

TISSUES

A tissue is a group of cells linked together to perform a particular function. There are two main types of tissues i.e. plant and animal tissues.

ANIMAL TISSUES

There are 4 major groups of animal tissues i.e.

- i) Epithelial tissue
- ii) Connective tissue
- iii) Muscular tissue
- iv) Nervous tissue

EPITHELIAL TISSUES

They are comprised of a single or several shifts of cells held together by intercellular substances.

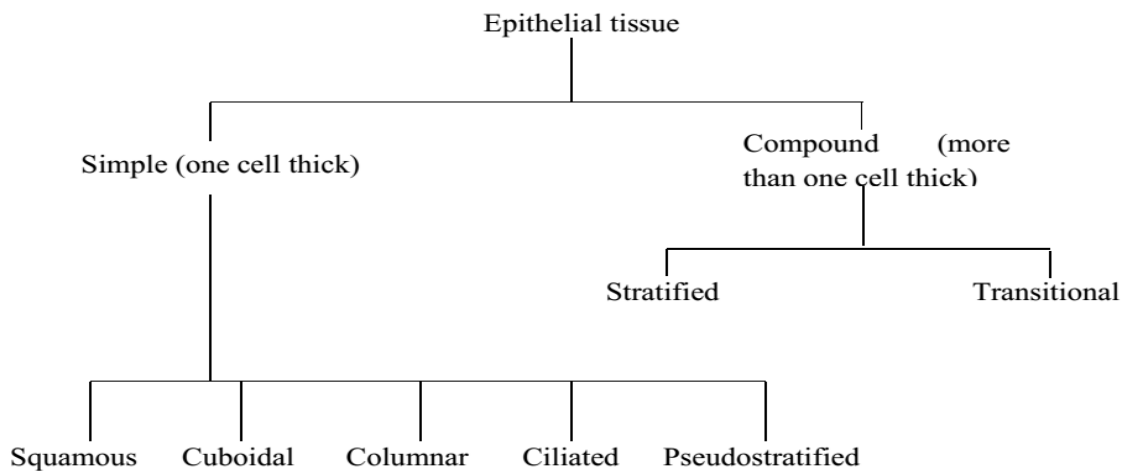
The bottom layer of cells is attached to a basement membrane made up of collagen fibres.

Epithelial cover inner and outer surfaces where they always have a protective function.

The cells may be linked by keratin to resist abrasion and divide rapidly to replace cells that are worn out.

When diffusion is to take place across a surface, the epithelial layer has to be thin. Many epithelial are specialized for absorption e.g. intestines and for secretion e.g. salivary gland.

Summary of animal epithelial tissues



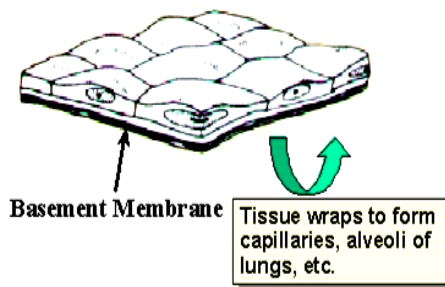
SIMPLE EPITHELIAL TISSUE

1. Squamous epithelial (pavement epithelial):

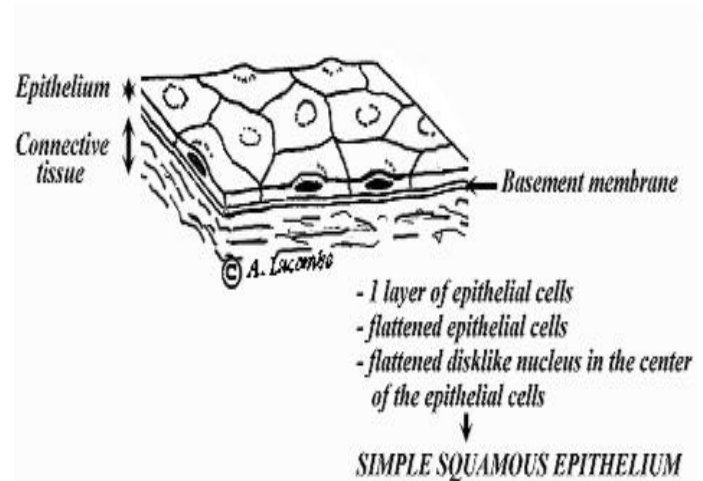
Cells form a single layer attached to a basement membrane. In surface view, the cell outlines are irregular and closely packed. The cells are thin, shallow and flattened.

Adjacent cells may be joined by strands of cytoplasm. Such epithelia form structures and surfaces over which diffusion can occur hence are important in the alveoli of the lungs, Bowman's capsule and in capillary walls. Their smooth surface provides a friction free lining for blood vessels.

Simple Squamous Epithelium



The thinnest tissue of the body. Allows transport across membranes in lungs and capillaries, secretes fluid in serous membranes (e.g. pericardial and pleural membranes, mesenteries), lines cardiovascular system, covers organs, forms glomerular capsules in kidney.



Longitudinal section of the squamous epithelium Surface view of the squamous epithelium

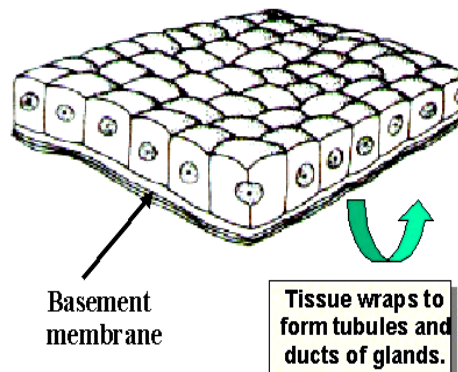
2. Cuboidal/cubical epithelial

Such epithelium has a secretory function in glands like thyroid, sweat and salivary glands. It also has a non-secretory function e.g. the lining of the kidney collecting tubules, proximal and distal convoluted tubules, pancreatic ducts, etc.

Its cells are cuboidal and form a single layer attached to a basement membrane.

Longitudinal section of cuboidal epithelial

Simple Cuboidal Epithelium



Simple cuboidal epithelium forms ducts, tubules and secretory cells in exocrine glands and in organs such as the kidney.

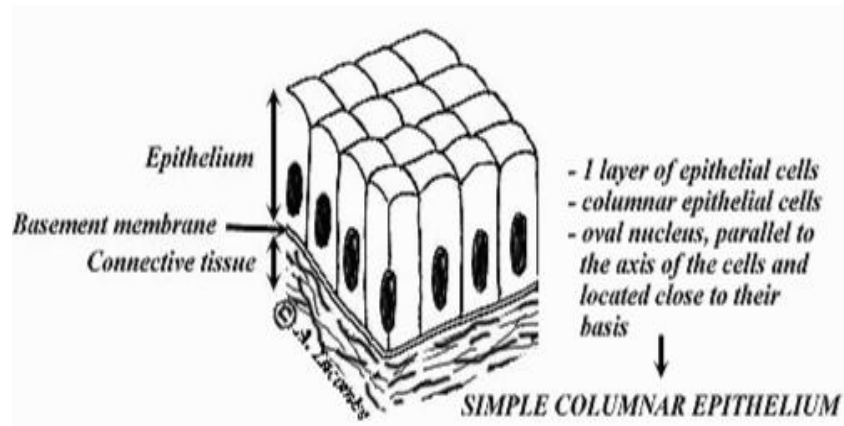
3. Columnar epithelium

These are tall and narrow cells with a **nucleus near their base**. Their surface area is increased by micro villi at the free end. Such cells are mostly found in areas that have an absorptive role.

HISTOLOGY (TISSUE ORGANISATION)

Secretory goblet cells are found within the columnar cells. This tissue is found lining the digestive system where secretion of mucus and absorption of food takes place. It is also found lining the kidney ducts and the thyroid glands.

