

# Chapter 35

## Plant Structure, Growth, and Development

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# Overview: Plastic Plants?

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- To some people, the fanwort is an intrusive weed, but to others it is an attractive aquarium plant
- This plant exhibits *developmental plasticity*, the ability to alter itself in response to its environment

Fig. 35-1



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- Developmental plasticity is more marked in plants than in animals
  - In addition to plasticity, plant species have by natural selection accumulated characteristics of **morphology** that vary little within the species

## Concept 35.1: The plant body has a hierarchy of organs, tissues, and cells

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- Plants, like multicellular animals, have **organs** composed of different **tissues**, which in turn are composed of cells

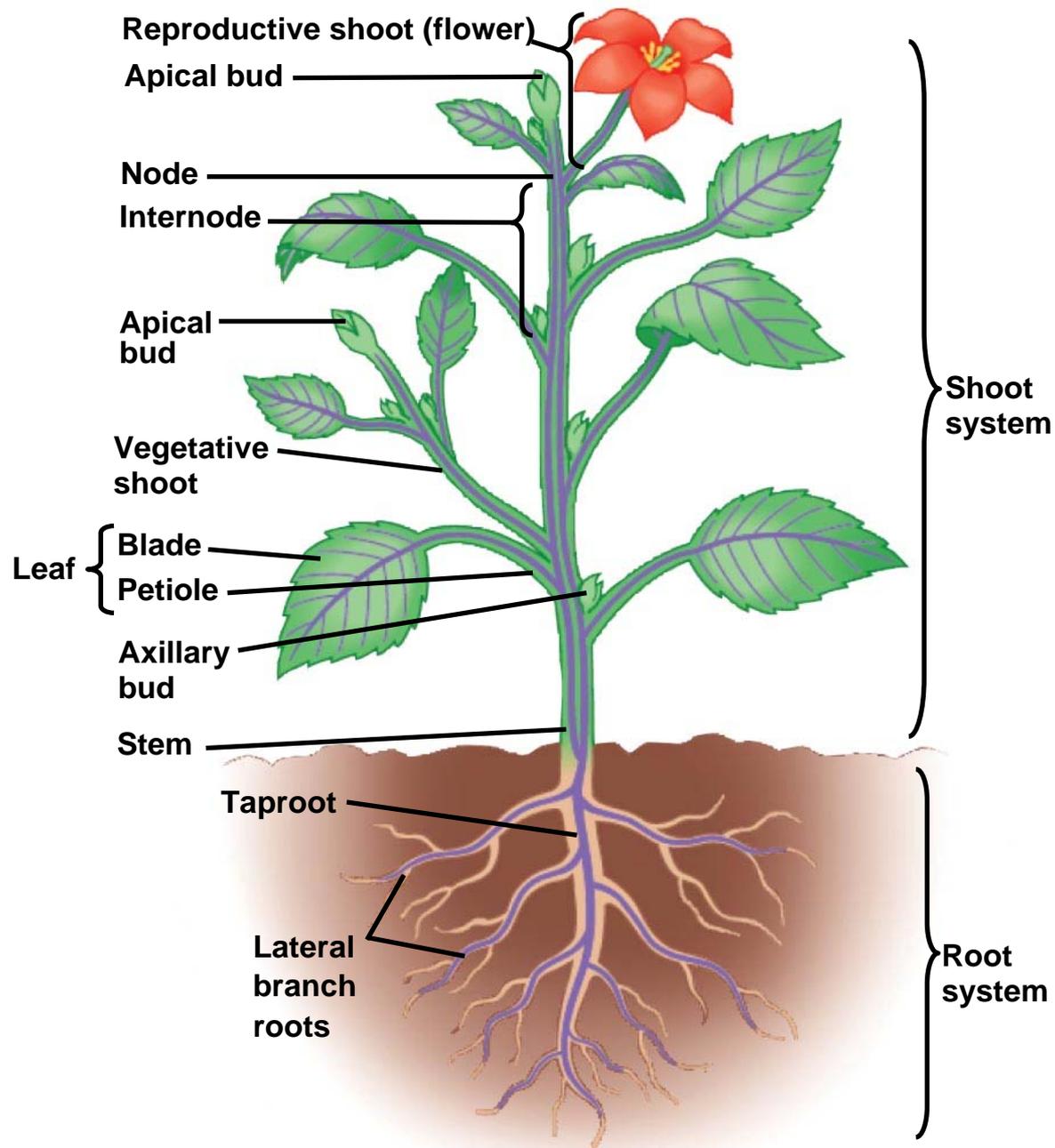
# The Three Basic Plant Organs: Roots, Stems, and Leaves

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- Basic morphology of vascular plants reflects their evolution as organisms that draw nutrients from below ground and above ground

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- Three basic organs evolved: roots, stems, and leaves
  - They are organized into a **root system** and a **shoot system**
  - Roots rely on sugar produced by photosynthesis in the shoot system, and shoots rely on water and minerals absorbed by the root system

Fig. 35-2



# *Roots*

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- **Roots** are multicellular organs with important functions:
  - Anchoring the plant
  - Absorbing minerals and water
  - Storing organic nutrients

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- A **taproot** system consists of one main vertical root that gives rise to **lateral roots**, or branch roots
  - Adventitious roots arise from stems or leaves
  - Seedless vascular plants and monocots have a fibrous root system characterized by thin lateral roots with no main root

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- In most plants, absorption of water and minerals occurs near the **root hairs**, where vast numbers of tiny root hairs increase the surface area

Fig. 35-3



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- Many plants have modified roots



◀ Prop roots

▶ Storage roots



▲ Pneumatophores



◀ "Strangling" aerial roots

▼ Buttress roots

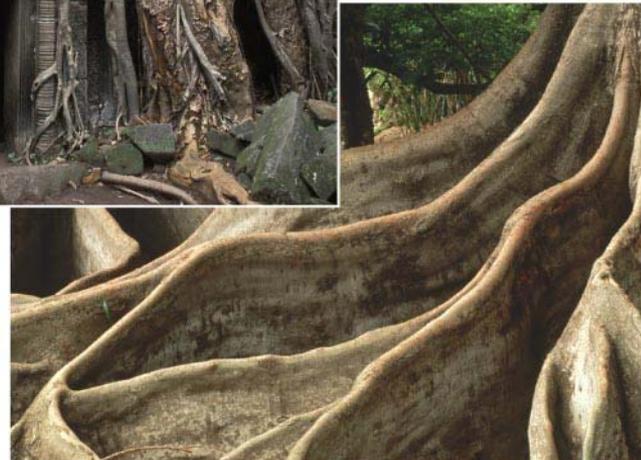


Fig. 35-4a



## Prop roots

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## Storage roots

Fig. 35-4c



**“Strangling” aerial roots**

Fig. 35-4d



## Pneumatophores

Fig. 35-4e



## Buttress roots

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# *Stems*

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- A **stem** is an organ consisting of
  - An alternating system of **nodes**, the points at which leaves are attached
  - **Internodes**, the stem segments between nodes

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- An **axillary bud** is a structure that has the potential to form a lateral shoot, or branch
  - An **apical bud**, or terminal bud, is located near the shoot tip and causes elongation of a young shoot
  - **Apical dominance** helps to maintain dormancy in most nonapical buds

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- Many plants have modified stems

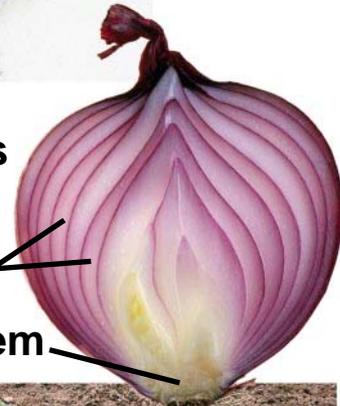
▼ Rhizomes



▶ Bulbs

Storage leaves

Stem



▶ Stolons

Stolon



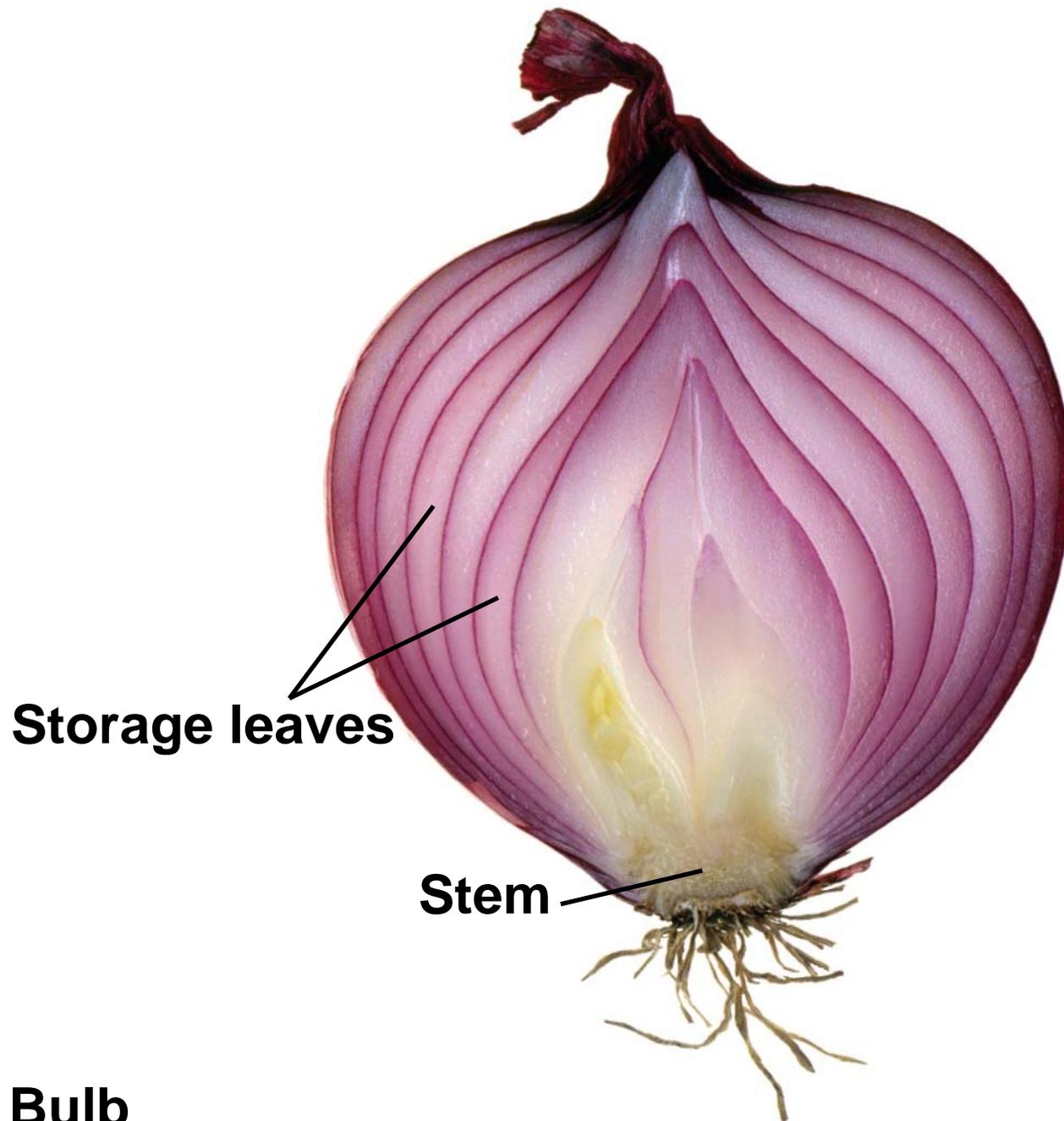
◀ Tubers



## Rhizomes

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Fig. 35-5b



**Storage leaves**

**Stem**

**Bulb**

Fig. 35-5c



Stolon

## Stolons

Fig. 35-5d



# Tubers

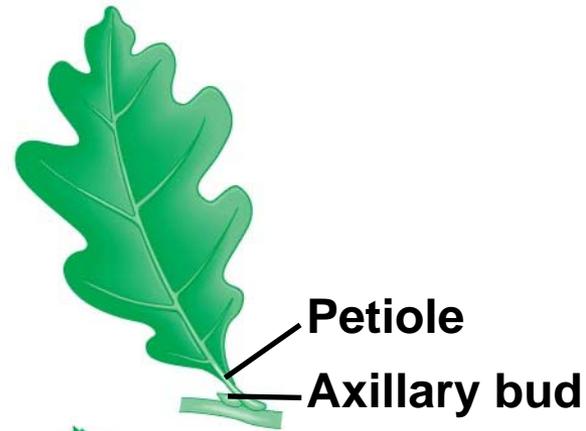
# *Leaves*

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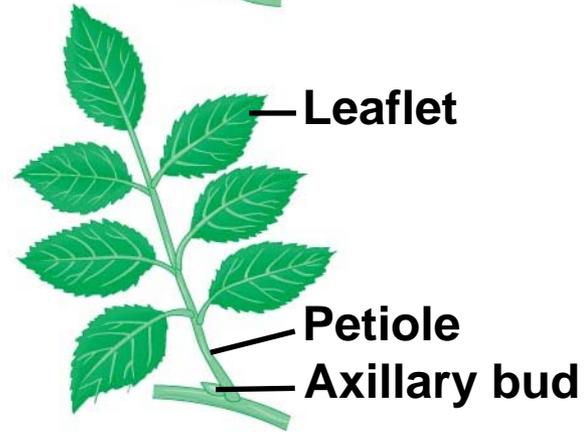
- The **leaf** is the main photosynthetic organ of most vascular plants
- Leaves generally consist of a flattened **blade** and a stalk called the **petiole**, which joins the leaf to a node of the stem

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- Monocots and eudicots differ in the arrangement of **veins**, the vascular tissue of leaves
    - Most monocots have parallel veins
    - Most eudicots have branching veins
  - In classifying angiosperms, taxonomists may use leaf morphology as a criterion

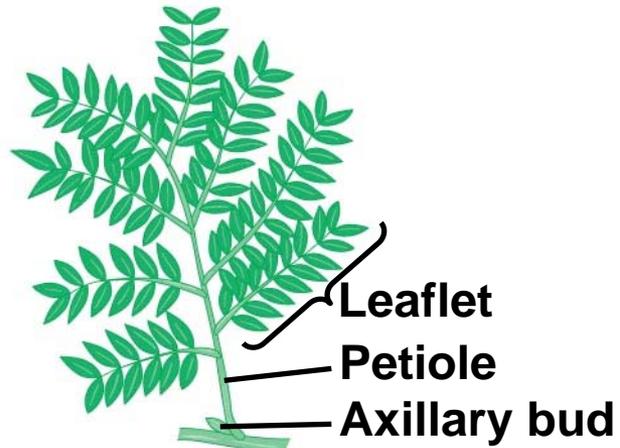
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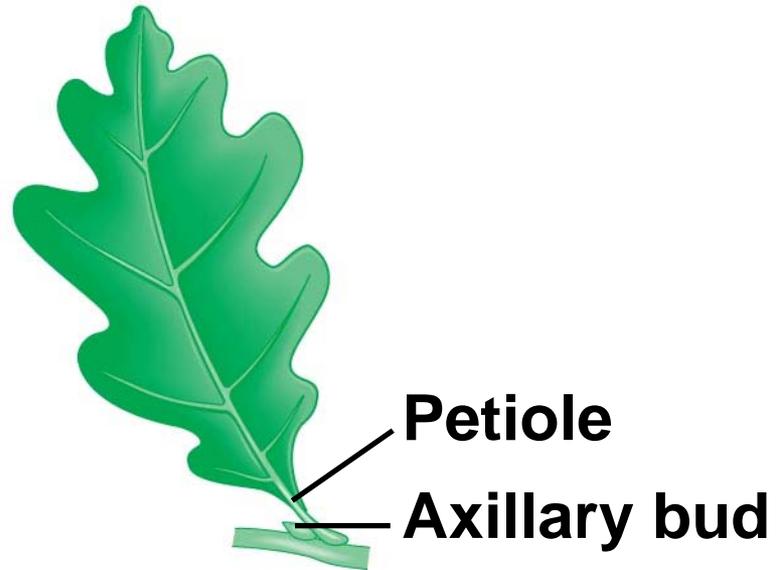
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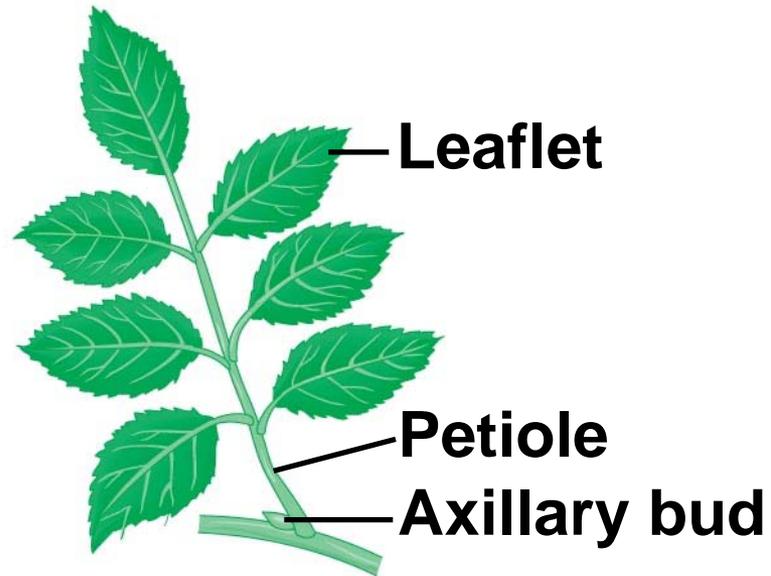
**(c) Doubly compound leaf**



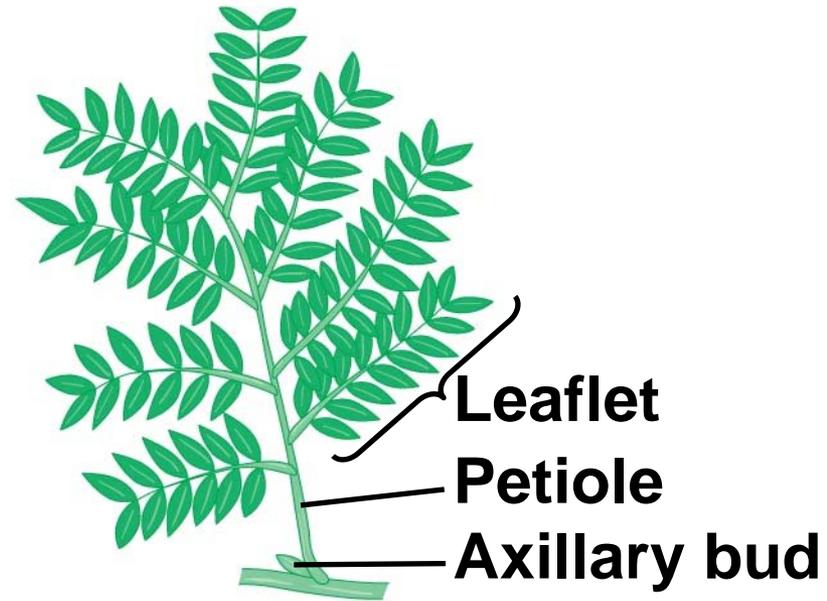
**(a) Simple leaf**



**(b) Compound  
leaf**



**(c) Doubly  
compound  
leaf**



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- Some plant species have evolved modified leaves that serve various functions

▶ **Tendrils**



◀ **Spines**



◀ **Storage leaves**



▶ **Reproductive leaves**



▶ **Bracts**



Fig. 35-7a



## Tendrils

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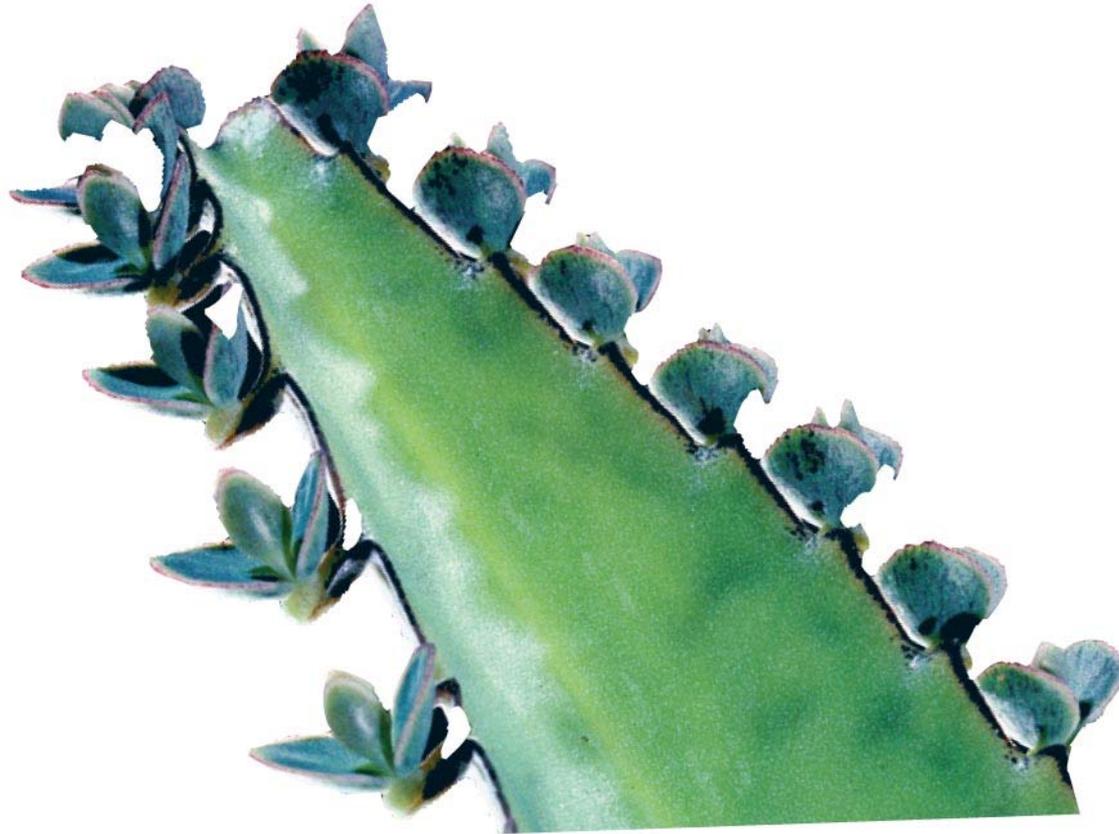


## Spines



## Storage leaves

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## Reproductive leaves

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## Bracts

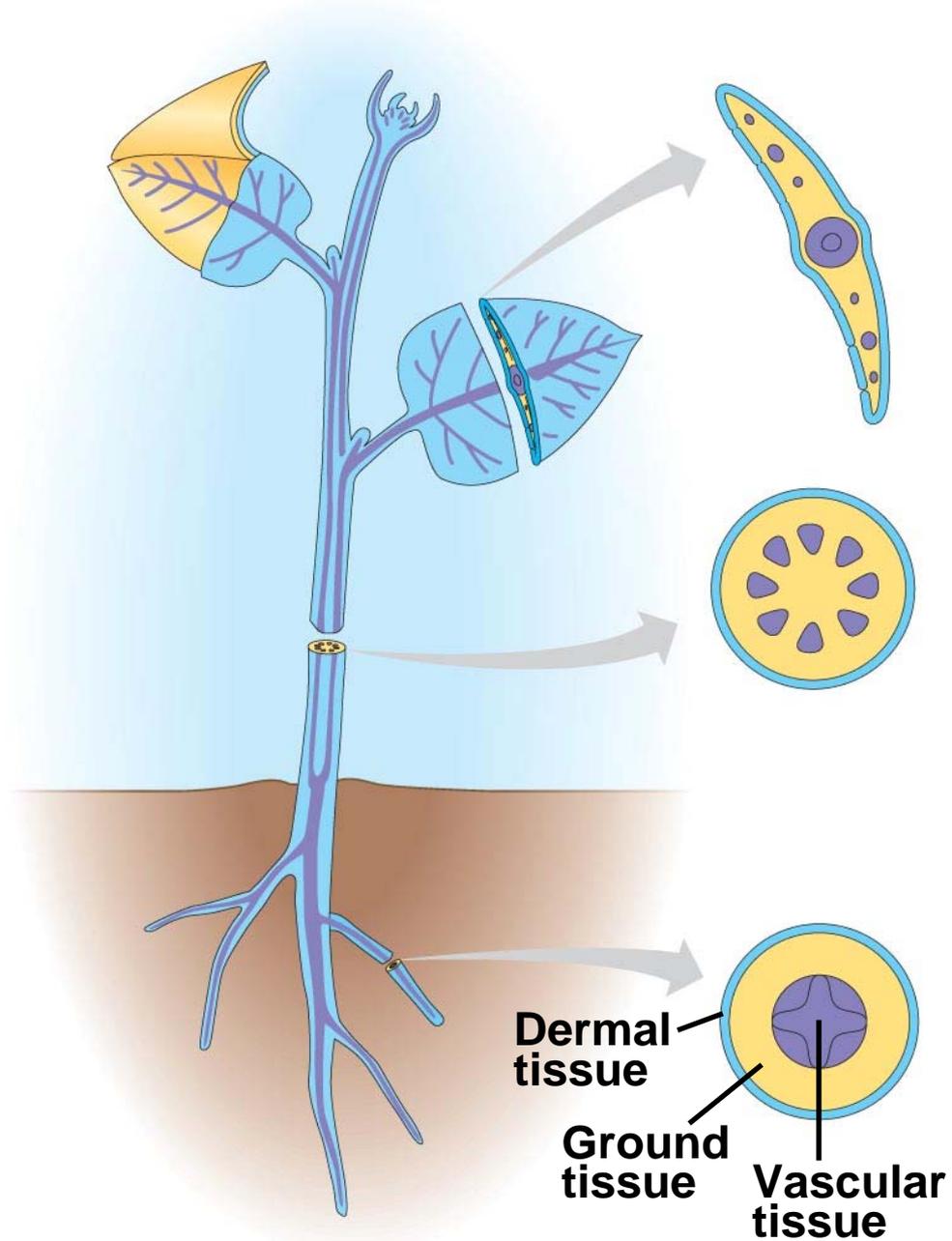
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# Dermal, Vascular, and Ground Tissues

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- Each plant organ has dermal, vascular, and ground tissues
- Each of these three categories forms a **tissue system**

