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Exchange and Transport Lungs

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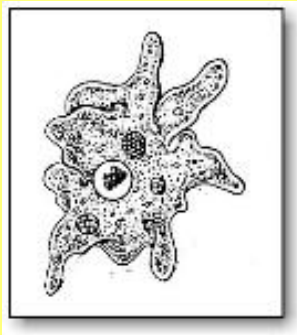
What do plants need to gain from their environment to stay alive? How do these substances get to cells?

Give 2 examples of wastes that living organisms have to get rid of somehow. How does the waste get from the cells to where it is excreted?

Learning Outcome

You should be able to:

- Explain, in terms of surface-area-to-volume ratio, why multicellular organisms need specialised exchange surfaces and single-celled organisms do not.

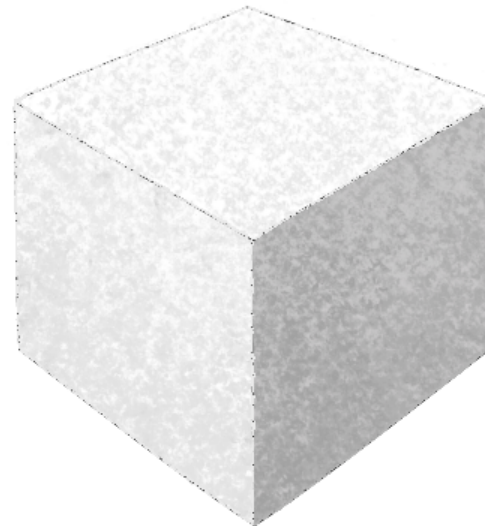


Increasing size and complexity

- Single celled organisms do not need complex exchange and transport systems.
- Why not?
- How does exchange of substances take place? How do they transport substances into the centre?
- Bigger organisms with several or many layers of cells and which are more active need specialised exchange and transport systems, why?

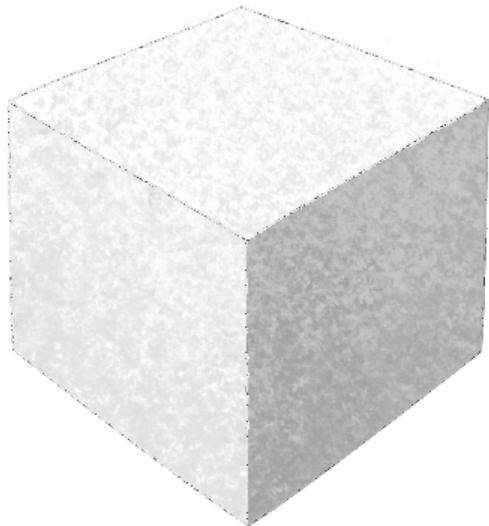
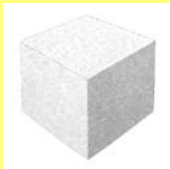
Complete the table to show how surface area to volume ratio changes as size of cube increases

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2	4	24	8	24/8= 3:1
5	25	150	125	150/125= 1.2 :1
10	100	600	1000	600/1000= 0.6 :1
20	400	2400	8000	2400/8000 = 0.3 :1



The bigger the object the less outer surface it has compared to its volume. This means it is harder for substances to move into the object and through to the centre of the object by diffusion.

Features of Exchange Surfaces?

- Large surface area, often folded
- Thin barrier to reduce diffusion distance
- Fresh supply of required molecules on one side to keep concentration high
- Removal of required molecules on other side to keep concentration low
- (maintains concentration gradient)

Examples of exchange/ absorption surfaces

- **Alveoli**, exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide
- **Small intestine**, absorption of nutrients
- **Liver cells (hepatocytes)**, absorption of metabolically active substances, blood sugar levels adjusted
- **Root hairs**, water and minerals absorbed
- **Fungal hyphae**, absorption of nutrients

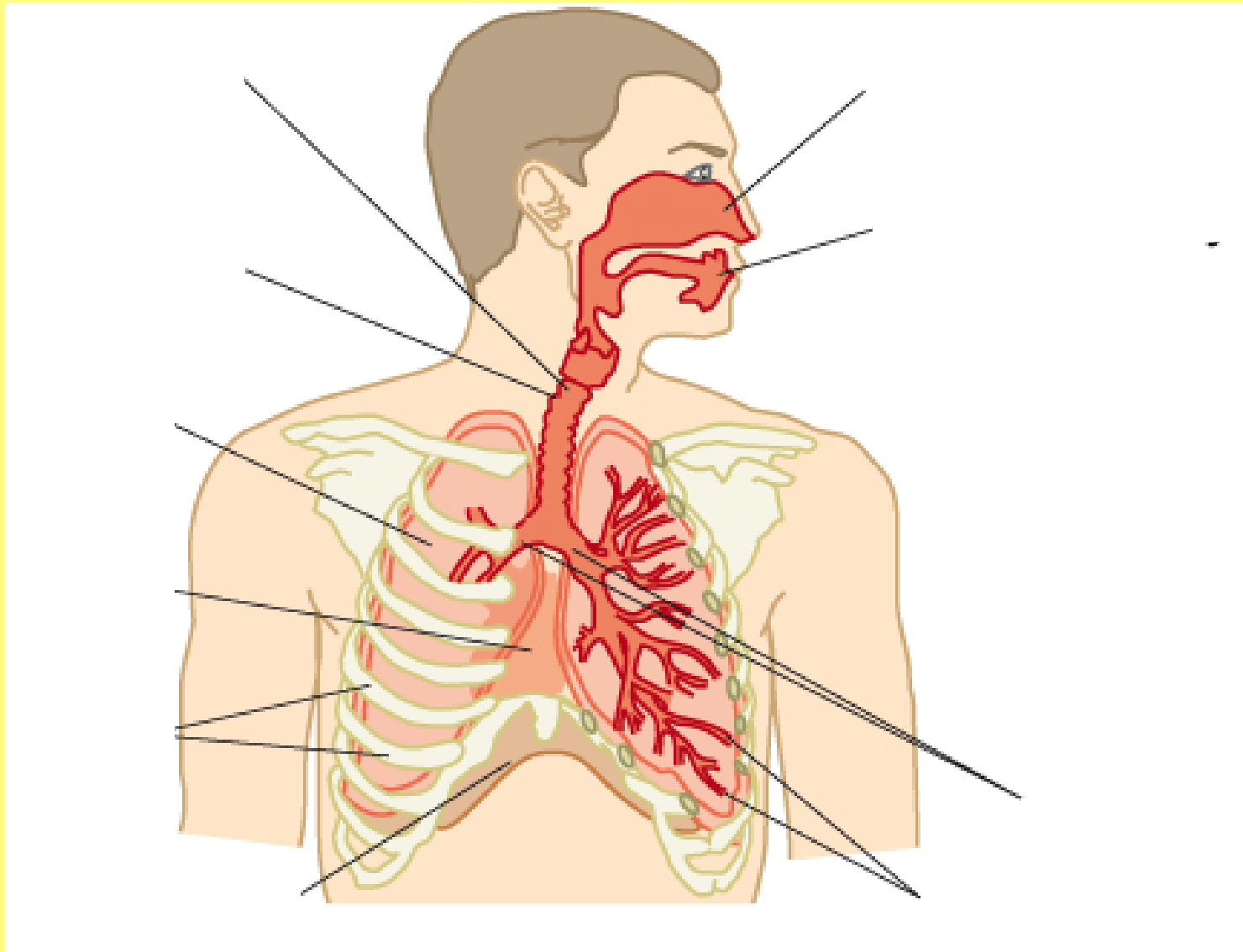
Learning Outcomes

You should be able to:

- Describe the features of an efficient exchange surface with reference to diffusion of oxygen and carbon dioxide across an alveolus.
- Describe the features of the mammalian lung that adapt it to efficient gas exchange.

