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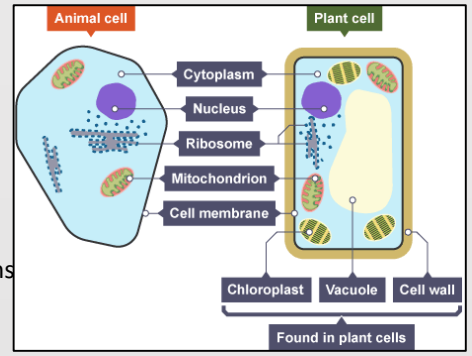
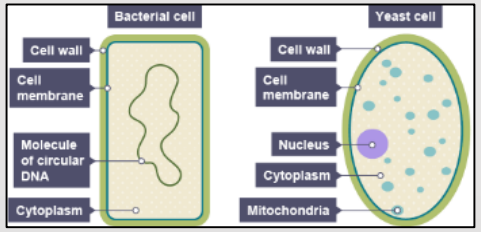
GCSE B1 – Cell Biology

1. Cell Structure

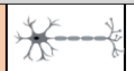
- **Nucleus**
Contains DNA and controls the cell
- **Ribosomes**
Protein synthesis
- **Cell Membrane**
Controls what goes in and out the cell
- **Mitochondria**
Respiration
- **Cytoplasm**
Where chemical reactions occur
- **Chloroplast**
Absorb light for photosynthesis
- **Vacuole**
Stores cell sap
- **Cell Wall**
Made of cellulose to strengthen the cell
- **Plasmid**
Contains additional genes

Eukaryotic cells – larger, more complex cells, with nucleus e.g. animal/plant/fungus
Prokaryotic cells – very small simple cells, no nucleus (loose DNA and plasmids) e.g. bacteria





2. Specialised Cells: They are **differentiated** so they have a modified structure to enable them to carry out a specific function.

specialised animal cells	nerve		*carry electrical signals*	long branched connections and insulating sheath
	sperm		*fertilise an egg*	streamlined with a long tail acrosome containing enzymes large number of mitochondria
	muscle		*contract to allow movement*	contains a large number of mitochondria long
specialised plant cells	root hair		*absorb water and minerals from soil*	hair like projections to increase the surface area
	xylem		*carry water and minerals*	TRANSPIRATION - dead cells cell walls toughened by lignin flows in one direction
	phloem		*carry glucose*	TRANSLOCATION - living cells cells have end plates with holes flows in both directions

3. Microscopes and Magnification:

Microscopes allow us to see greater detail in small samples:
- Adjust the focus (turn the fine focus) - to make the image clearer
- Increase the magnification (change the objective lens) – to make the image larger

Magnification is the number of times larger an image is compared with the real size of the object.

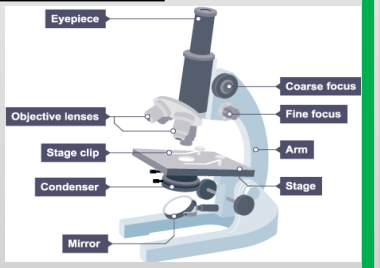
Resolution is the ability to distinguish between 2 separate points.

Types of microscopes

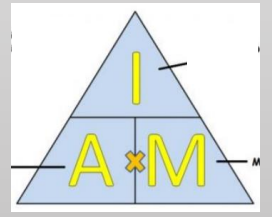
Feature	Light microscope	Electron microscope
Radiation used	Light rays	Electron beams
Max magnification	1500x	2 000 000x
Resolution	200nm	0.2nm
Size of microscope	Small and portable	Very large and not portable
Cost	Low	High

Required Practical 1 – USING A LIGHT MICROSCOPE

1. Use a stain to make organelles visible (e.g. cell wall, nucleus).
2. Get the specimen as flat and thin as possible.
3. Select the lowest objective lens to give the largest field of view.
4. Use the coarse focus to move the stage.
5. Use the fine focus to make the image clearer.
6. Calculate the total magnification = eye piece lens x objective lens



Calculating magnification:



Magnification (M) = Image size (I) / actual size (A)

Calculating actual size
- Use a RULER to measure the image in mm
- Multiply by 1000 to CONVERT mm into µm
- Divide image size by the magnification

REMEMBER there are 1000µm in 1mm and 1000nm in 1µm

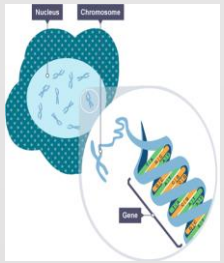
4. Stem Cells

Stem cells are undifferentiated cells that can **clone** to make more stem cells or specialise into any type of body cell by **differentiation**.
+ replace/repair tissue, grow organs, cure disease
- destroys embryo, ethical issues, moral/religious objections

Therapeutic cloning - an embryo is cloned from the patient. Stem cells are taken from the embryo to treat the patient's disease. No rejection issues as genes are the same.

5. Chromosomes and Genes:

Human body cells contain **46** (23 pairs of) chromosomes.