Fig. 35-8

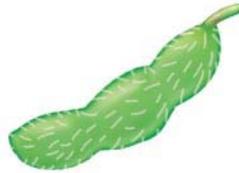


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- In nonwoody plants, the **dermal tissue system** consists of the **epidermis**
  - A waxy coating called the **cuticle** helps prevent water loss from the epidermis
  - In woody plants, protective tissues called **periderm** replace the epidermis in older regions of stems and roots
  - *Trichomes* are outgrowths of the shoot epidermis and can help with insect defense

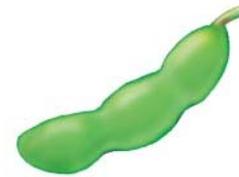
**EXPERIMENT**



**Very hairy pod  
(10 trichomes/  
mm<sup>2</sup>)**



**Slightly hairy pod  
(2 trichomes/  
mm<sup>2</sup>)**



**Bald pod  
(no trichomes)**

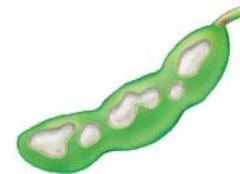
**RESULTS**



**Very hairy pod:  
10% damage**



**Slightly hairy pod:  
25% damage**



**Bald pod:  
40% damage**



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- The **vascular tissue system** carries out long-distance transport of materials between roots and shoots
  - The two vascular tissues are xylem and phloem
  - **Xylem** conveys water and dissolved minerals upward from roots into the shoots
  - **Phloem** transports organic nutrients from where they are made to where they are needed

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- The vascular tissue of a stem or root is collectively called the **stele**
  - In angiosperms the stele of the root is a solid central *vascular cylinder*
  - The stele of stems and leaves is divided into *vascular bundles*, strands of xylem and phloem

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- Tissues that are neither dermal nor vascular are the **ground tissue system**
  - Ground tissue internal to the vascular tissue is **pith**; ground tissue external to the vascular tissue is **cortex**
  - Ground tissue includes cells specialized for storage, photosynthesis, and support

# Common Types of Plant Cells

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- Like any multicellular organism, a plant is characterized by cellular differentiation, the specialization of cells in structure and function

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- Some major types of plant cells:
    - Parenchyma
    - Collenchyma
    - Sclerenchyma
    - Water-conducting cells of the xylem
    - Sugar-conducting cells of the phloem

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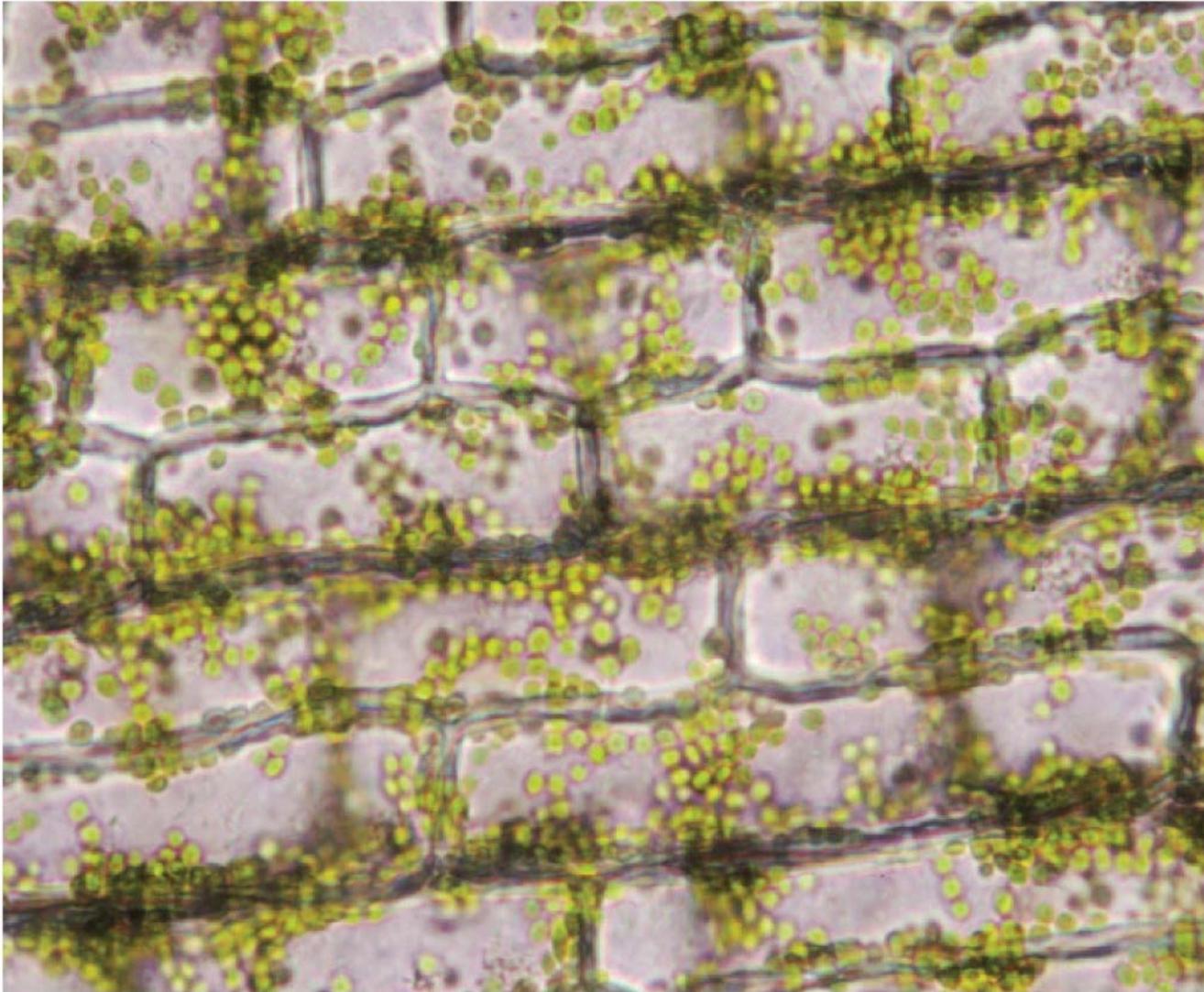
# Parenchyma Cells

- Mature **parenchyma cells**
  - Have thin and flexible primary walls
  - Lack secondary walls
  - Are the least specialized
  - Perform the most metabolic functions
  - Retain the ability to divide and differentiate

**PLAY**

BioFlix: Tour of a Plant Cell

Fig. 35-10a



**Parenchyma cells in *Elodea* leaf,  
with chloroplasts (LM)**

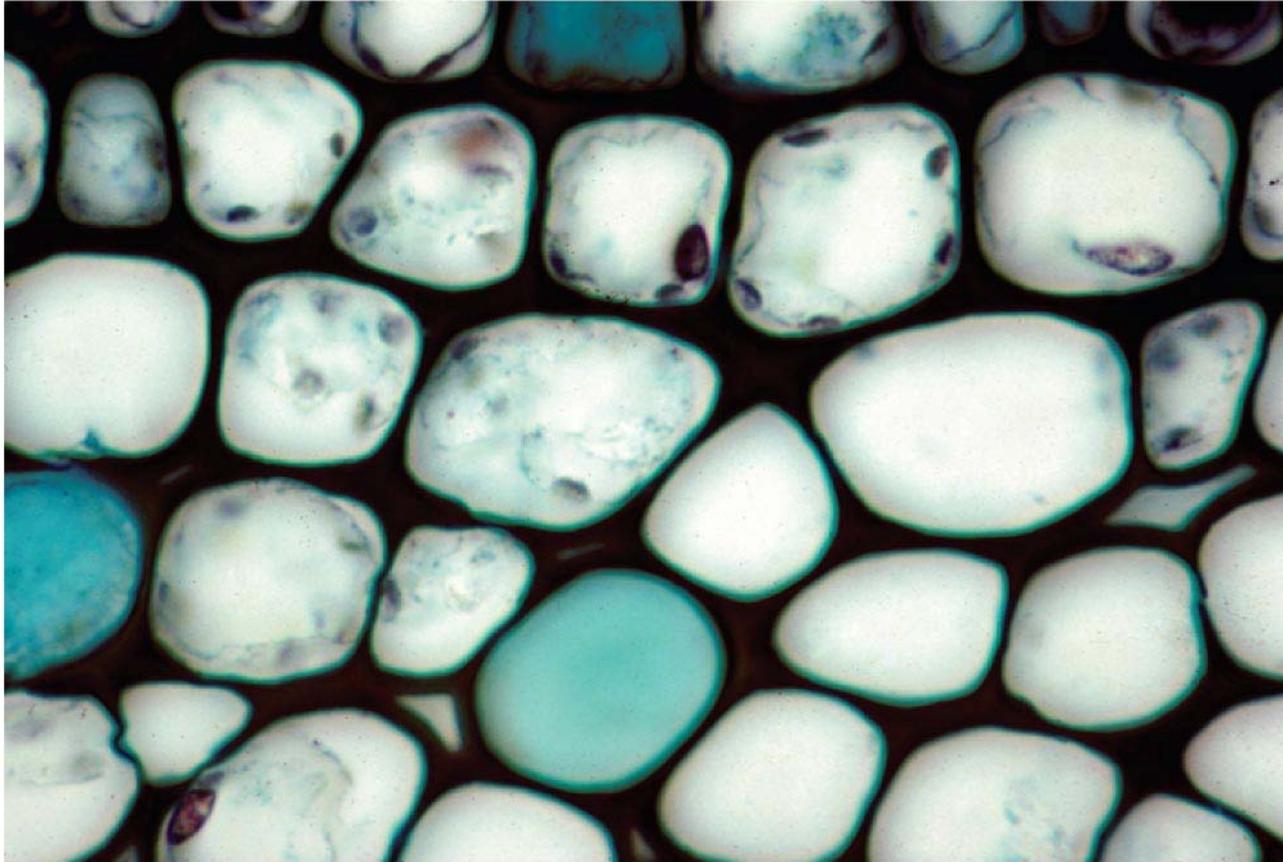
60  $\mu\text{m}$

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# Collenchyma Cells

- **Collenchyma cells** are grouped in strands and help support young parts of the plant shoot
- They have thicker and uneven cell walls
- They lack secondary walls
- These cells provide flexible support without restraining growth

5  $\mu\text{m}$



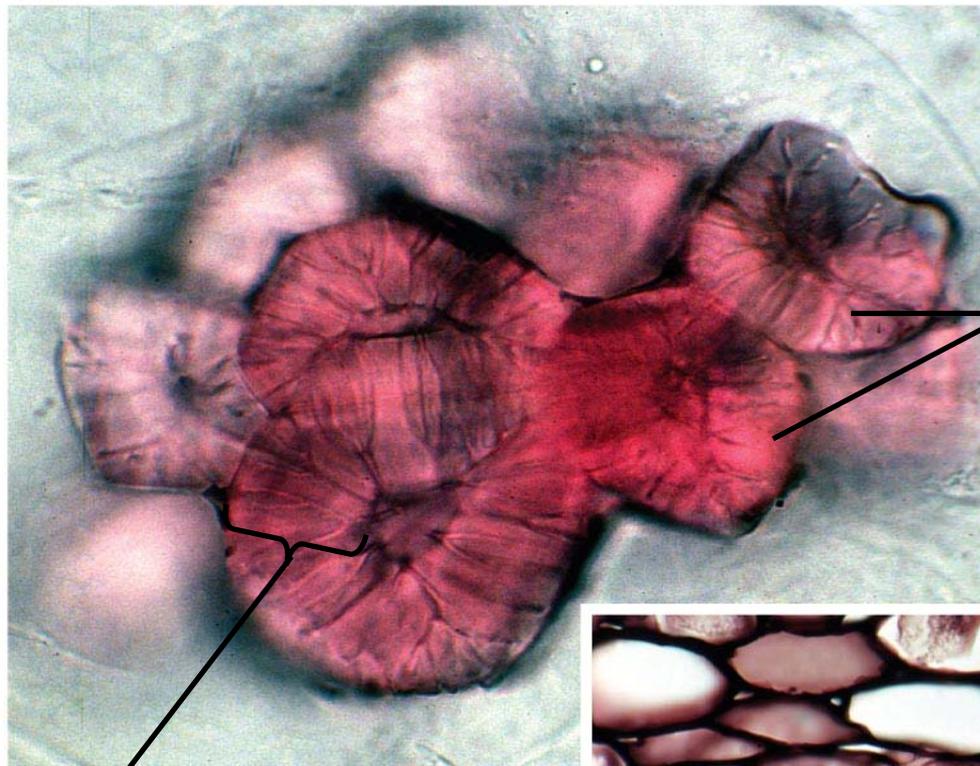
**Collenchyma cells (in *Helianthus* stem) (LM)**

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## Sclerenchyma Cells

- **Sclerenchyma cells** are rigid because of thick secondary walls strengthened with lignin
- They are dead at functional maturity
- There are two types:
  - **Sclereids** are short and irregular in shape and have thick lignified secondary walls
  - **Fibers** are long and slender and arranged in threads

Fig. 35-10c

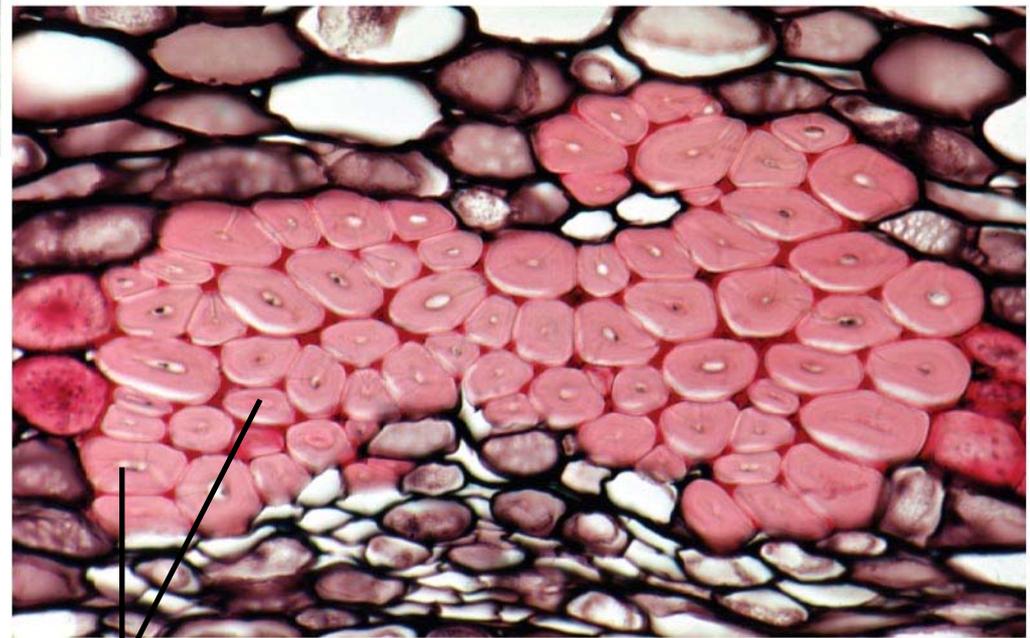


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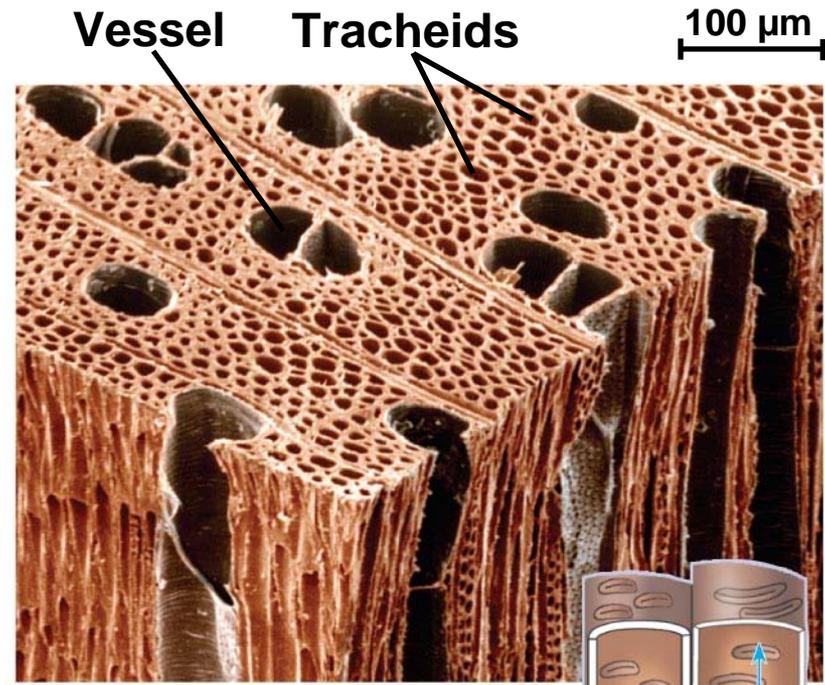
Sclereid cells in pear (LM)

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Cell wall



Fiber cells (cross section from ash tree) (LM)

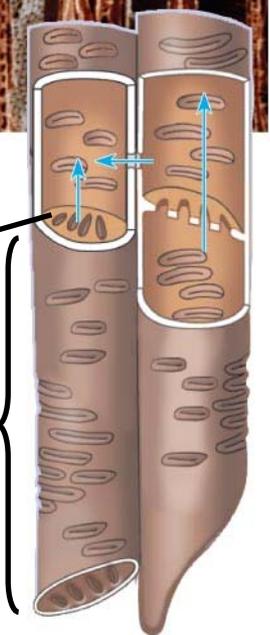


**Tracheids and vessels (colorized SEM)**

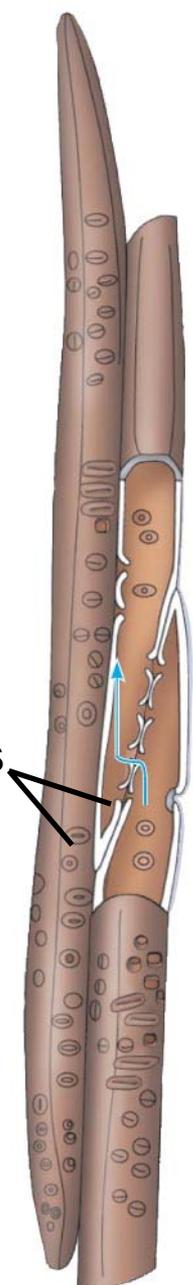
**Perforation plate**

**Vessel element**

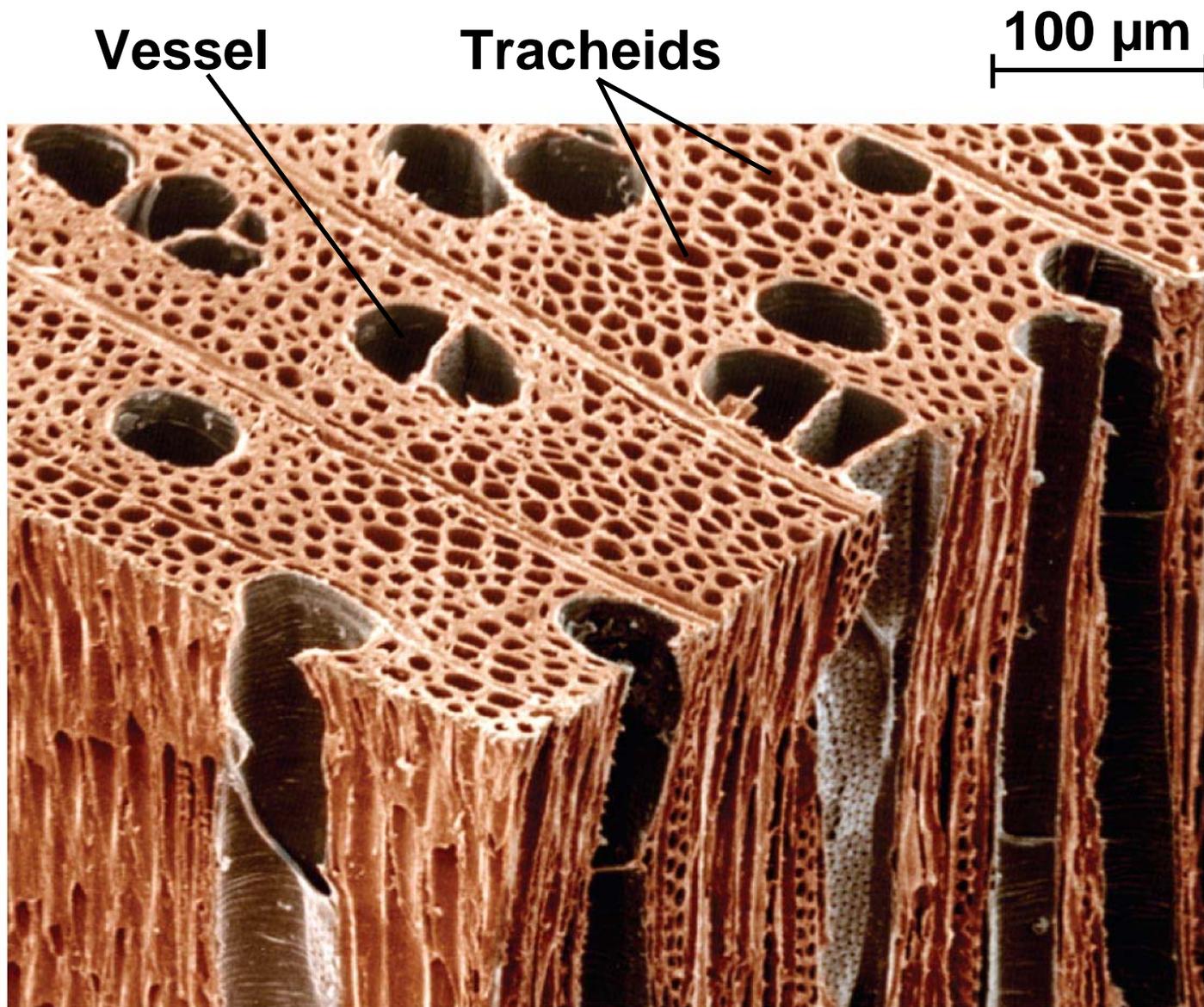
**Vessel elements, with perforated end walls**



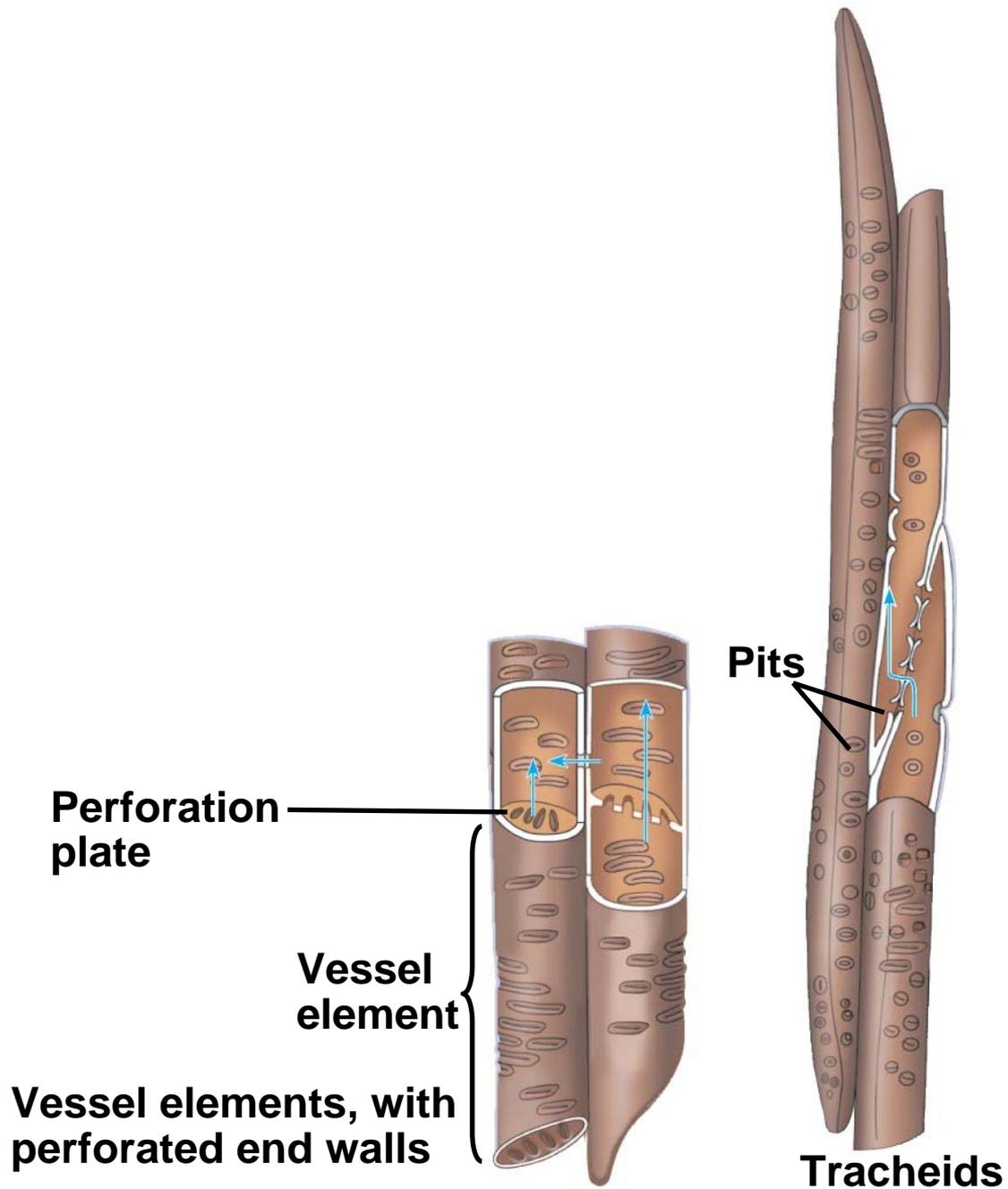
**Pits**



**Tracheids**



**Tracheids and vessels  
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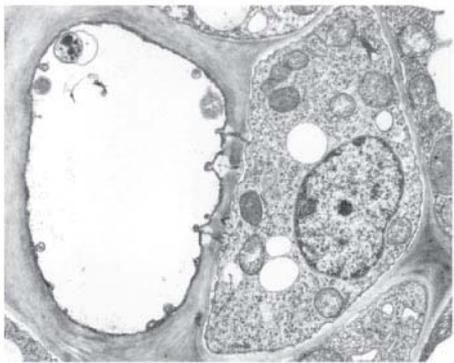


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## Water-Conducting Cells of the Xylem