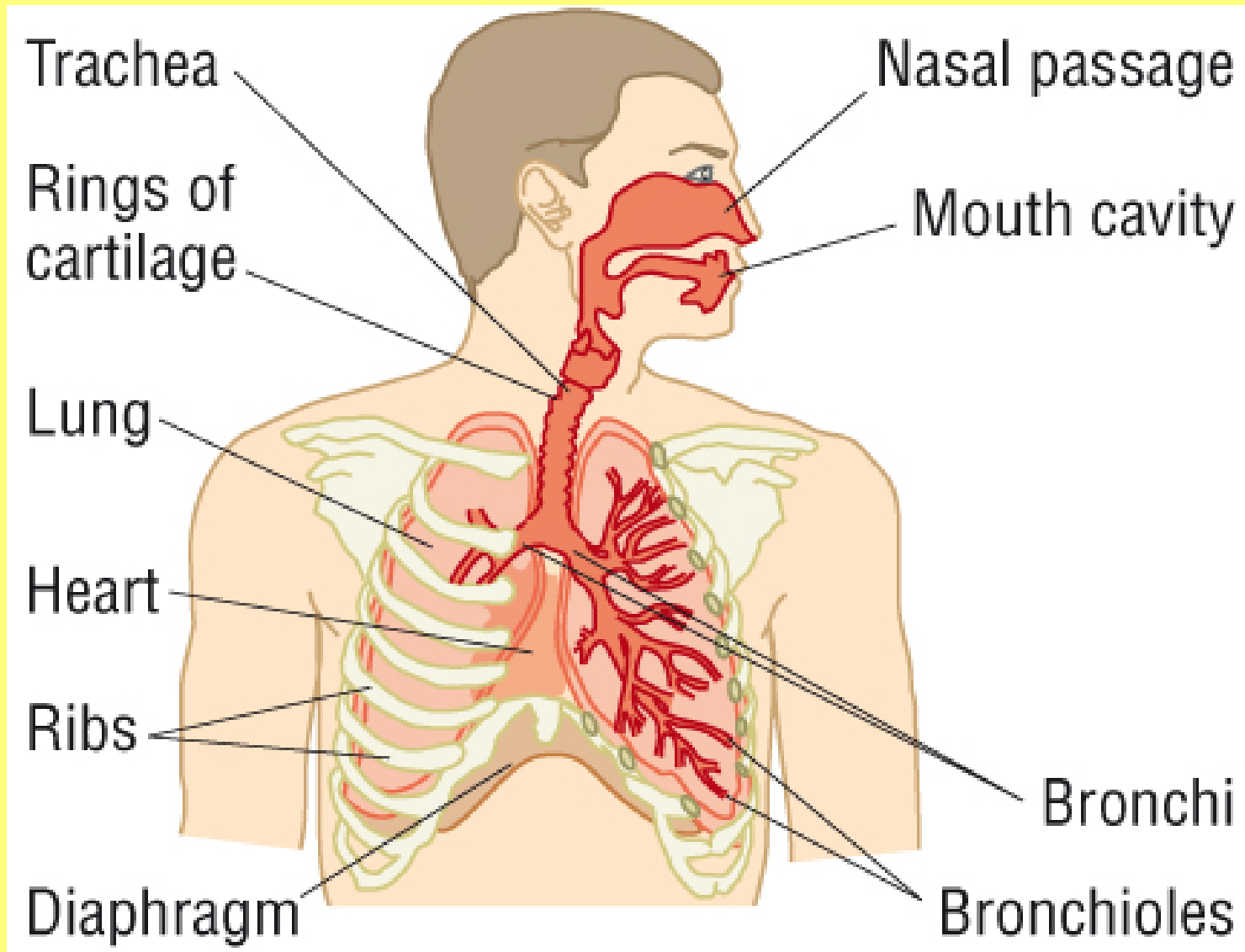
The Lungs and Associated Structures

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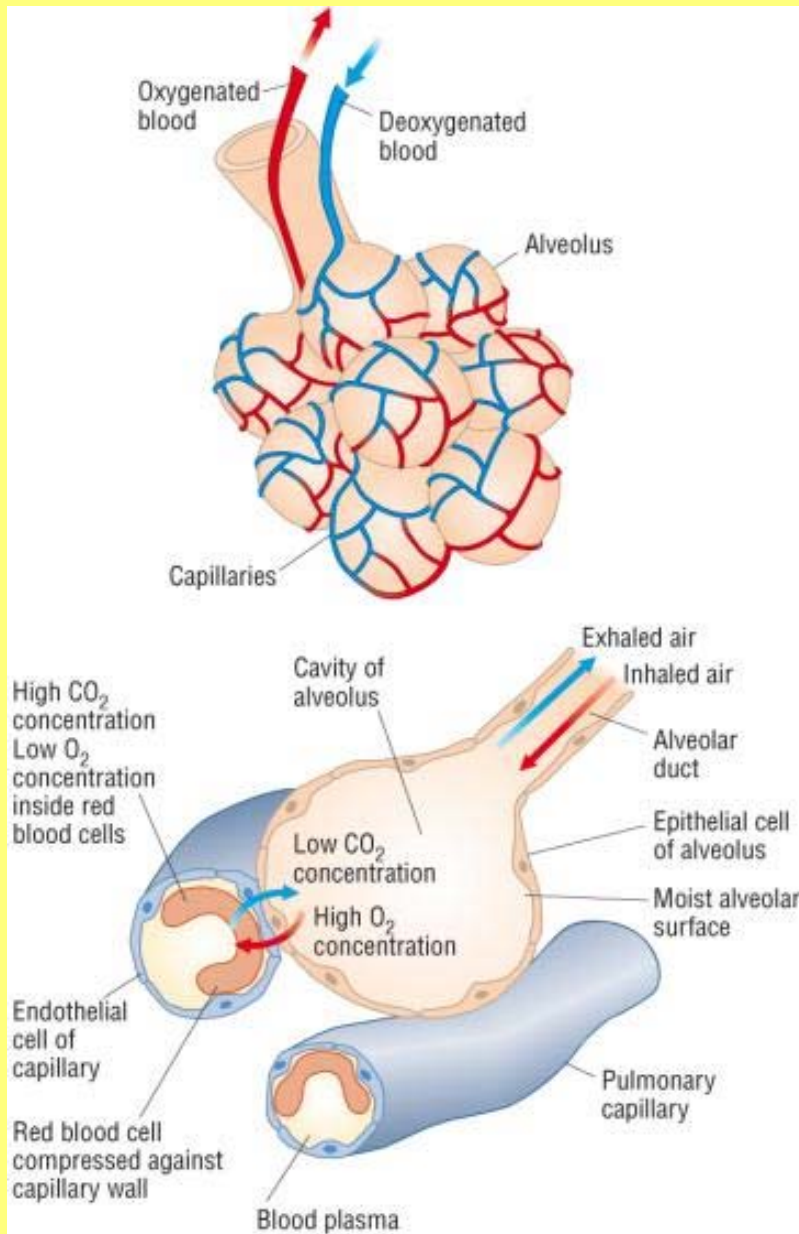


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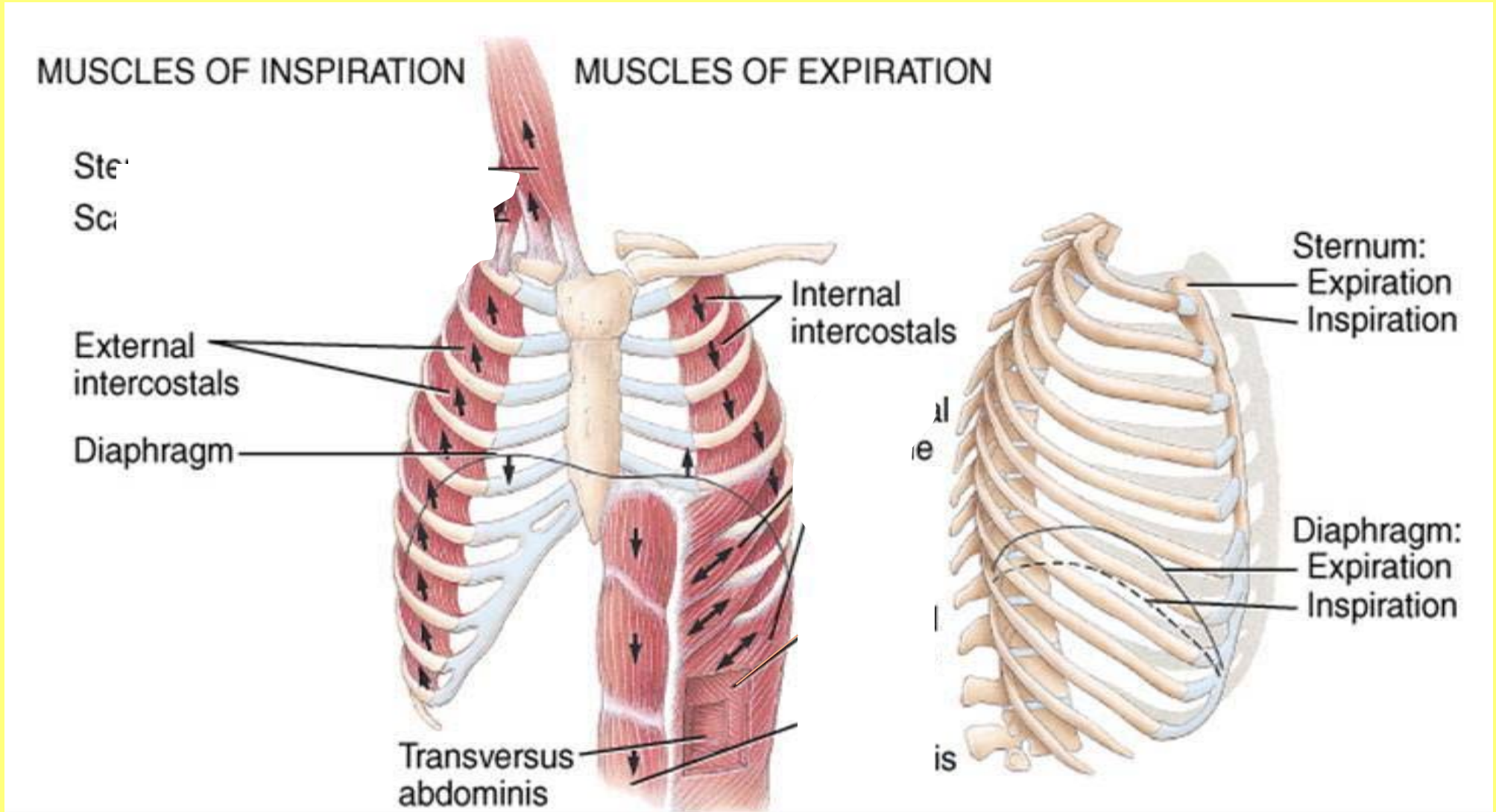


Features of the mammalian lung that enable efficient gas exchange



- Individual alveoli are only 100-300 micrometers across, very numerous (about 300-500 million) total surface area = approx 70 m²
- Alveoli walls are one cell thick, plasma membranes surround a very thin layer of cytoplasm.
- Capillary wall is only one cell thick
- Cells are squamous, flattened
- Capillaries in close contact with alveolus wall
- Capillaries very narrow so RBCs are squeezed close to the walls and so close to the air in the alveoli
- Total diffusion distance from inside alveolus to inside RBC is only about 1 micrometer
- Surfactant stops alveoli collapsing due to cohesion of water when air pressure is low
- Ventilation and blood transport maintains concentration gradients of oxygen and carbon dioxide for efficient gas exchange

Muscles involved in ventilation



Outline the mechanism of breathing (inspiration and expiration) in mammals, with reference to the function of the rib cage, intercostal muscles and diaphragm.

