

Cell organisation:

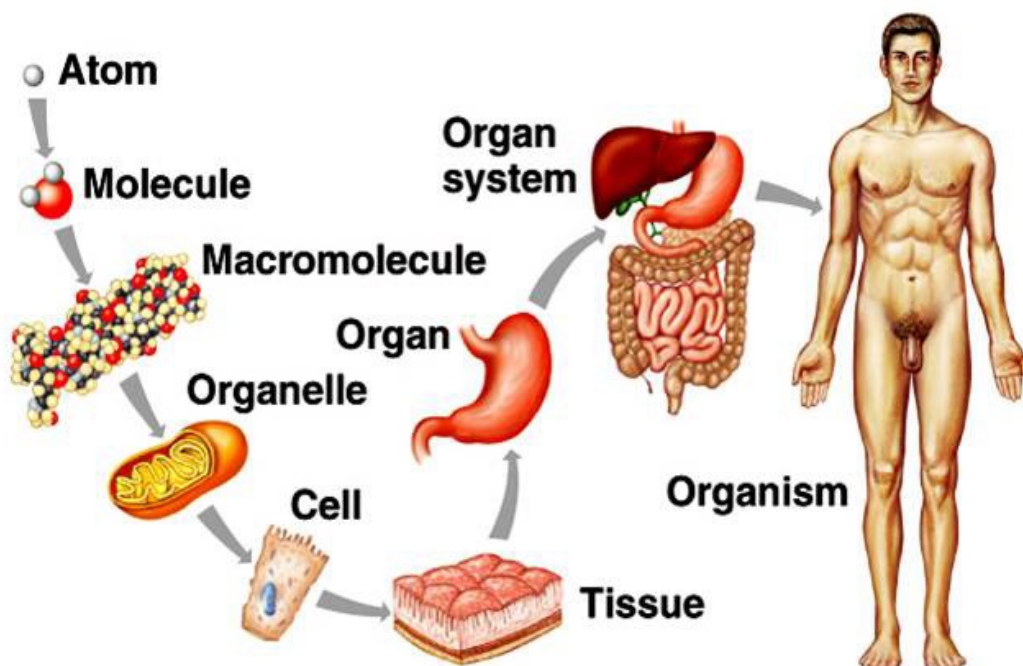
Cells → Tissues → Organs → Organ system

Cells = building blocks of life, become specialised via differentiation

Tissues = group of cells (carry out particular function in unison)
e.g. muscle (contracts), glandular (secretes enzymes) & epithelial (protection) tissue

Organs = group of tissues e.g. the stomach is made of: muscular (so stomach churns food), glandular (secretes digestive juices) & epithelial (protects stomach) tissues

Organ system = group of organs e.g. digestive system made of: glands (digestive juices), stomach (digestion), liver (makes bile), small intestine (absorbs food into blood) organs



Enzymes

Biological catalysts that increase reaction rate without being used up by reducing the activation energy

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Proteins made of chains of amino acids

Lock & key mechanism:

Substrate binds to active site which is a complimentary (specific) shape & collisions occur

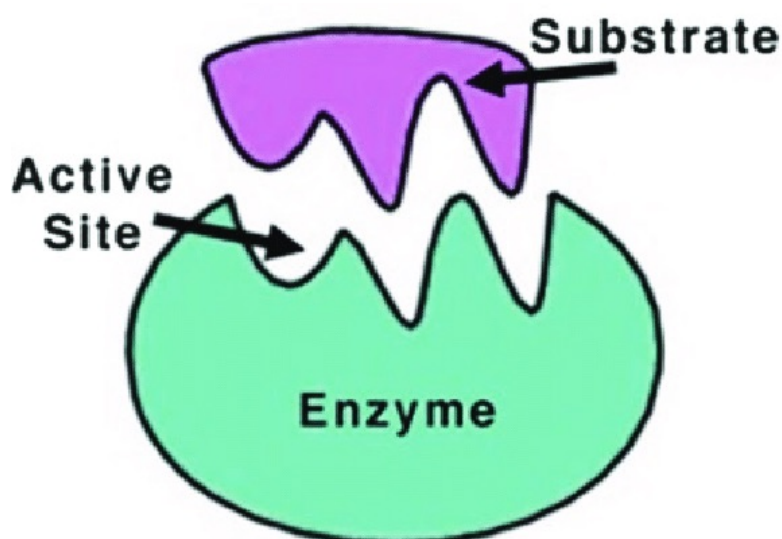
Induced fit mechanism:

Active site slightly changes shape as substrate binds to it

Optimal enzyme conditions:

Temperature: high = faster reaction rate as thermal energy converted to kinetic energy so rapid collisions but if too hot, enzyme's active site denatures so no reaction occurs. 37 degrees cel = optimum temp (body temp)

pH: too high/low interferes with bonds so active site denatures, optimum = usually pH 7 but pepsin works at pH 2 (suits acidic conditions in stomach)



Enzymes & digestion:

Big insoluble molecules = too big to be absorbed into bloodstream so enzymes break them down

Starch → Maltose via Amylase enzyme

Amylase made in: salivary glands, pancreas & small intestine

Proteins → Amino acids via Protease enzyme

Protease made in: stomach, pancreas & small intestine

Lipids → 3 fatty acids + glycerol via Lipase enzyme

Lipase made in: pancreas & small intestine

Product of digestion used 4: respiration (glucose) & to make new lipids, proteins & carbohydrates

Bile:

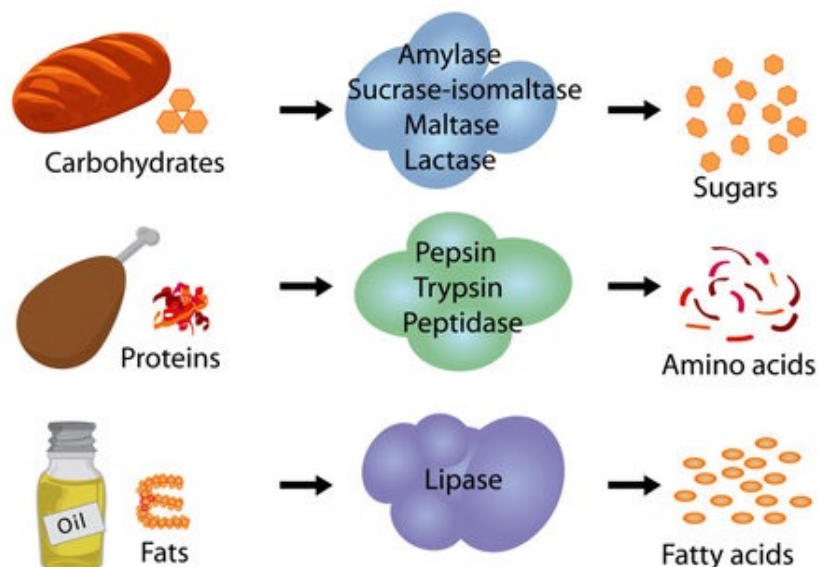
Produced in liver

Stored in gall bladder

Functions:

Neutralises stomach (hydrochloric) acid as enzymes in small intestine work best at alkaline pHs

Emulsifies fats into droplets 2 increase surface area 4 faster absorption of molecules into bloodstream during digestion



Digestion:

Digestive enzymes produced by specialised cells in glands & in gut lining

Digestion process:

Tongue

Salivary glands: produce amylase

Oesophagus

Stomach: churns food with muscular walls, produces pepsin, produces hydrochloride acid (to kill bacteria, to give right pH for protease to work in- pH 2)

Liver: bile is produced (neutralises stomach acid & emulsifies fats)

