

# Organization of Prokaryotic and Eukaryotic Cells

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### PLANT CELL

Peroxisome

Mitochondrion

Golgi complex

Microfilament

Vacuole

Microtubule

Chloroplast

Cytoplasm

Ribosome

Smooth endoplasmic reticulum

Rough endoplasmic reticulum

Plasma membrane

Cell wall

Nucleolus

Nucleus

### ANIMAL CELL

Flagellum

Nucleus

Nucleolus

Golgi complex

Cytoplasm

Basal body

Microfilament

Lysosome

Centrosome:

Centriole

Pericentriolar material

Ribosome

Microtubule

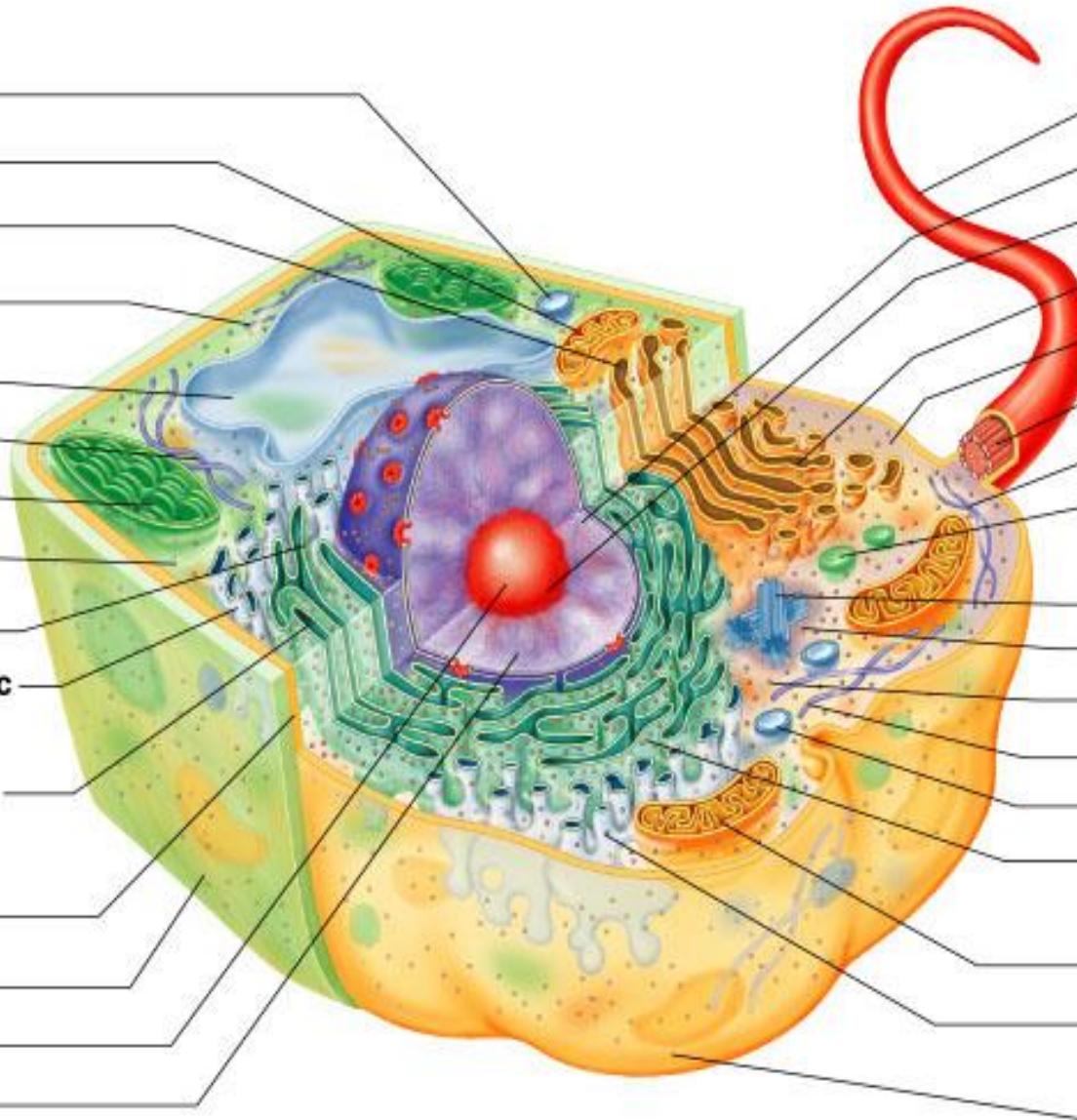
Peroxisome

Rough endoplasmic reticulum

Mitochondrion

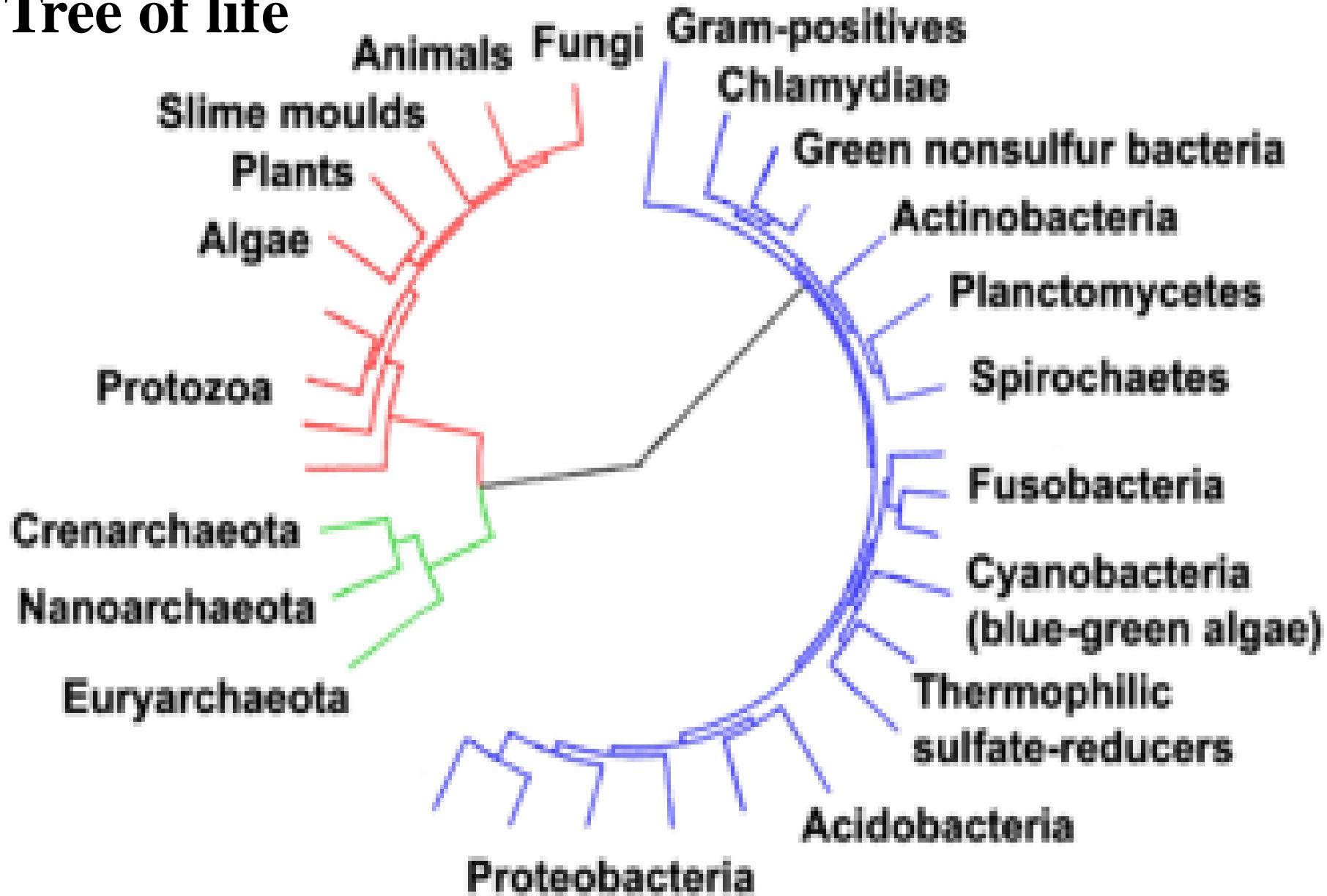
Smooth endoplasmic reticulum

Plasma membrane



(a) Highly schematic diagram of a composite eukaryotic cell, half plant and half animal