INHALING	EXHALING
Diaphragm to become and pushes digestive organs	Diaphragm and is pushed by displaced organs underneath
External intercostal muscles to ribs	External intercostal muscles and ribs
Volume of chest cavity	Volume of chest cavity
Pressure in chest cavity atmospheric pressure	Pressure in lungs and rises atmospheric pressure
Air moves lungs	Air moves lungs

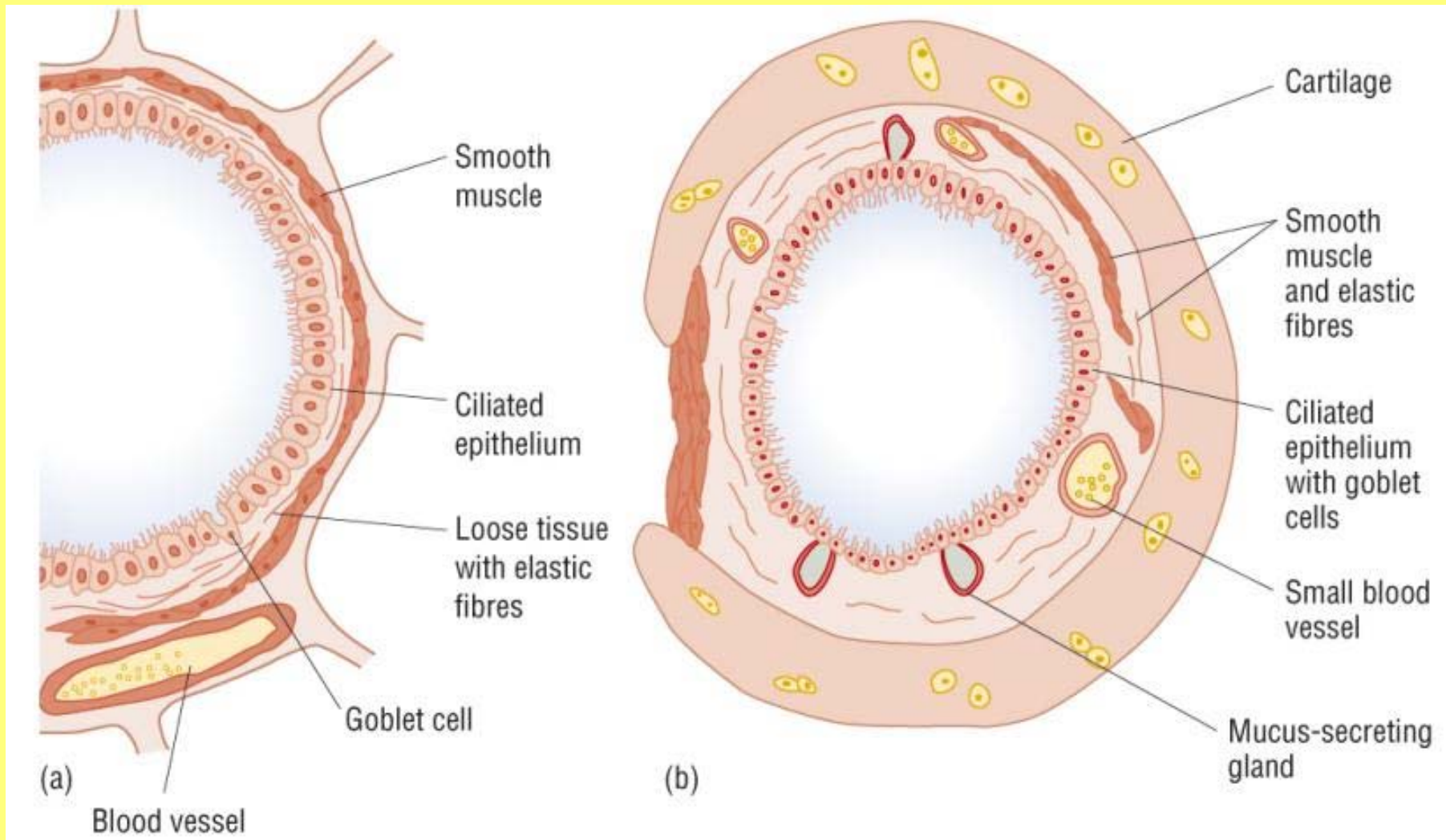
Remember to relate air movements to changes in **volume** of chest cavity and hence changes in **air pressure**.

Describe the distribution of cartilage, ciliated epithelium, goblet cells, smooth muscle and elastic fibres in the trachea, bronchi, bronchioles and alveoli of the mammalian gaseous exchange system.

	cartilage	Ciliated epithelium	Goblet cells	Smooth muscle	Elastic fibres
Trachea	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bronchi	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bronchioles	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Alveoli	N	N	N	N	Y

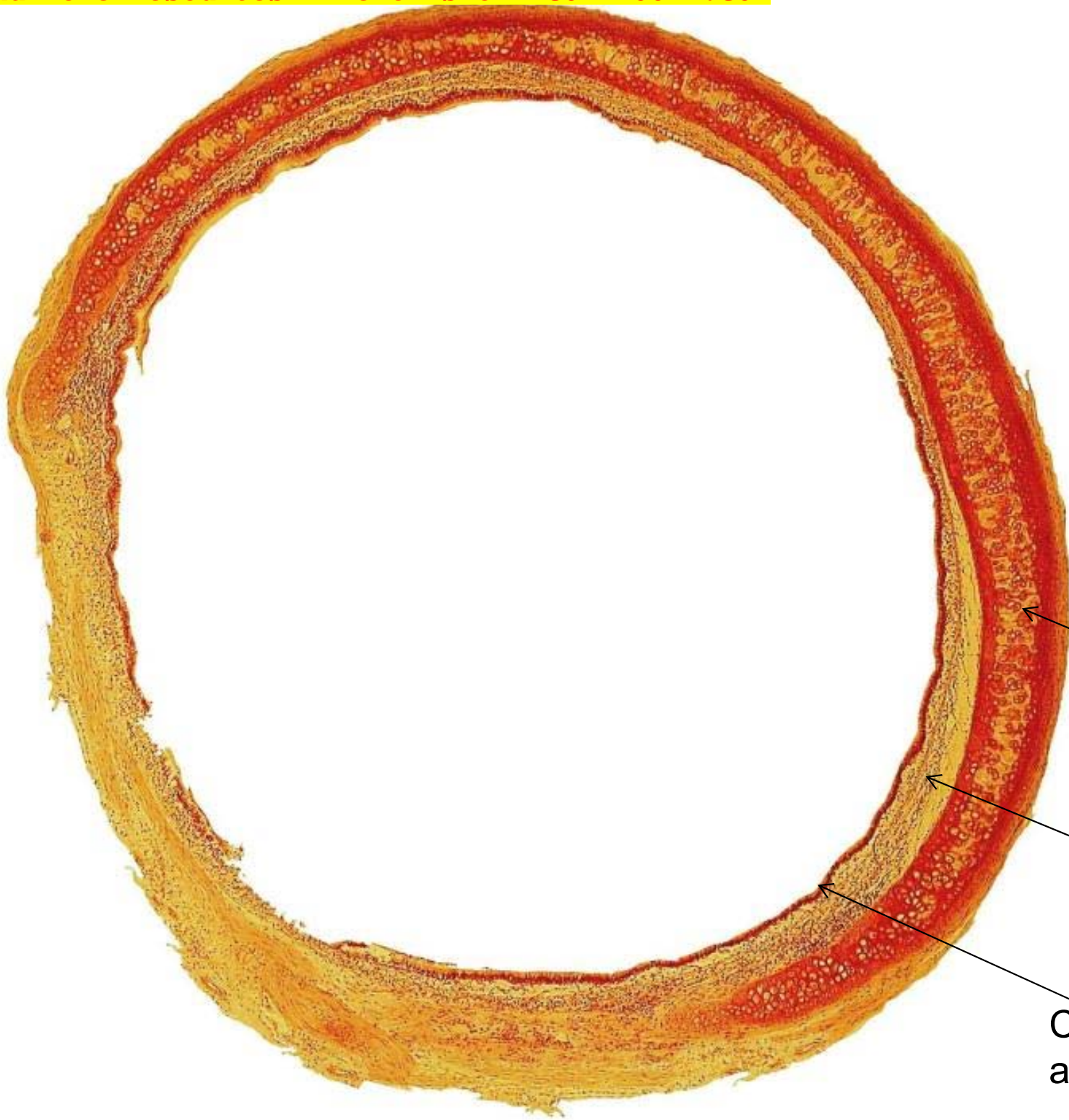
What is the role of each of these tissues? (What is the definition of a tissue?)
 Make notes in the table supplied using pages 48 and 49 of your text book
 NB the role of surfactant (not a tissue) on the internal surfaces of the alveoli

Bronchiole and Trachea in transverse section



Later in Unit 1 Module 1 with MSM you will be discussing the organisation of cells and tissues into organs. The trachea is a useful example to use.

