and ~~High~~  $pCO_2$
- (2)  High  $pO_2$  and Lesser  $H^+$  concentration
- (3) Low  $pCO_2$  and ~~High~~  $H^+$  concentration
- (4) Low  $pCO_2$  and High ~~temperature~~

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**QUESTION (NEET PYQ EXAM 2024)**

Match List-I with List-II:

	List-I		List-II
A.	Residual Volume	I.	Maximum volume of air that can be breathed in after forced expiration (ERV+TV+IRV)
B.	Vital Capacity	II.	Volume of air inspired or expired during normal respiration (TV)
C.	Expiratory Capacity	III.	Volume of air remaining in lungs after forcible expiration (RV)
D.	Tidal Volume	IV.	Total volume of air expired after normal inspiration (TV+ERV)

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

- (1) A-IV, B-III, C-II, D-I      (2) A-II, B-IV, C-I, D-III  
**(3) A-III, B-I, C-IV, D-II**      (4) A-I, B-II, C-III, D-IV

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## QUESTION (NEET PYQ EXAM 2024)

Given below are two statements: One is labelled as Assertion A and the other is labelled as Reason R.

**Assertion A:** During the transportation of gases, about 20-25 percent of CO<sub>2</sub> is carried by Haemoglobin as carbamino-haemoglobin.

**Reason R:** This binding is related to high p CO<sub>2</sub> and low p O<sub>2</sub> in tissues.

In the light of the above statements, choose the correct answer from the options given below.

- (1) A is true but R is false.
- (2) A is false but R is true.
- (3) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
- (4) Both A and R are true but R is NOT the correct explanation of A.

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## QUESTION (NEET PYQ EXAM 2023)

Select the sequence of steps in respiration.

(Manipur 2023)

- (A) Diffusion of gases ( $O_2$  and  $CO_2$ ) across alveolar membrane. ②
- (B) Diffusion of  $O_2$  and  $CO_2$  between blood and tissues. ④
- (C) Transport of gases by the blood ③
- (D) Pulmonary ventilation by which atmospheric air is drawn in and  $CO_2$  rich alveolar air is released out. ①
- (E) Utilisation of  $O_2$  by the cells for catabolic reactions are resultant release of  $CO_2$  ⑤

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below.

- (1) (D), (A), (C), (B), (E) (2) (C), (B), (A), (E), (D)
- (3) (B), (C), (E), (D), (A) (4) (A), (C), (B), (E), (D)

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## QUESTION (NEET PYQ EXAM 2023)

Vital capacity of lung is;

- (1) IRV + ERV + TV ✓
- (2) IRV + ERV ✗
- (3) IRV + ERV + TV + ~~RV~~ ✗
- (4) IRV + ERV + TV  $\ominus$  RV ✗

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## QUESTION (NEET PYQ EXAM 2022)

Identify the region of human brain which has pneumotaxic centre that alters respiratory rate by reducing the duration of inspiration.

(2022 II)

- (1) Cerebrum
- (2) <sup>main</sup> Medulla
- (3) Pons
- (4) Thalamus

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### QUESTION (NEET PYQ EXAM 2022)

Under normal physiological conditions in human being  
every 100 ml of oxygenated blood can deliver 5ml  
ml of O<sub>2</sub> to the tissues. (2022)

- (1) 10 ml
- (2) 2 ml
- (3) 5 ml
- (4) 4 ml

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**QUESTION (NEET PYQ EXAM 2022)**

Which of the following is **not** the function of conducting part of respiratory system? (2022)

- (1) Provides surface for diffusion of  $O_2$  and  $CO_2$ . X
- (2) It clears inhaled air from foreign particles. ✓
- (3) Inhaled air is humidified. ✓
- (4) Temperature of inhaled air is brought to body temperature. ✓

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## QUESTION (NEET PYQ EXAM 2021)

The partial pressures (in mm Hg) of oxygen ( $O_2$ ) and carbon dioxide ( $CO_2$ ) at alveoli (the site of diffusion) are; (2021)

- (1)  $pO_2 = 40$  and  $pCO_2 = 45$
- (2)  $pO_2 = 95$  and  $pCO_2 = 40$
- (3)  $pO_2 = 109$  and  $pCO_2 = 0.3$
- (4)  $pO_2 = 104$  and  $pCO_2 = 40$

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**QUESTION (NEET PYQ EXAM 2021)**

Select the favourable conditions required for the formation of oxyhaemoglobin at the alveoli. (2021)

- (1) Low  $pO_2$ , high  $pCO_2$ , more  $H^+$ , higher temperature
- (2) High  $pO_2$ , high  $pCO_2$ , less  $H^+$ , higher temperature
- (3) Low  $pO_2$ , low  $pCO_2$ , more  $H^+$ , higher temperature
- (4) High  $pO_2$ , low  $pCO_2$ , less  $H^+$ , lower temperature

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**QUESTION (NEET PYQ EXAM 2020)**

Identify the incorrect statement with reference to transport of oxygen; (2020)

- (1) Partial pressure of  $\text{CO}_2$  can interfere with  $\text{O}_2$  binding with haemoglobin. ✓
- (2) Higher  $\text{H}^+$  conc. in alveoli favours the formation of oxyhaemoglobin. ✗
- (3) Low  $\text{pCO}_2$  in alveoli favours the formation of oxyhaemoglobin. ✓
- (4) Binding of oxygen with haemoglobin is mainly related to partial pressure of  $\text{O}_2$ . ✓

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**QUESTION (NEET PYQ EXAM 2020)**

Select the **correct** events that occur during inspiration; (2020)

1. Contraction of diaphragm ✓
  2. Contraction of external inter-costal muscles ✓
  3. Pulmonary volume decreases ↓ X
  4. Intra pulmonary pressure increases X
- (1) 3 and 4                                (2) 1, 2 and 4  
(3) Only 4                                    (4) 1 and 2

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**QUESTION (NEET PYQ EXAM 2020)**

Match the following List-I and List-II select the correct option.  
(2020 Covid)

	List-I		List-II
A.	Pneumotaxic Centre	P.	Alveoli
B.	O <sub>2</sub> dissociation curve	Q.	Pons region of brain
C.	Carbonic anhydrase	R.	Haemoglobin
D.	Primary site of exchange of gases	S.	R.B.C

- (1) A-(Q); B-(R); C-(S); D-(P)  
(2) A-(R); B-(Q); C-(S); D-(P)  
(3) A-(S); B-(P); C-(R); D-(Q)  
(4) A-(P); B-(R); C-(S); D-(Q)

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## QUESTION (NEET PYQ EXAM 2020)

Total lung capacity (TLC) is the total volume of air accommodated in the lungs at the end of a forced inspiration.  
This includes; (2020 Covid)

- (1) RV, ERV, IC and EC
- (2) RV, ERV, VC and FRC
- (3) RV, ERV, TV and IRV
- (4) RV, IC, EC and ERV

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