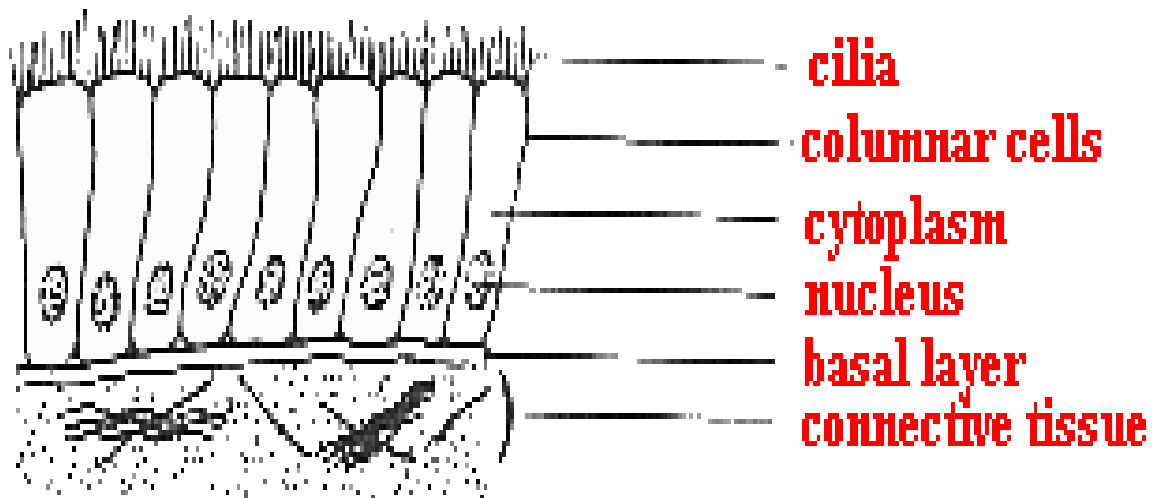
Longitudinal section



4. Ciliated epithelium

It comprises of columnar cells with cilia at their free edges. They have many mucus secreting goblet cells present. The combination of mucus and cilia allows substances to move through ducts e.g. in the oviduct, trachea, spinal cord, bronchus and bronchioles where it moves materials from one location to another.

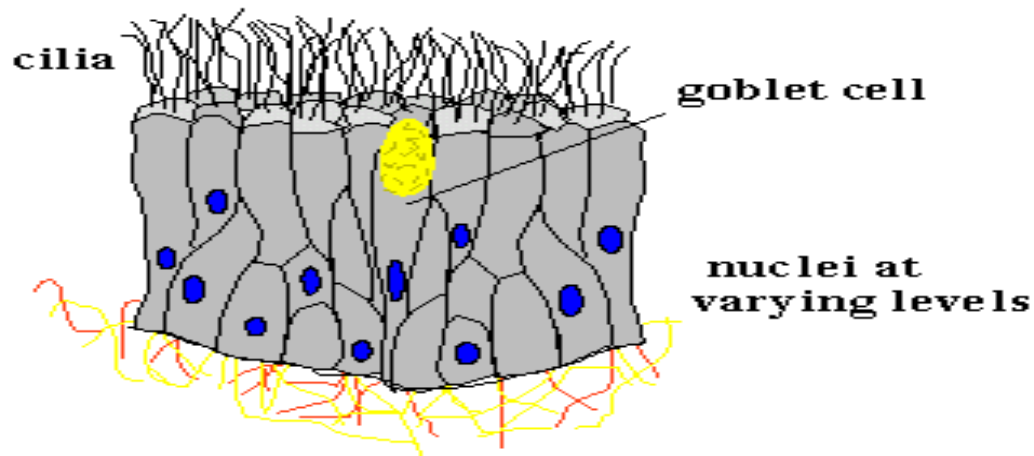
Longitudinal section



5. Pseudostratified epithelium

The nuclei of this type of epithelium appear to be at several different levels because not all the cells reach the free surface. Nevertheless, the epithelium is still one layer or one cell thick with each **cell attached to a basement membrane**.

It is found lining the urinary tract and respiratory passages e.g. bronchi.

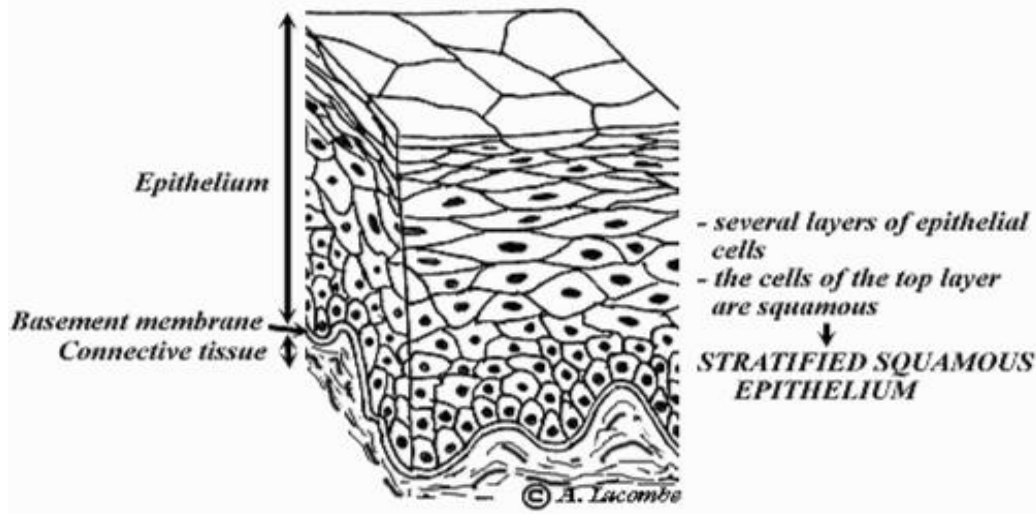


COMPOUND EPITHELIAL

1. Stratified epithelium

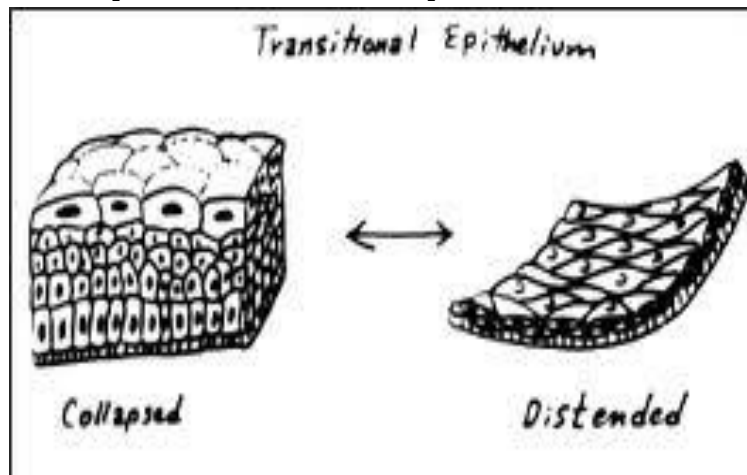
It is made of many layers of cells and therefore thicker than the simple epithelium and forms a germinating layer and they undergo cell division. As new cells form, older ones are pushed near to the surface changing shape and flattening to form squamous. The squamous may remain unkeratinized as in the oesophagus or may be heavily thickened with keratin (cornified) e.g. the skin where there is a dead layer of cells like those found lining inside the mouth and vagina. Therefore they are for protection from abrasion to areas exposed to wear and tear.