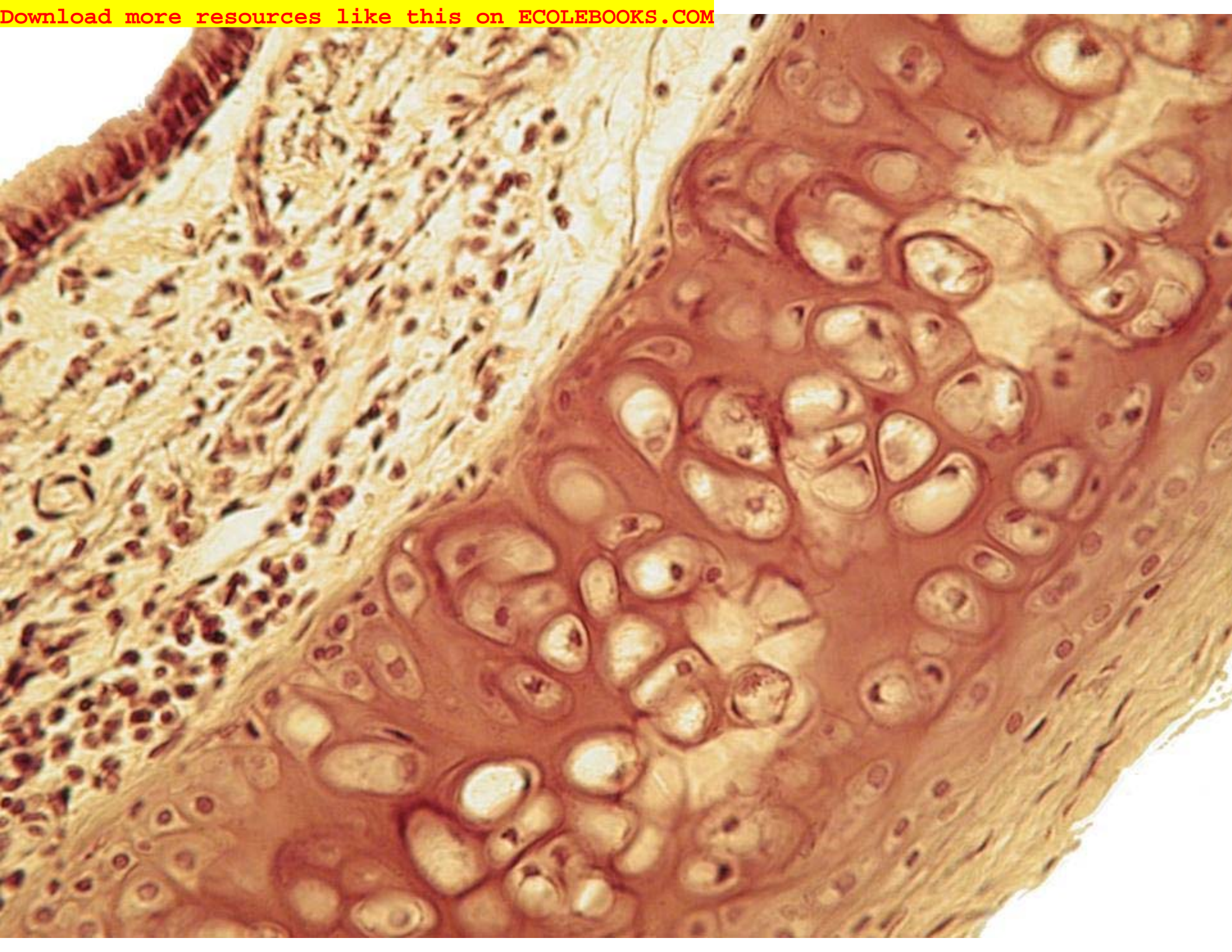
Several **different types of tissues made of specialised cells work together to form a functional unit** whose purpose is to deliver air to and remove air from the gas exchange surface of the alveoli