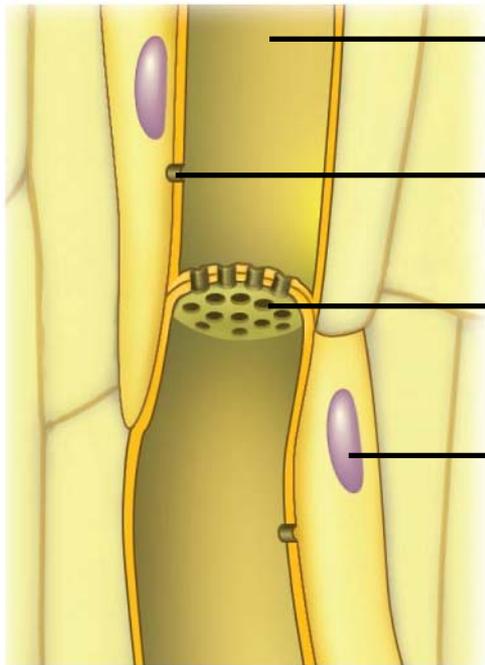
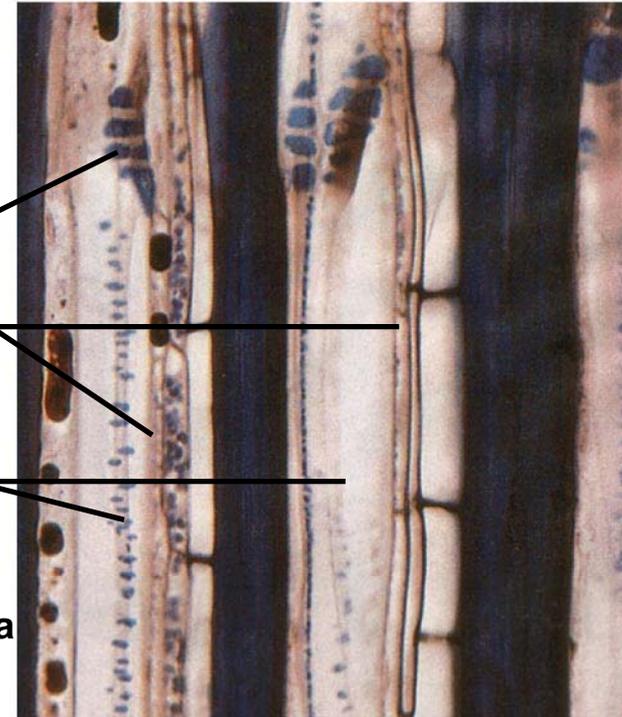
- The two types of water-conducting cells, **tracheids** and **vessel elements**, are dead at maturity
- Tracheids are found in the xylem of all vascular plants

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- Vessel elements are common to most angiosperms and a few gymnosperms
  - Vessel elements align end to end to form long micropipes called **vessels**

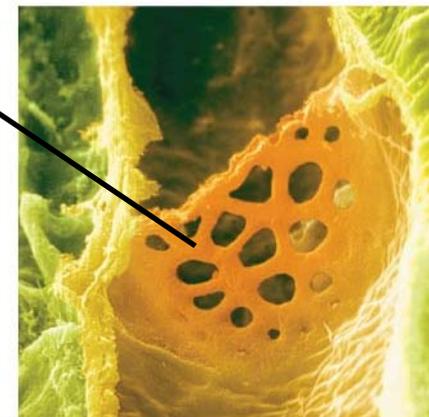


**Sieve-tube element (left) and companion cell: cross section (TEM)**

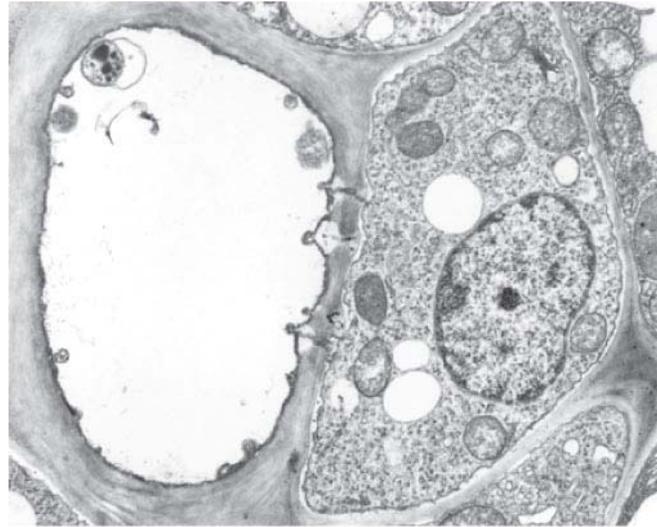
**Sieve-tube elements: longitudinal view (LM)**



**Sieve-tube elements: longitudinal view**



**Sieve plate with pores (SEM)**



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**Sieve-tube element (left)  
and companion cell:  
cross section (TEM)**

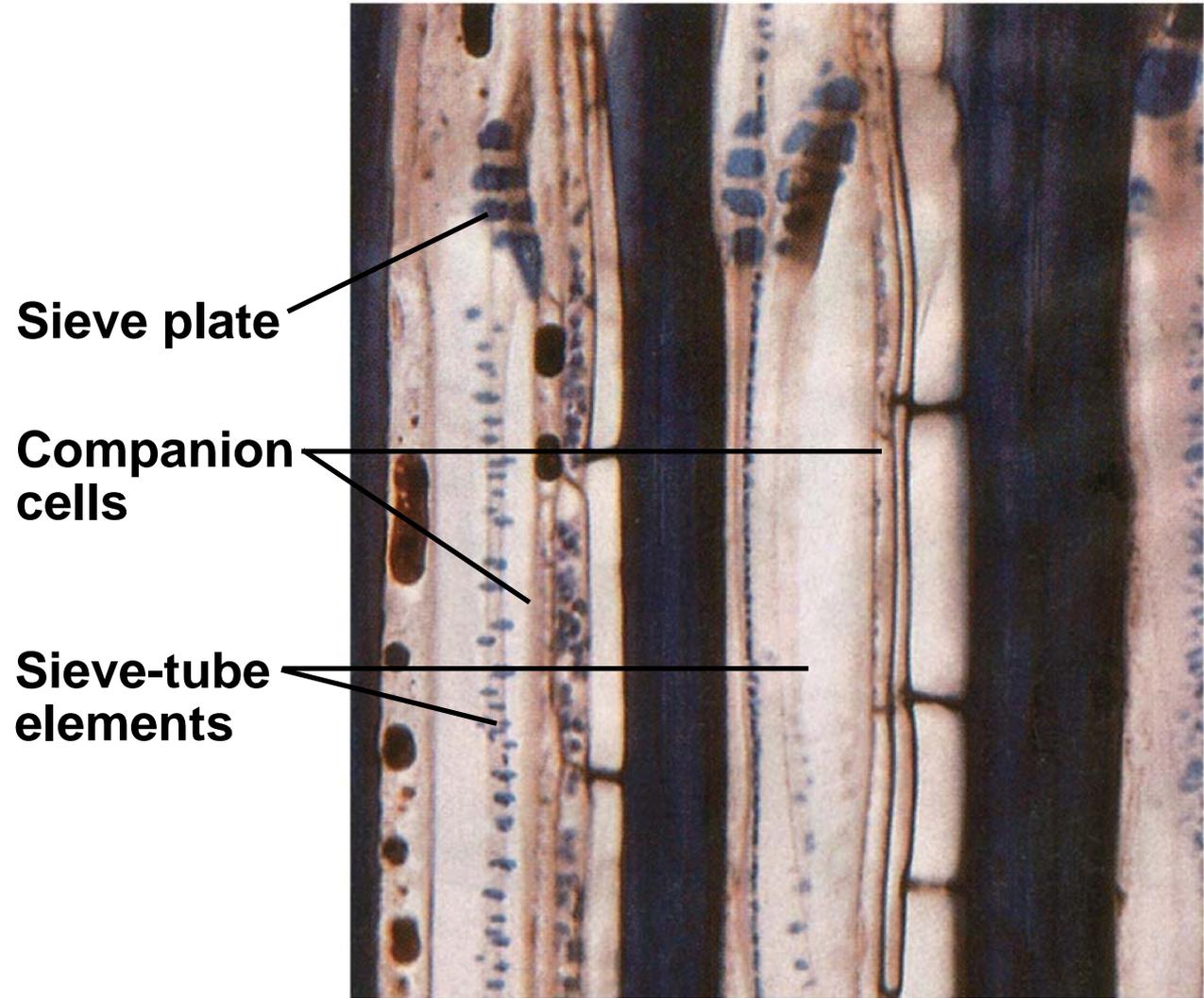
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## Sugar-Conducting Cells of the Phloem

- **Sieve-tube elements** are alive at functional maturity, though they lack organelles
- **Sieve plates** are the porous end walls that allow fluid to flow between cells along the sieve tube
- Each sieve-tube element has a **companion cell** whose nucleus and ribosomes serve both cells

# Sieve-tube elements: longitudinal view (LM)

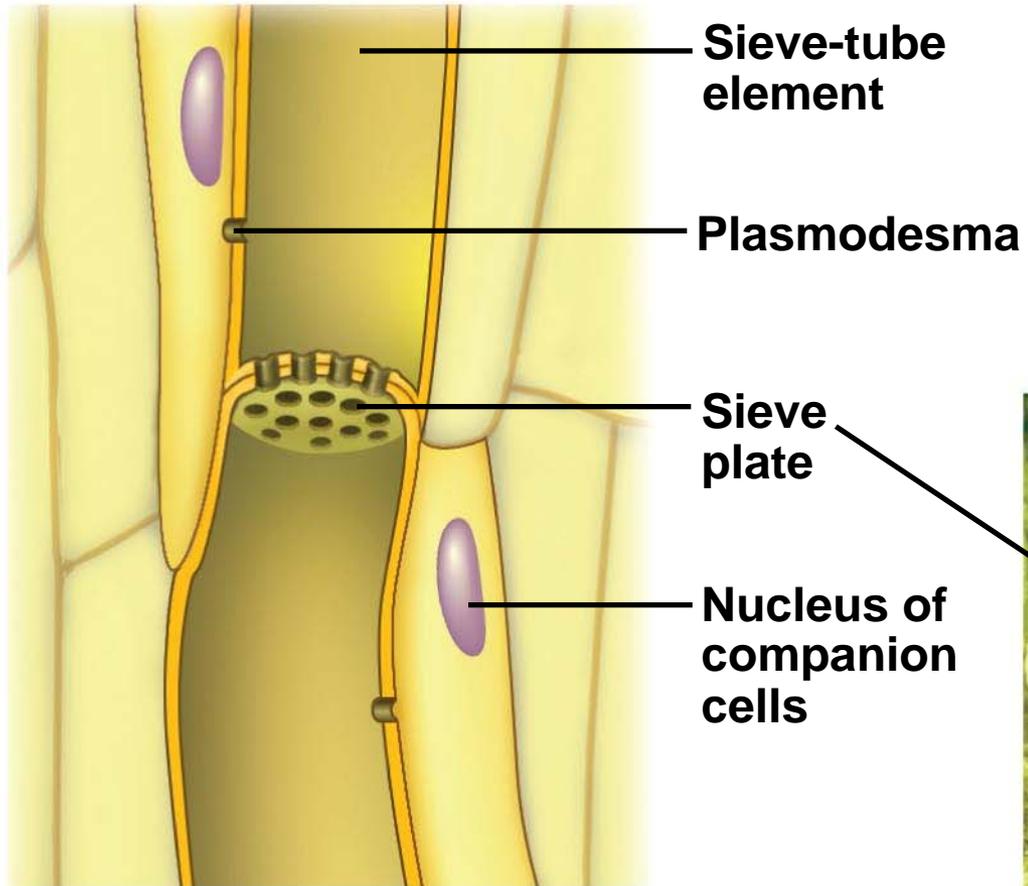


**Sieve plate**

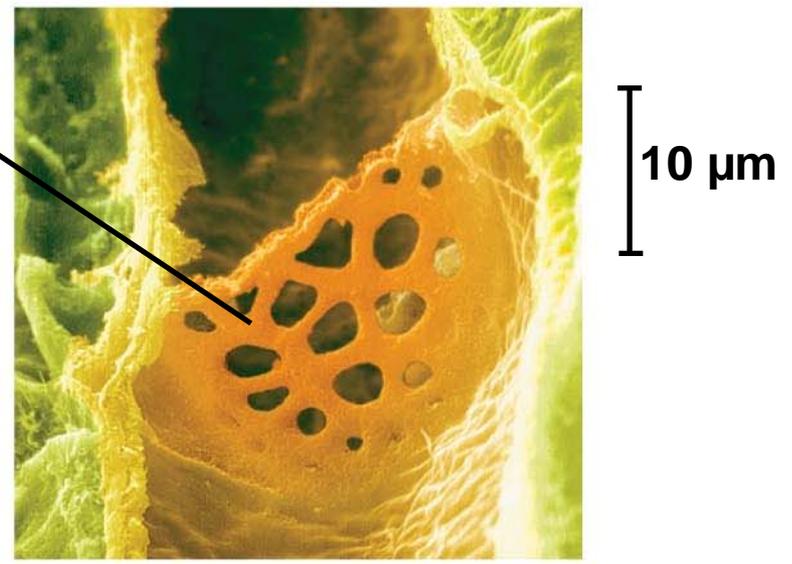
**Companion cells**

**Sieve-tube elements**

**30 μm**



**Sieve-tube elements:  
longitudinal view**



**Sieve plate with pores (SEM)**

## Concept 35.2: Meristems generate cells for new organs

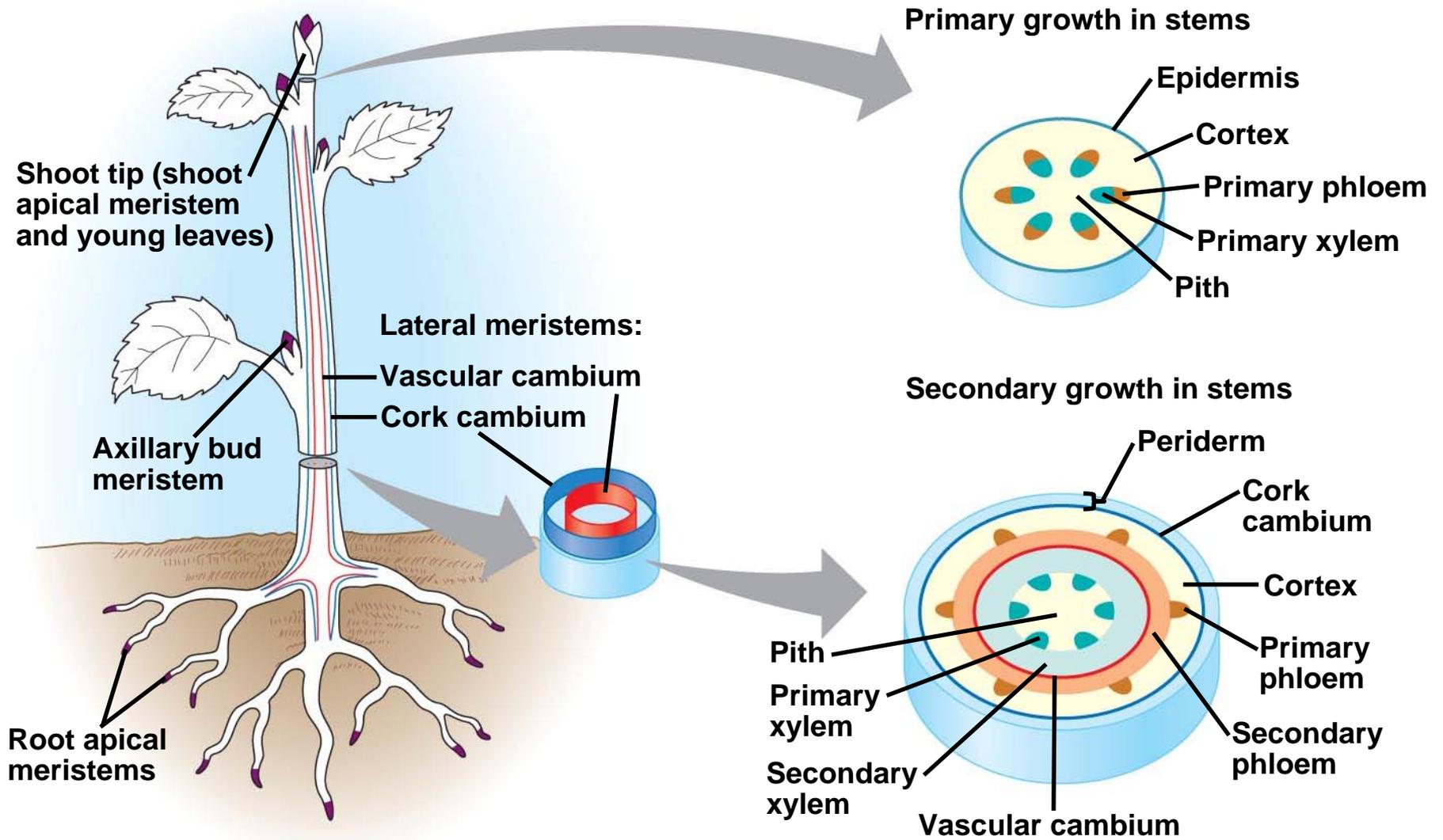
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- A plant can grow throughout its life; this is called **indeterminate growth**
- Some plant organs cease to grow at a certain size; this is called **determinate growth**
- **Annuals** complete their life cycle in a year or less
- **Biennials** require two growing seasons
- **Perennials** live for many years

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- **Meristems** are perpetually embryonic tissue and allow for indeterminate growth
  - **Apical meristems** are located at the tips of roots and shoots and at the axillary buds of shoots
  - Apical meristems elongate shoots and roots, a process called **primary growth**

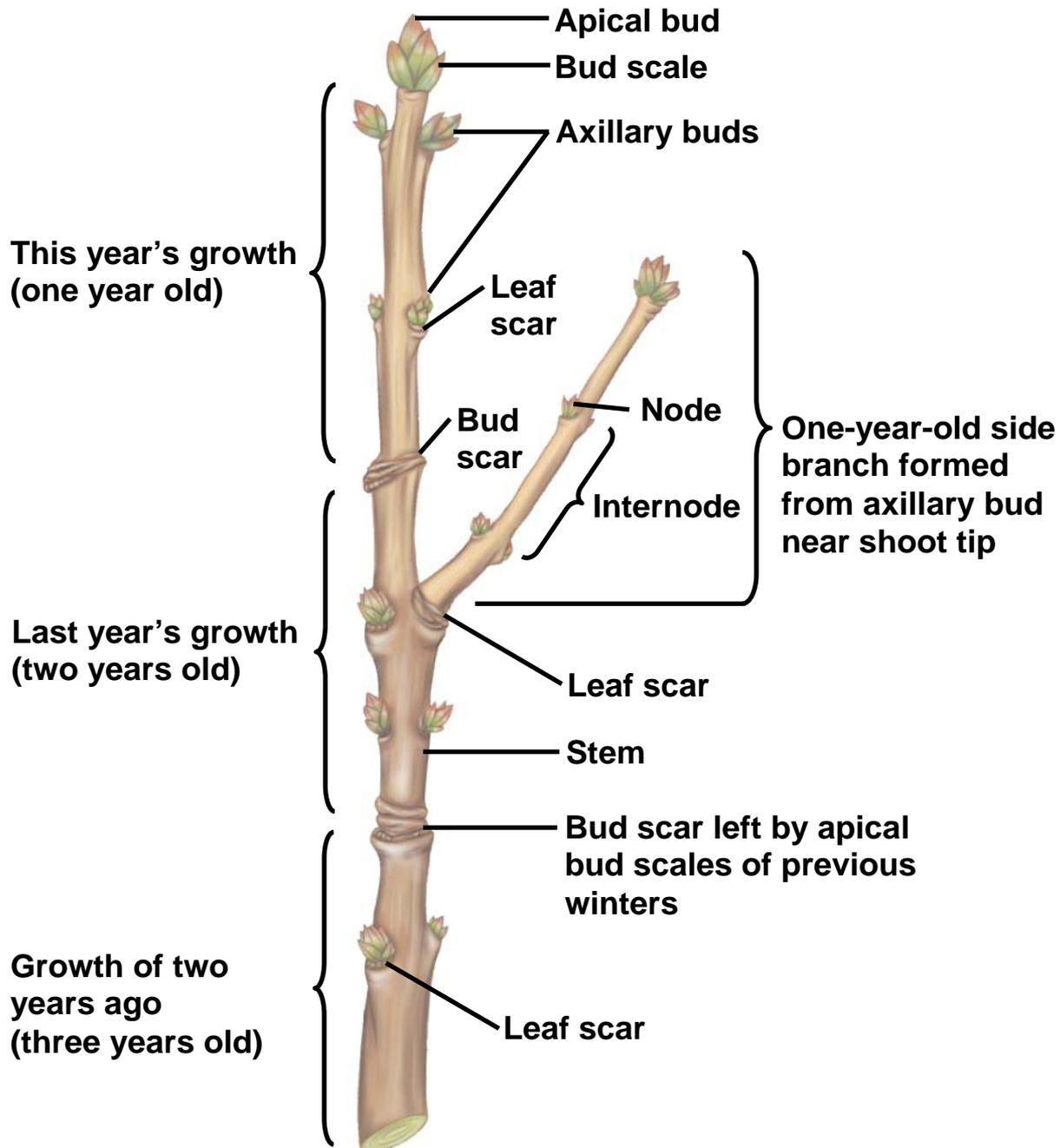
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- **Lateral meristems** add thickness to woody plants, a process called **secondary growth**
  - There are two lateral meristems: the vascular cambium and the cork cambium
  - The **vascular cambium** adds layers of vascular tissue called secondary xylem (wood) and secondary phloem
  - The **cork cambium** replaces the epidermis with periderm, which is thicker and tougher

Fig. 35-11



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- Meristems give rise to *initials*, which remain in the meristem, and *derivatives*, which become specialized in developing tissues
  - In woody plants, primary and secondary growth occur simultaneously but in different locations

Fig. 35-12



## Concept 35.3: Primary growth lengthens roots and shoots

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- Primary growth produces the **primary plant body**, the parts of the root and shoot systems produced by apical meristems

# Primary Growth of Roots

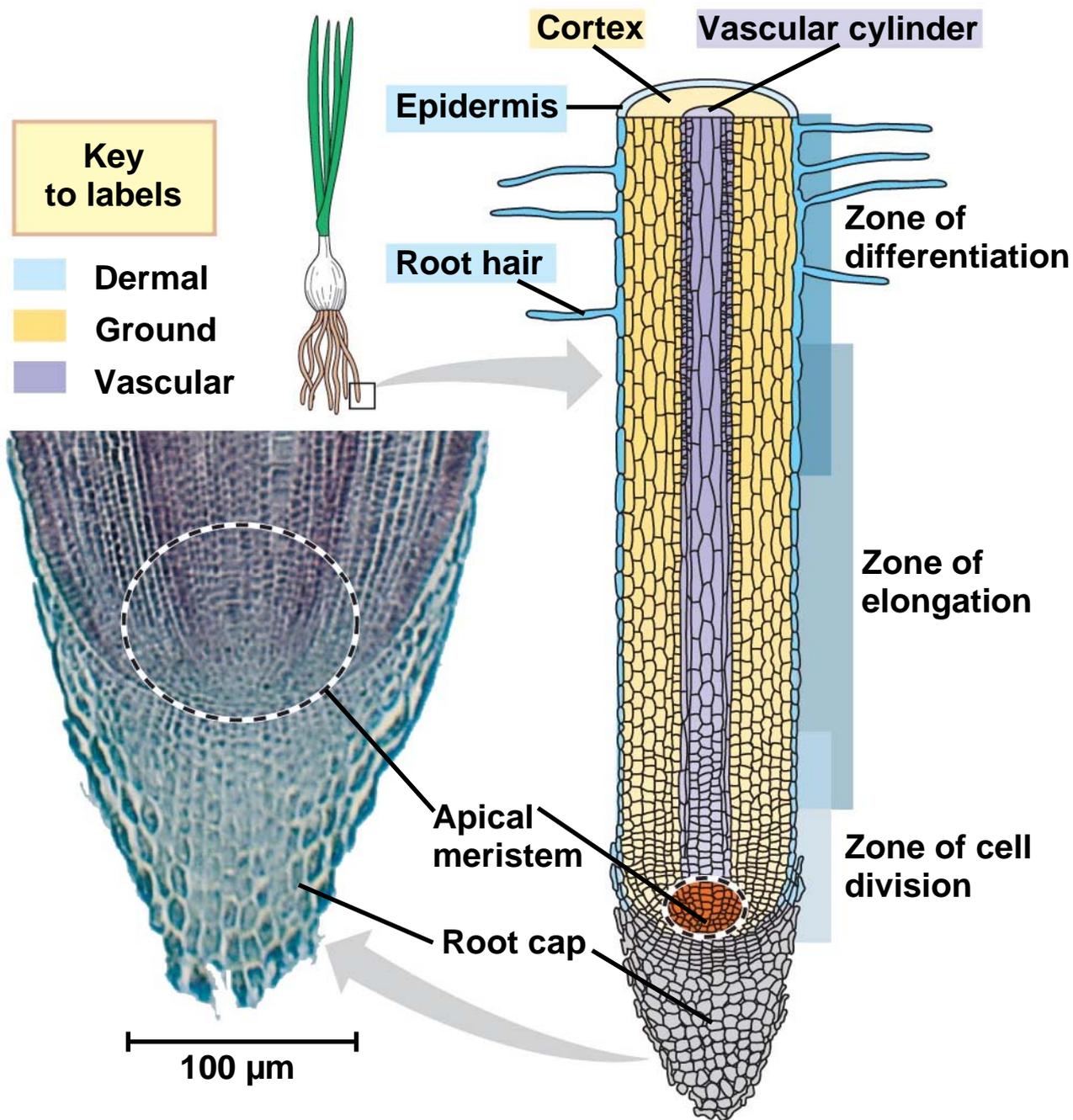
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- The root tip is covered by a **root cap**, which protects the apical meristem as the root pushes through soil
- Growth occurs just behind the root tip, in three zones of cells:
  - Zone of cell division
  - Zone of elongation
  - Zone of maturation