Longitudinal section



2. Transitional epithelium

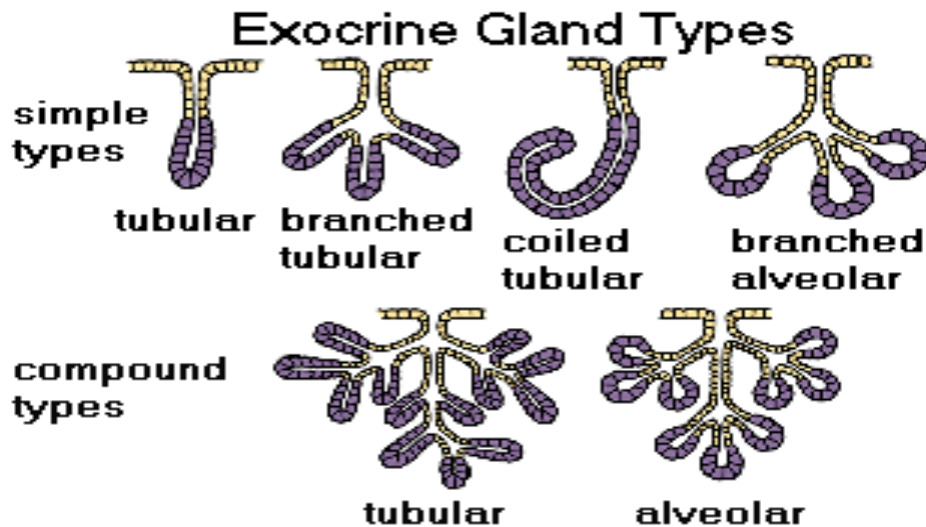
It is found in structures which must stretch e.g. the urinary bladder and parts of the kidney. It comprises of 3 or 4 layers of cells which may be flattened towards the surface which are not shed like those of the stratified epithelium. Transitional epithelium lacks a basement membrane.



GLANDULAR EPITHELIUM

In epithelial cells there may be individual glandular cells e.g. goblet cells or aggregate forming a multi-cellular gland. An epithelium containing many goblet cells is called a mucus membrane. Some glands have ducts through which their secretions are released to the surface of the epithelium (exocrine glands) while others are ductless and their secretions are released directly into the blood stream (endocrine glands).

The cells making up a gland may be **mucocytes** producing mucus or **celocytes** producing a fluid containing enzymes. A mixed gland has both types of glandular cells.



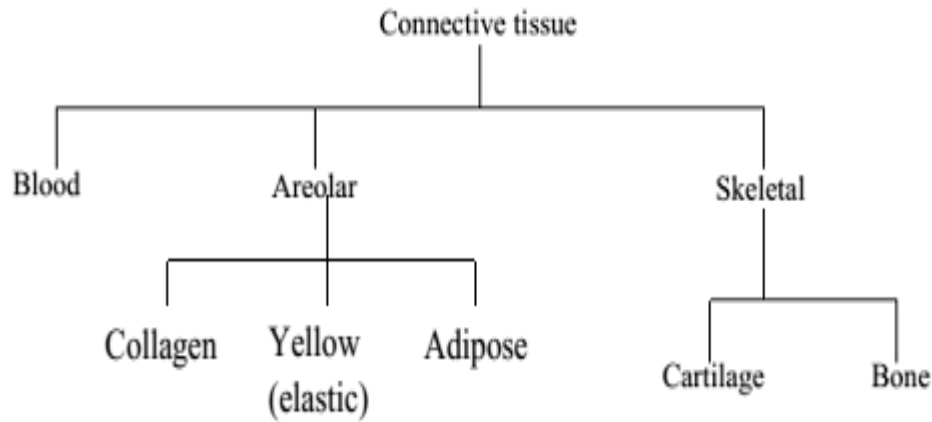
GENERAL FUNCTIONS OF EPITHELIAL TISSUE

- ✓ **PROTECTION** → e.g. skin
- ✓ **SENSATION** → e.g. skin
- ✓ **SECRETION** → e.g. kidney tubules, salivary & pancreatic ducts
- ✓ **ABSORPTION** → e.g. most linings digestive tract
- ✓ **EXCRETION** → e.g. digestive tract & kidney tubules
- ✓ **DIFFUSION** → e.g. alveoli
- ✓ **CLEANING** → e.g. nasal septum, trachea & bronchi

CONNECTIVE TISSUE

It is composed of a variety of cells embedded in a large amount of intercellular substance called matrix. Connective tissues develop in the embryonic mesoderm. It provides the main supporting tissues in form of blood. Other connective tissues insulate the body e.g. adipose tissue.

Summary of the connective tissue



1. AREOLAR TISSUE

This is one type of connective tissue found all over the body i.e. beneath the skin connecting organs together and filling spaces between adjacent tissues.

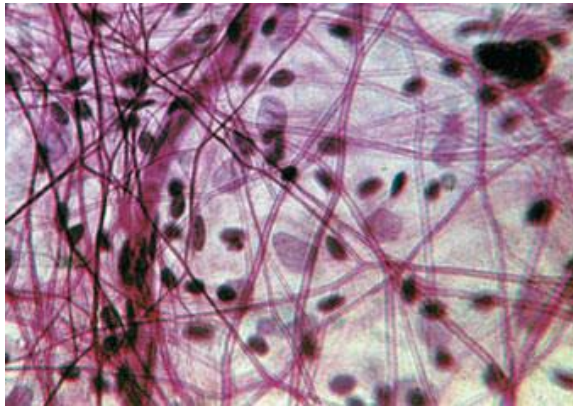
Areolar tissue consists of a glycoprotein matrix containing four types of cells and two types of protein fibres. The areolar cells include:

- i) **Fibroblasts:** These are long flat cells which synthesize collagen and elastic fibres.
- ii) **Mast cells:** These are amoeboid in shape or oval shaped and contain granular cytoplasm. They secrete fats filled cells and an anticoagulant or ground matrix or substance and macrophages.
- iii) **Fat cells:** These are fats storing cells which accumulate fats in the body structures to form the adipose tissue.
- iv) **Macrophage or histocytes:** These are amoeboid cells which are large which ingest a number of foreign particles hence are important in defense against foreign bodies. The fibres present in areolar tissue give it its strength and toughness.

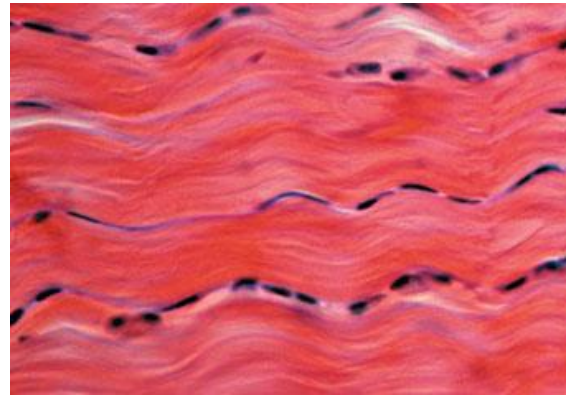
There are two types of fibres in areolar tissue:

- a) The unbranched collagen fibres/white fibres: these appear parallel to each other and are arranged in bundles. They are mainly found in tendons.
- b) Branched elastic fibres/the yellow fibres: these form a dense network of fibres. They cross the matrix. The structures are stretchable and are found in ligaments.

Transverse section of areolar

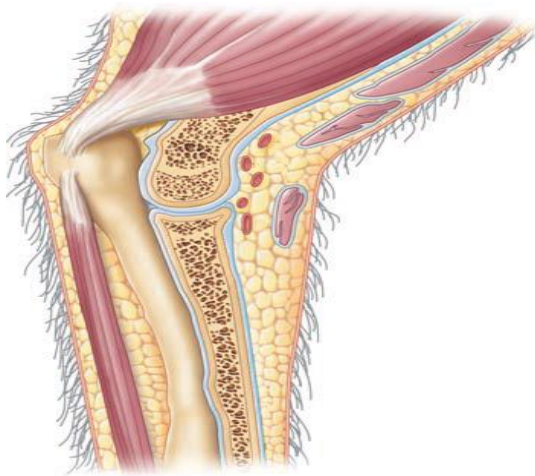


Loose connective tissue (reticular)



Dense connective tissue (tendon)

FA page 36 fig.3.5



Three other types of connective tissues are derived from areolar tissue and only differ from each other in the structures present in the matrix. These include;

a) Collagen tissue/white fibrous tissue:

This consists of glycoprotein matrix containing densely packed collagen fibres. Collagen tissue has fibres which are inelastic and have a high tensile strength. They are found in the tendons where they attach muscles to bones. They are found in the Dura matter of the brain and also in the cornea of the eye.

b) Elastic tissue/yellow fibrous tissue:

This consists of a glycoprotein matrix containing only elastic fibres. It is strong and elastic. Such tissue is found in ligaments where it binds bones to other bones. It is also found around the walls of arteries and it is also found as a component of the lungs and associated air passages as well as in the great cords of the neck.

c) Adipose tissue (fatty tissue):

This contains closely packed fat filled cells known as adipocytes. Its functions are storage of fats and it is a site for energy production. The fats are deposited in a number of parts of the body e.g.