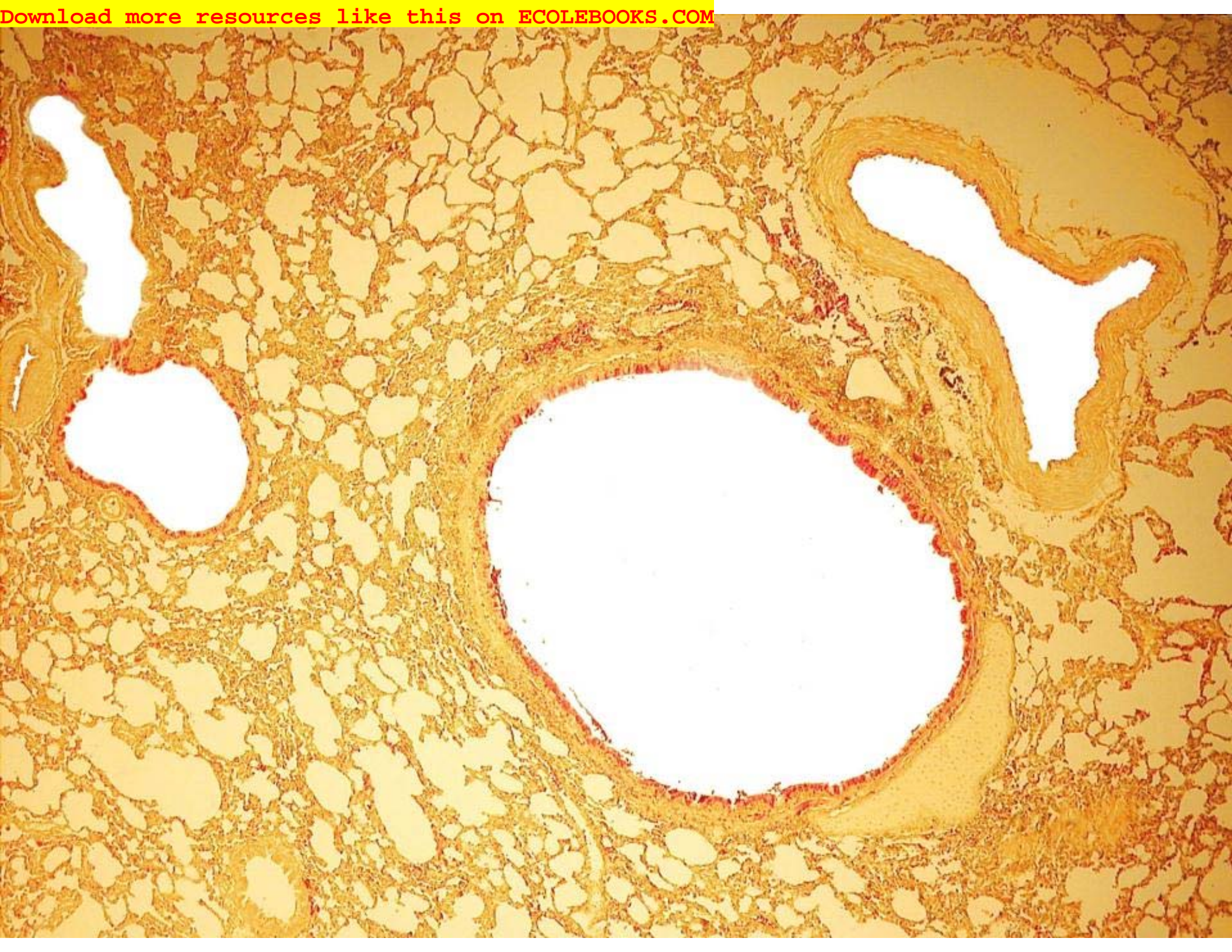


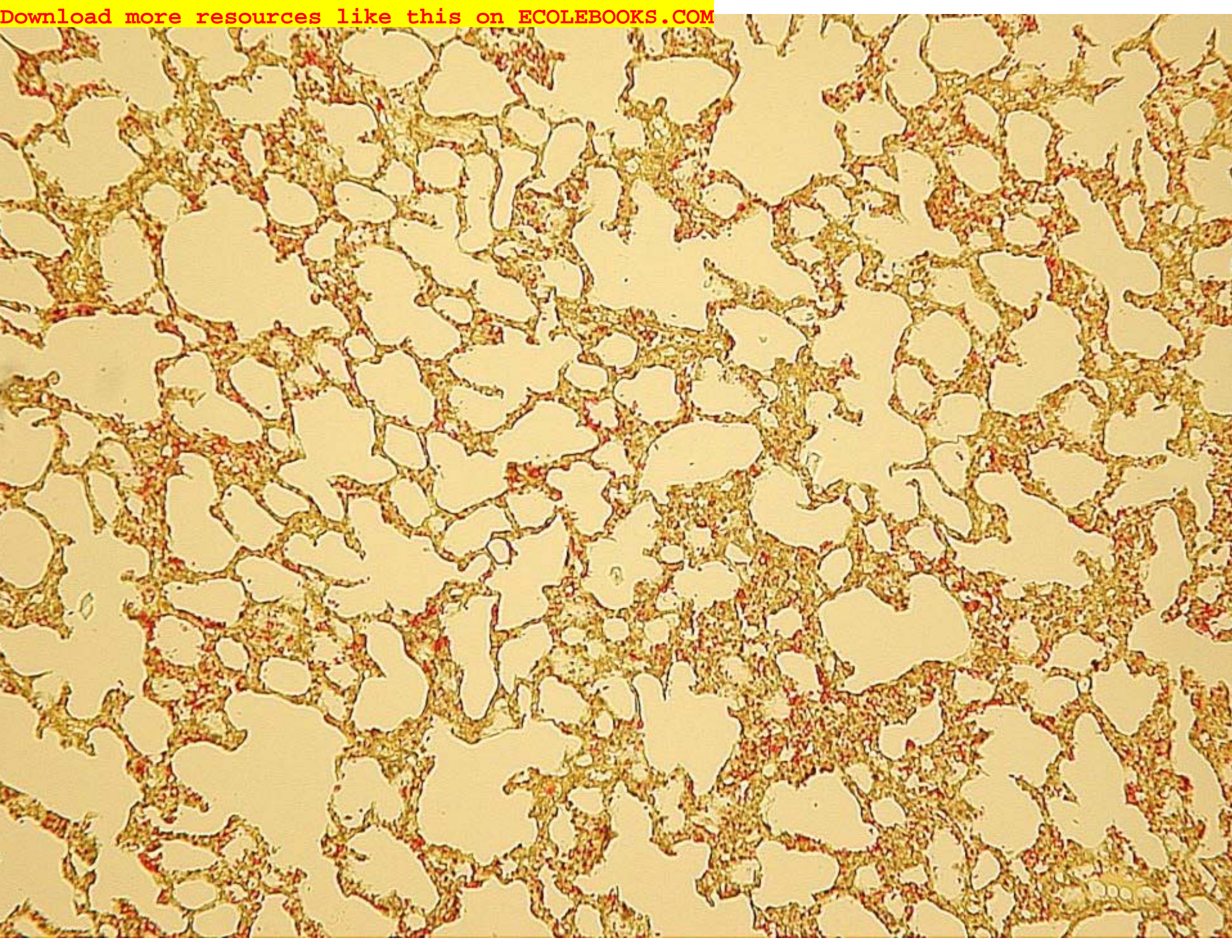
cartilage

Smooth muscle
And elastic fibres

Ciliated epithelium
and goblet cells







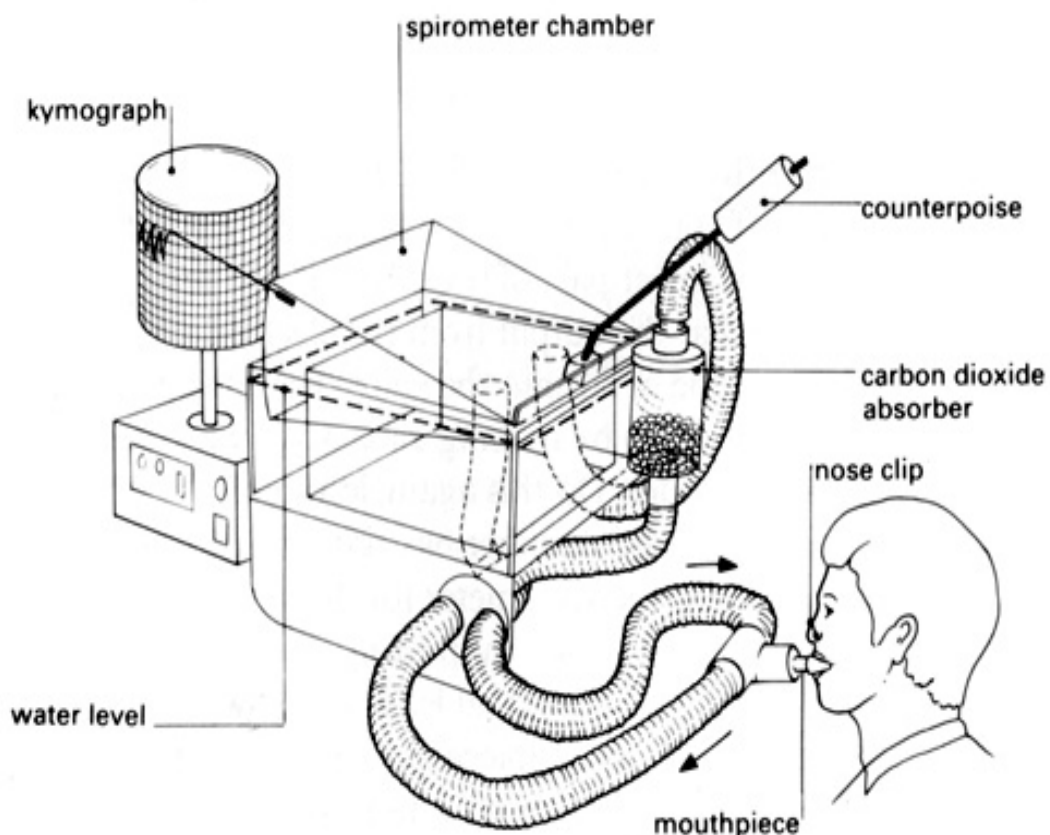
Measuring lung capacity

LEARNING OUTCOME :

Be able to explain the meanings of the terms *tidal volume* and *vital capacity*.

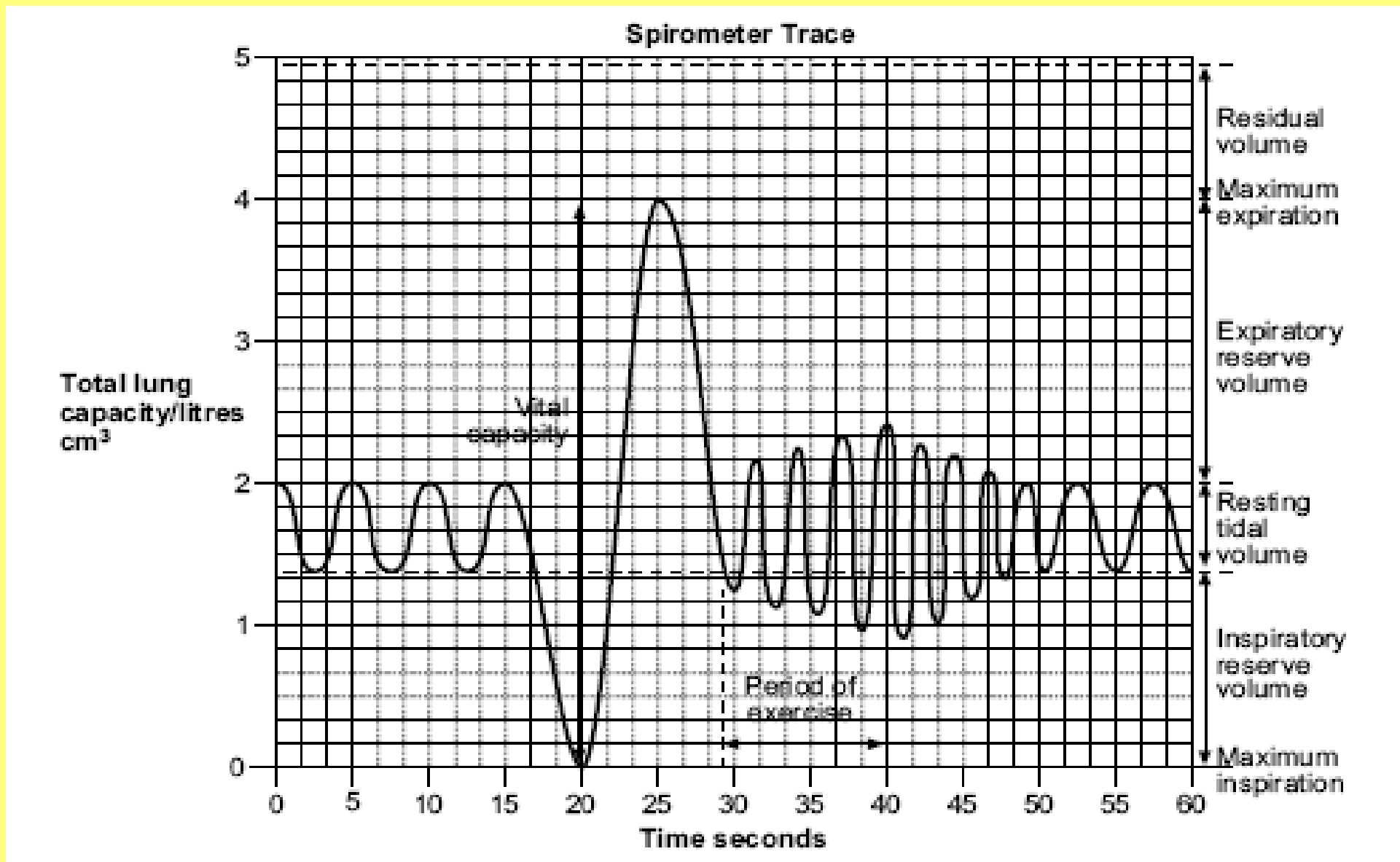
- **TIDAL VOLUME** : volume of air moved in and out of the lungs with each breath at rest. (Approx 0.5 dm^3)
Provides sufficient oxygen for body's resting needs and removes sufficient carbon dioxide to keep levels safe.
- **VITAL CAPACITY**: The largest volume of air that can be moved in or out of the lungs in one breath. (Approx 5 dm^3) varies with gender, size, age, exercise level, etc

Describe how a spirometer can be used to measure vital capacity, tidal volume, breathing rate and oxygen uptake.



- Chamber filled with oxygen floats on water
- Wear nose clip to ensure gas exhaled goes back into tank not to atmosphere
- Breath in, chamber goes down
- Breath out chamber goes up
- Movements of chamber recorded on kymograph or datalogger
- Soda lime absorbs CO₂ produced and exhaled
- Total volume in tank decreases over time as O₂ used up and CO₂ absorbed, so trace falls over time.

Analyse and interpret data from a spirometer.



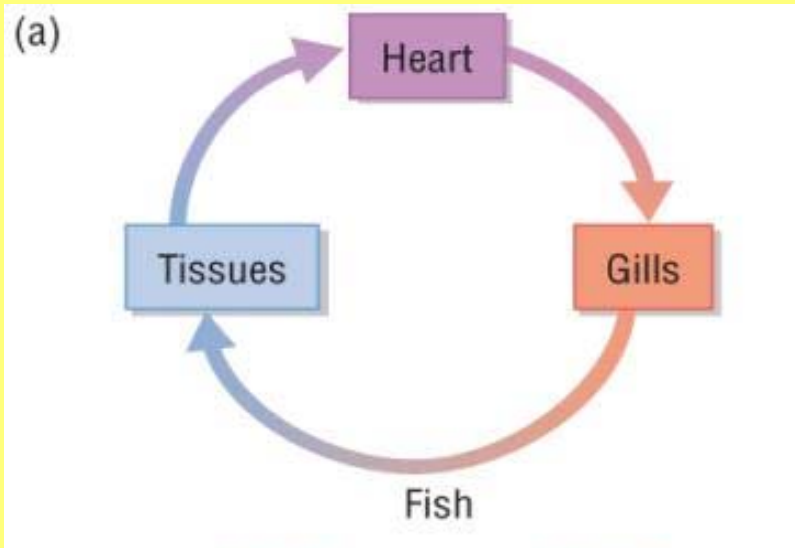
LO: explain the need for transport systems in multicellular animals in terms of size, activity and surface area to volume ratio

- All cells need energy, where do they get it from?
- How is the energy released?
- How do the food molecules and oxygen get to the cells in simple organisms and complex organisms?
- How does the organism's activity level influence how fast the food molecules and oxygen have to get to the cells?
- Does the fact that some organisms are ectothermic (cold blooded) and some are endothermic (warm blooded) affect how fast these molecules need to be supplied to cells?

What are the features of an **efficient** oxygen and nutrient molecule transport system?

- A fluid medium to carry molecules
- A pump to push the fluid round
- Exchange surfaces for oxygen and nutrients to enter and leave the blood
- Vessels to carry the fluid medium round the organism
- Separate circuits to pick up oxygen from the environment and deliver it to the cells.