**PLAY**

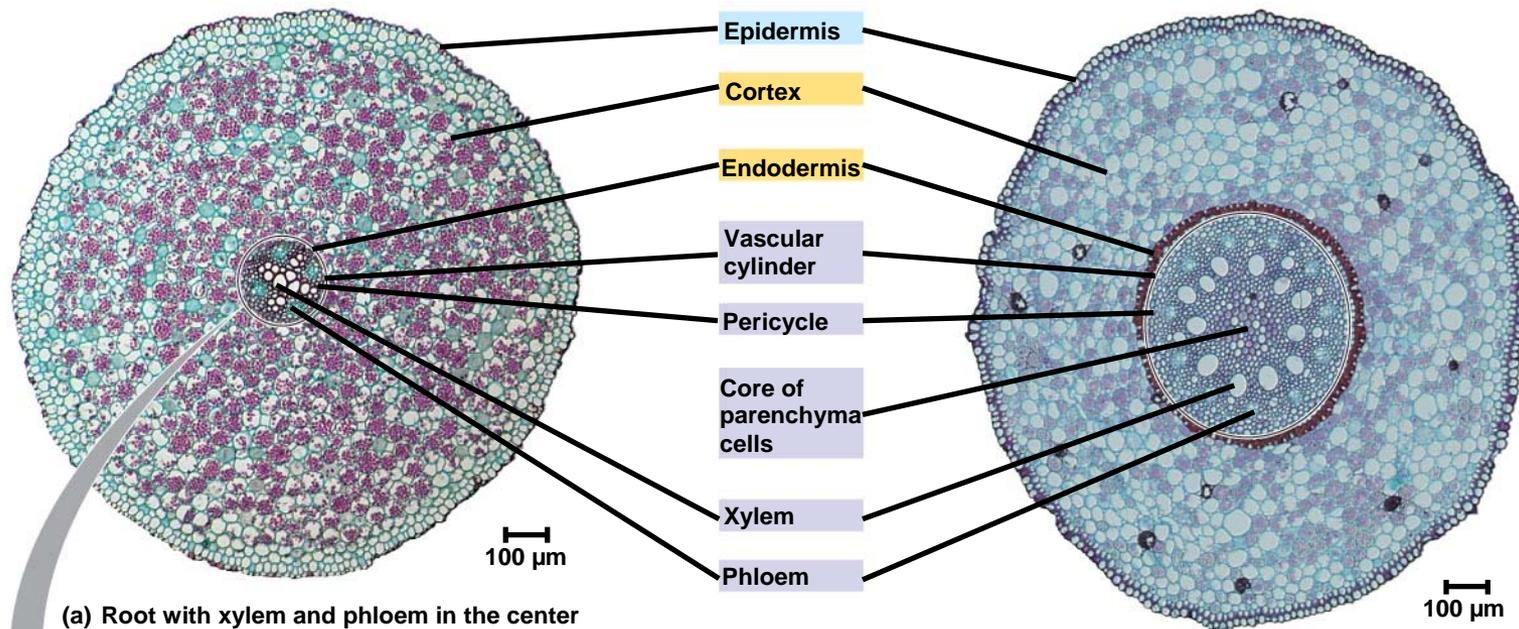
Video: Root Growth in a Radish Seed (Time Lapse)

Fig. 35-13



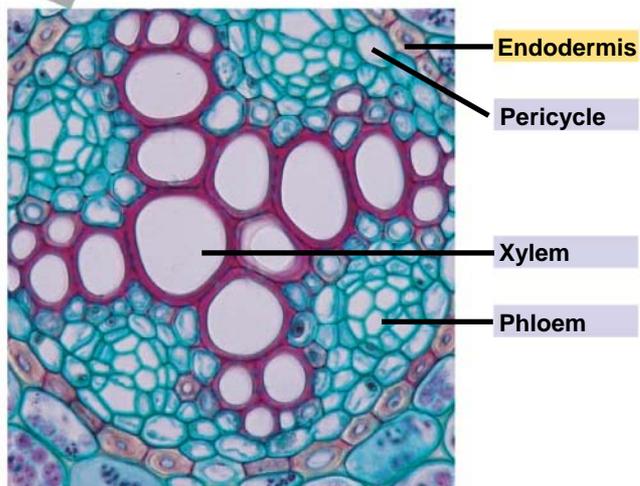
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- The primary growth of roots produces the epidermis, ground tissue, and vascular tissue
  - In most roots, the stele is a vascular cylinder
  - The ground tissue fills the cortex, the region between the vascular cylinder and epidermis
  - The innermost layer of the cortex is called the **endodermis**

Fig. 35-14



(a) Root with xylem and phloem in the center (typical of eudicots)

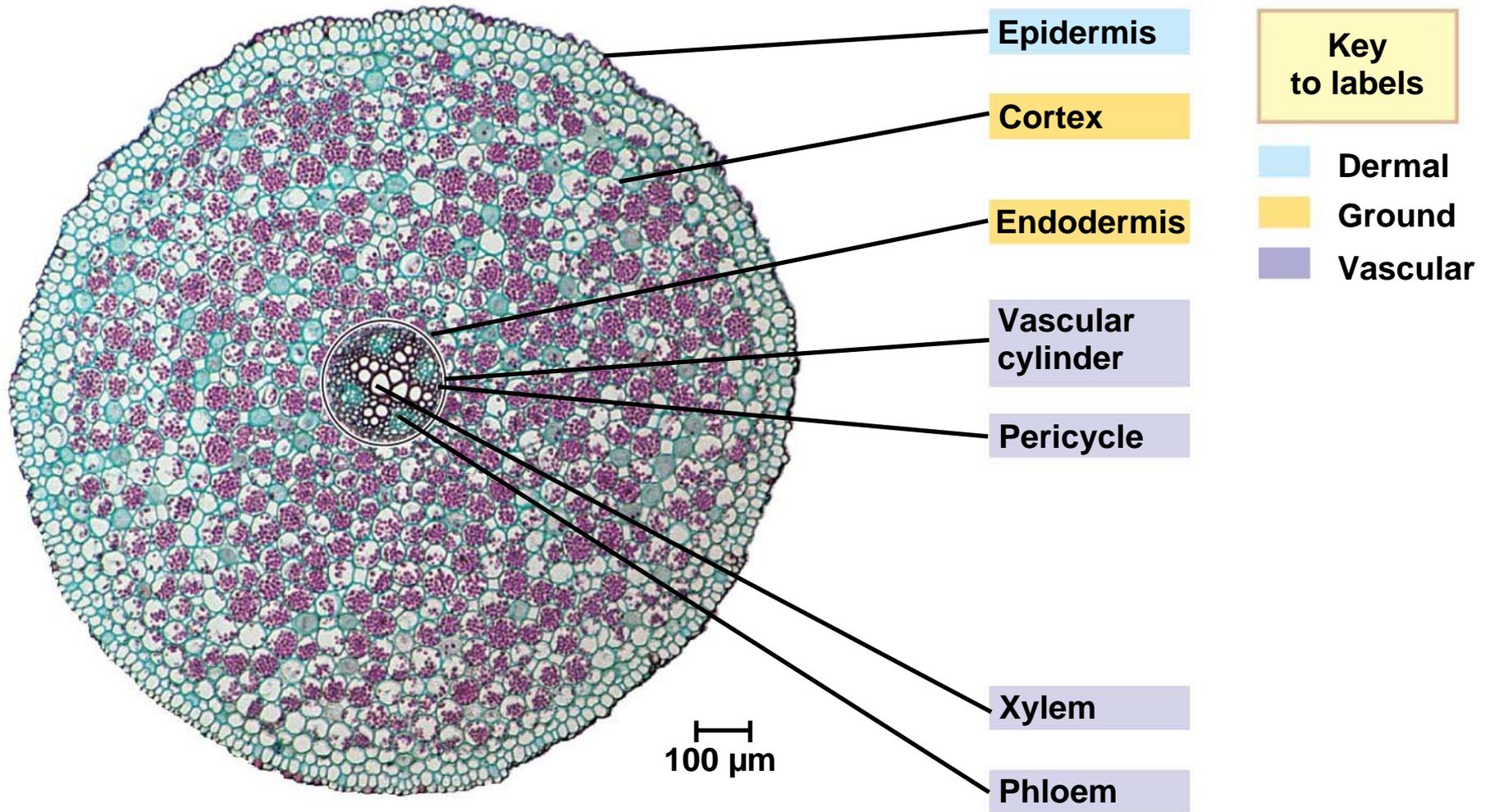
(b) Root with parenchyma in the center (typical of monocots)



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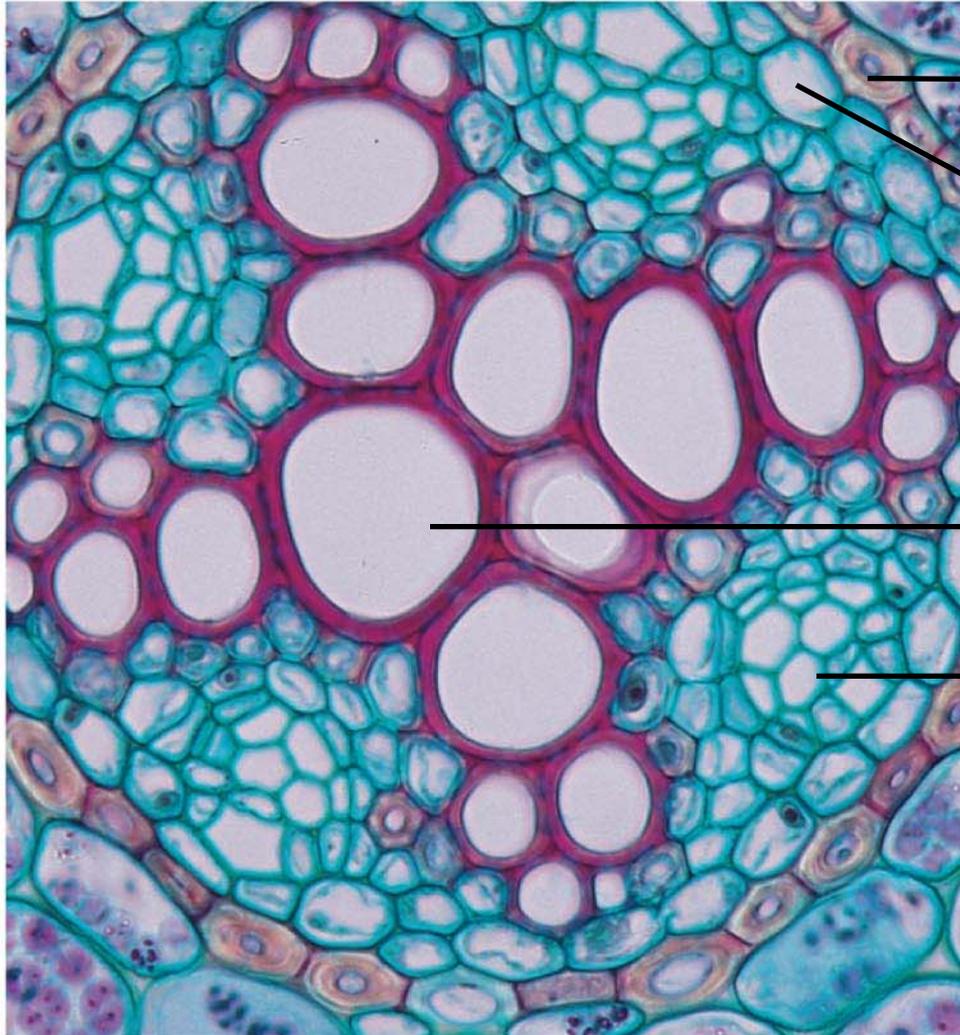
- Dermal
- Ground
- Vascular

Fig. 35-14a1



**(a) Root with xylem and phloem in the center  
(typical of eudicots)**

**(a) Root with xylem and phloem in the center  
(typical of eudicots)**



**Endodermis**

**Pericycle**

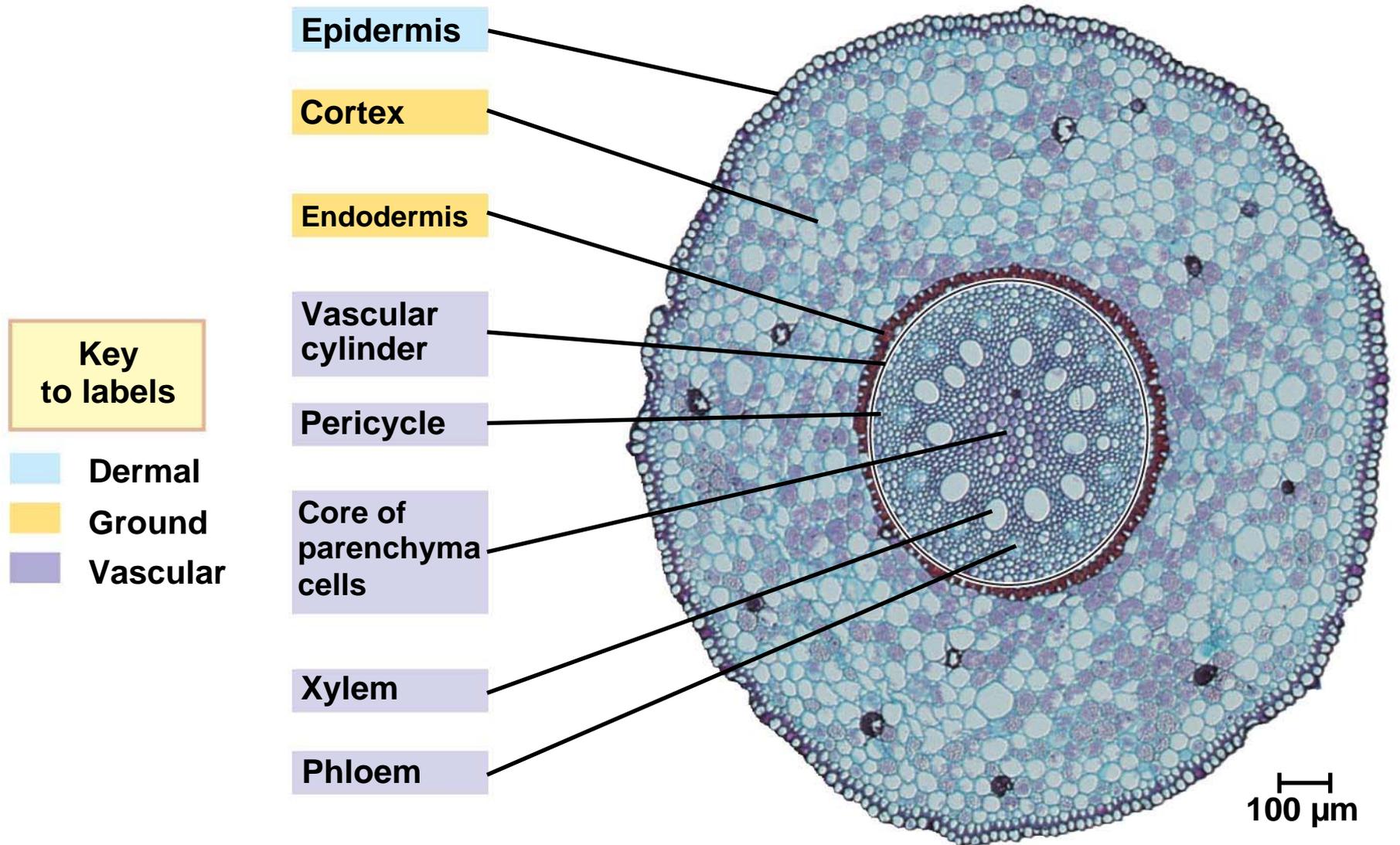
**Xylem**

**Phloem**

**Key  
to labels**

- Dermal**
- Ground**
- Vascular**

**50  $\mu$ m**



(b) Root with parenchyma in the center (typical of monocots)

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- Lateral roots arise from within the **pericycle**, the outermost cell layer in the vascular cylinder

Fig. 35-15-1

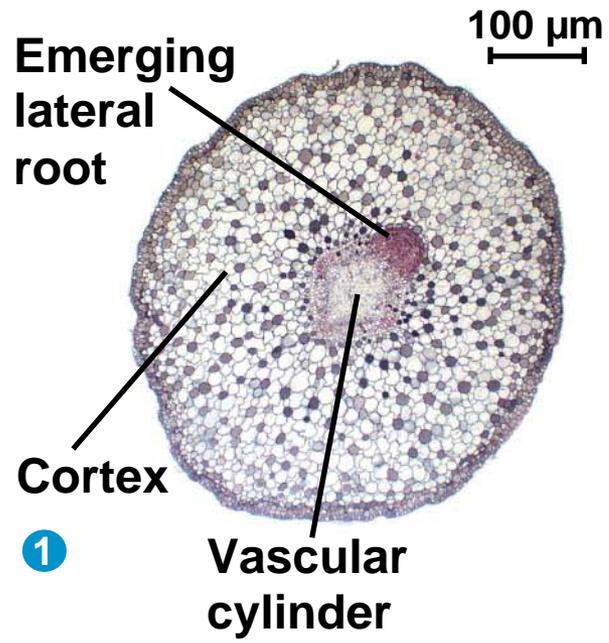


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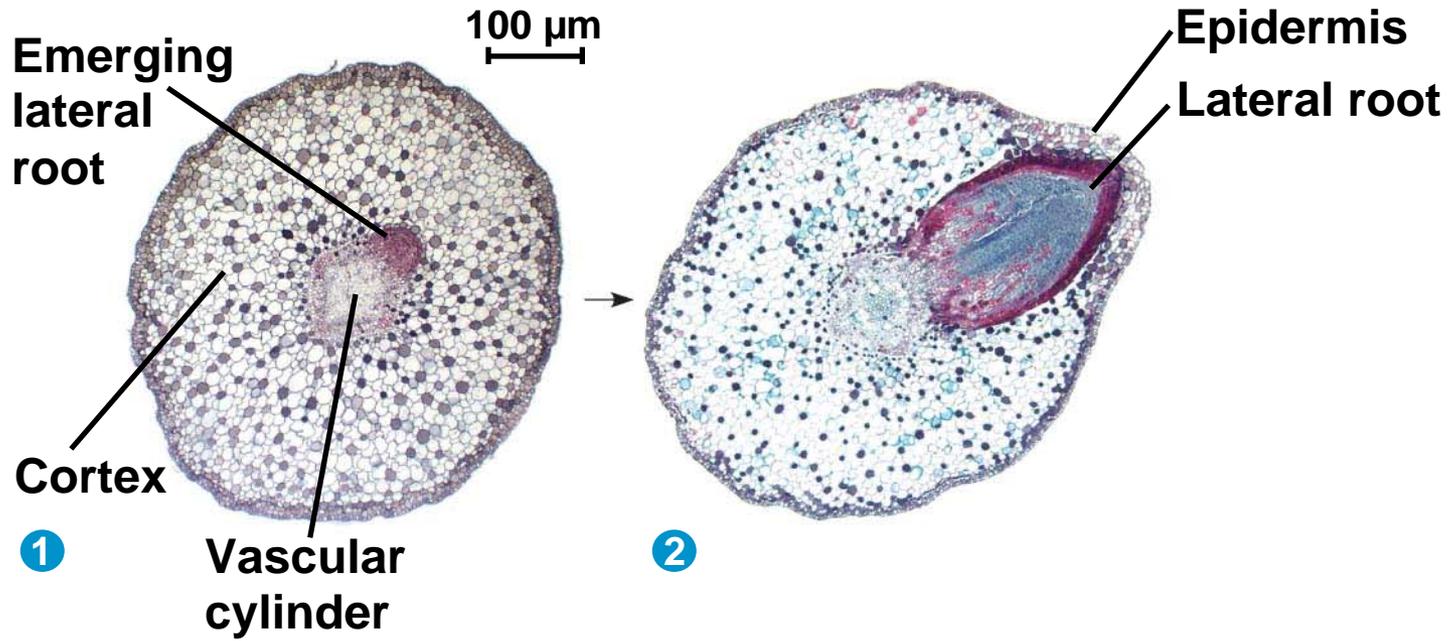
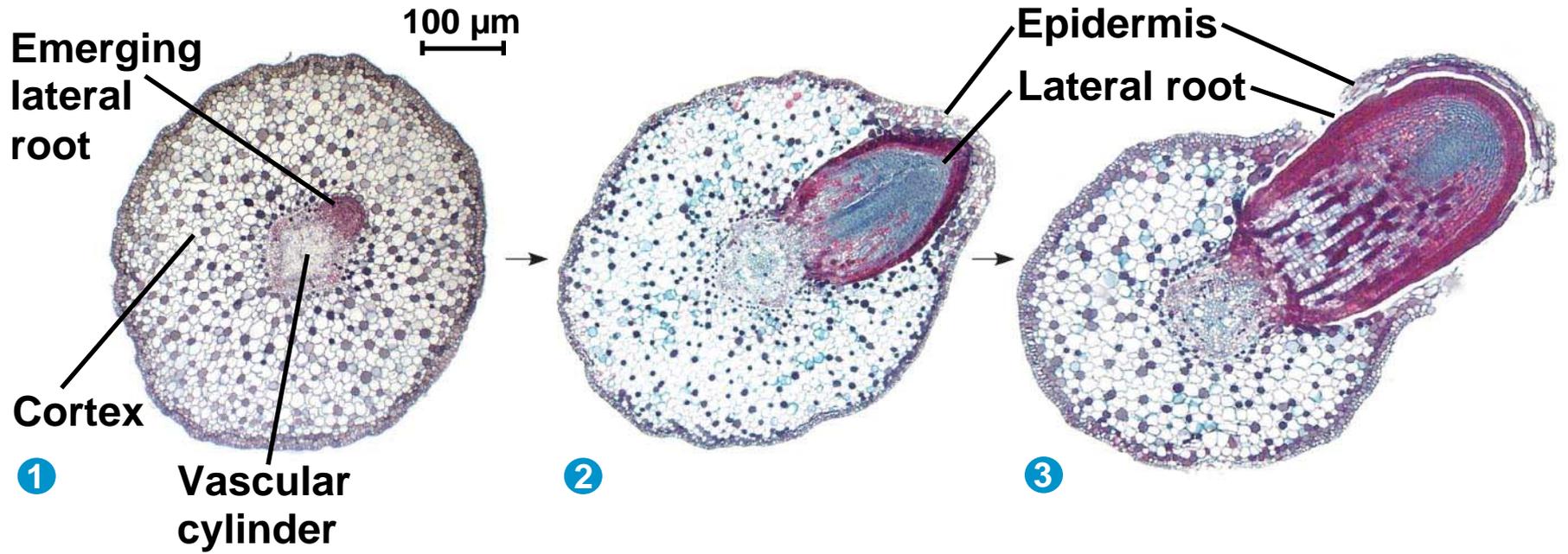


Fig. 35-15-3



# Primary Growth of Shoots

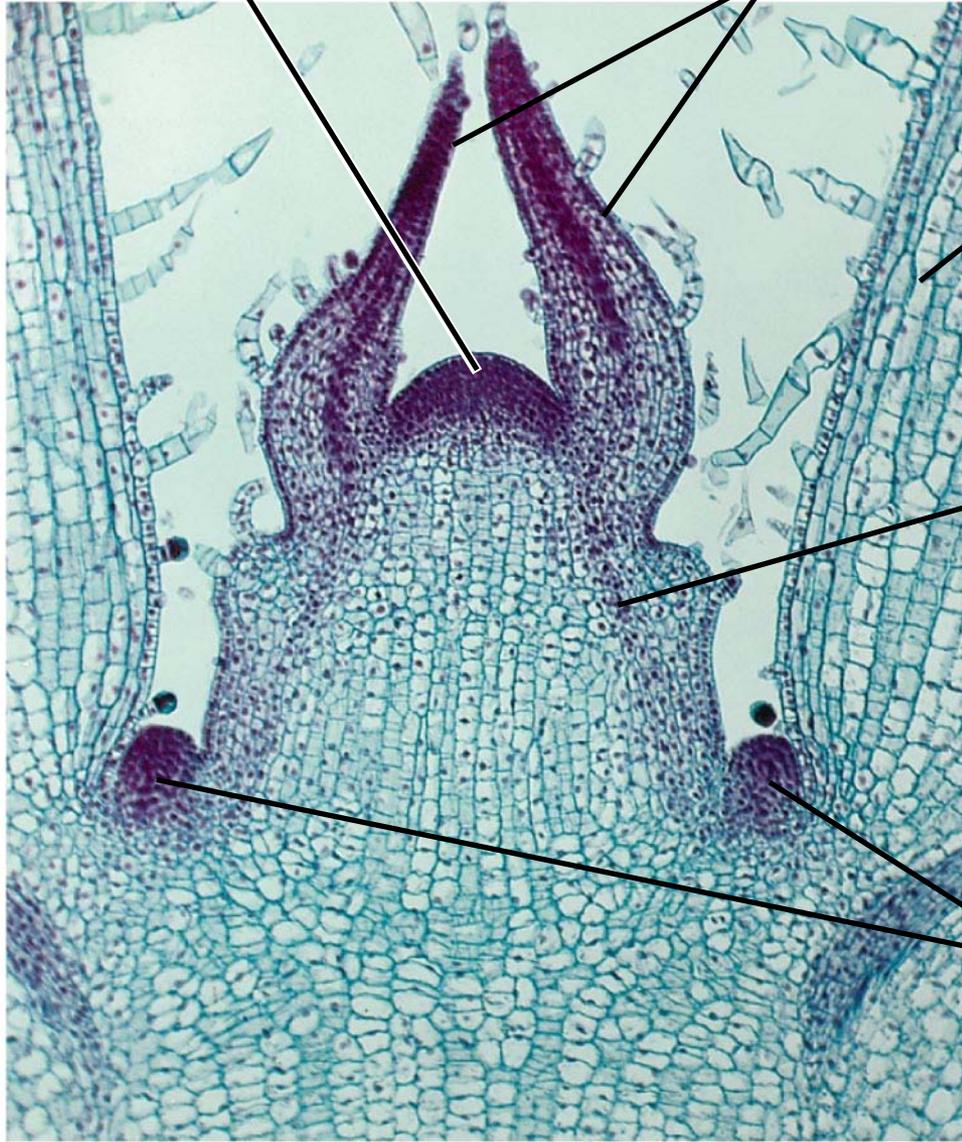
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- A shoot apical meristem is a dome-shaped mass of dividing cells at the shoot tip
- Leaves develop from **leaf primordia** along the sides of the apical meristem
- Axillary buds develop from meristematic cells left at the bases of leaf primordia