HISTOLOGY (TISSUE ORGANISATION)

the dermis of the skin where it insulates the body against heat loss. There are two types of adipose tissue;

i) **White adipose tissue:**

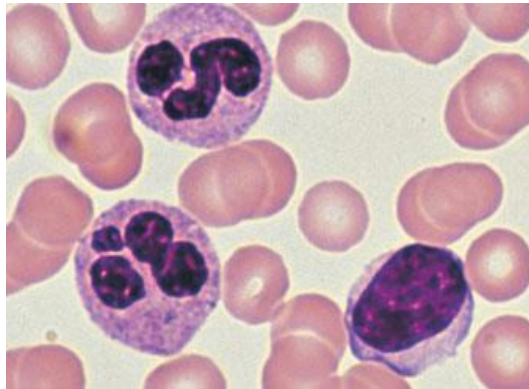
The white adipose tissue is called so because the cells appear white due to accumulation of fats. It is distributed throughout the body particularly the deep layers of the skin.

ii) **Brown/yellow adipose tissue:**

This is commonly in young mammals and some hibernating mammals. It is important in temperature regulation. It is supplied within blood capillaries and appears red. It differs from the white because of;

- ✓ It's coloured and has limited location in the body e.g. it is found around the neck.
- ✓ The fats in brown remain as small droplets i.e. do not form big globules.
- ✓ The nucleus of the brown remains centrally placed.

2. BLOOD TISSUE



In blood, the matrix is the watery plasma which carries a variety of different cells. The cells present include:

i) **Erythrocytes (RBC):**

These are biconcave in structure. They lack nucleus and are formed in red bone marrow. Their main function is transport of oxygen within the body. They contain red pigment haemoglobin which combines with oxygen to form oxy-haemoglobin; the form in which oxygen is transported in the body.

ii) **Leucocytes (WBC):**

- ✓ They are larger and nucleated.
- ✓ Most of them are made in the bone marrow while others are made in the

lymph nodes and in the thymus gland.

- ✓ Their main role is defense of the body.

There are two types of white blood cells, i.e.

a) **Granulocytes:**

They have granular cytoplasm with a lobbed nucleus.

They engulf bacteria by phagocytosis.

Structure

b) **Aggranulocytes:**

They have a non-granular cytoplasm with a compact nucleus.

Most of them also ingest bacteria. They are produced from the lymph nodes and thymus glands and are known as lymphocytes. Their function is to produce anti bodies.

Structure

iii) **Platelets (Thrombocytes)**

These are tiny cell fragments important in blood clotting.

Formation of blood cells

The process of formation of erythrocytes is known as haemopoiesis and the tissue which forms then is known as haemopoietic tissue.

In the fetus, erythrocytes are formed in the liver and spleen. In an infant all bones contain haemopoietic tissue. In adults, erythrocytes are formed in the bone marrow of the bones of the pelvis, sternum, vertebrae, clavicle, scapula and skull. During the process of formation of cells, the bone marrow undergoes two major changes;

- i) The amount of haemoglobin increases in the cytoplasm.
- ii) There is progressive loss of nuclear material and reduction in the size of the cell. A mature erythrocyte does not contain the nucleus and almost the entire cell is filled with haemoglobin.

The erythrocytes are nucleated at infant/fetal stage.

Iron and proteins form the basic raw material for haemoglobin synthesis.

Vitamin B₁₂ and folic acid stimulate the maturation of erythrocytes.

WBC like lymphocytes are formed in the thymus gland and lymph nodes whereas the other types of WBC are formed in long bones e.g. the limb bones which have white bone marrow.

Questions:

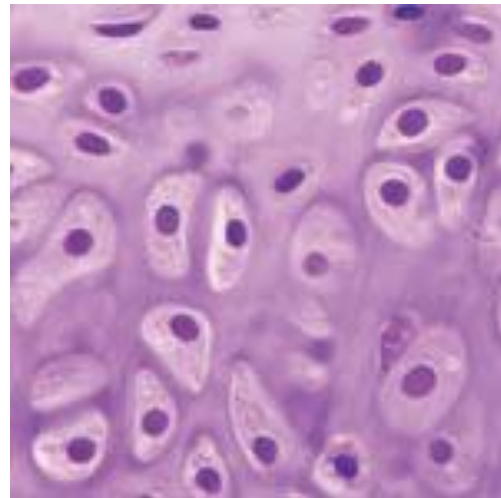
- 1) *Outline the differences between RBC and WBC.*
- 2) *Outline the adaptations of WBC and RBC to their functions.*

3. SKELETAL TISSUE

This is made up of cartilage and bone.

CARTILAGE

The matrix of cartilage is made up of chondrin and chondrocytes which are embedded in it. It has fibres composed of collagen. The structure of cartilage is hard but flexible and found at the ends of bones, respiratory passages e.g. trachea and parts of the ear. It comprises the skeleton of cartilaginous fish e.g. sharks. Cartilage can contain a large number of collagen fibres making it stronger and less flexible; such types of cartilage make up the intervertebral discs.



Transverse section through cartilage

Types of cartilage

1. Hyaline cartilage

The simplest form of cartilage is known as hyaline cartilage which consists of only chondrin matrix and chondroblasts which secrete it. It is glassy in appearance and has very few fibres. This

HISTOLOGY (TISSUE ORGANISATION)

type of cartilage forms the basis of growth and development in embryos. It also makes or forms parts of the respiratory tracts like the trachea, parts of the ribs and ends of bones and the nose. Hyaline cartilage is bounded by fibrous layer known as perichondrium in which there are blood vessels. It reduces friction in areas where it is found.

Transverse section through the hyaline cartilage

2. Fibrous/tensile cartilage

This has got many fibres not as flexible and elastic as those of hyaline. It is adapted to resist compression due to presence of large bundles of collagen fibres. Its functions are to allow flexibility and reduce friction. It is also found in vertebral discs and around the pubic symphysis. It also provides a cushioning effect around areas it occurs.

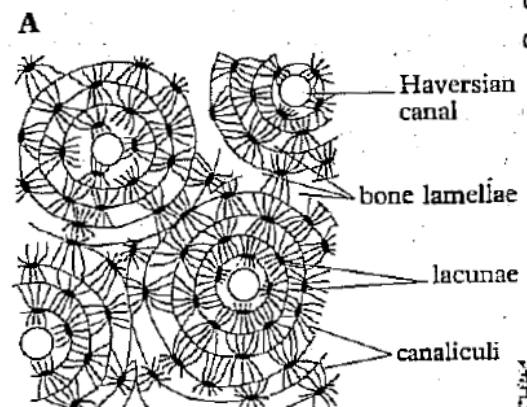
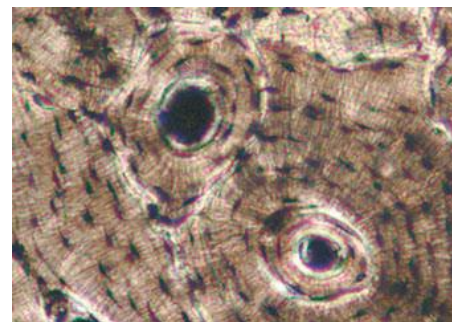
3. Elastic cartilage

This has many yellow fibres. It is more flexible and elastic than all the other types of cartilage. It is found in the epiglottis, respiratory tract, the nose and the pinna of the ear supporting the Eustachian tube and the external auditory parts.