Explain the meaning of the terms single and double circulation with reference to the systems of fish and mammals

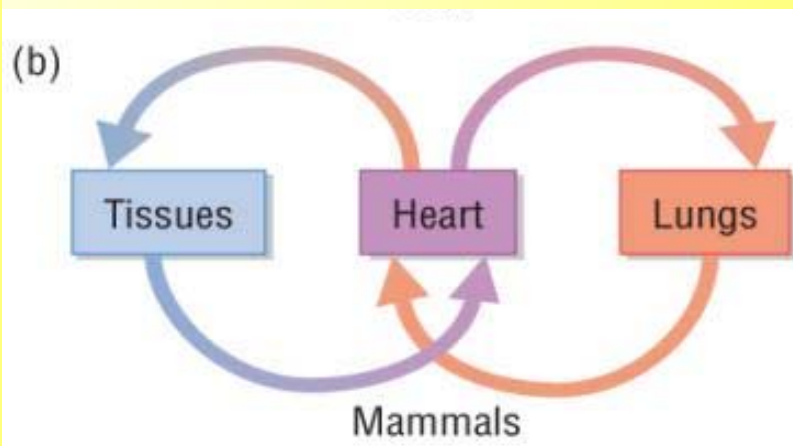


Fish have a single circulation system. Blood flows from the heart to the gills and then on to the body before returning to the heart

- What are the disadvantages of this system?
- Heart cannot pump at high pressure
- Reduced blood pressure in capillaries of gills to reduce chance of damage
- Slow rate of flow in rest of body
- Limited rate of delivery of oxygen and glucose to tissues

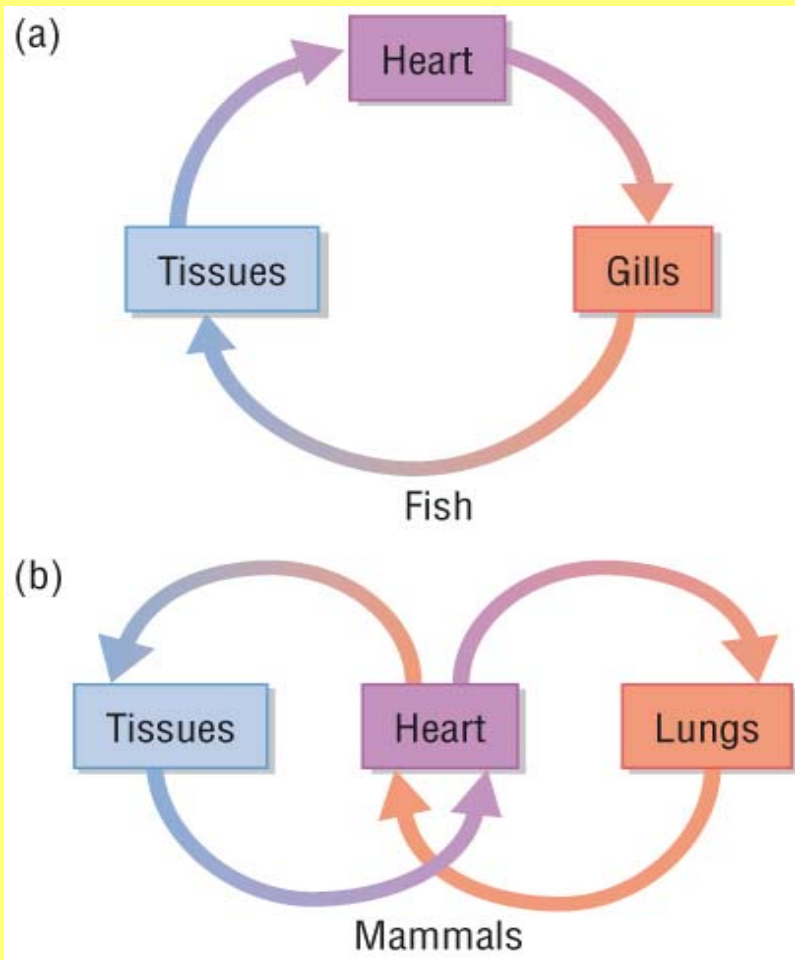
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Mammals have double circulatory systems. One circuit (pulmonary) takes blood from the heart to the lungs and back, the other (systemic) takes blood from heart to body tissues and back.



- What are the advantages of the mammalian system?
- Heart can increase blood pressure after blood passes through lungs
- Increased speed of delivery
- Increased blood pressure in systemic system, oxygen and glucose get to tissues quickly
- Lower blood pressure in pulmonary system decreases the chance of damaging capillaries in the lungs

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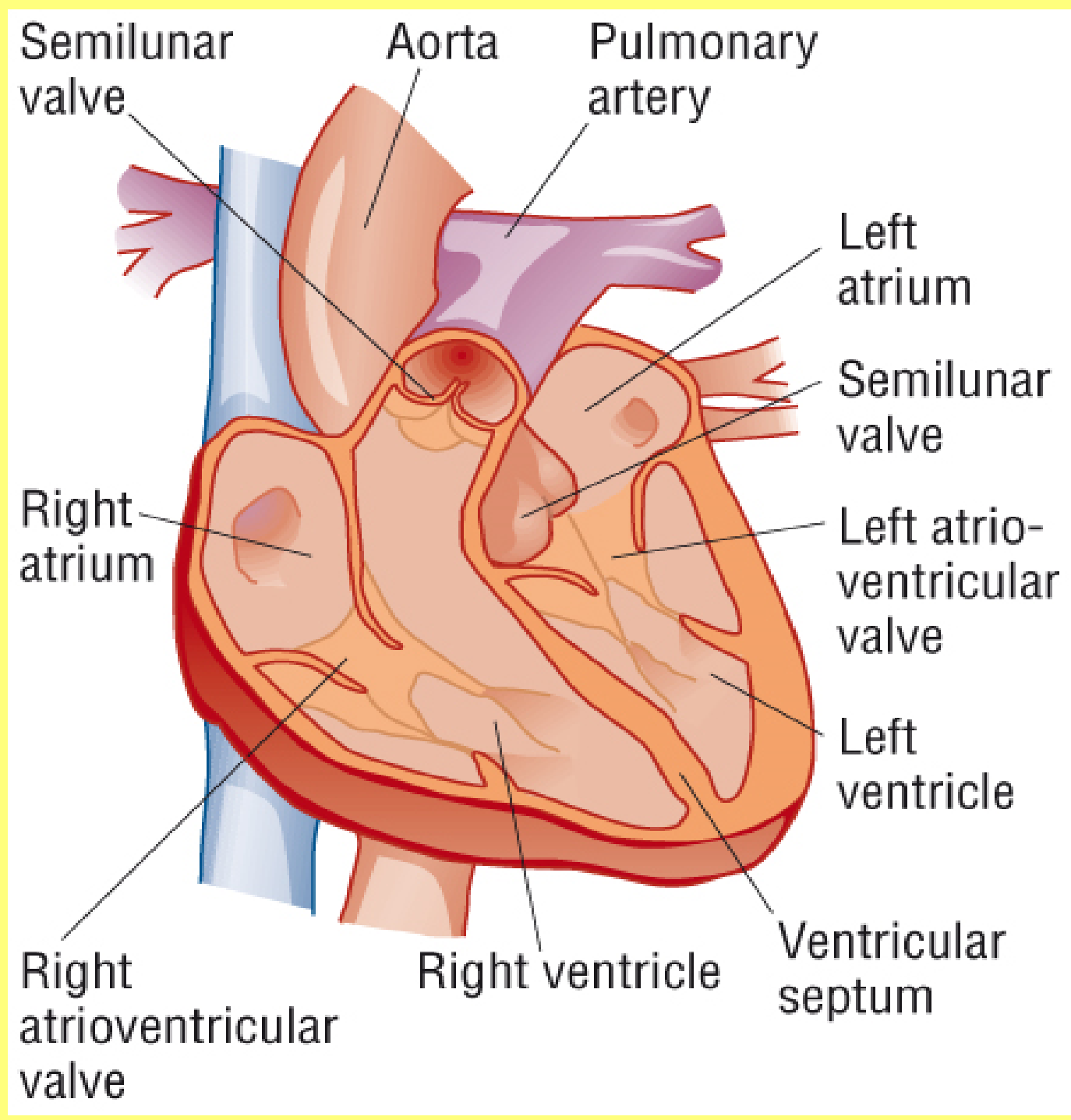
- To see how the heart and circulatory systems have evolved go to:
- http://mhhe.com/biosci/genbio/biolink/j_explorations/jhbch05.htm