Fig. 35-16

**Shoot apical meristem**

**Leaf primordia**



**Young leaf**

**Developing vascular strand**

**Axillary bud meristems**

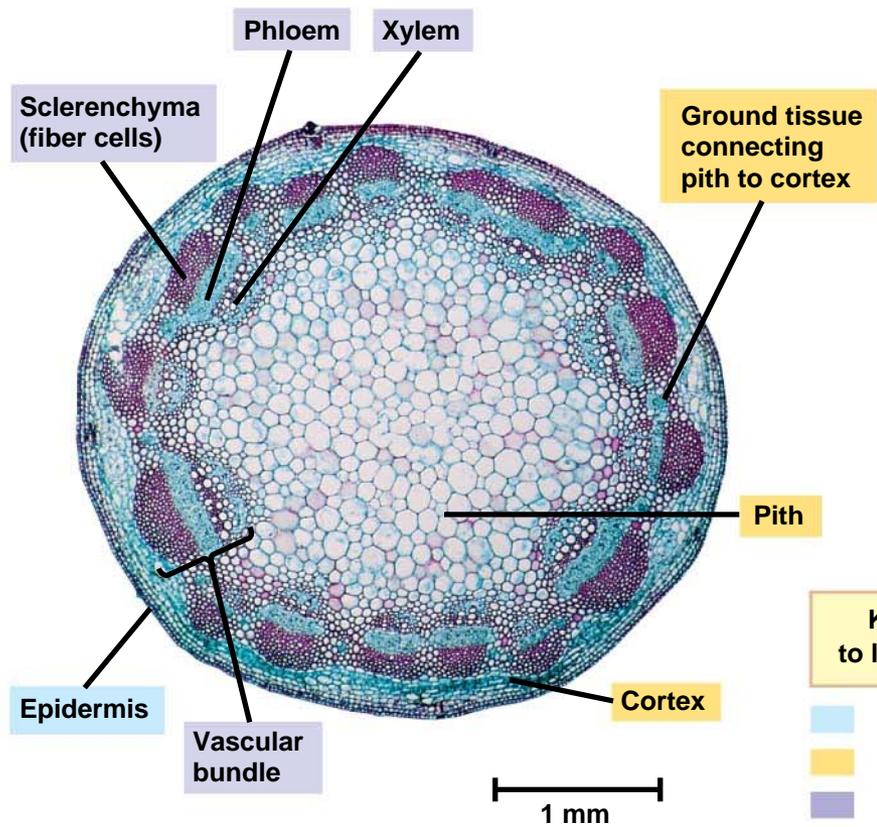
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# *Tissue Organization of Stems*

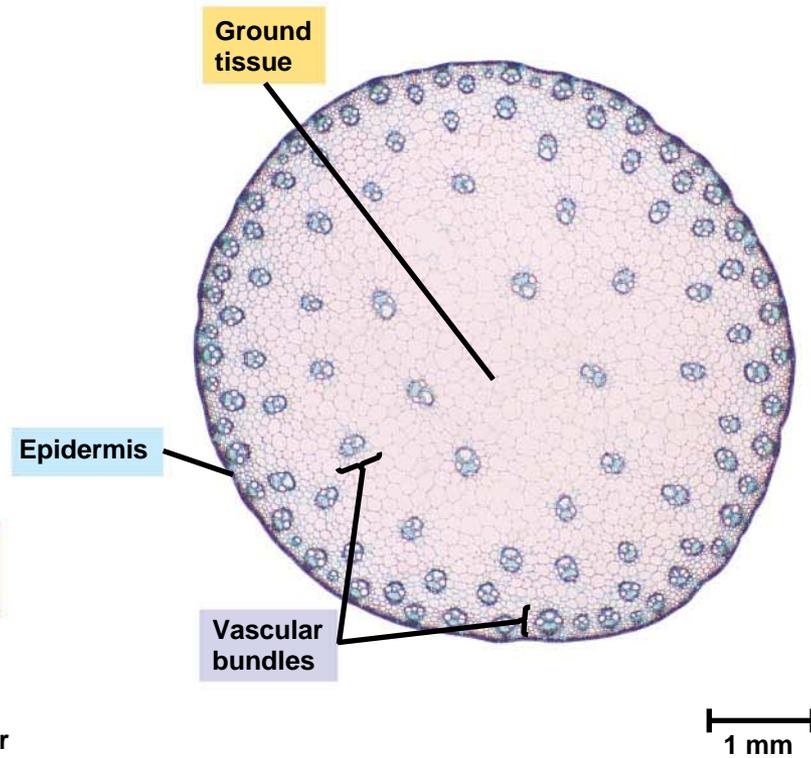
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- Lateral shoots develop from axillary buds on the stem's surface
- In most eudicots, the vascular tissue consists of vascular bundles that are arranged in a ring

Fig. 35-17



(a) Cross section of stem with vascular bundles forming a ring (typical of eudicots)

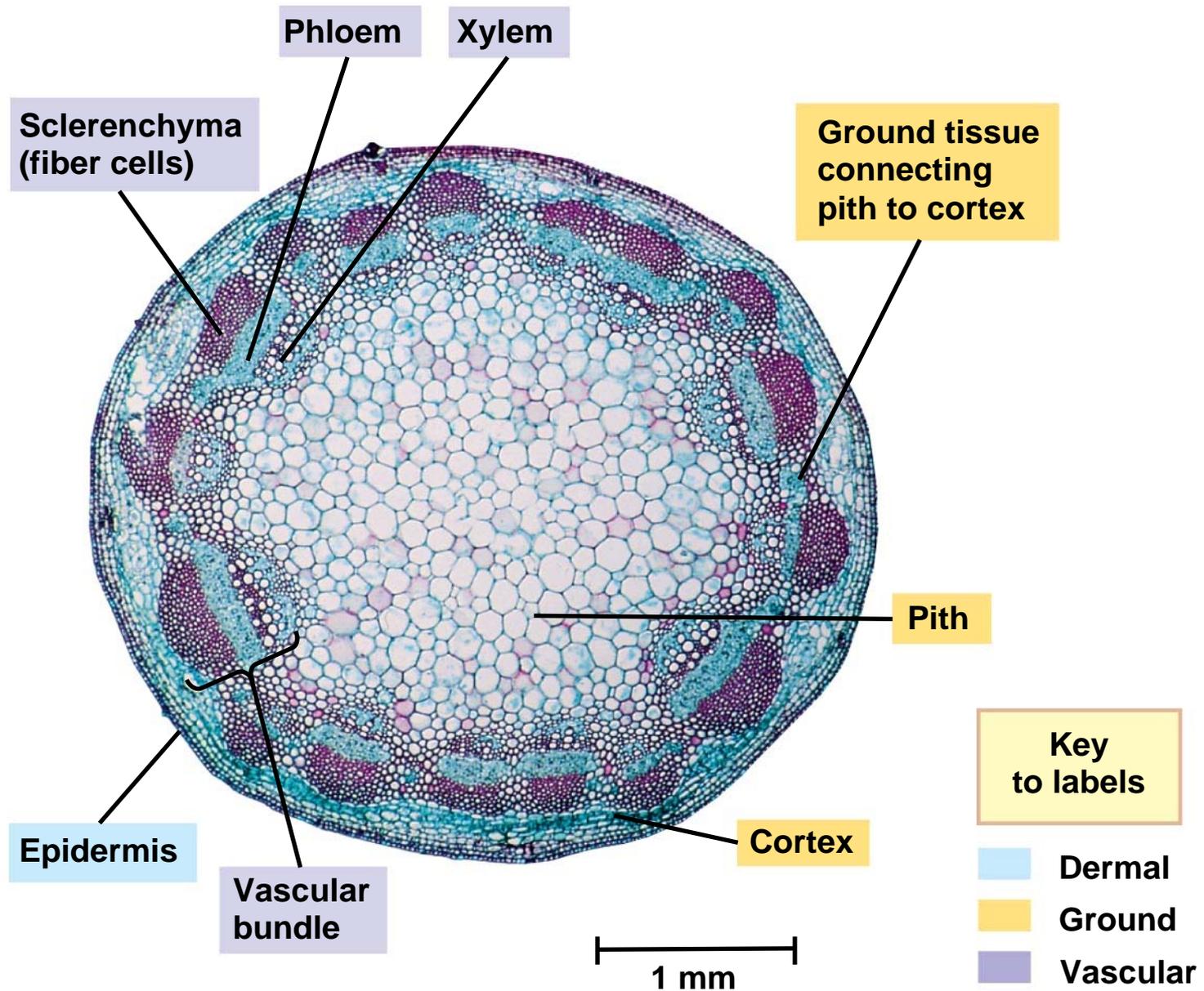


(b) Cross section of stem with scattered vascular bundles (typical of monocots)

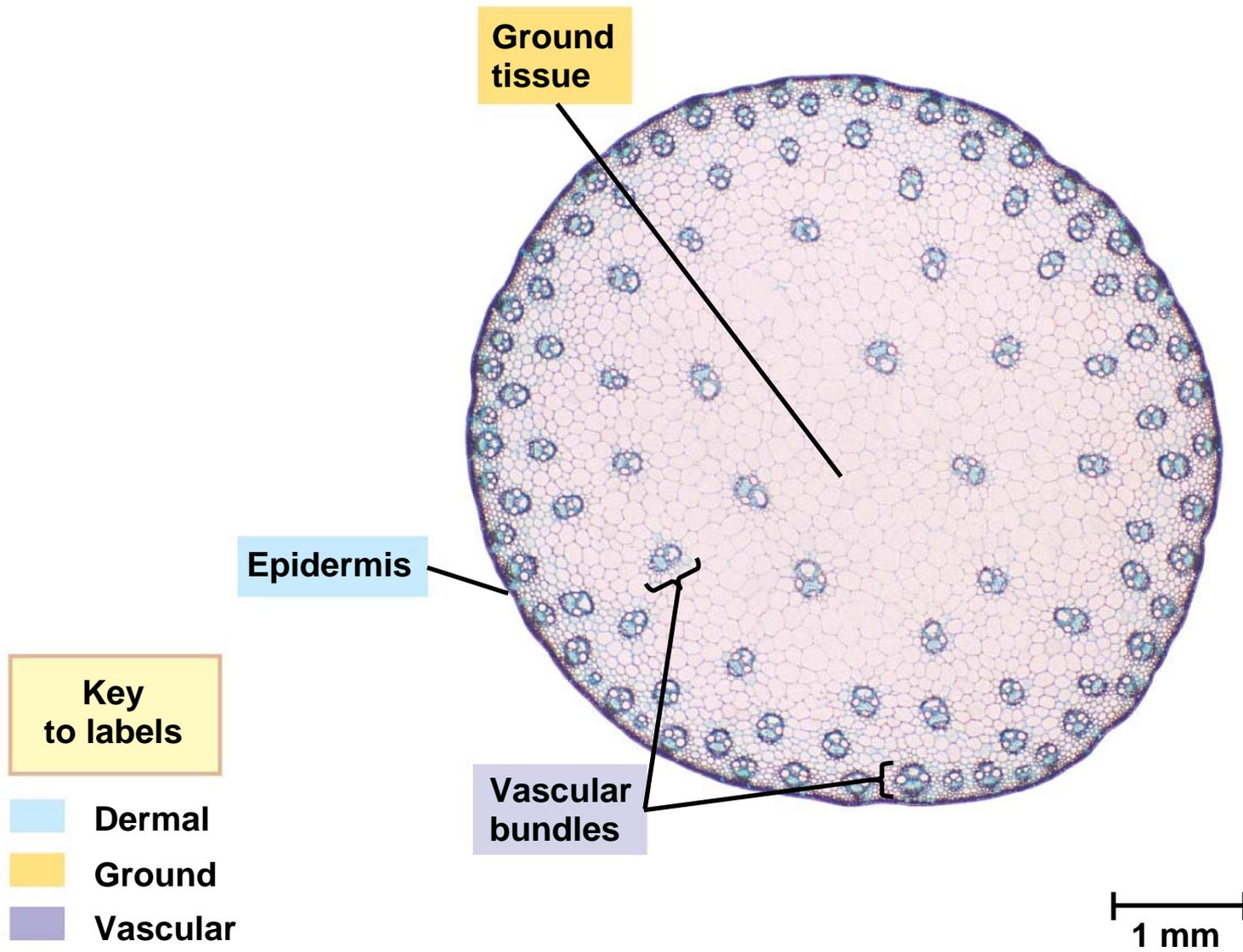
Key to labels

- Dermal
- Ground
- Vascular

Fig. 35-17a



(a) Cross section of stem with vascular bundles forming a ring (typical of eudicots)



**(b) Cross section of stem with scattered vascular bundles (typical of monocots)**

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- In most monocot stems, the vascular bundles are scattered throughout the ground tissue, rather than forming a ring

# *Tissue Organization of Leaves*

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- The epidermis in leaves is interrupted by **stomata**, which allow CO<sub>2</sub> exchange between the air and the photosynthetic cells in a leaf
- Each stomatal pore is flanked by two **guard cells**, which regulate its opening and closing
- The ground tissue in a leaf, called **mesophyll**, is sandwiched between the upper and lower epidermis

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- Below the *palisade mesophyll* in the upper part of the leaf is loosely arranged *spongy mesophyll*, where gas exchange occurs
  - The vascular tissue of each leaf is continuous with the vascular tissue of the stem
  - Veins are the leaf's vascular bundles and function as the leaf's skeleton
  - Each vein in a leaf is enclosed by a protective bundle sheath

Fig. 35-18

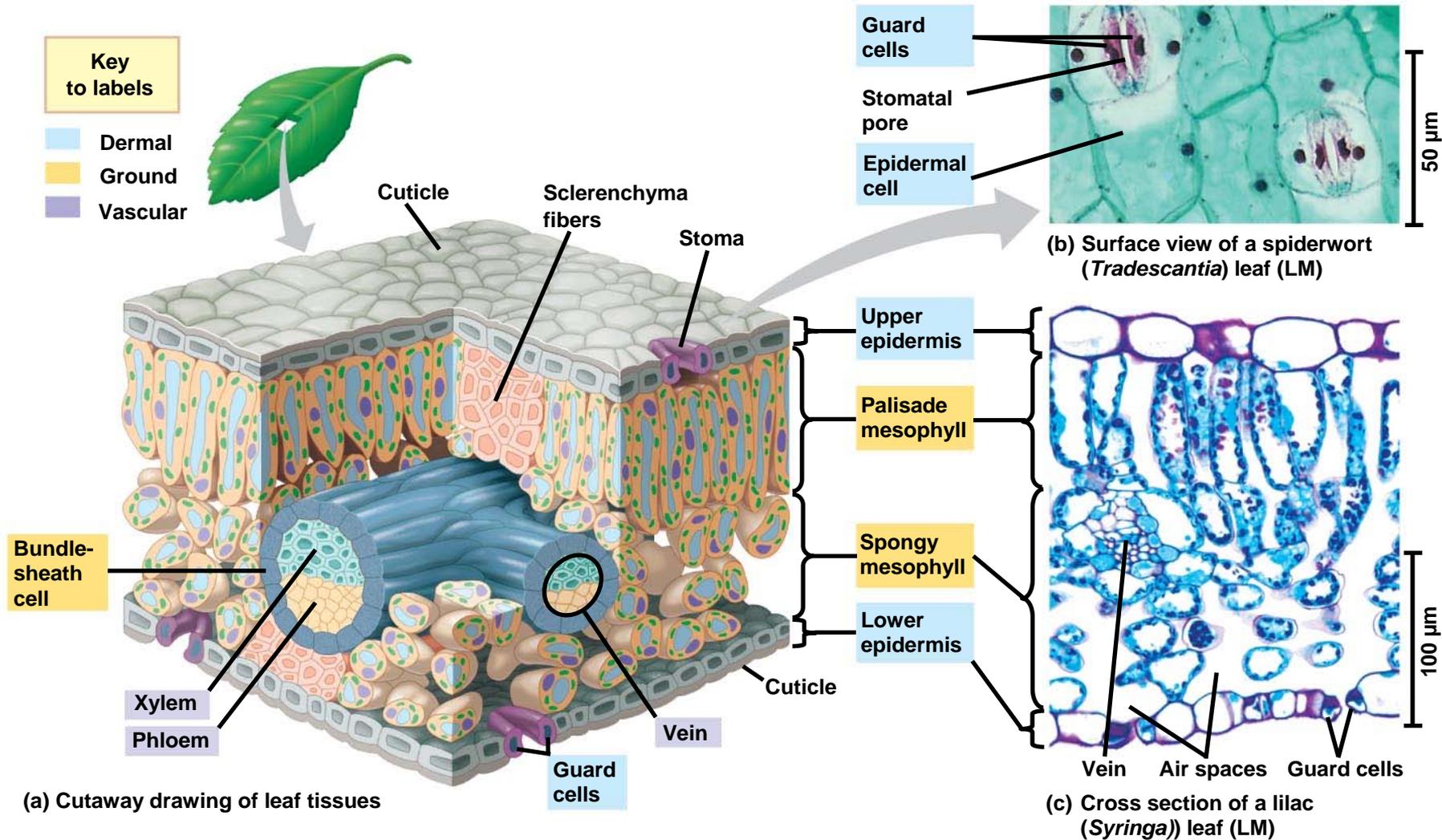
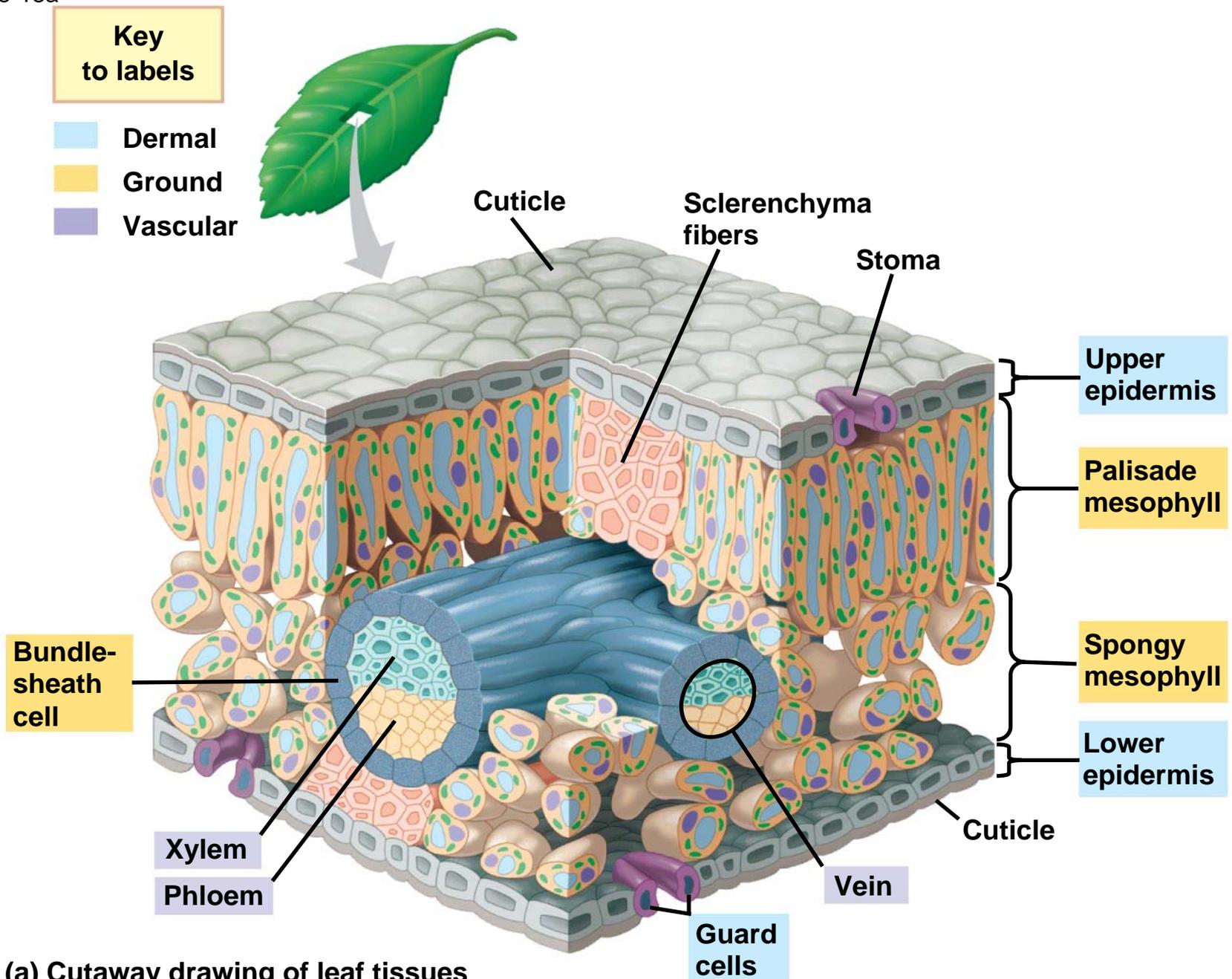