# Tree of life



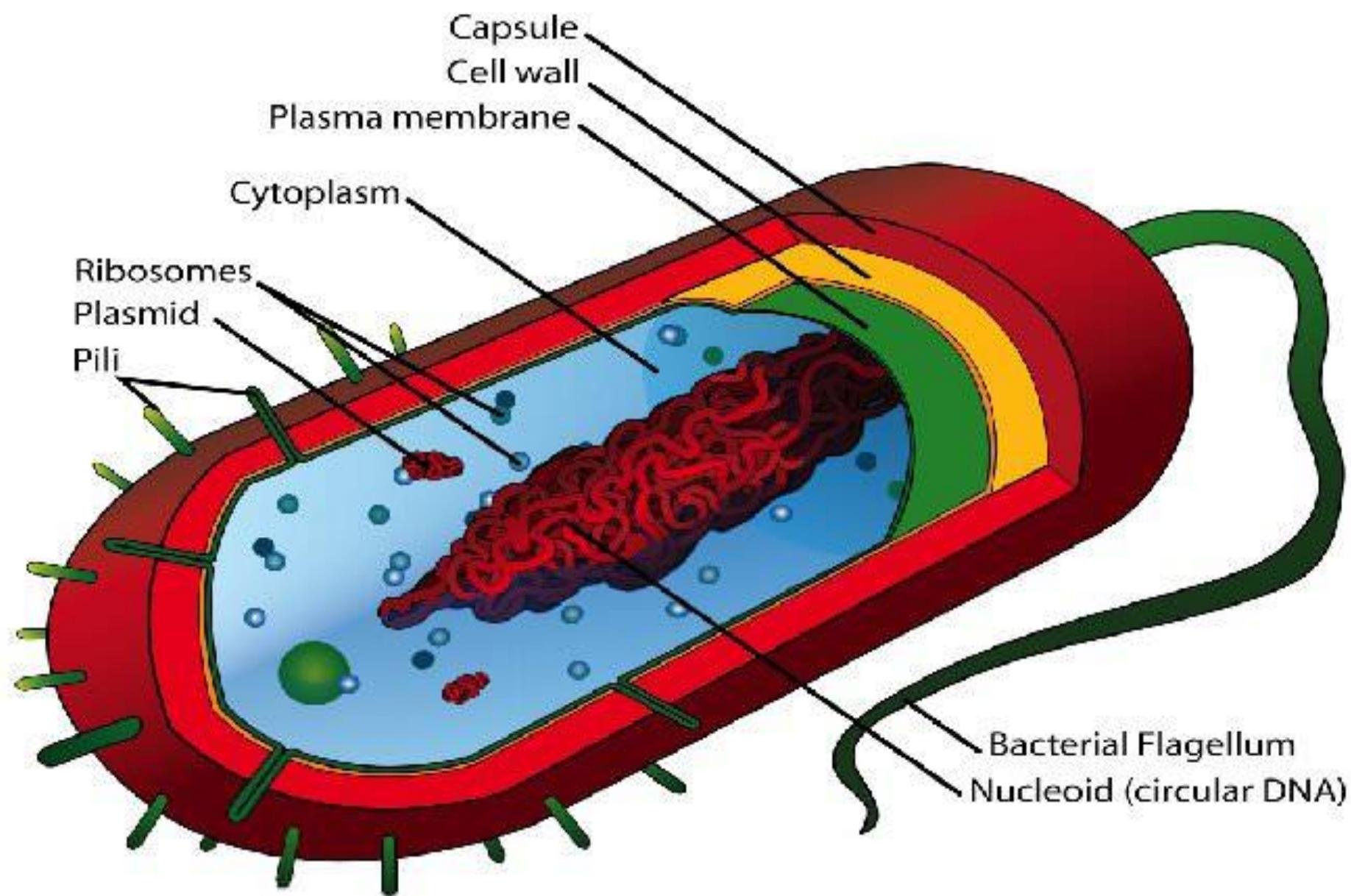
# Definition of Prokaryotes

**Prokaryotes** (pro-KAR-ee-ot-es) (from Old Greek *pro-* before + *karyon* nut or kernel, referring to the cell nucleus, + suffix *-otos*, pl. *-otes*; also spelled "procaryotes") are organisms without a cell nucleus (= karyon), or any other membrane-bound organelles. Most are unicellular, but some prokaryotes are multicellular.