THE BONE TISSUE

The ostein matrix of bone is made up of collagen together with inorganic substances e.g. calcium, magnesium and phosphorus. Such components are arranged in concentric circles called lamellae which surround the Haversian canal containing an artery, lymph vessels and nerve fibres. Bone cells are known as osteocytes and are found in space within lamellae known as lacunae. Fine channels known as canaliculi link the lacunae. The system of lamellae surrounding the Haversian canal is known as the Haversian system (osteon).section of compact bone

Diagram in FA page 38 fig. 3.7 A



Transverse section through a bone

This is the process by which cartilage change to bone. It is also referred to as endochondrial ossification.

- ✓ It begins with rapid cell division and the cells arrange themselves in parallel column in the longitudinal axis of bone to be formed.
- ✓ A primary ossification center is then established in the middle/center.

HISTOLOGY (TISSUE ORGANISATION)

- ✓ Chondroblasts arrange in rows, become hypertrophied and let down calcium salts in the matrix.
- ✓ The process starts from the centre and works its way outwards.
- ✓ Another region of ossification occurs in the shaft where osteoblasts let down fibres on the surface of cartilage.
- ✓ The region then becomes calcified gradually forming compact bones.
- ✓ Osteoblasts then erode through the bone forming channels of blood vessels and nerves.
- ✓ Osteoblasts deposit bone salts in the spaces created and let down a matrix in layers.
- ✓ Osteoblasts are then enclosed in lacunae interconnected by canaliculi.

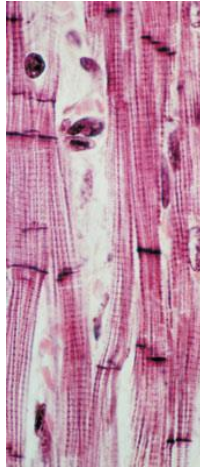
Differences between bone and cartilage

Bone	Cartilage
Matrix is ostein	Matrix is chondrin
Surrounded by periosteum	Surrounded by perichondria
Blood vessels and nerves present	Blood vessels and nerves absent
Have osteoblasts that form osteocytes	Have chondroblasts that form chondrocytes
Have inorganic matrix made up of Ca and Phosphate ions	Lack inorganic molecules (Ca and P)
Marrow cavities present	Marrow cavities absent
Osteocytes are star shaped	Chondroblasts are spherical shaped
Have concentric circles of lamellae with lacunae and canaliculae.	lacks the lamellae, lacunae and canaliculae
Matrix has haversian canals	Matrix has no canals
Has a secretory function.	No secretory function.

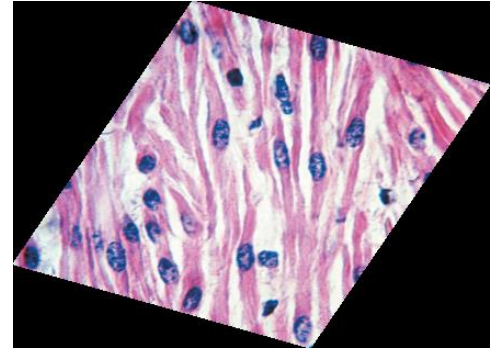
MUSCULAR TISSUE



Skeletal muscle



Cardiac muscle



Smooth muscle

There are 3 main types of muscular tissue all made up of cells and fibres which are capable of contraction. They are derived from the mesoderm of the embryo. They include:

- 1) Voluntary (skeletal/striated/stripped) muscles.
- 2) Involuntary (smooth/unstriated/unstripped) muscles.
- 3) Cardiac muscles.

Voluntary muscles

It consists of numerous multi-nucleate cylindrical muscle fibres. The muscle fibres have alternate light and dark band or striations due to the banding pattern and arrangement of thin filaments called myosin filaments.

The muscle fibres do not extend the whole length of the muscle but consists of functional units called **sarcomeres**. Each multi-nucleate muscle fibre is contained in a plasma membrane called the **sarcolemma** surrounding cytoplasm called **sarcoplasm**. The sarcoplasm contains thousands of myofibrils with characteristic striations, numerous mitochondria and smooth endoplasmic reticulum.

Groups of fibres are bound by a thin film of connective tissue and the whole muscle is bound by a sheath of connective tissue. Blood vessels run longitudinally besides the fibres with many capillary connections. Every muscle cell is served by a motor nerve ending in a motor end plate. Its contractions are quick, powerful and voluntary with a short refractory period. They are attached to the skeleton.

Involuntary muscles

It consists of densely packed and elongated fibres running parallel to each other and bound by connective tissue. Each muscle fibre is a single cell containing one nucleus.

There are numerous fine contractile fibrils. The fibrils are made up of thin actin filaments and thick myosin filaments. There are no cross striations in the muscle fibres. Each muscle fibre is served by its own nerve cell.

These muscles contract rhythmically and do not fatigue easily. Their actin is controlled by the autonomic nervous system. They are found in the alimentary canal, walls of blood vessels and tubes of urino-genital system.

Cardiac muscle

It is a specialized muscle found inside a cell. It is capable of rhythmic contraction over a long period of time. Cardiac muscle is myogenic and its contraction is stimulated from within the heart itself. Each muscle cell has one or two nuclei. Their cells have a network arrangement which allows waves of contraction to spread rapidly over the heart.

Nervous Tissue

It is derived from the embryonic ectoderm. It is comprised of closely parked nerve cells called neurons with little intercellular space. Neurons are bound together by connective tissue.

Diagrams in BS page 193

PLANT TISSUES

In plants, all cells are derived from unspecialised tissue (meristematic tissue) which has actively dividing cells. The main plant "meristems are at the apex of the shoot and the tip .of the root. Non-meristematic tissues contain specialised cells which have lost the ability to divide.

Ground tissue includes:

- **Parenchyma**, the packing tissue that fills the spaces between other tissues, which may be adapted for roles such as storage, support, or photosynthesis '
- **Collenchyma**, made up of cells with walls thickened with extra cellulose at the comers to provide strength and flexibility to stems and leaves
- **Sclerenchyma**, tightly packed bundles of lignified fibers.

Supporting and vascular tissue include:

- **Xylem** which transports water
- **Phloem** which transports dissolved substances such as sucrose.

Protective tissue includes:

- **Epidermis lining** the surfaces of leaves and stems
- **Cork** on the surfaces of stems of trees arid shrubs.

They may be simple or compound

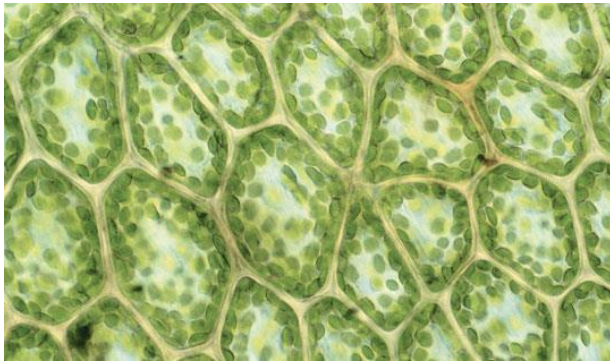
SIMPLE PLANT TISSUES

These consist of one type of cell in one layer. They are grouped according to the degree of thickening present in the cell wall. They are mainly of three types i.e. parenchyma, collenchyma and sclerenchyma.