Fig. 35-18a

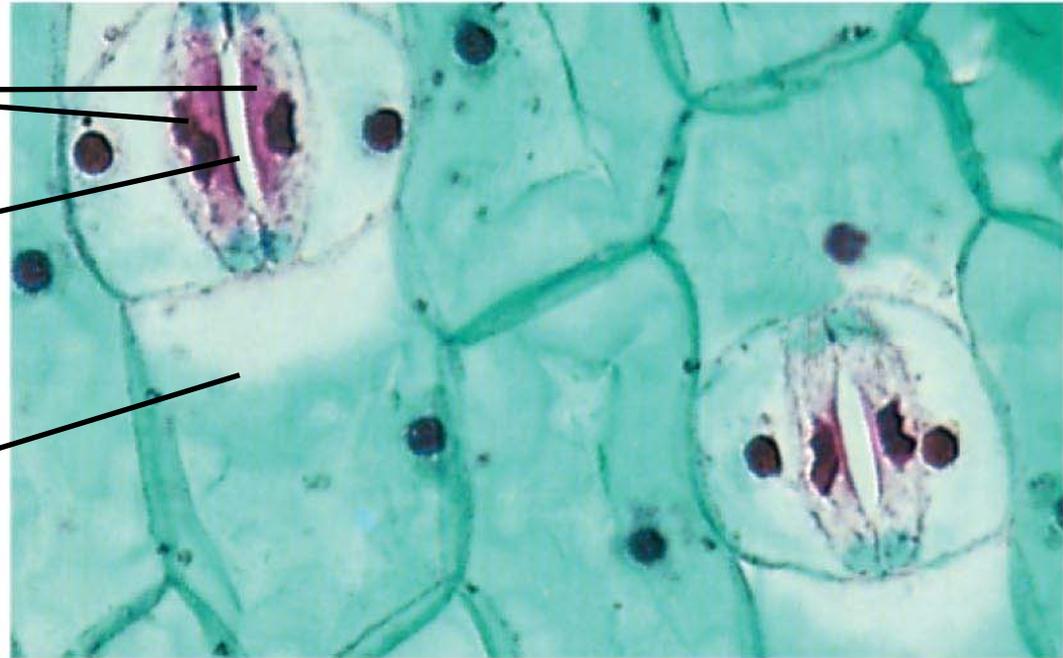


(a) Cutaway drawing of leaf tissues

**Guard  
cells**

**Stomatal  
pore**

**Epidermal  
cell**

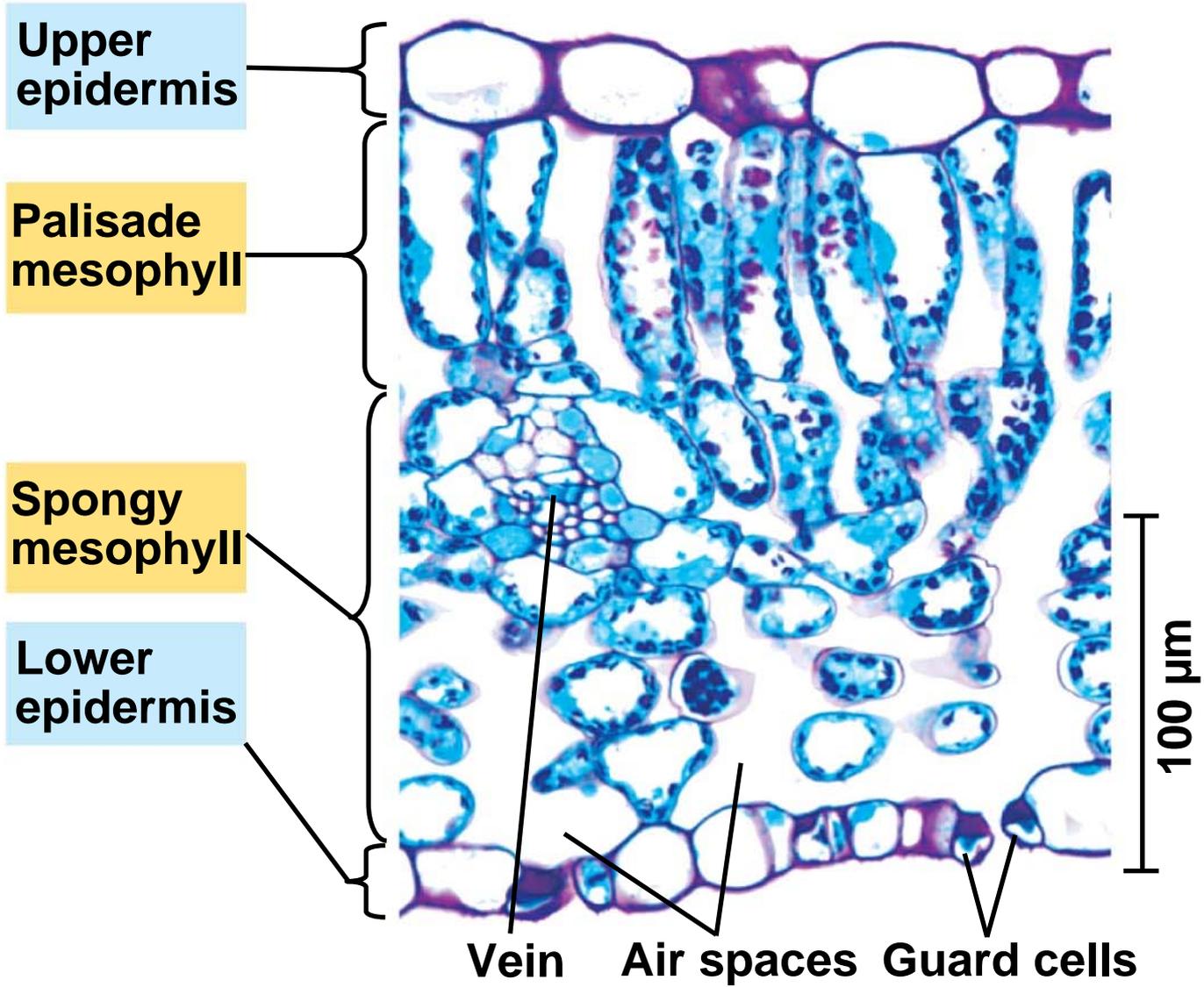


**50  $\mu\text{m}$**

**(b) Surface view of a spiderwort (*Tradescantia*) leaf (LM)**

**Key to labels**

- Dermal
- Ground
- Vascular



**(c) Cross section of a lilac (*Syringa*) leaf (LM)**

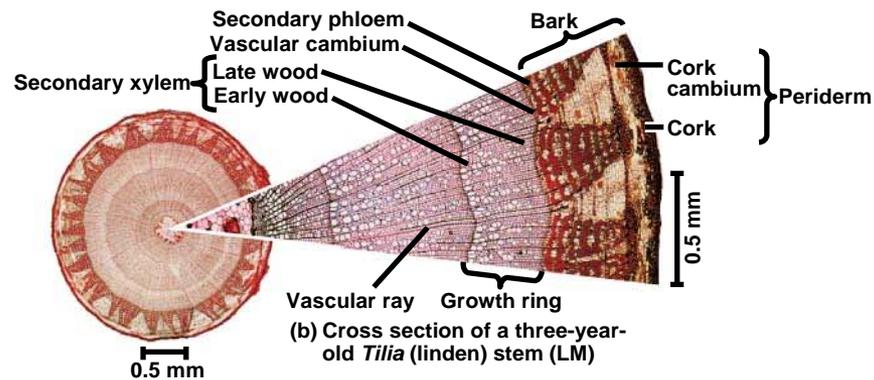
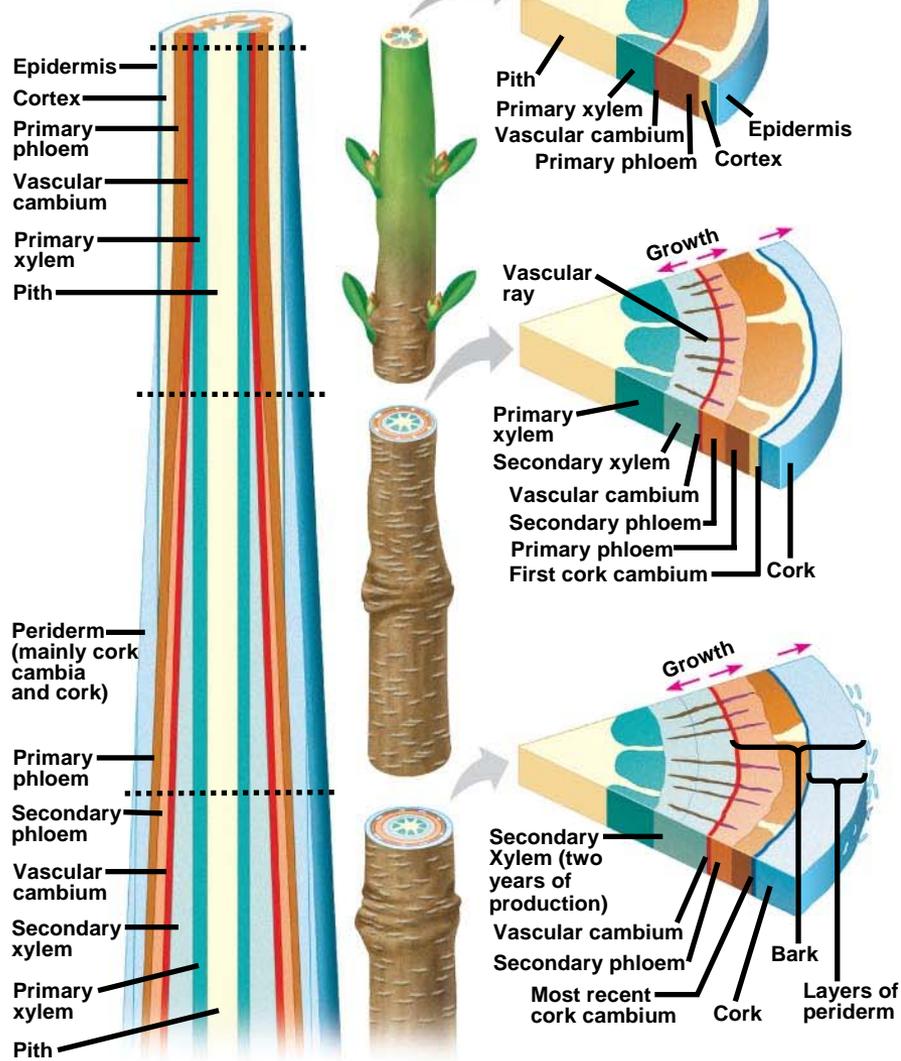
## Concept 35.4: Secondary growth adds girth to stems and roots in woody plants

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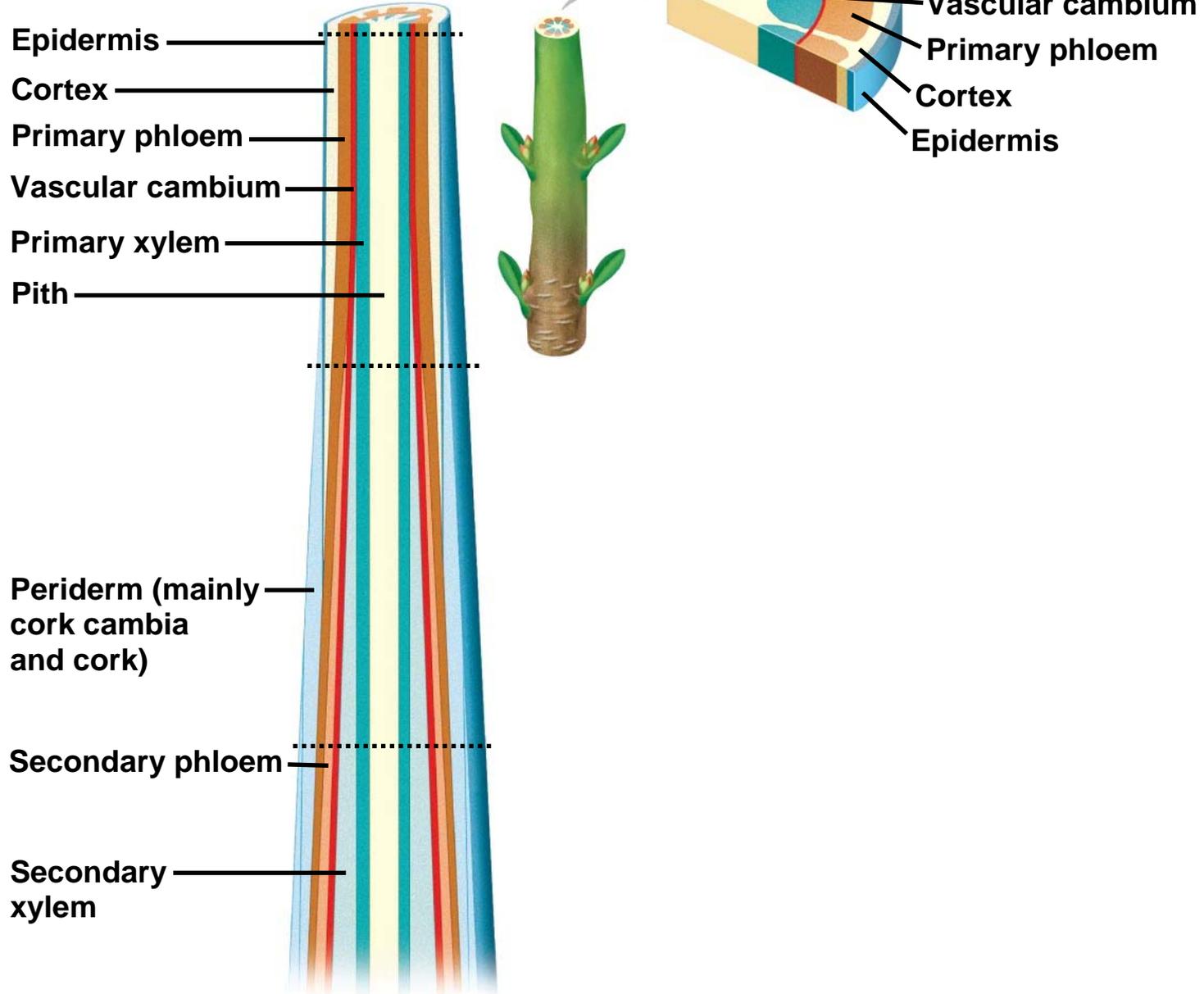
- Secondary growth occurs in stems and roots of woody plants but rarely in leaves
- The **secondary plant body** consists of the tissues produced by the vascular cambium and cork cambium
- Secondary growth is characteristic of gymnosperms and many eudicots, but not monocots

Fig. 35-19

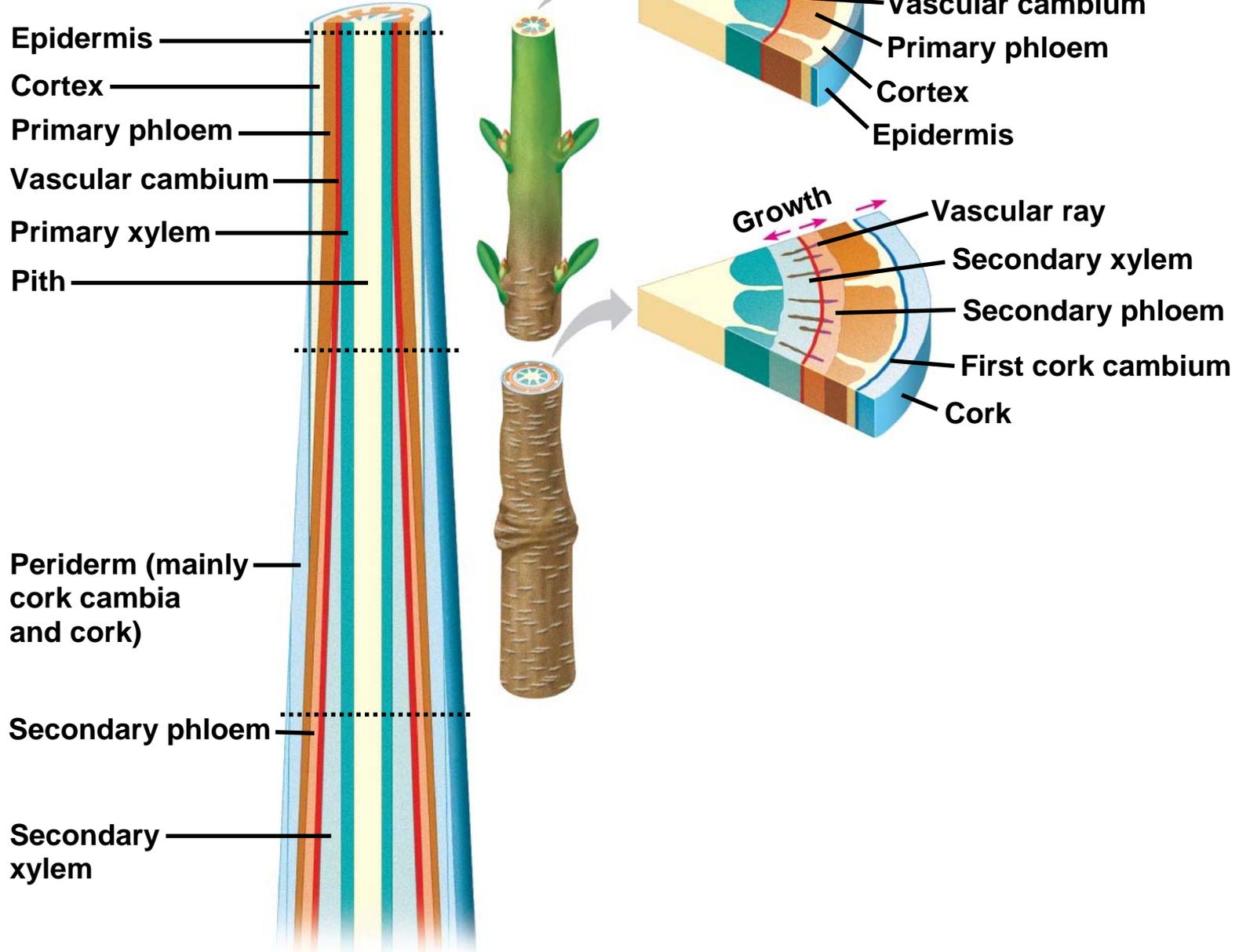
(a) Primary and secondary growth in a two-year-old stem



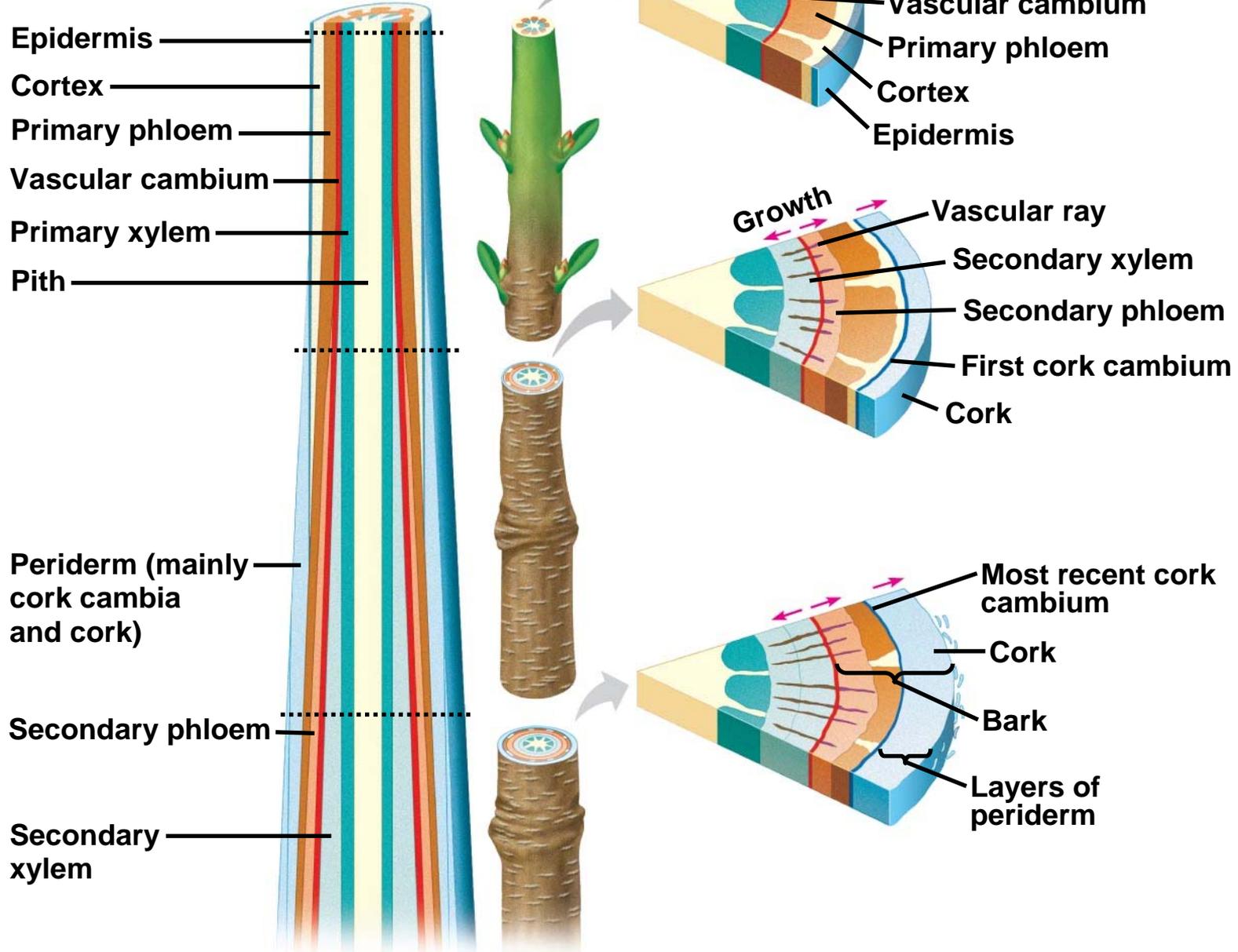
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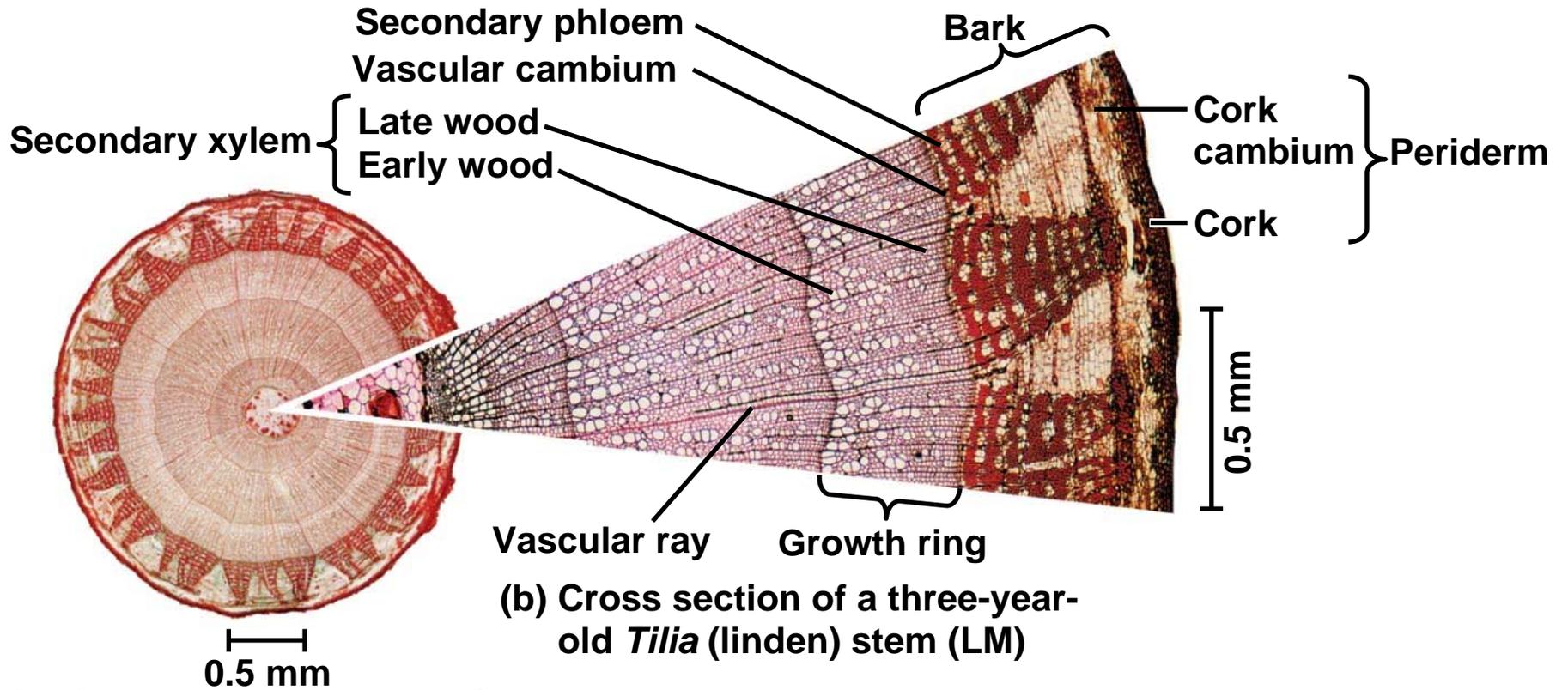


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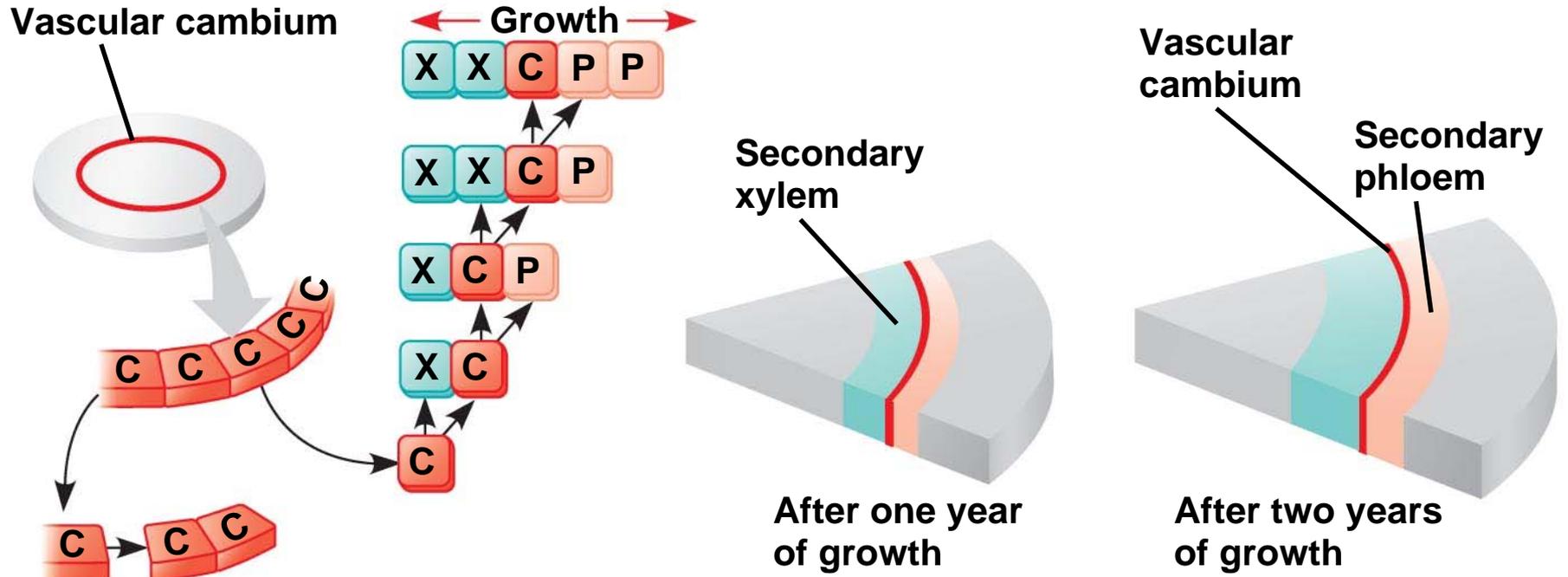
# The Vascular Cambium and Secondary Vascular Tissue

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- The vascular cambium is a cylinder of meristematic cells one cell layer thick
- It develops from undifferentiated parenchyma cells

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- In cross section, the vascular cambium appears as a ring of initials
  - The initials increase the vascular cambium's circumference and add secondary xylem to the inside and secondary phloem to the outside

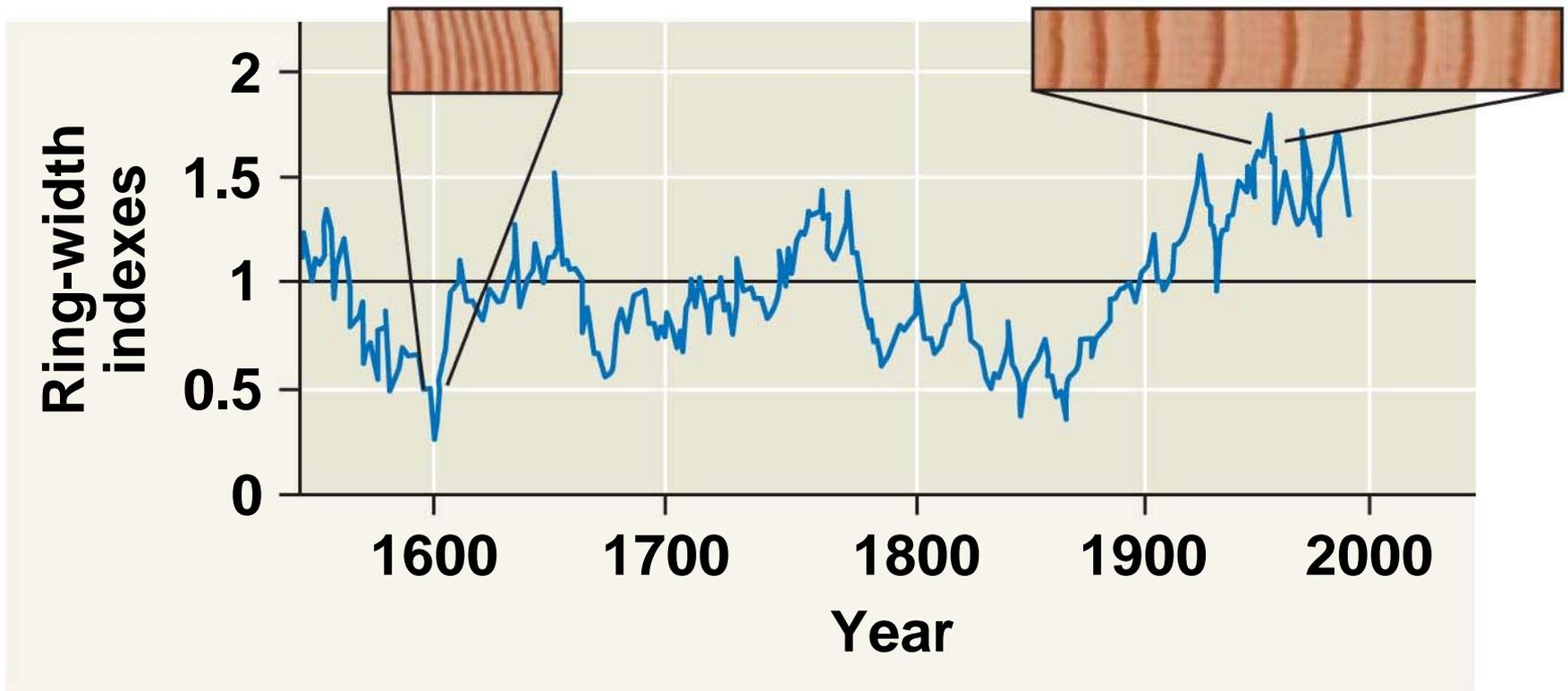
Fig. 35-20



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- Secondary xylem accumulates as wood, and consists of tracheids, vessel elements (only in angiosperms), and fibers
  - Early wood, formed in the spring, has thin cell walls to maximize water delivery
  - Late wood, formed in late summer, has thick-walled cells and contributes more to stem support
  - In temperate regions, the vascular cambium of perennials is dormant through the winter