# Definition of Eukaryotes

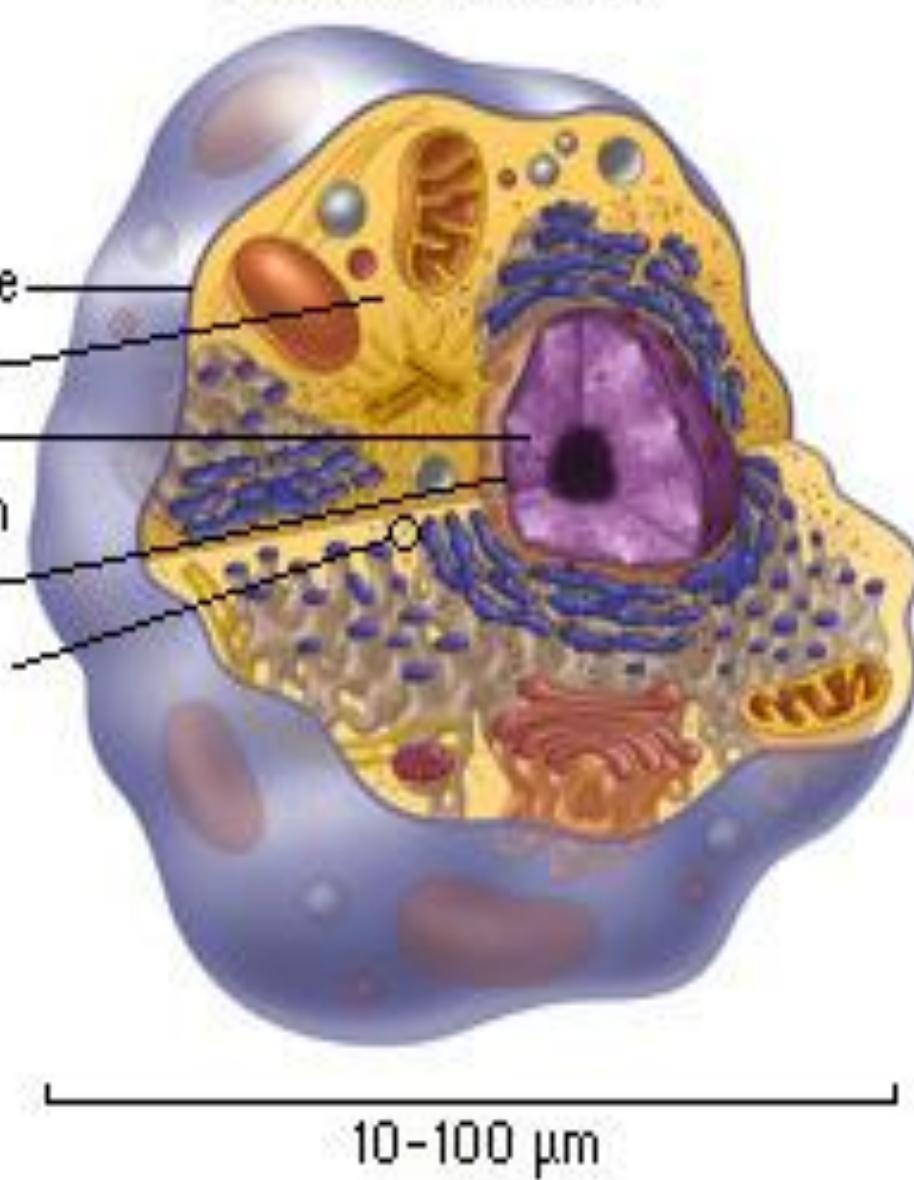
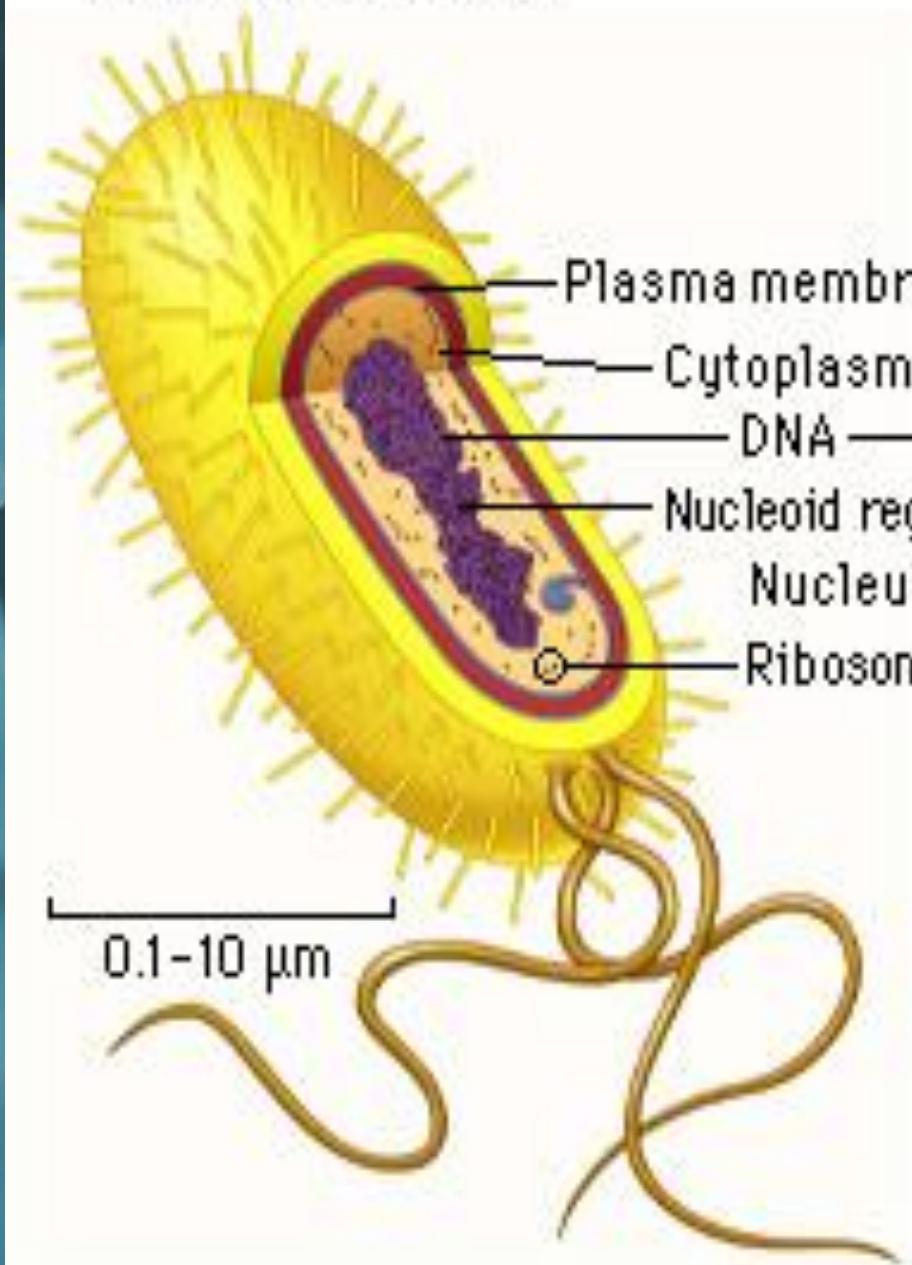
Eukaryotes (IPA: [ju: 'kæriɒt]) are organisms whose cells are organized into complex structures by internal membranes and a cytoskeleton. The most characteristic membrane bound structure is the nucleus. This feature gives them their name, (also spelled "eucaryote,") which comes from the Greek εὖ, meaning good/true, and κάρπος, meaning nut, referring to the nucleus. Animals, plants, fungi, and protists are eukaryotes.