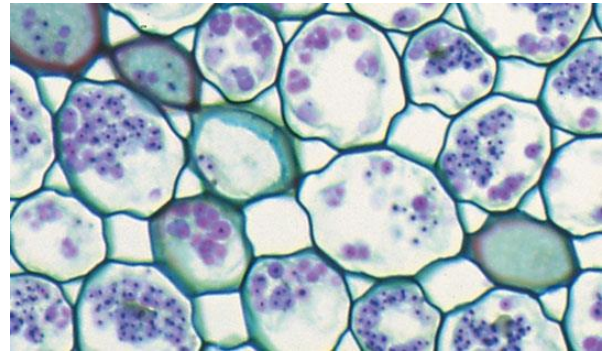
Parenchyma tissue

- ✓ Its cells are usually spherical though sometimes distorted by pressure from adjacent cells.
- ✓ Parenchyma tissue stores food but when tightly parked and turgid, it provides support in herbaceous plants.
- ✓ Some are photosynthetic (parenchyma cells) are known as chlorenchyma.
- ✓ The epidermis is a specialized parenchyma capable of forming a waxy cuticle of cutin that prevents desiccation.
- ✓ Parenchyma also forms guard cells within the lower epidermis.
- ✓ In roots, cellular hairs near root tips are also made up of parenchyma tissue that assist in water uptake.

HISTOLOGY (TISSUE ORGANISATION)



Parenchyma tissue in leaves

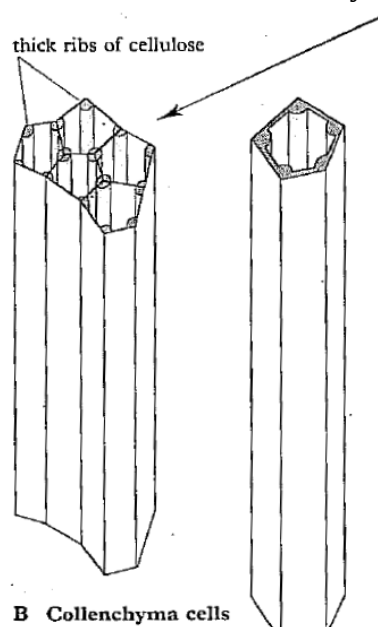


Parenchyma tissue in roots

Collenchyma tissue

- ✓ It is made up of cell walls which have additional cellulose deposited in the corners to provide additional strength.
- ✓ They are elongated and important in growing since they can stretch.
- ✓ They are found just under the epidermis of the cell.
- ✓

Longitudinal section of a collenchyma tissue



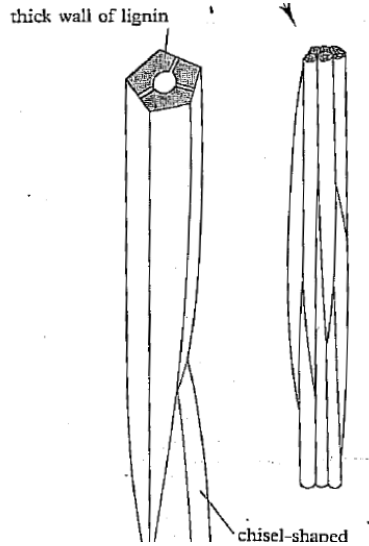
Sclerenchyma tissues

- ✓ Mature sclerenchyma cells are dead and therefore not capable of growth. They develop fully when growth of the surrounding tissues is complete.
- ✓ Sclerenchyma cells are strengthened by lignin together with cellulose which is deposited to the primary cell wall where the cell contents are lost afterwards.
- ✓ In some places lignin is not deposited due to plasmodesmata. Such regions are called pits.

HISTOLOGY (TISSUE ORGANISATION)

- ✓ Some sclerenchyma cells are spherical and known as sclerids which are found in small groups of seeds and fruits, cortex, pith and phloem. Their function is to toughen these structures.
- ✓ Elongated sclerenchyma cells called fibres provide the main supporting tissue of mature stems by forming a cylinder below the epidermis. They are also found in xylem and phloem.

Transverse section of sclerenchyma tissue



Structure:

- ✓ It consists of fibres which are elongated cells and sclerids (torn cells) which are roughly spherical.
- ✓ Primary cellulose cell wall is thickened with deposits of lignin.
- ✓ Mature cells have an empty lumen hence are dead cells.
- ✓ Simple pits appear in the walls as they thicken and they interconnect adjacent cells.
- ✓ A secondary cell wall is built up in the layers.

COMPOUND PLANT TISSUES

These are made up of different cells arranged in more than one layer. They include xylem and phloem tissues.

XYLEM TISSUE

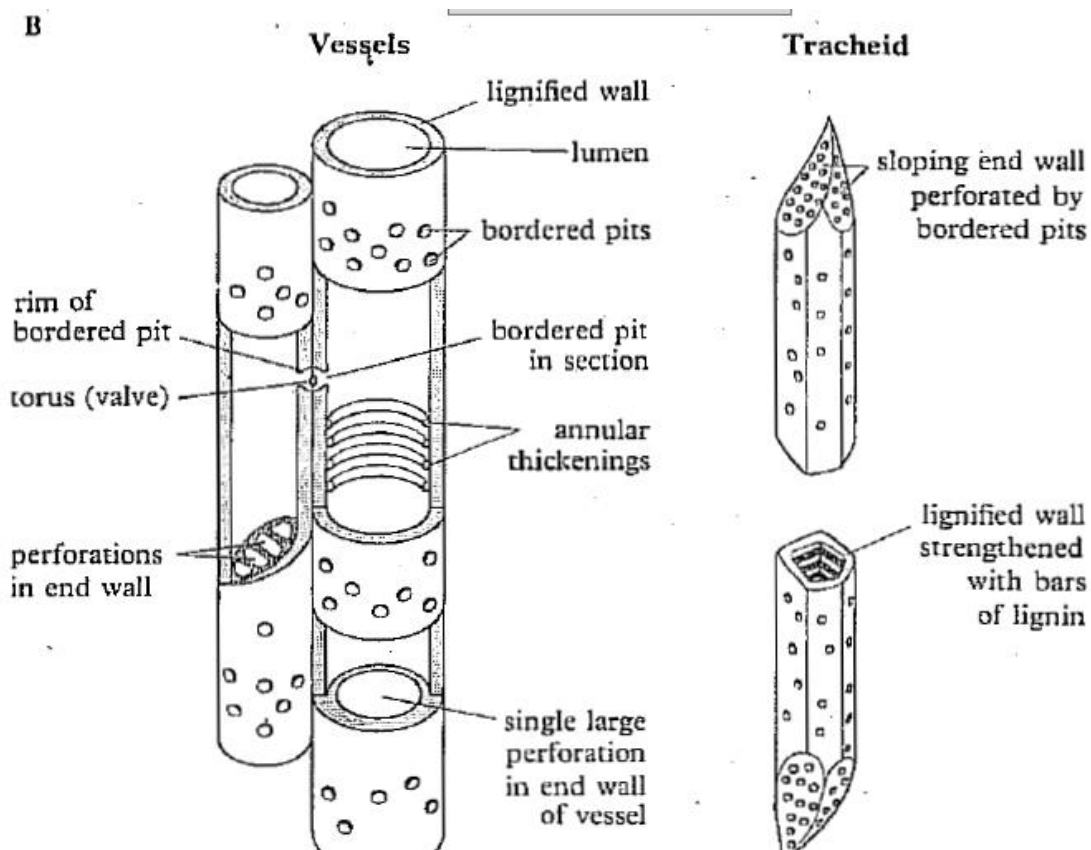
- ✓ It consists of parenchyma cells and fibres together with two specialized cells known as vessels and tracheids which are both dead.
- ✓ Vessels and tracheids serve the role of support, water and mineral salt transport.
- ✓ The type of vessel found depends on the degree and nature of the cell wall thickened.
- ✓ In proto-xylem, lignin is deposited in rings or spirals such that the cell can still expand.
- ✓ A vessel is formed from a chain of elongated cylindrical cells placed end to end.
- ✓ In the course of development, the horizontal end walls breakdown so that the cells are in linkage with each other.
- ✓ At the same time, the cellulose sides walls become impregnated with lignin which makes them impermeable to water and salts.