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- Tree rings are visible where late and early wood meet, and can be used to estimate a tree's age
  - *Dendrochronology* is the analysis of tree ring growth patterns, and can be used to study past climate change

## RESULTS



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- As a tree or woody shrub ages, the older layers of secondary xylem, the *heartwood*, no longer transport water and minerals
  - The outer layers, known as *sapwood*, still transport materials through the xylem
  - Older secondary phloem sloughs off and does not accumulate

Fig. 35-22

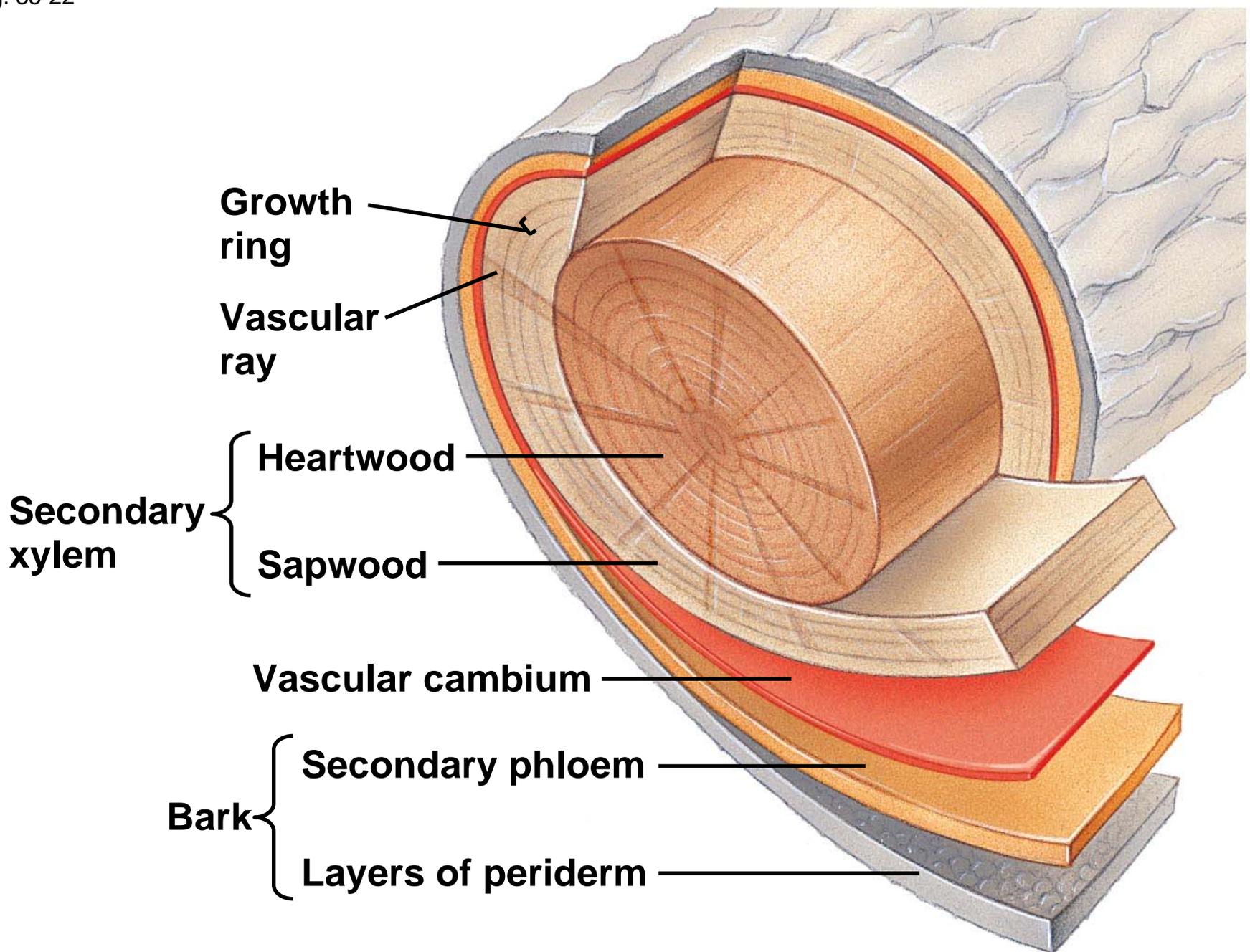


Fig. 35-23



# The Cork Cambium and the Production of Periderm

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- The cork cambium gives rise to the secondary plant body's protective covering, or periderm
- Periderm consists of the cork cambium plus the layers of cork cells it produces
- **Bark** consists of all the tissues external to the vascular cambium, including secondary phloem and periderm
- **Lenticels** in the periderm allow for gas exchange between living stem or root cells and the outside air

## Concept 35.5: Growth, morphogenesis, and differentiation produce the plant body

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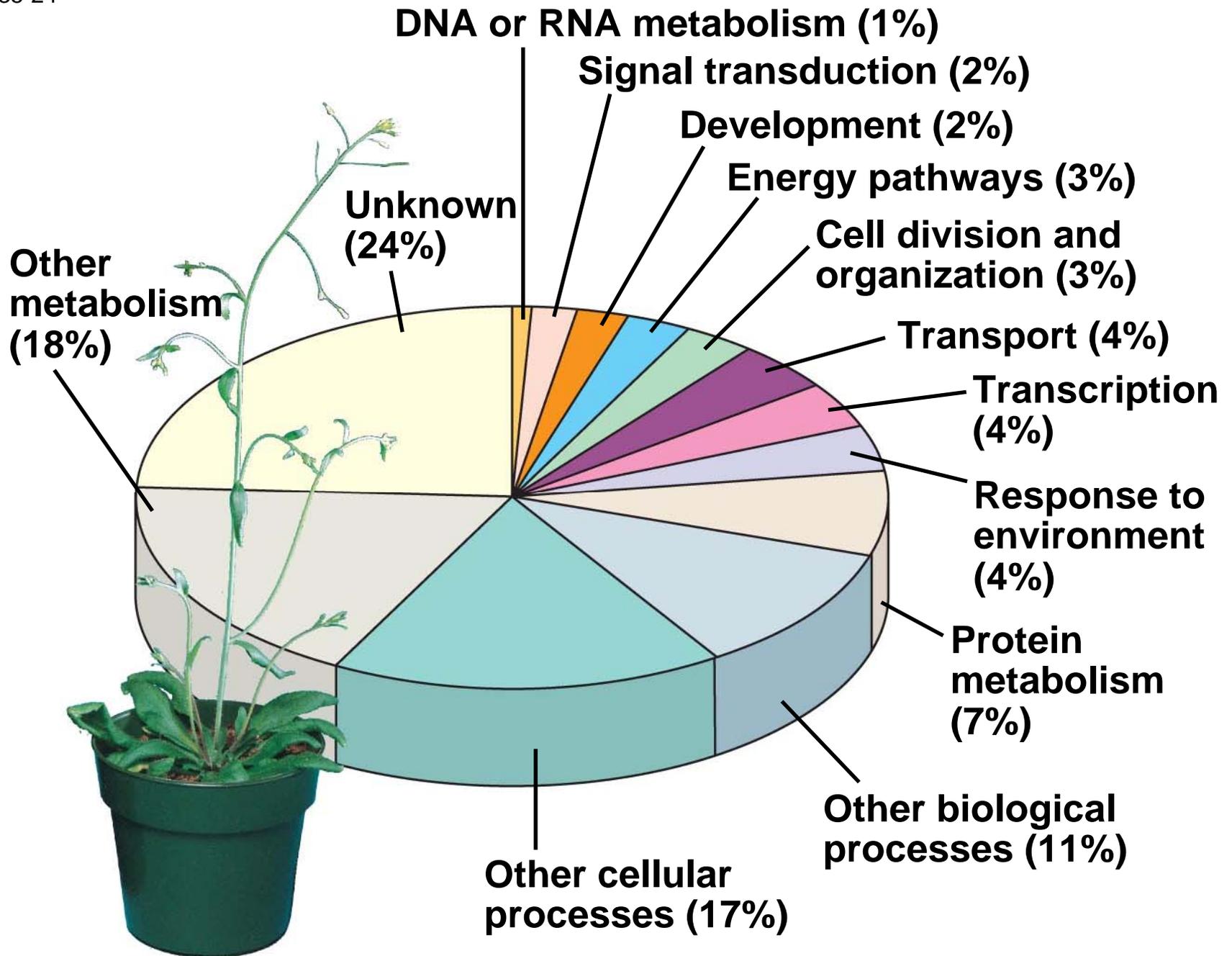
- **Morphogenesis** is the development of body form and organization
- The three developmental processes of growth, morphogenesis, and cellular differentiation act in concert to transform the fertilized egg into a plant

# Molecular Biology: Revolutionizing the Study of Plants

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- New techniques and model systems are catalyzing explosive progress in our understanding of plants
- *Arabidopsis* is a model organism, and the first plant to have its entire genome sequenced
- Studying the genes and biochemical pathways of *Arabidopsis* will provide insights into plant development, a major goal of systems biology

Fig. 35-24



# Growth: Cell Division and Cell Expansion

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- By increasing cell number, cell division in meristems increases the potential for growth
- Cell expansion accounts for the actual increase in plant size

# *The Plane and Symmetry of Cell Division*

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- The plane (direction) and symmetry of cell division are immensely important in determining plant form
- If the planes of division are parallel to the plane of the first division, a single file of cells is produced

Fig. 35-25

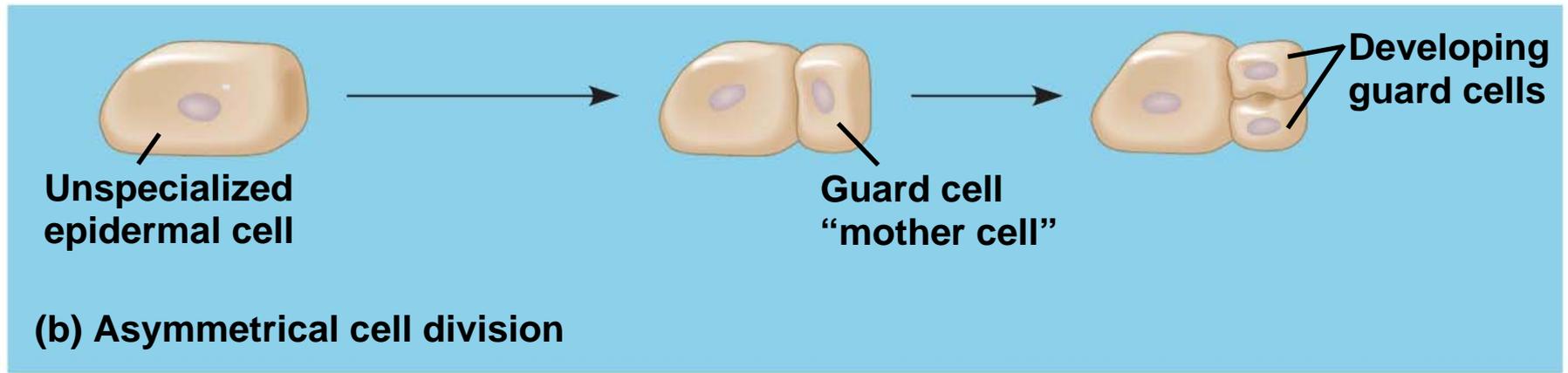
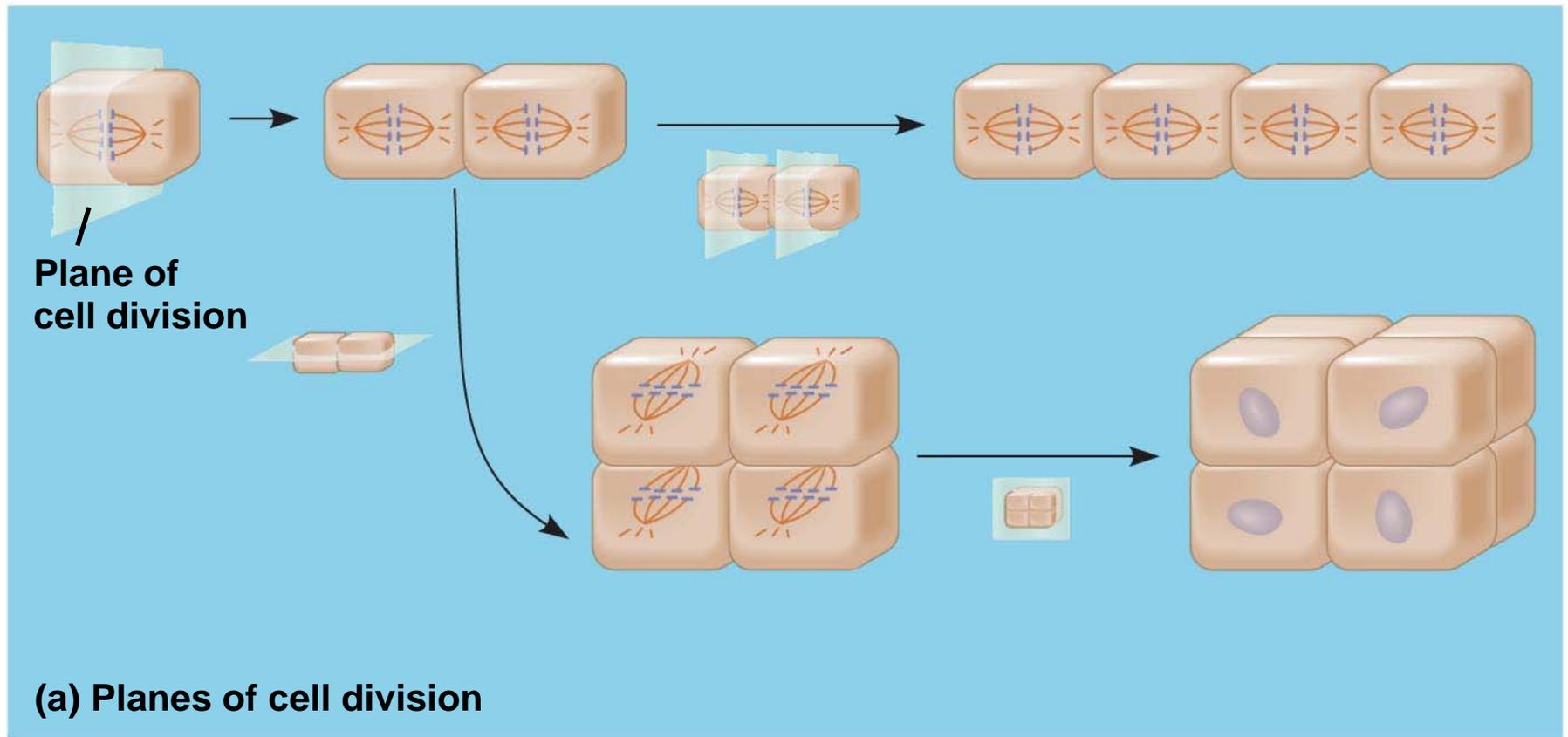
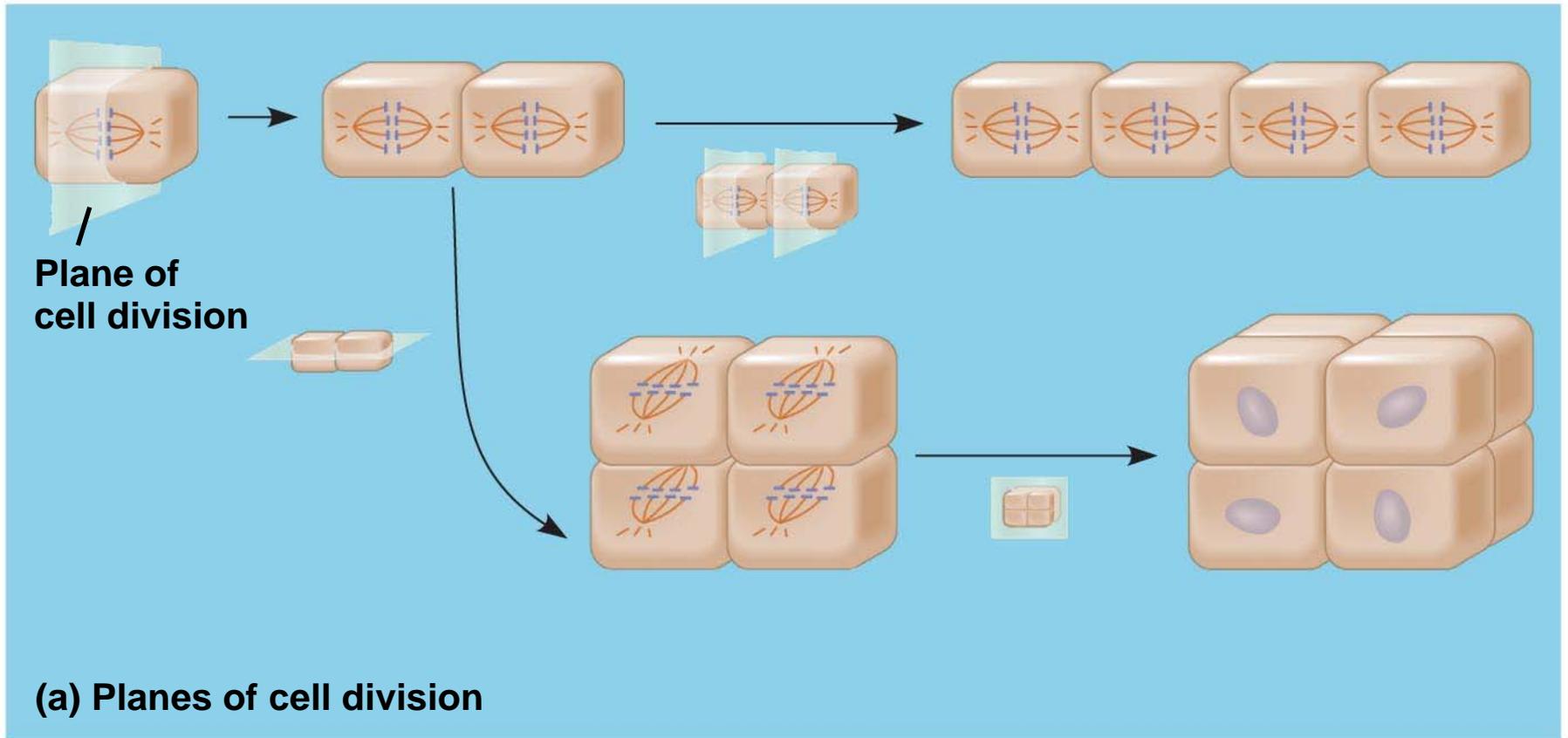
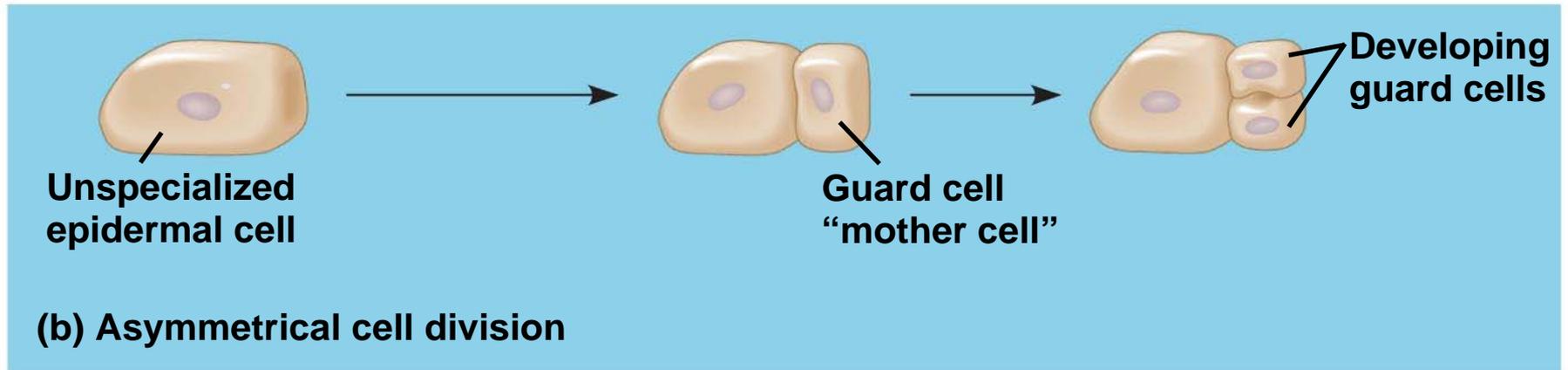


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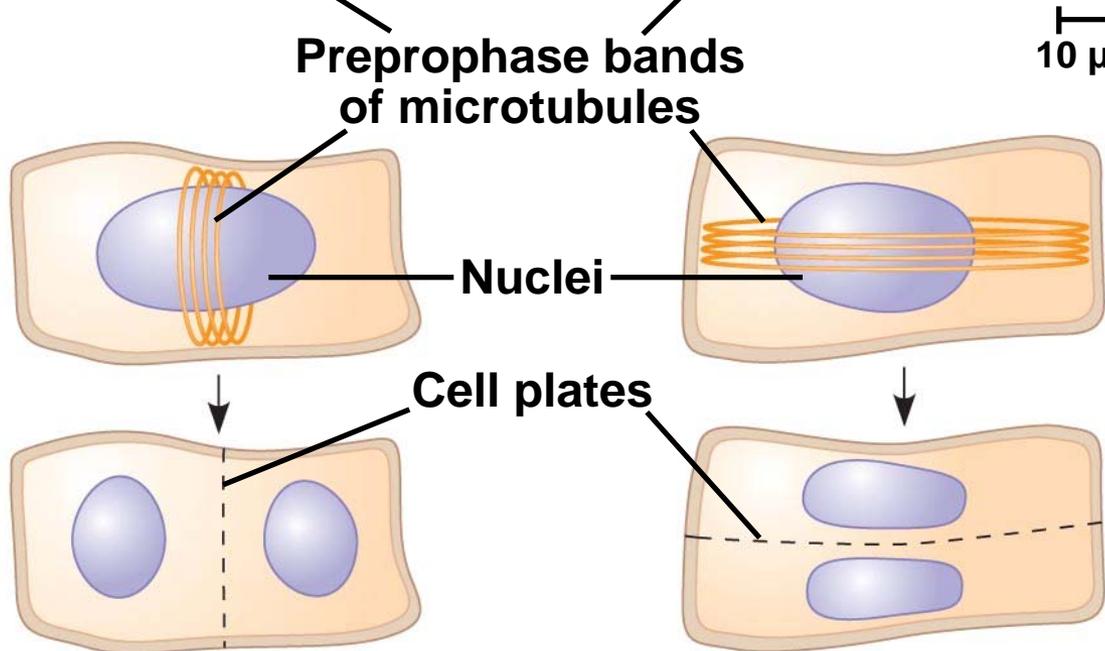
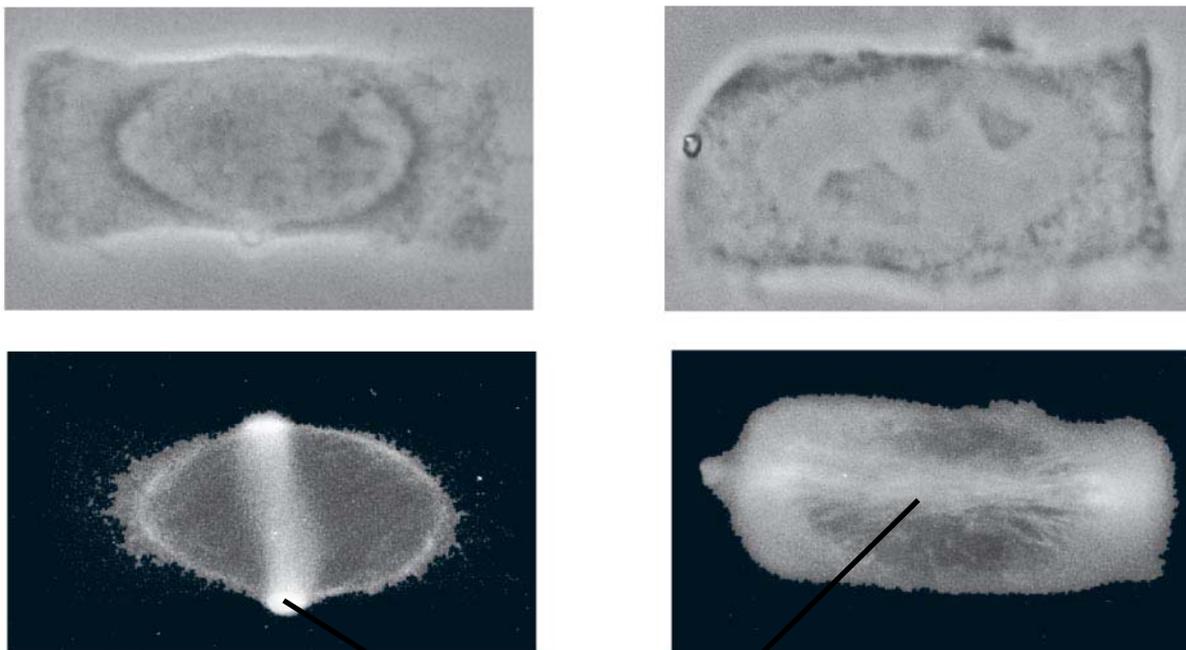


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- If the planes of division vary randomly, asymmetrical cell division occurs



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- The plane in which a cell divides is determined during late interphase
  - Microtubules become concentrated into a ring called the **preprophase band** that predicts the future plane of cell division