Chromosomes are long, rolled-up strands of **DNA** which carry the genes. **Genes** are sections of DNA that code for characteristics.

Males = 22pairs + XY
Females = 22 pairs + XX

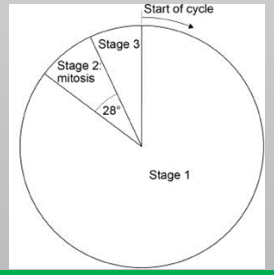
6. Cell Division:

Cells multiply by **Mitosis** to produce genetically identical cells.

Stages of the cell cycle

Stage 1
Cell growth, increase in number of organelles and DNA replicates
stage 2 Mitosis
One set of chromosomes moves to each end of cell
Stage 3
Cytoplasm / cell membrane divides to form two (genetically) identical cells

Result = 2 daughter cells, genetically identical to each other and the parent cell



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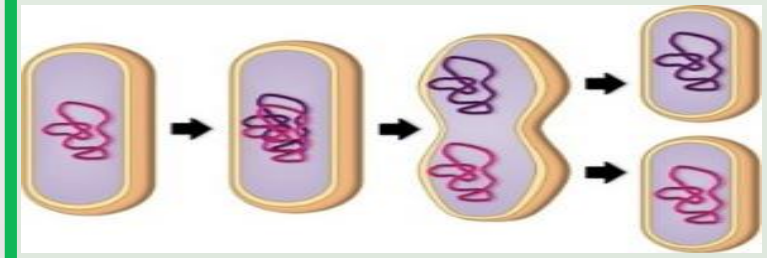
7. Culturing Microorganisms

Bacteria multiply by simple cell division (**Binary Fission**) as often as once every 20 minutes if they have enough nutrients and a suitable temperature.



The DNA loop is copied and the cytoplasm separates as the cell wall begins to pinch the cell in half.

Result = 2 genetically identical daughter cells and population growth is **exponential** (1>2>4>8>16>32>64>128….)

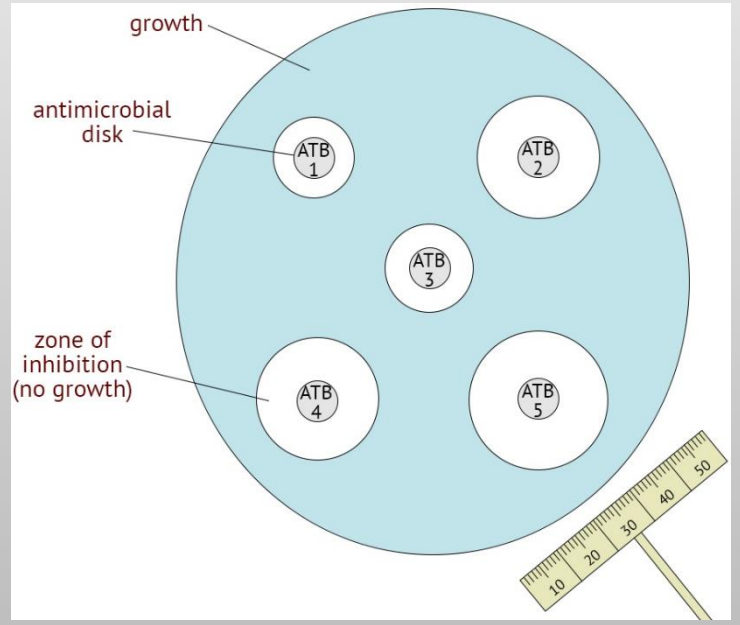
Bacteria can be grown in a nutrient broth solution or as colonies on an agar gel plate.

Sterile cultures of microorganisms are required for investigating the action of disinfectants and antibiotics.

8. PRACTICAL - INVESTIGATING THE EFFECT OF ANTISEPTICS ON BACTERIAL GROWTH

1. Using aseptic technique **inoculate** a petri dish with a **lawn** of *E.coli* bacteria.
2. Place discs of filter paper, soaked in a variety of antiseptics (eg mouthwash, hand-gel, disinfectant, water (control), onto the prepared petri dish.
3. **Incubate** at 25°C for 48h
4. Using a mm scale ruler, measure the diameter of the **zone of inhibition** around each filter paper disc.
5. Calculate area of each clear areas using πr^2.
6. Compare the effectiveness of each antiseptic.

More clear area = more bacteria killed = more effective antiseptic



9. Aseptic Technique

Preparing an uncontaminated culture.

Process	Why is it important?
Petri dishes and **culture media** must be sterilised before use	No unwanted bacterial growth
Lift lid only slightly and away from you	Prevents contamination from airborne bacteria
Inoculating loops used to transfer bacteria to the dish must be sterilised by passing them through a flame	No unwanted bacterial growth
The lid of the Petri dish should be secured with 2 pieces of tape and stored upside down	Air can get in but lid won't come off and no condensation will form on the lid
In school laboratories, cultures should generally be incubated at 25°C	No growth of pathogenic bacteria