HISTOLOGY (TISSUE ORGANISATION)

- ✓ At impregnation, the protoplasmic contents die leaving a hollow tube known as a vessel.
- ✓ The xylem's lignified walls are perforated with pits where lignin fails to be deposited. These pits allow passage of water in and out of the vessel cavity.
- ✓ In some cases, pits are covered by a lignified layer forming a torus kind of plug which controls passage of water.
- ✓ Thickening/lignification gives the vessels additional strength and prevents the walls from curving in.

There are 3 main types of thickening lignification, i.e. annular, spiral and reticulate thickening.

Structure of the xylem vessel



PHLOEM TISSUE

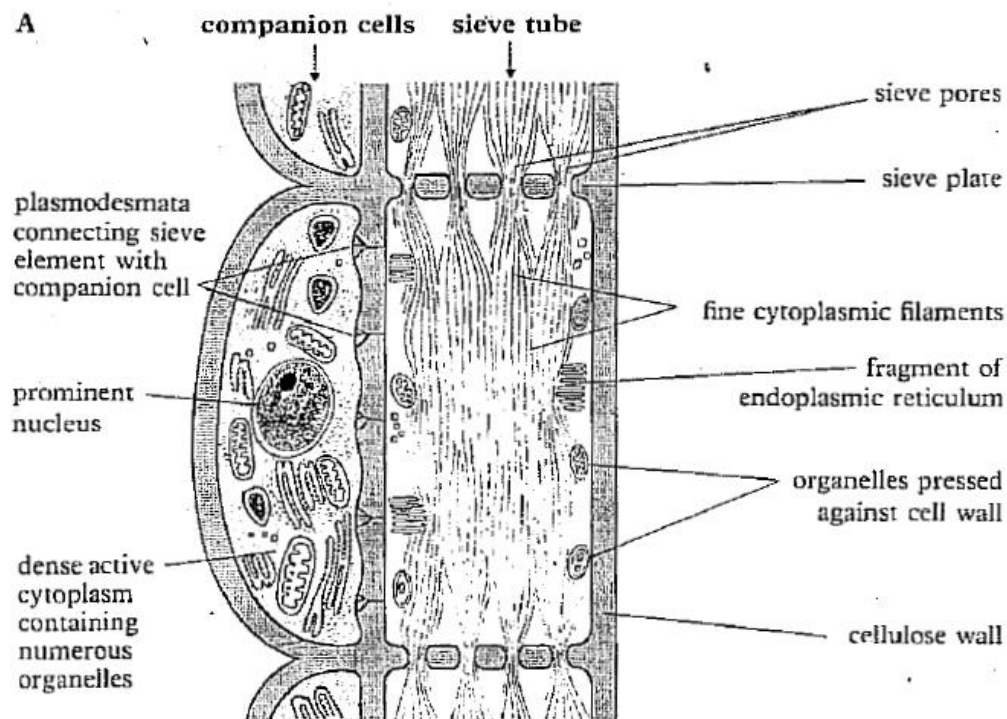
- ✓ Comprises of parenchyma, sclerids and fibres with specialized cells for translocation known as sieve tube elements and companion cells.
- ✓ Long sieve tubes are formed by fusion of the sieve tube elements and the partial breakdown of the cross walls between them to form sieve plates and sieve pores.
- ✓ Their cell walls are thickened with cellulose and pectin together with lignin.
- ✓ Phloem cells lack nuclei and the cytoplasm is confined in a companion cell with a nucleus.
- ✓ Sieve elements and companion cells are connected to each other by **plasmodesmata**. Each sieve element forms a cell whose nucleus disintegrates during development. Its end walls

HISTOLOGY (TISSUE ORGANISATION)

known as the sieve plates are perforated by numerous pores (sieve pores) which allow the passage of materials from one sieve element to the next.

- ✓ The inside of the sieve elements contains fine **cytoplasmic** filaments, mitochondria, plastids and or any other organelles that may persist adjacent to the cell wall.
- ✓ Close to the sieve elements are companion cells which possess a nucleus, endoplasmic reticulum, ribosomes and mitochondria. They are metabolically active and all energy needed for translocation in the sieve elements is derived from here.

Structure of the phloem tissue



(Diagram in FA page 193)

Tissues Present	Description of Tissue	Function
Dermal Tissue System (arises from protoderm)		
Epidermal	Complex tissue consisting of epidermal cells, guard cells, trichome cells, and root hair cells	Shoots: Protection, gas exchange Roots: Protection, water and nutrient absorption
Ground Tissue System (arises from ground meristem)		
Parenchyma	Simple tissue consisting of parenchyma cells	Synthesis and storage of sugars and other compounds
Collenchyma	Simple tissue consisting of collenchyma cells	Support (flexible cell walls)
Sclerenchyma	Simple tissues consisting of sclerenchyma cells: sclereids or	Support and protection (rigid cell walls; dead at maturity)

HISTOLOGY (TISSUE ORGANISATION)

	fibers	
Vascular Tissue System (arises from procambium)		
Xylem	Complex tissue consisting of tracheids, vessels, and parenchyma cells and sclerenchyma cells (fibers)	Transport of water and ions; structural support (tracheids, vessels and fibers are dead at maturity)
Phloem	Complex tissue consisting of parenchyma cells (sieve tube elements, companion cells) and sclerenchyma	Transport of sugars, amino acids, hormones, etc. support (fibers are dead at maturity)

HISTOLOGY (TISSUE ORGANISATION)

LEVELS OF ORGANISATION IN ORGANISMS

Animals are more complex in tissue organization than plants on the fact that they lack the ability to perform chemical processes of photosynthesis.

Organ and organ systems

Organs are structurally distinct parts of the body made up of several types of tissues performing a particular function e.g. the kidney contains blood, smooth muscles, connective tissues and several types of epithelial tissues all combined to carry out excretion. Several organs which perform a specific function form an organ system, for example, the digestive system is made up of the gut and various accessory glands like pancreas and the liver. Sometimes an organ belongs to more than one system like the pancreas is found in the digestive system playing an important role in digestion and also in the endocrine system.

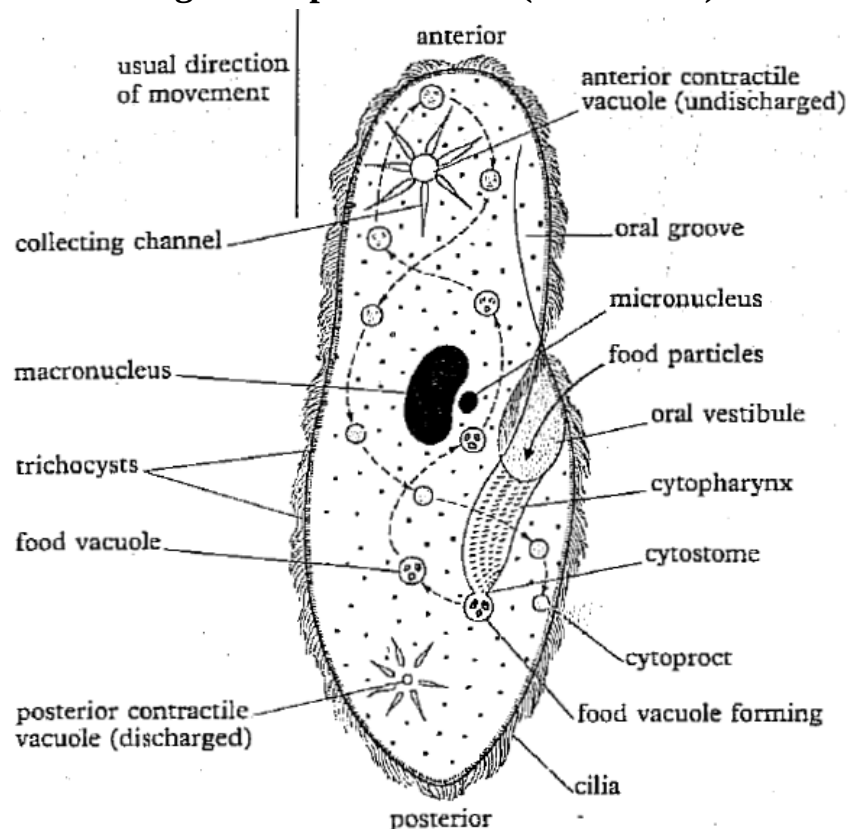
Animals have elaborate organs and organ systems as compared to plants; however the plants have the leaves as organs for photosynthesis and flowers as reproductive organs.