Learning outcomes

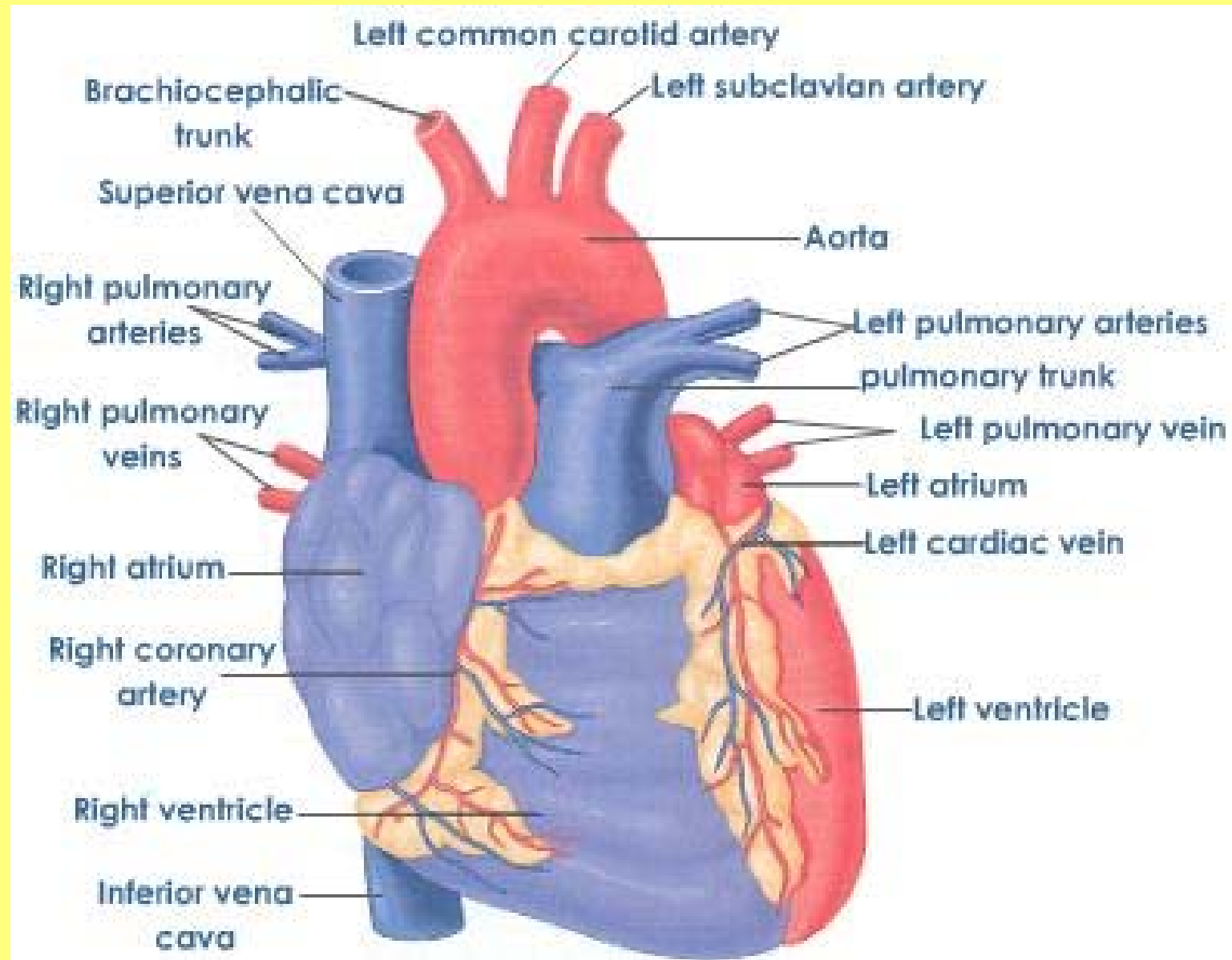
- Describe the external and internal structure of the mammalian heart.
- Explain the differences in thickness of the walls of the different chambers of the heart in terms of their functions.

Heart diagrams

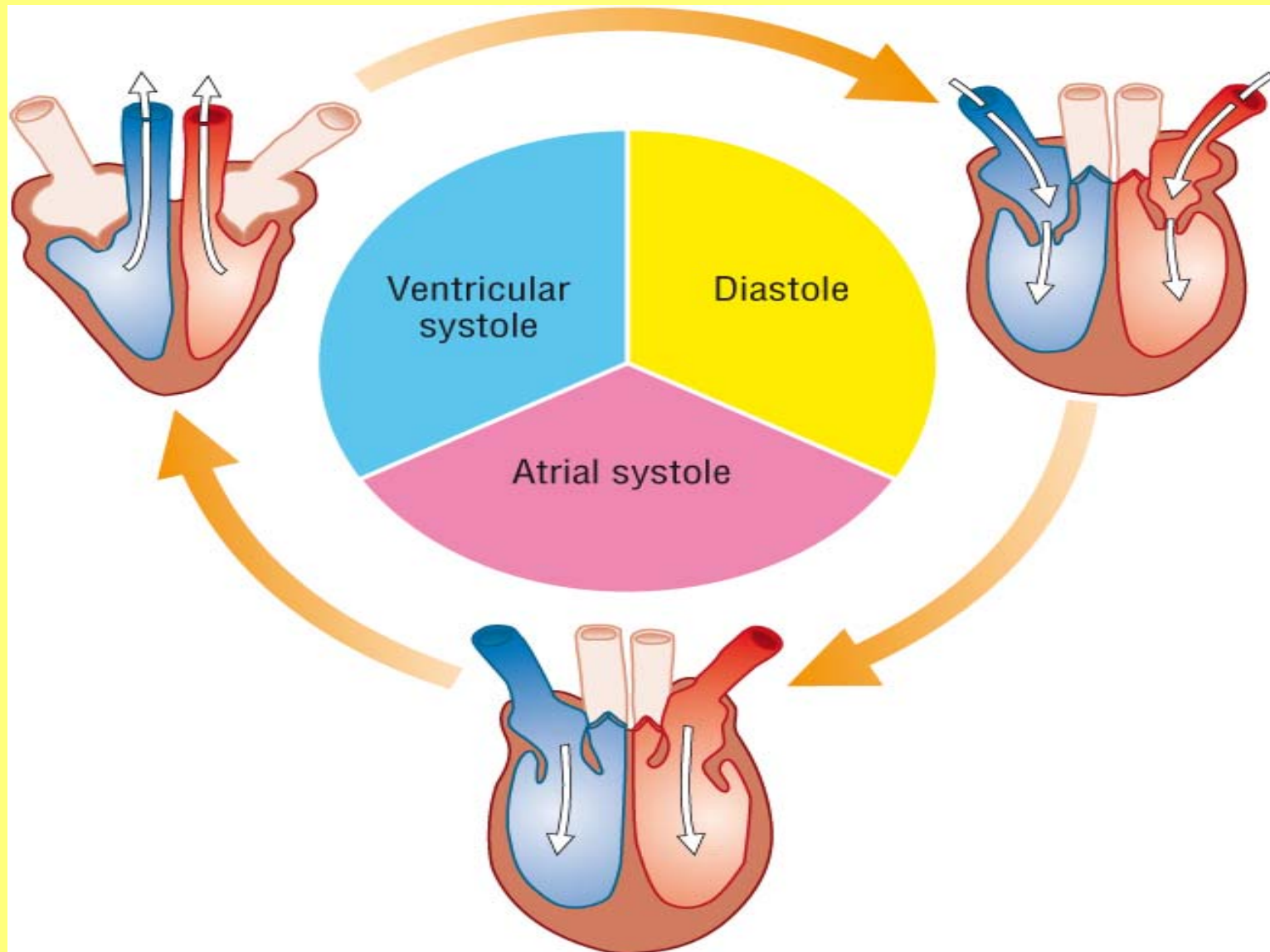
- Label as much as you can on the diagram using the labels on the sheet supplied.



External view of Heart

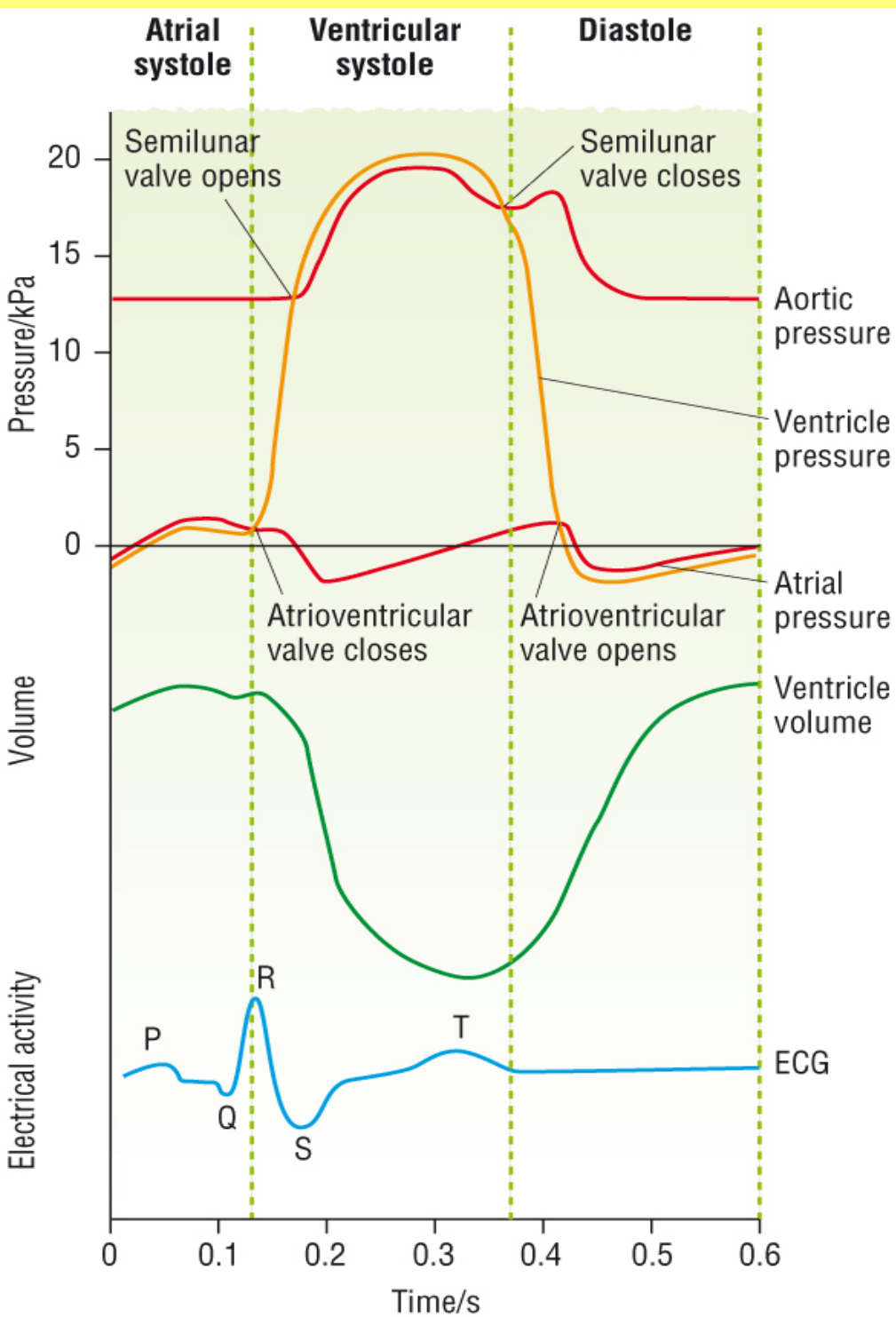


Describe the cardiac cycle with reference to the action of the valves in the heart.



