## Ecology

**Ecology** is the scientific study of interactions among organisms and between organisms and their environment or surroundings.

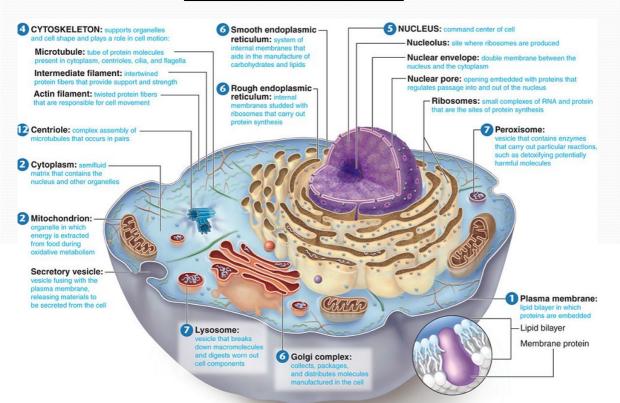


## Organization of Life

The levels of organization in a multicellular organism are individual cells, tissues, organs and organ systems...

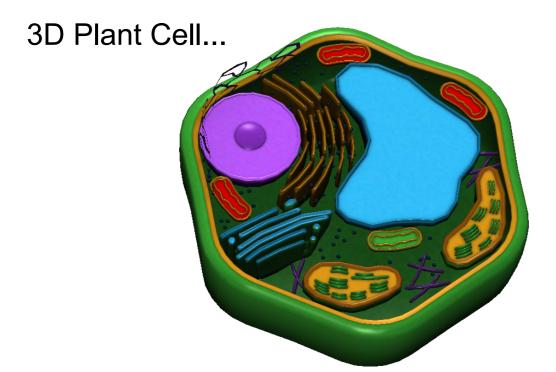
cell - the basic unit of all forms of life.

#### EXAMPLE: Animal Cell



### 3D Animal Cell...





<u>tissue</u> - group of similar cells that performs a particular function.

- four main types: muscle, epithelial, nervous and connective
- 1) *muscle tissue* enables the body to move.
- 2) epithelial tissue cover interior and exterior body surfaces.
- 3) *nervous* transmits nerve impulses throughout the body.
- 4) connective provides support for the body and connects its parts.

**organ** - a group of different types of tissues that work together to perform a single function.

ex: The eye is made up of epithelial tissue, nervous tissue, muscle tissue and connective tissue.

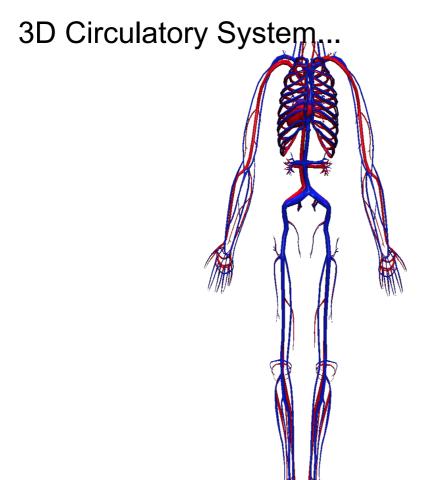
<u>organ system</u> - a group of organs that perform closely related functions.

- the human body has <u>eleven</u> organ systems...

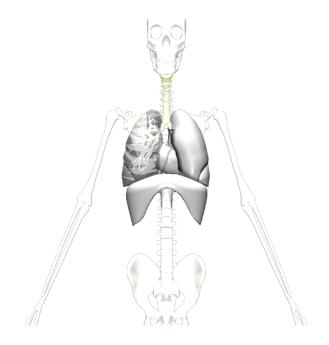
nervous system
integumentary system
respiratory system
digestive system
excretory system
skeletal system
muscular system
circulatory system
endocrine system
reproductive system
lymphatic/immune system

#### KNOW the NAME and it's FUNCTION...

	Organ System	Function	Organ System	Function
Di	Esophagus Stomach Liver, pancreas, gallbladder  Small and large intestine	Ingests and breaks down food so that it can be absorbed by the body Chapter 7	Cardiovascular  Blood vessels Heart	Enables the transport of nutrients, gases, hormones, and wastes to and from cells of the body Chapter 9
Ur	rinary		Endocrine	
1	Kidney Ureter Bladder Urethra	Eliminates liquid wastes; regulates water balance Chapter 11	Pituitary gland Thyroid, parathyroid Thymus Gonads, others	Secretes hormones into bloodstream for regulation of body activities Chapter 16
R	espiratory	Enables gas ex-	Nervous	Sansas apuiranment
1	Trachea Bronchi Lung	change, supplying blood with oxygen and removing carbon dioxide Chapter 10	Brain Spinal cord Nerves	Senses environment; communicates with and activates other parts of the body Chapters 14 and 15
S	keletal		Lymphatic and Immune	
K	Cartilage	Provides mechanical support for the body; stores minerals; pro- duces red blood cells Chapter 6	Thymus Lymph nodes Lymphatic vessels Spleen	Protects against infections Chapter 12
M	luscular	N20 1001 00	Reproductive—Female	2 5 5
	Skeletal muscles	Enables movement, posture, and balance via contraction and extension of muscles Chapter 6	Ovary Uterus Cervix Vagina	Produces eggs and supports the develop- ment of offspring Chapter 18
nte	gumentary		Reproductive—Male	
	Hair Nails Skin	Protects body from environment, injury, and infection; stores fat Chapter 6	Prostate Testicle Penis	Produces and deliv- ers sperm and associated fluids Chapter 18



## 3D Respiratory System...



# NOTES - Ecological Organization.pdf Levels of Ecological Organization

The levels of organization studied by ecologists are organisms, species, populations, communities, ecosystems, biomes and finally the biosphere.

- **Organism** an individual living thing.
- Species group of individuals that are closely related and can mate to produce fertile offspring.

(don't have to be in the same place)

- **Population** all the members of the same species that live in the same place at the same time.
- **Community** a group of various species that live in the same place and interact with each other.
- **Ecosystem** a collection of all the organisms that live in a particular place together with their nonliving, or physical environment

• **biome** - a group of terrestrial communities that covers a large area and is characterized by certian soil and climate conditions and particular assemblages of plants and animals











#### Five Major Types of Biomes

Aquatic Deserts Forests Grasslands Tundra

• <u>biosphere</u> - contains the combined portions of the planet in which all life exists, including land, water, and air, or atmosphere.

- extends from about 8 km above Earth's surface to as far as 11 km below the surface of the ocean

Biosphere 2 ???



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