Other organs include the bulbs and corms which are storage or vegetative organs.

Multicellular and unicellular organization

In unicellular organisms, the single cell has to carry within it self all functions that in a multicellular organism are performed by differentiated tissues and organs. Organelles in unicellular organisms e.g. paramecium take over the functions carried out by organs in multicellular organisms.

Diagram of paramecium (unicellular)



FA page 43

HISTOLOGY (TISSUE ORGANISATION)

Cilia are responsible for movement and sweeping food into the oval vestibule and food vacuoles formed at the base of the cytopharynx.

Digestion occurs in the cytoplasm and undigestible remains are expelled through the cytoproct.

The contractile vacuole carries out osmoregulation while the trichocysts contain needle-shaped threads that are for defense.

Therefore, the organization of the body of paramecium tends to be as efficient as the organ level of multicellular organization.

Functioning of multicellular organisms needs to be coordinated therefore some animals must have more than one cell but when this occurs independently it is referred to as a colony of single cells e.g. in sponges.

COLONIAL ORGANIZATION.

Some organisms, are composed of cells that are functionally much more isolated from one another. Such is the case with sponges. These organisms are best regarded as colonies of single cells, rather than multicellular individuals.

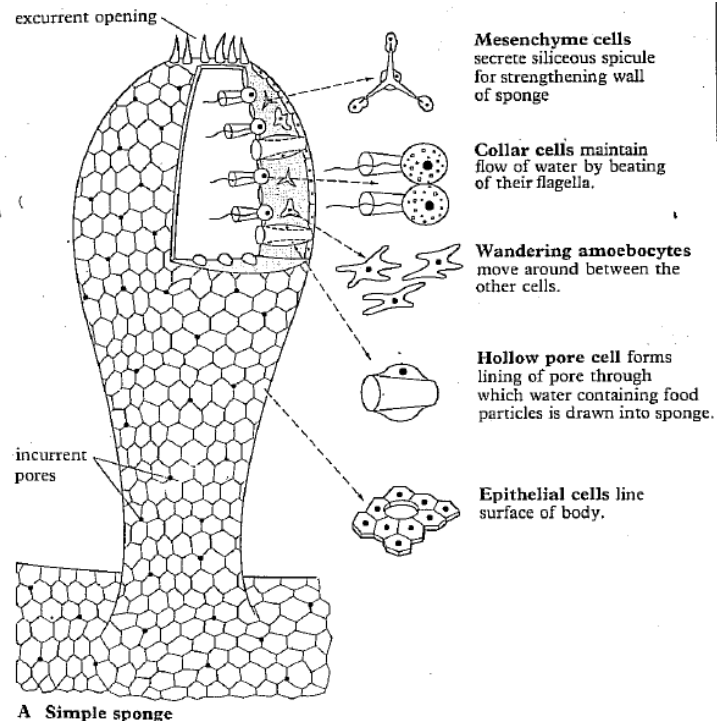
A simple sponge, consists of five types of cell:

- ✓ flattened epithelial cells
- ✓ hollow pore cells at the surface
- ✓ numerous flagellated collar cells lining the internal cavity
- ✓ spicule-secreting mesenchyme cells
- ✓ amoeboid cells (amoebocytes)

These cells move about in the spaces between the other cells. They are functionally independent of one another; they can exist on their own or in small isolated groups, and there is no trace of a nervous system to coordinate their activities.

Their colonial status is confirmed by the fact that the collar cells are almost identical in

their structure and behavior with a group of protists called collar flagellates which can exist either as single individuals or as small groups

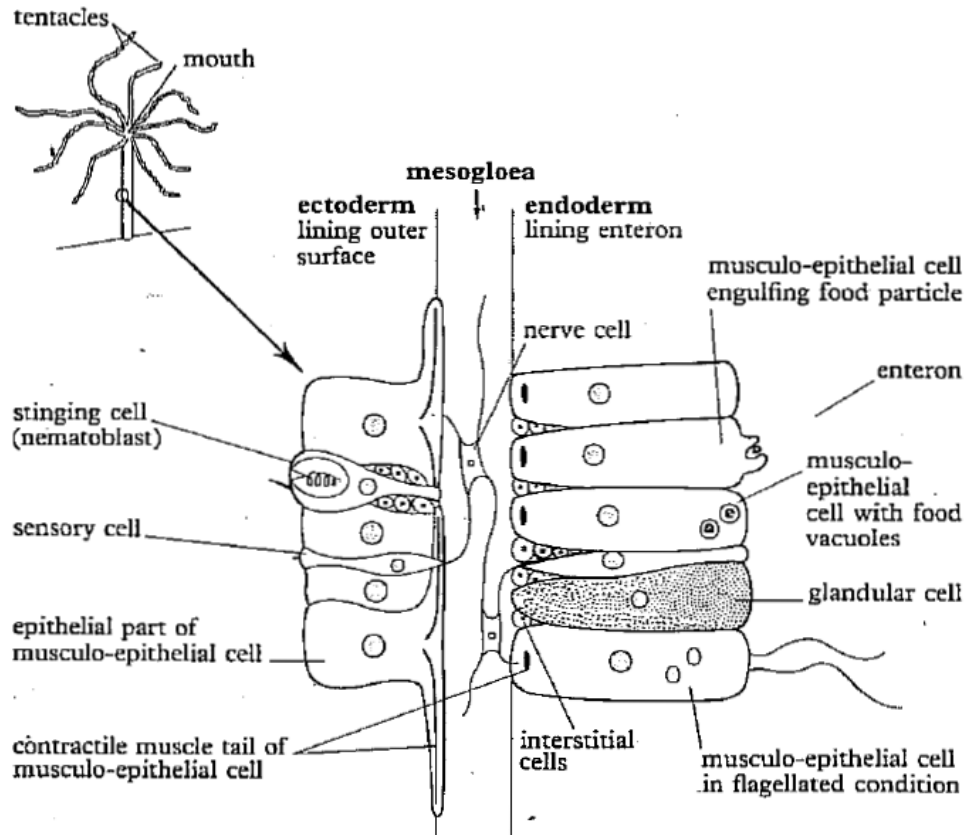


Assignment: Read about volvox

MULTICELLULAR ORGANISMS

Hydra represents a group of primitive multicellular organisms. It has a few types of cells which engulf food and carries out movements and the stinging cell (nematoblast) for defense and killing their prey. These cells are connected by nerve cells and therefore coordinating its activities.

Diagram of tissue of hydra (multicellular)



(Diagram in FA page 44)

Hydra has a tissue level of organization. Multicellular organization increases the size of the organism and allows specialization where different functions are carried out by different cells which permit greater efficiency and organisms become less environmental dependent. However, the cells lose their ability to exist on their own so they become increasingly dependent on one another's activities and as the number of cells increase, difficulties of acquiring oxygen and food materials by the individual cells also increase.

ASSIGNMENT

Read about advantages of the multicellular state

**A GOOD TOMORROW IS DETERMined BY TODAYS WORK SACRIFICE TODAY
AND REAP TOMORROW**