For animation of the cardiac cycle and explanation of the changes in pressure that take place

- http://library.med.utah.edu/kw/pharm/hyper_heart1.html



Be able to link changes in pressure and volume shown on the graph with the stages of the cardiac cycle.

Control of the Cardiac cycle

Read text book pages 58-59

Make notes on the meaning of:

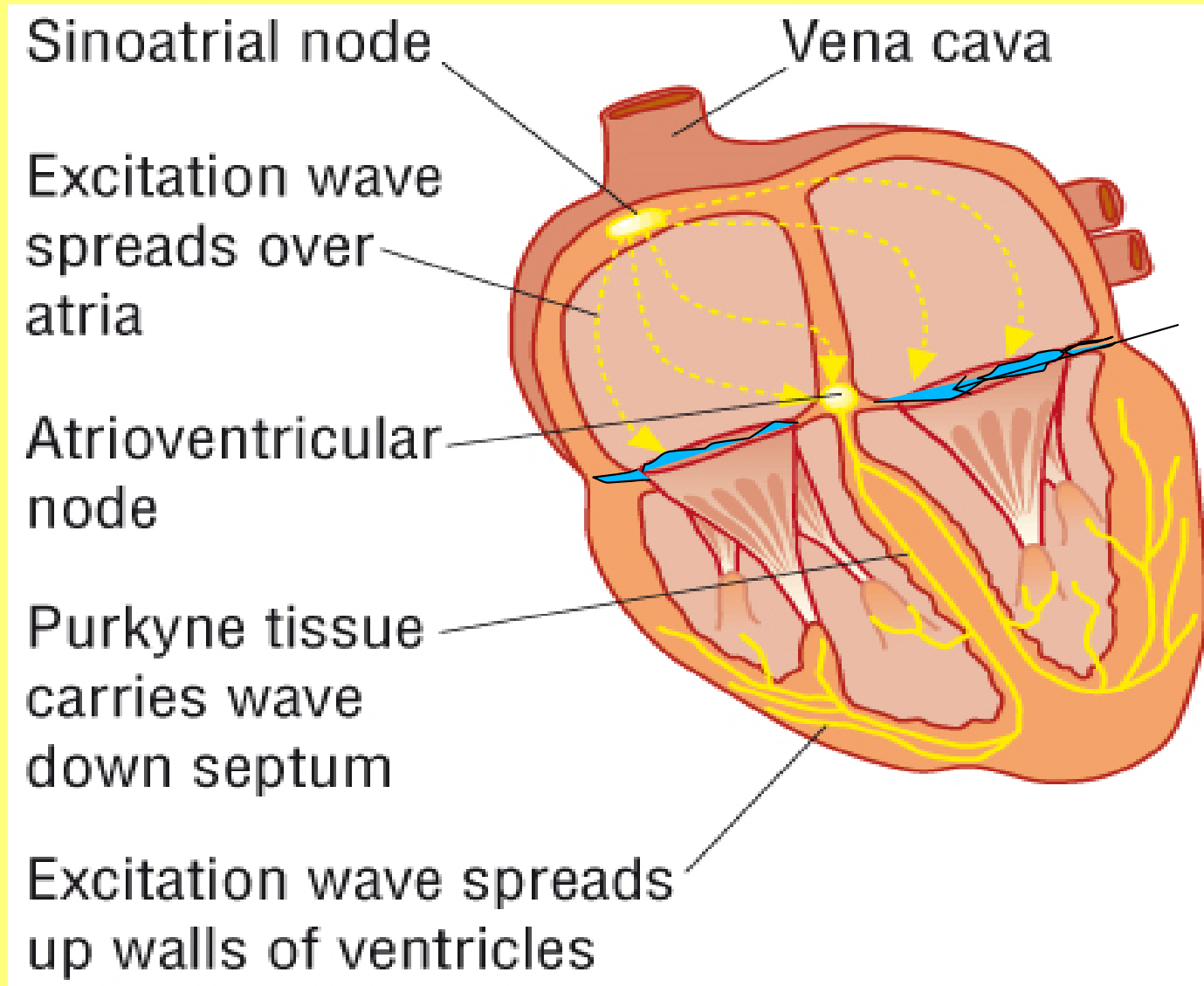
Myogenic

Sinoatrial node

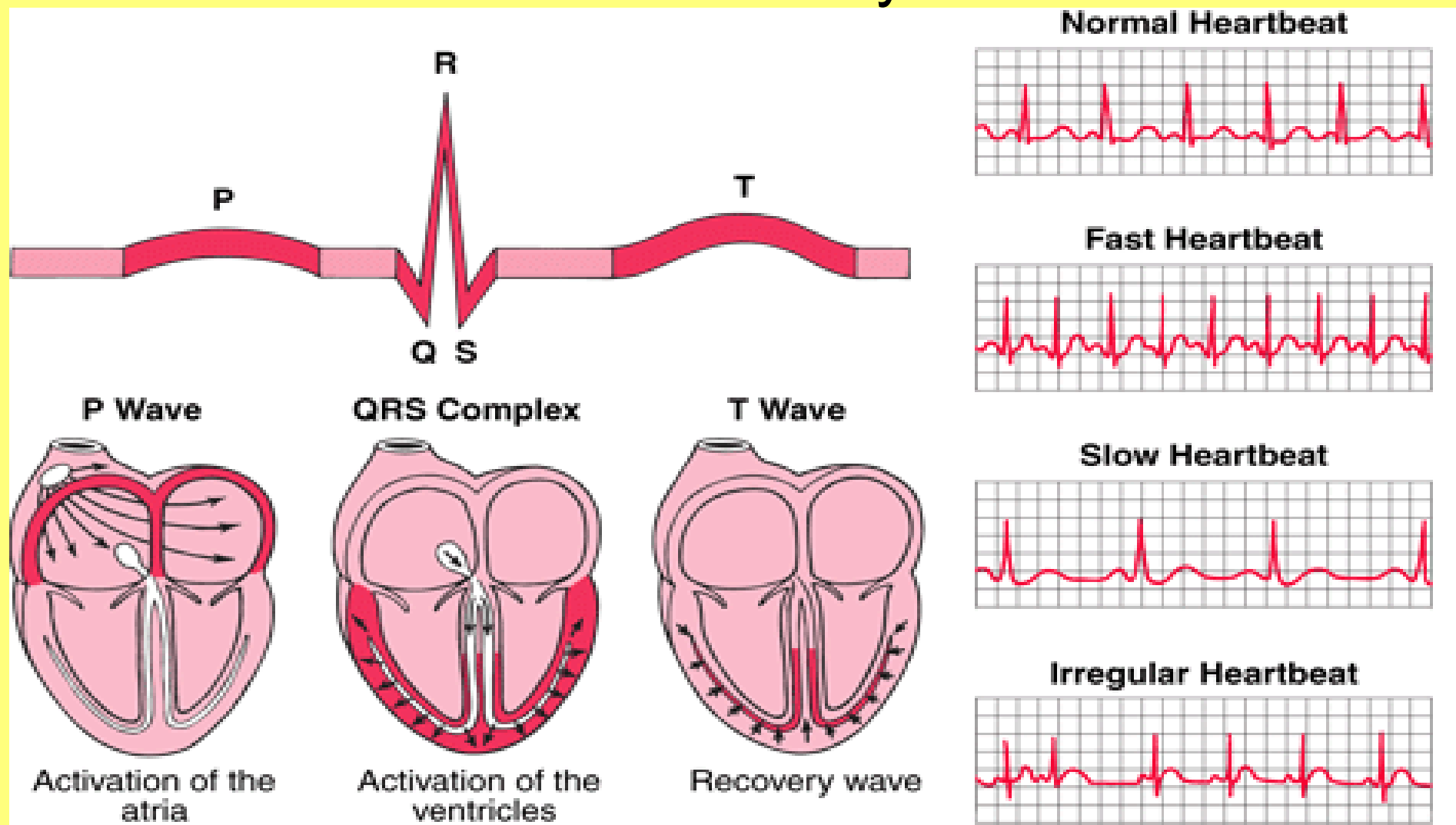
Atrioventricular node

Purkyne (Purkinje) tissue

Control of the cardiac cycle



Interpret and explain electrocardiogram (ECG) traces with reference to normal and abnormal heart activity.



ECG interpretation

- P-R interval (usually 0.12 to 0.2 secs) greater than 0.2 secs means a delay in the transmission of the excitation wave to the ventricles due to damage to the AV node or Purkinje tissue
- QRS complex is usually 0.06 to 0.1 sec in duration, if longer it indicates problems with the conduction of the excitation wave across the ventricles.
- Small unclear P waves indicate atrial fibrillation due to damage to the SAN, this means that the ventricles are not filled during atrial systole, so ventricle contraction doesn't expel the normal amount of blood.
- No regular PQRS pattern discernible indicates fibrillation of the atria and ventricles, uncoordinated weak contractions of the chambers so that blood is not pumped out of the heart effectively.
- Deep S waves indicate an increase in ventricle thickness due to increase in blood pressure.

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A normal ECG



Elevation of the ST section indicates heart attack



Small and unclear P wave indicates atrial fibrillation



Deep S wave indicates ventricular hypertrophy (increase in muscle thickness)

- P shows atrial excitation just prior to atrial systole
- QRS shows ventricle excitation that causes ventricular systole
- T shows repolarisation of the heart muscle during diastole
- Top ECG normal
- Any changes to the shape and length of each section of the trace can indicate heart abnormalities
- Raised ST section indicates heart attack, no ion pumps working to repolarise cells
- Fibrillation is unco-ordinated contraction of either / or / both atria and ventricles
- Hypertrophy: extra muscle growth to overcome increased blood pressure due to blockages in blood vessels