# Typical Bacterial Cell



Prokaryotic cell

Eukaryotic cell



## **Summary of differences between prokaryote and eukaryote cells**

<b>Prokaryotic cells</b>	<b>Eukaryote cells</b>
Small cell ( $< 5\mu\text{m}$ )	Larger cells ( $> 10 \mu\text{m}$ )
Always unicellular	Often multicellular
No nucleus or any membrane bound organelles	Always have nucleus and membranes bound organelles.
DNA circular, without proteins	DNA is linear and associated with proteins to form chromatin.
Ribosomes are small 70S	Ribosomes are large 80S
No cytoskeleton	Always have cytoskeleton
Motility by rigid rotating flagellum made from flagellin	Motility by flexible waving cilia or flagella made from tubulins.
Cell division is by binary fission	Cell division is by meiosis and mitosis.
Reproduction is always asexual	Reproduction is sexual and asexual.

## *Prokaryotic versus Eukaryotic Chromosomes*

Prokaryotic Chromosomes	Eukaryotic Chromosomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Many prokaryotes contain a single circular chromosome.</li><li>Prokaryotic chromosomes are condensed in the nucleoid via DNA supercoiling and the binding of various architectural proteins.</li><li>Because prokaryotic DNA can interact with the cytoplasm, transcription and translation occur simultaneously.</li><li>Most prokaryotes contain only one copy of each gene (i.e., they are haploid).</li><li>Nonessential prokaryotic genes are commonly encoded on extrachromosomal plasmids.</li><li>Prokaryotic genomes are efficient and compact, containing little repetitive DNA.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Eukaryotes contain multiple linear chromosomes.</li><li>Eukaryotic chromosomes are condensed in a membrane-bound nucleus via histones.</li><li>In eukaryotes, transcription occurs in the nucleus, and translation occurs in the cytoplasm.</li><li>Most eukaryotes contain two copies of each gene (i.e., they are diploid).</li><li>Some eukaryotic genomes are organized into operons, but most are not.</li><li>Extrachromosomal plasmids are not commonly present in eukaryotes.</li><li>Eukaryotes contain large amounts of noncoding and repetitive DNA.</li></ul>



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