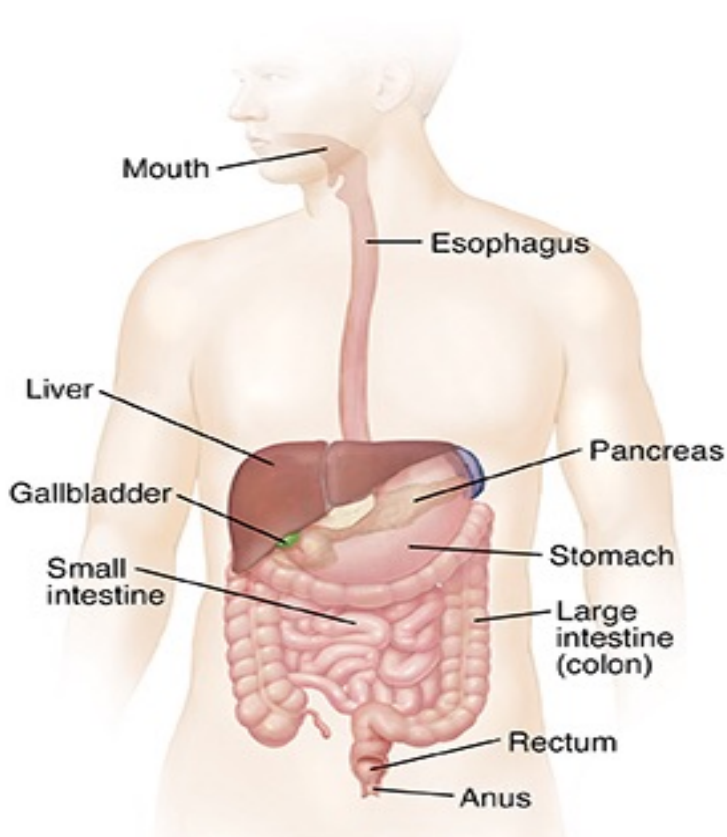
Gall bladder: stores bile

Pancreas: produce lipase, protease & amylase

Small intestine: where food is absorbed into blood, enzymes produced here

Large intestine: excess water is absorbed from food

Rectum: faeces stored here prior to exiting via anus



Food tests:

Food sample prep:

Break up food in pestle & mortar

Transfer 2 beaker with water

Stir with glass rod 2 dissolve food

Filter solution through funnel

Reducing sugars via Benedicts:

Prep food sample, add to test tube, heat water bath to 75 degrees cel, add benedict's solution with pipette, leave test tube in bath for 5 mins

Presence of sugars= brick-red solution

Starch via Iodine:

Transfer food sample to test tube, add iodine & shake gently

Presence of starch = orange -> blue-black

Proteins via Biuret:

Transfer food sample to test tube, gently shake after adding biuret solution

Presence of protein= blue -> purple

Lipids via Sudan III:

Prep sample (don't filter it) & add to test tube, add Sudan solution & shake

Presence of lipids= mixture separates into 2 layers (top is bright red)



Sudan 3 test for lipids results (1st tube = positive as layers)

Lungs:

Located in thorax, separated from lower body by diaphragm, protected by ribcage & membranes

Air breathed in → trachea → bronchi → bronchioles → alveoli & gas exchange

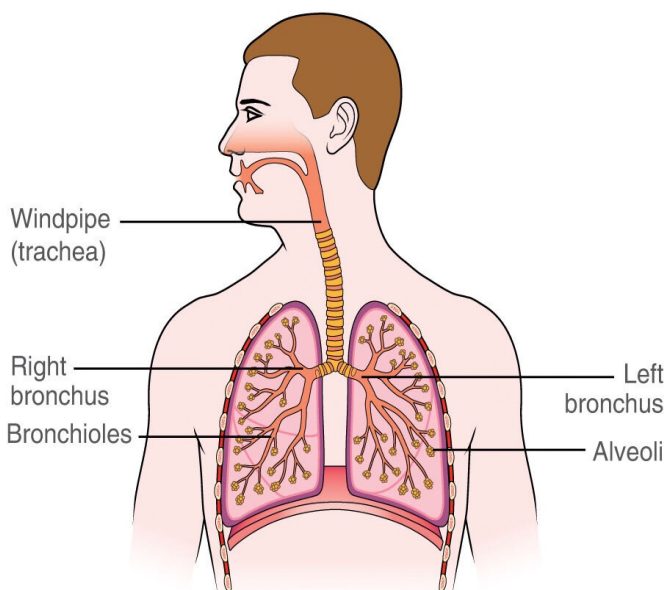
Alveoli:

Tiny air sacks surrounded by blood capillaries

Air → lungs → O₂ to cells (via red blood cells) → alveoli so little O₂ & lots of CO₂

O₂ diffuses out of alveolus into blood, CO₂ diffuses into alveoli to be exhaled

Breaths per minute = number of breaths / number of minutes



Upwards and outwards	RIB CAGE	Downwards and inwards
Contracts, moves down and flattens	DIAPHRAGM	Relaxes and curves upwards
Bigger	THORACIC CAVITY	Smaller
Decreases	AIR PRESSURE	Increases
Enter into the lungs	AIR	Air forced out of the lungs

Circulatory system:

Humans have a double circulatory system: right ventricle takes deoxygenated blood to lungs, then to the heart

Left ventricle pumps oxygenated blood to cells, then back to lungs

Heart made of muscle tissue that contracts

Valves prevent back flow of blood

Deoxygenated blood:

Vena cava

Right atrium

Right ventricle

Pulmonary artery

Lungs for gas exchange

Oxygenated blood:

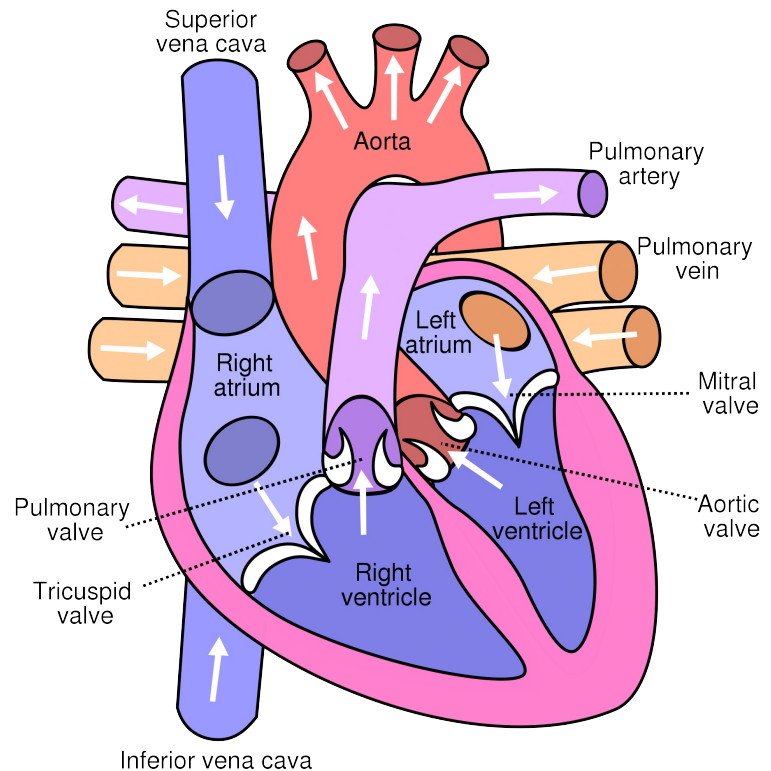
Pulmonary vein

Left atrium

Left ventricle

Aorta

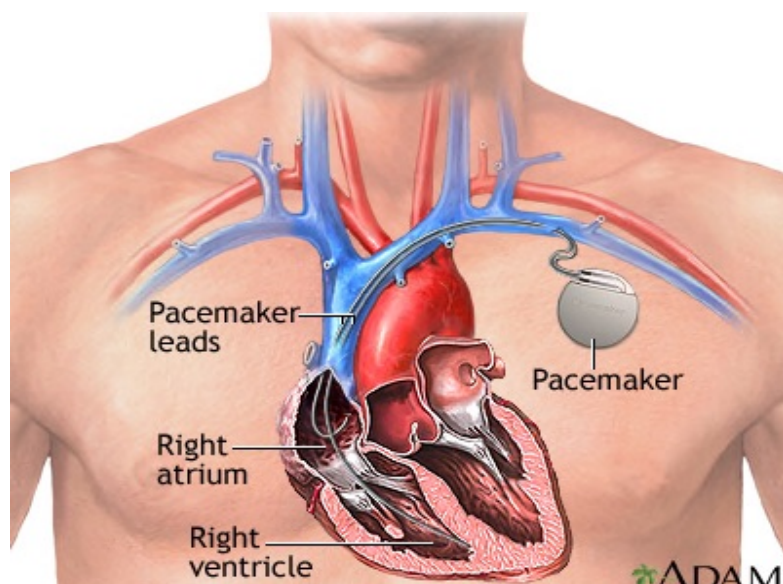
Body cells receive O₂



Pacemaker:

Resting heart rate controlled by cells in right atrium (produce electrical impulses for contractions)

Artificial pacemaker corrects irregular heartbeat (implant induces electrical current for contractions)



Blood vessels:

Arteries:

Carry blood AWAY from heart

Features:

Strong & elastic walls to withstand high pressure of (oxygenated) blood

Thick, elasticated walls, tiny lumen

Capillaries:

Exchange substances

Features:

Permeable walls for diffusion

Supply O₂ & food, take away waste e.g. CO₂

Walls are one cell thick = shorter diffusion distance

Veins:

Carry blood TO heart

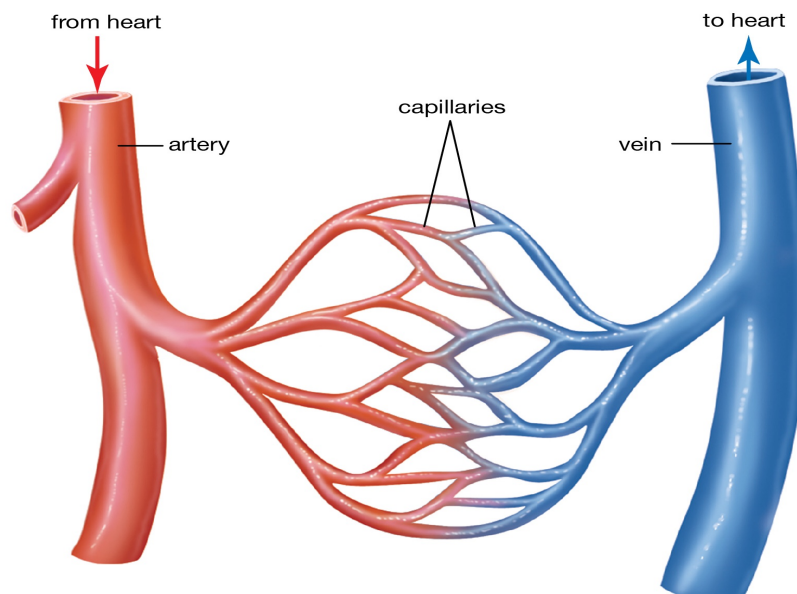
Features:

Thinner walls as blood is at lower pressure (deoxygenated)

Big lumen for blood flow

Valves prevent back flow of blood

Rate of blood flow = volume of blood / number of minutes



Blood:

Red blood cells:

Carry oxygenated blood to cells

Features:

Biconcave disc & no nucleus for large surface area to hold O₂

Haemoglobin binds to oxygen = oxyhemoglobin

White blood cells:

Phagocytosis: engulf & ingest pathogens

Antibodies target specific antigens

Antitoxins counteract effects of toxins

Platelets:

Clot blood to prevent infection at wound sites

Plasma:

Liquid component of blood, contains:

Red & white blood cells

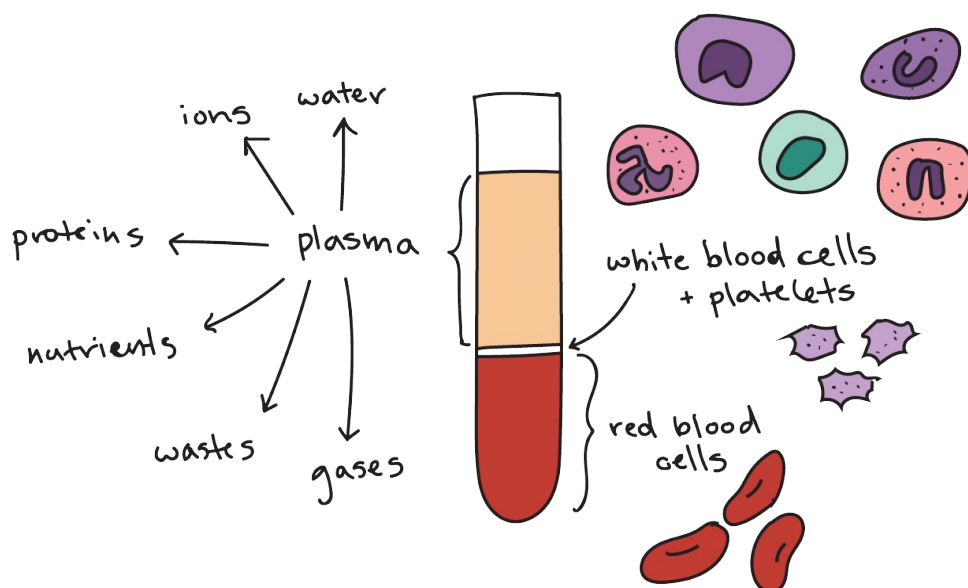
Glucose & amino acids

CO₂

Urea

Hormones

Proteins



Coronary heart disease:

CHD caused by built up of fatty material in arteries so become narrow, prevents O₂ reaching heart = heart attacks & strokes

Treatment of CHD:

Stents: mesh tubes keep arteries open so blood flows to heart

Pros: lower heart attack risk, long term & quick recovery time

Cons: surgical complications, infection & blood clots (thrombosis)

Statins: drugs that lower LDL cholesterol

Pros: increase HDL (good) cholesterol, reduce heart attack risk

Cons: long term & side effects e.g. nausea

Surgical solutions:

Artificial heart:

Mechanical hearts to allow heart to rest temporarily till donor heart found

Pros: less chance of immune system rejection

Cons: surgical risk, infection, electric motor failure, blood clots, blood-thinning drugs (cause excessive bleeding if injured)

Valves:

Biological = from humans or pigs/cows

Pros: less drastic surgery

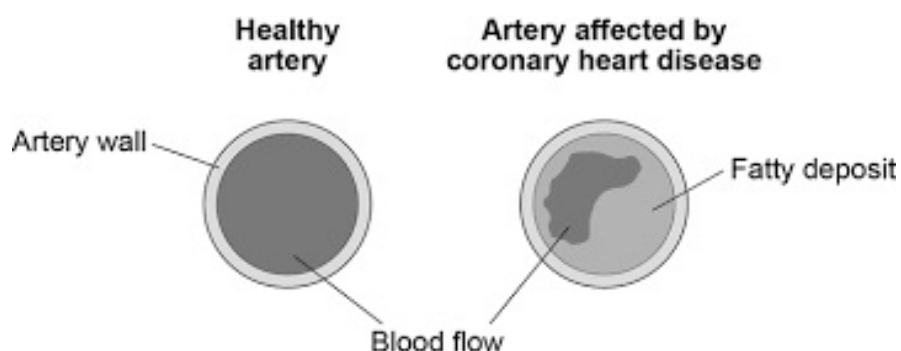
Cons: blood clot risk & religious objections

Mechanical valves also fix stiff & leaky valves for proper circulation

Artificial blood:

Excess blood loss= heart still pumps blood if supply is topped up (using saline)

Safe if no air bubbles form, keep people alive even if they lose 2/3 red blood cells= gives time for new blood cells to form or for a transfusion



Health & disease:

Health = state of physical & mental wellbeing

Communicable diseases: spread between people, caused by pathogens e.g. salmonella (bacterial infection)

Non-communicable diseases: hereditary/terminal e.g. cancers & CHD

Disease interactions:

Hepatitis B increases chances of liver cancer, HPV can cause cervical cancer

HIV can lead to AIDS (weak immune system so can die from diseases)

Depression can be triggered by physical ailments that affect life quality

Factors effecting health:

Balanced diet accessibility

Stress

Life circumstances (medication access, condom access ect)

Risk factors = increase likelihood of getting a disease but correlation does not equal causation

Lifestyle factors:

Poor diet & little exercise -> obesity

Asbestos & radiation exposure -> cancers

Developed countries = higher incomes so more fast food but decent health care so cannot generalise

Direct risk factors:

Smoking -> CHD, lung cancer

Obesity-> type 2 diabetes

Alcohol -> liver & brain cancer

Carcinogens e.g. radiation -> cancer

No exercise & high fat diet -> hypertension & high levels of LDL cholesterol -> CHD

Non-communicable disease cost:

Large human cost: death & lower life quality

Financial cost on NHS: research & treatment, unemployment -> less tax payers

Cancer:

Uncontrolled cell division = tumour

Benign: localised, not cancerous

Malignant: cancerous, spreads via bloodstream & invades tissues = secondary tumours, maybe fatal

Risk factors for cancer:

Smoking→ lung & stomach cancer

Obesity→ kidney & bowel cancer

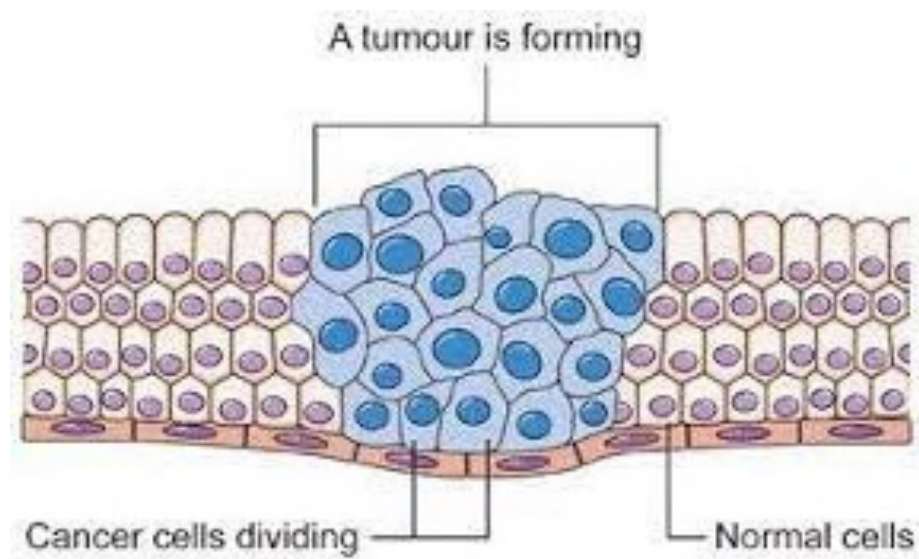
UV exposure→ skin cancer

Viral infections e.g. hepatitis B & C→ liver cancer

Hereditary:

Can inherit faulty genes = more susceptible to developing cancer

e.g. BCRA genes linked 2 increased likelihood of breast & ovarian cancer



Plant cell organisation:

Plant tissues:

Epidermal: covers plant, waxy cuticle reduces H₂O loss by transpiration

Upper epidermis: transparent so light passes through to palisade

Palisade mesophyll: site of photosynthesis, so lots of chloroplasts & at top of leaf for Sunlight

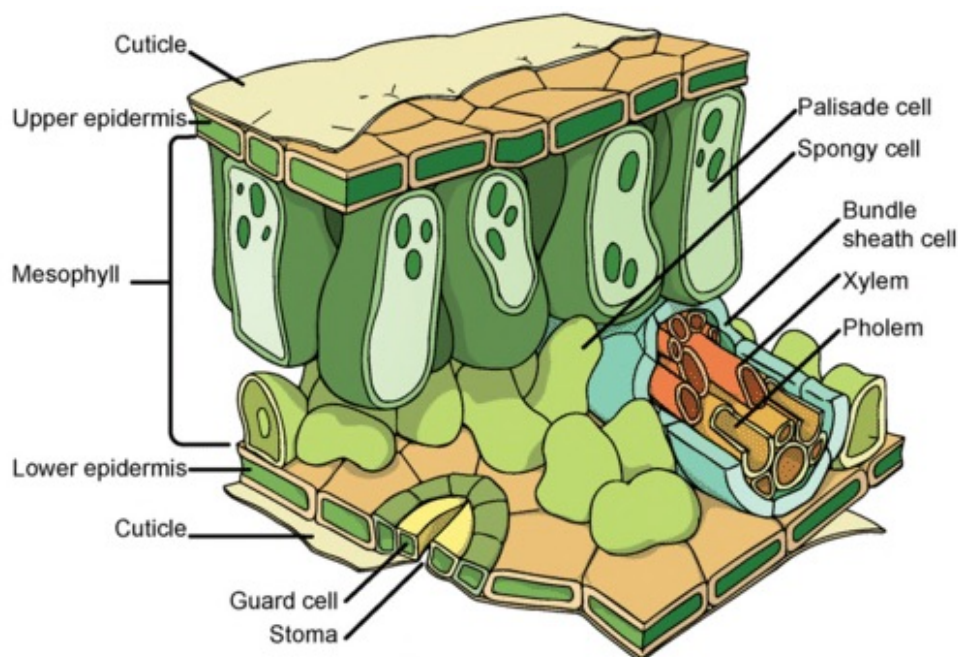
Spongy mesophyll: air spaces for gas exchange

Xylem: transport water & mineral ions

Phloem: transport dissolved sugars

Meristem: at growing tips of roots & shoots, differentiates for growth

Leaves: have stomata for gas exchange, guard cells control their opening & closing



Transpiration:

Evaporation & diffusion of H_2O from leaves

Causes H_2O shortage so xylem draws up more H_2O to replace it

More H_2O is drawn in through roots = transpiration stream

Leaves have stomata for gas exchange, so when guard cells open stomata, H_2O escapes via diffusion (down a concentration gradient)

Xylem:

Hollow tubes made of dead cells, strengthened with lignin

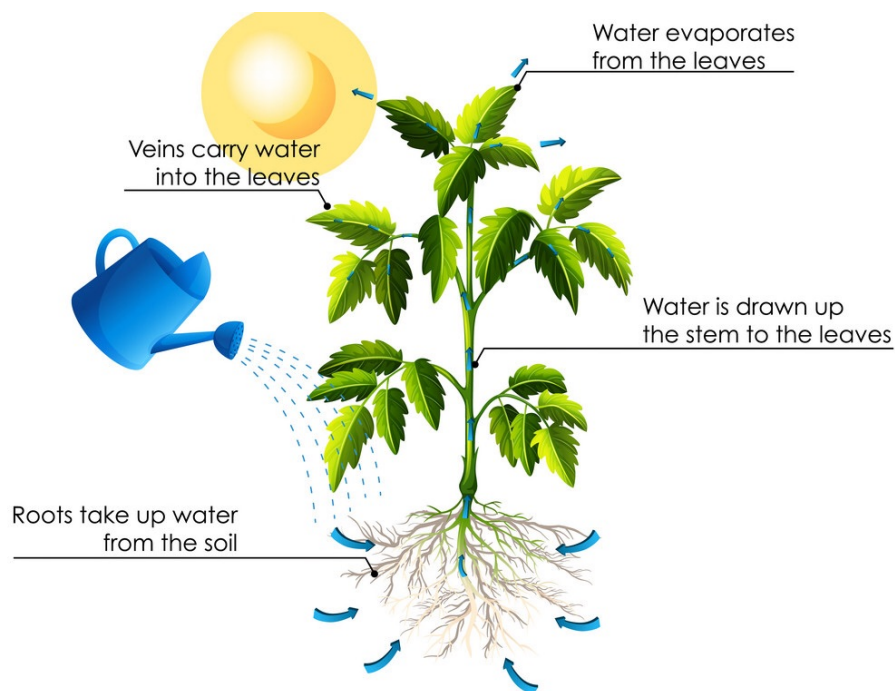
Carry H_2O & mineral ions from roots to leaf

$H_2O \rightarrow$ roots \rightarrow xylem \rightarrow leaves = transpiration

Phloem:

Columns of elongated cells with pores (for cell sap)

Transport dissolved sugars from leaves to roots for immediate use/
storage = translocation



TRANSPIRATION

Transpiration rate affected by:

Light intensity: brighter = faster as stomata open to let CO_2 in so H_2O escapes

Temperature: warmth = thermal energy converted to kinetic in particles so rapid H_2O loss

Air flow: wind = H_2O moves out plant as concentration gradient is maintained for diffusion

Humidity: low (dry air around leaf) = fast as concentration gradient maintained

Rate of transpiration estimated via H_2O uptake of plant:

H_2O uptake proportional to H_2O loss by leaves

Record starting position of air bubble & record distance moved/hour

Guard cells:

Open & close stomata

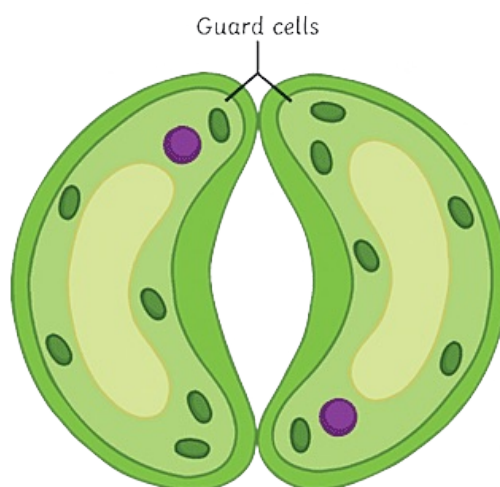
Lots of H_2O = stomata goes turgid (stomata opens for gas exchange)

Lack of H_2O = stomata goes flaccid (prevents H_2O loss by closing)

Thin outer walls & thick inner walls allows opening & closing of stomata

Close at night to conserve H_2O

Stomata on undersides of leaves, lower surface = shaded & cooler = less H_2O loss (than on upper side)



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