Fig. 35-26

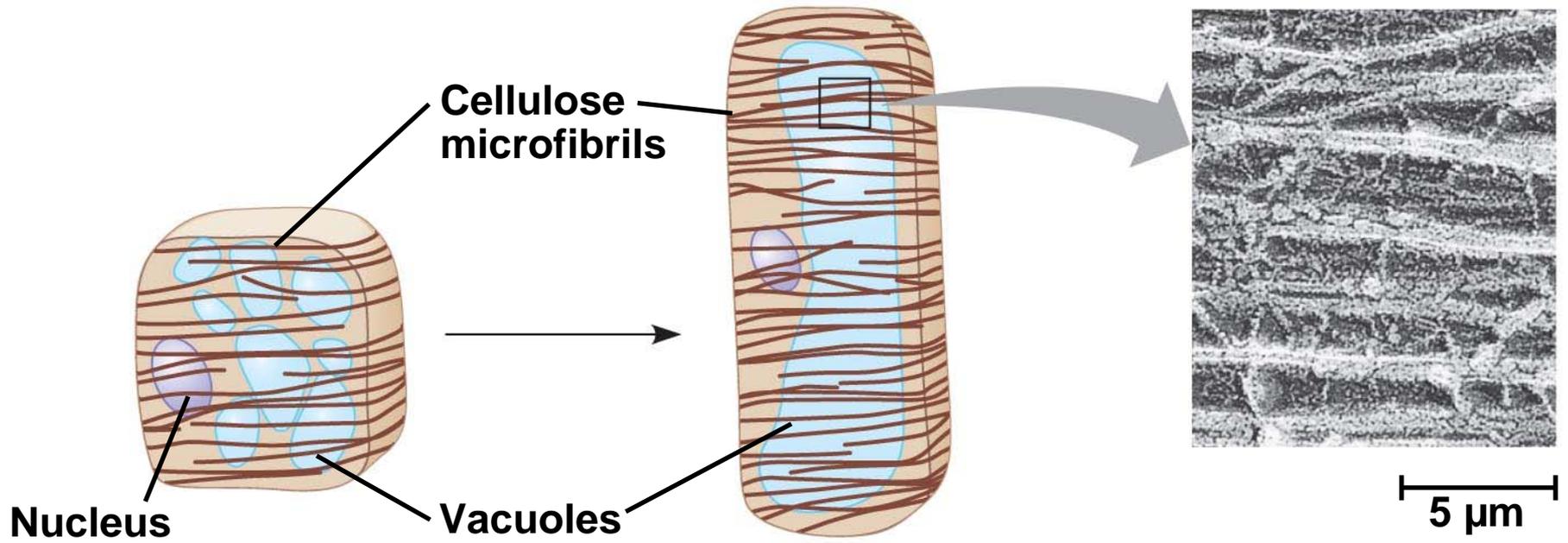


# *Orientation of Cell Expansion*

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- Plant cells grow rapidly and “cheaply” by intake and storage of water in vacuoles
- Plant cells expand primarily along the plant’s main axis
- Cellulose microfibrils in the cell wall restrict the direction of cell elongation

Fig. 35-27



**Nucleus**

**Cellulose microfibrils**

**Vacuoles**

5 μm

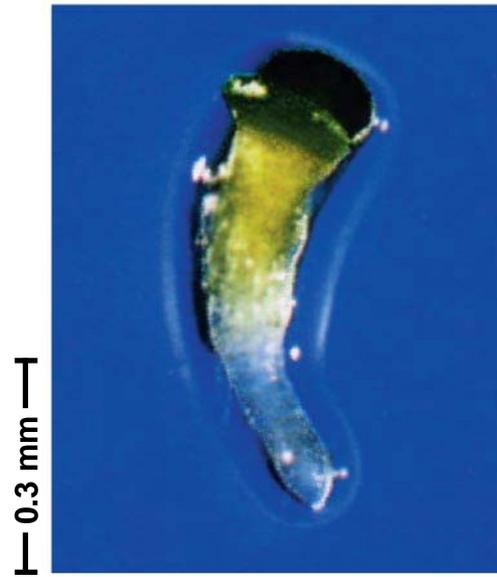
# *Microtubules and Plant Growth*

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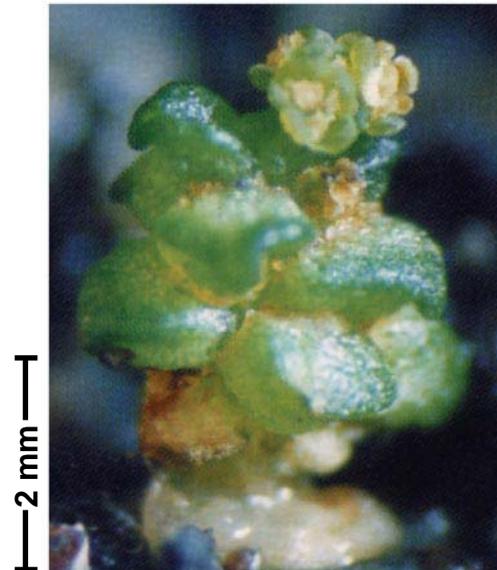
- Studies of *fass* mutants of *Arabidopsis* have confirmed the importance of cytoplasmic microtubules in cell division and expansion



**(a) Wild-type seedling**



**(b) *fass* seedling**



**(c) Mature *fass* mutant**

# Morphogenesis and Pattern Formation

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- **Pattern formation** is the development of specific structures in specific locations
- It is determined by **positional information** in the form of signals indicating to each cell its location
- Positional information may be provided by gradients of molecules
- **Polarity**, having structural or chemical differences at opposite ends of an organism, provides one type of positional information

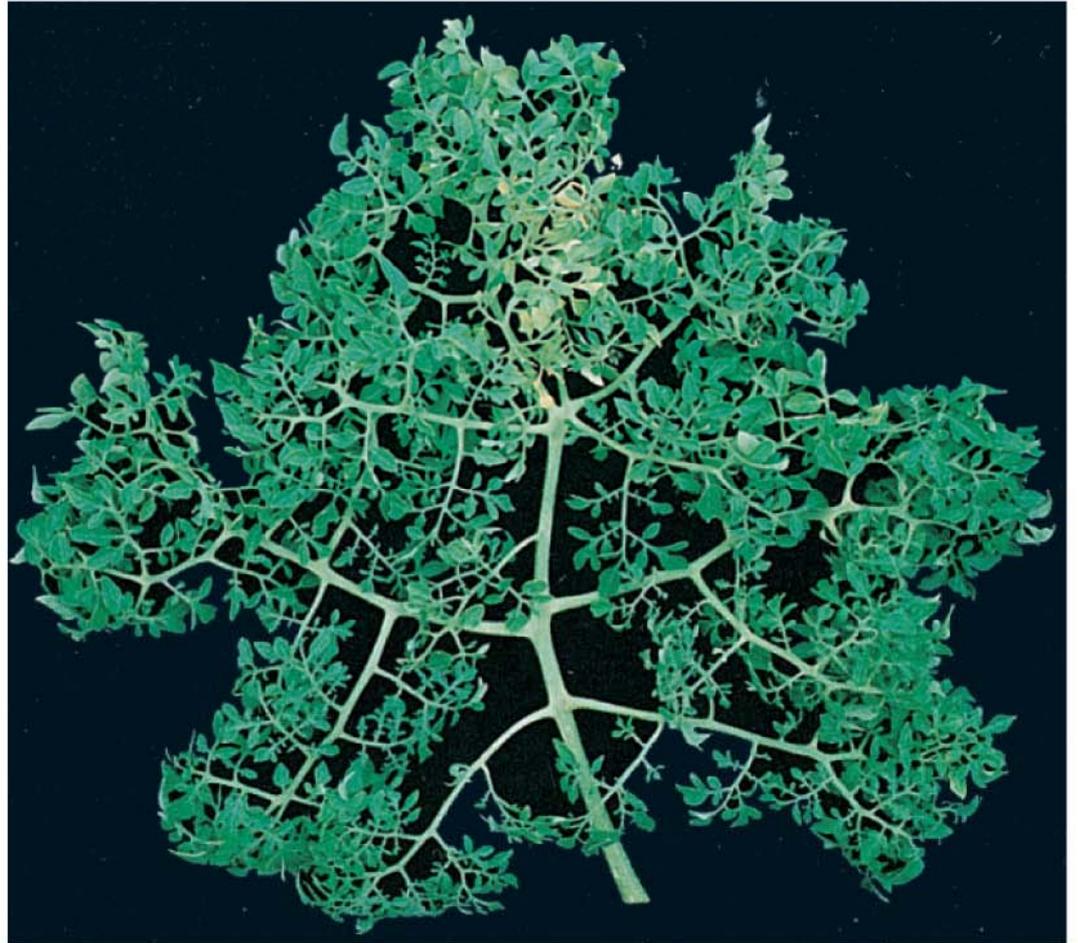
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- Polarization is initiated by an asymmetrical first division of the plant zygote
  - In the *gnom* mutant of *Arabidopsis*, the establishment of polarity is defective

Fig. 35-29



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- Morphogenesis in plants, as in other multicellular organisms, is often controlled by homeotic genes

Fig. 35-30



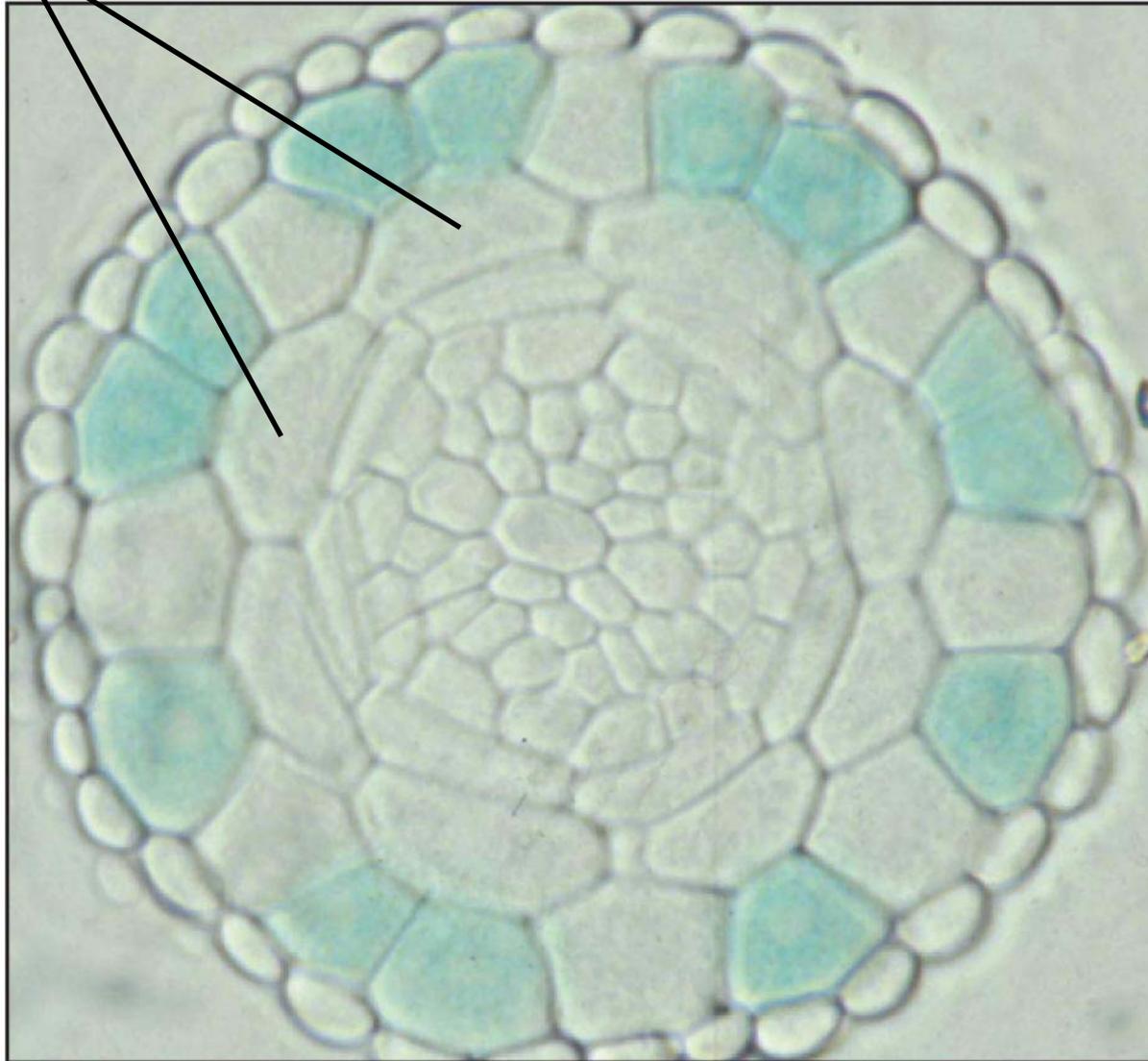
# Gene Expression and Control of Cellular Differentiation

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- In cellular differentiation, cells of a developing organism synthesize different proteins and diverge in structure and function even though they have a common genome
- Cellular differentiation to a large extent depends on positional information and is affected by homeotic genes

Fig. 35-31

**Cortical  
cells**



**1-20 μm-1**

# Location and a Cell's Developmental Fate

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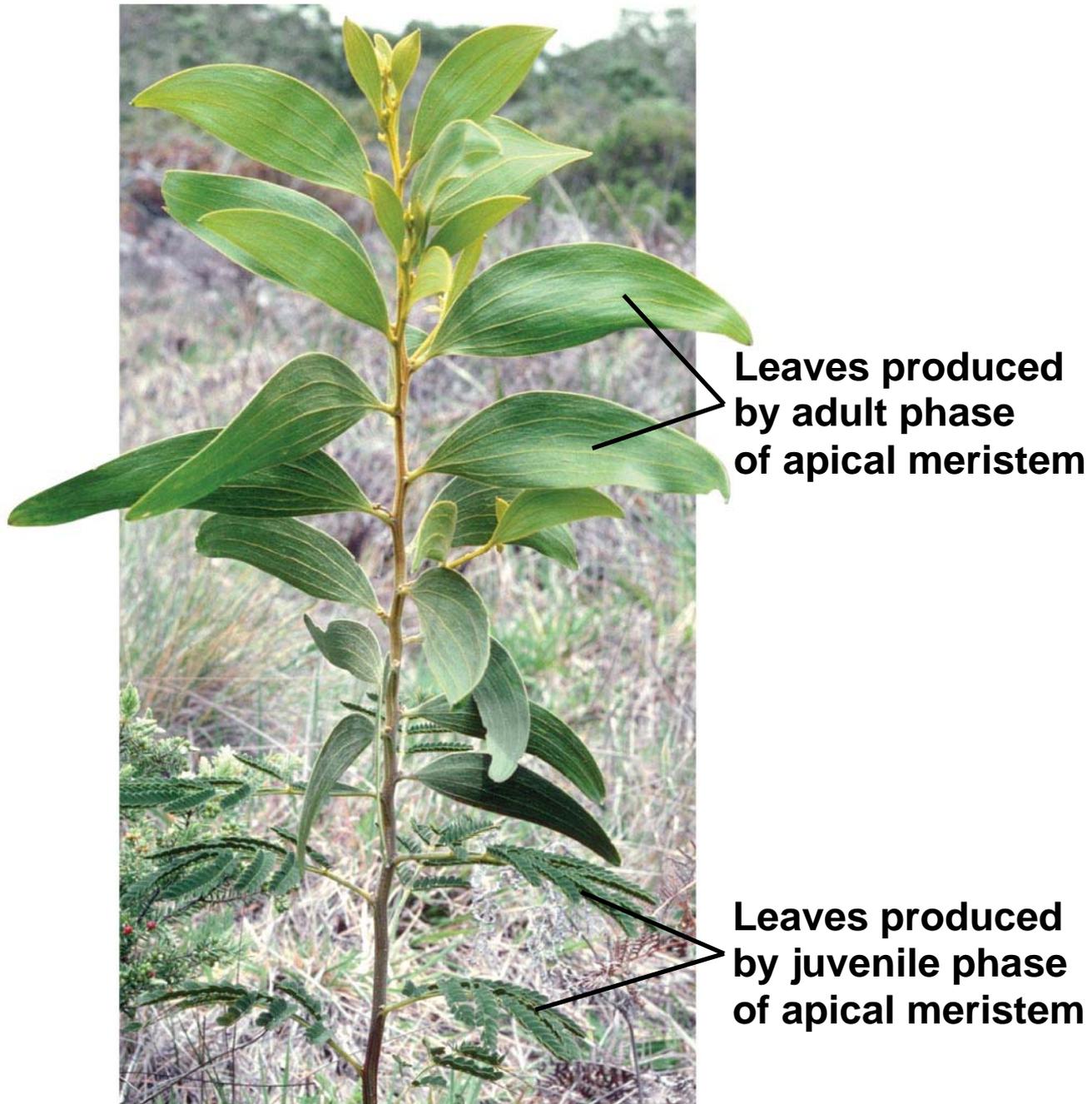
- Positional information underlies all the processes of development: growth, morphogenesis, and differentiation
- Cells are not dedicated early to forming specific tissues and organs
- The cell's final position determines what kind of cell it will become

# Shifts in Development: Phase Changes

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- Plants pass through developmental phases, called **phase changes**, developing from a juvenile phase to an adult phase
- Phase changes occur within the shoot apical meristem
- The most obvious morphological changes typically occur in leaf size and shape

Fig. 35-32

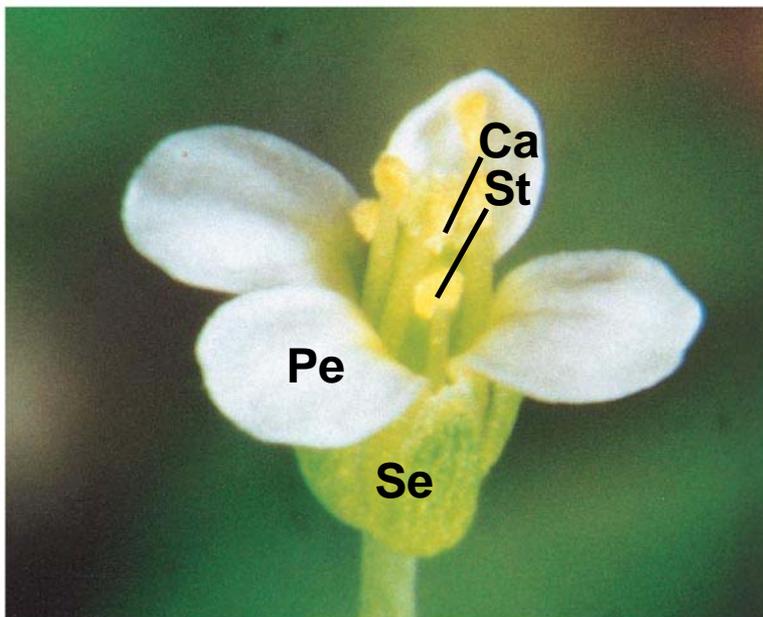


# Genetic Control of Flowering

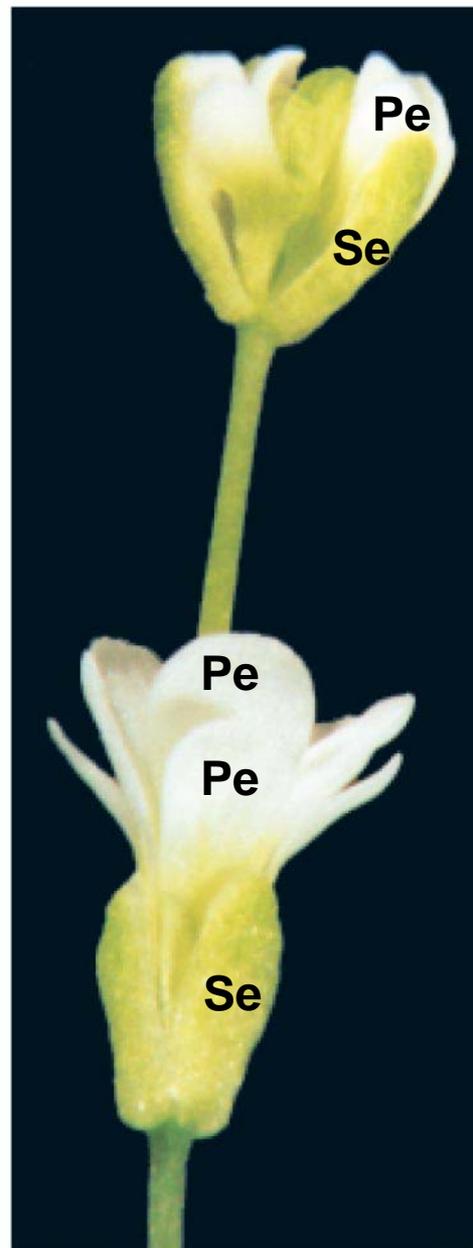
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- Flower formation involves a phase change from vegetative growth to reproductive growth
- It is triggered by a combination of environmental cues and internal signals
- Transition from vegetative growth to flowering is associated with the switching on of floral **meristem identity genes**

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- Plant biologists have identified several **organ identity genes** (plant homeotic genes) that regulate the development of floral pattern
  - A mutation in a plant organ identity gene can cause abnormal floral development



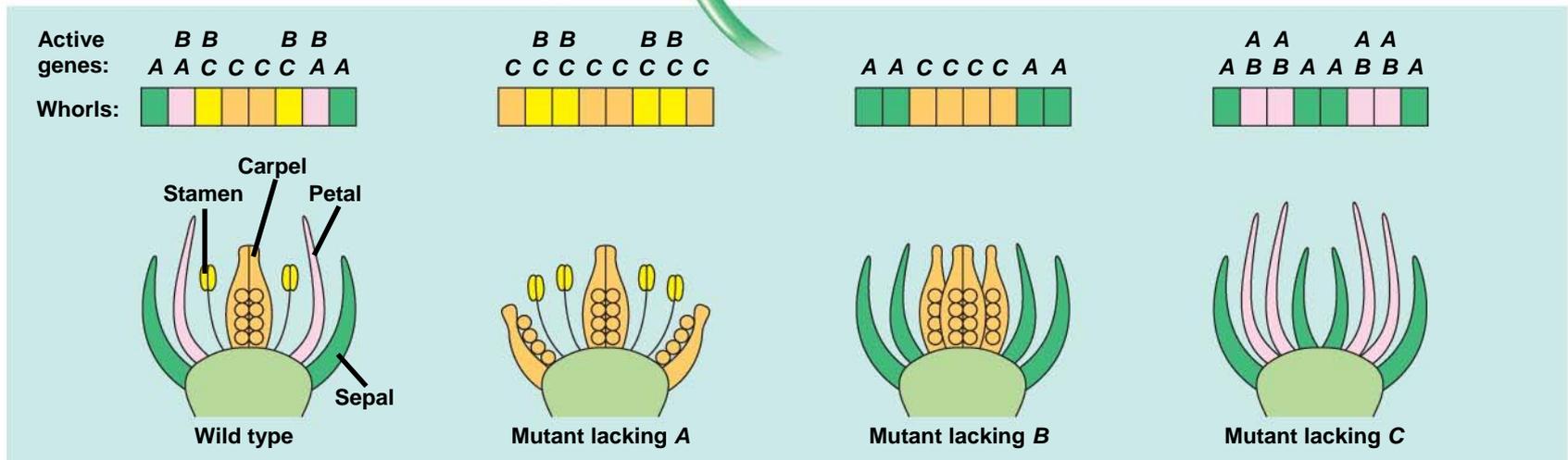
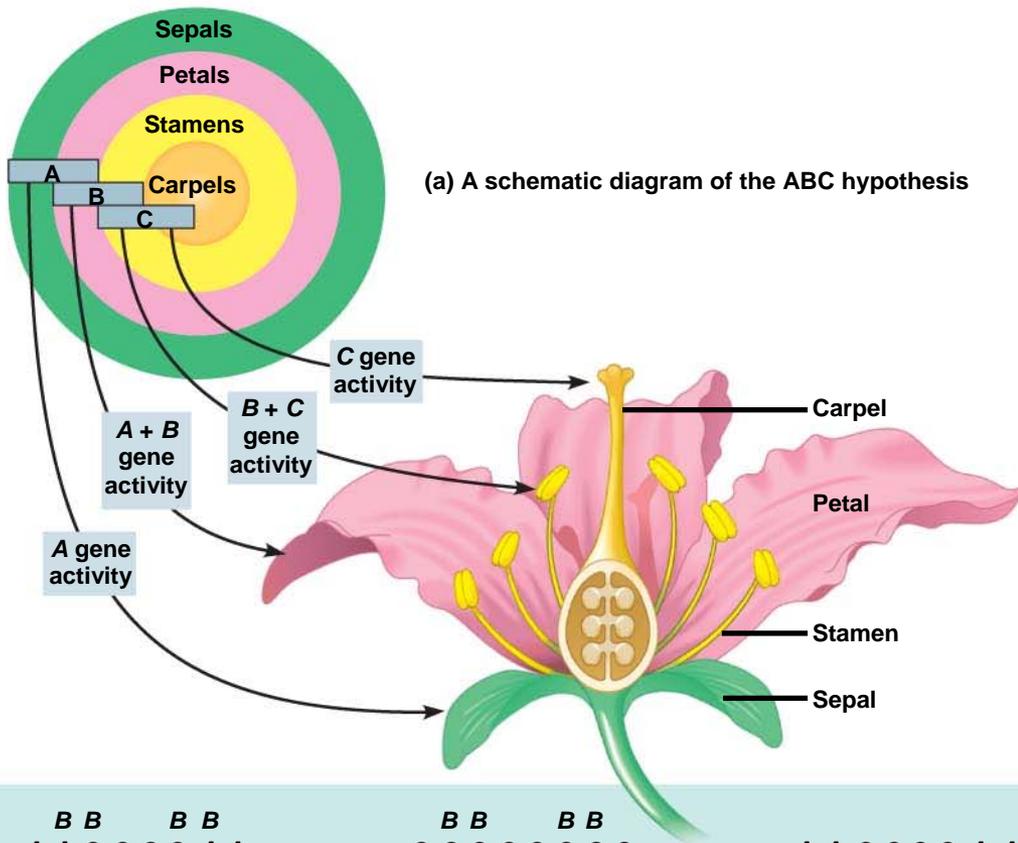
**(a) Normal *Arabidopsis* flower**



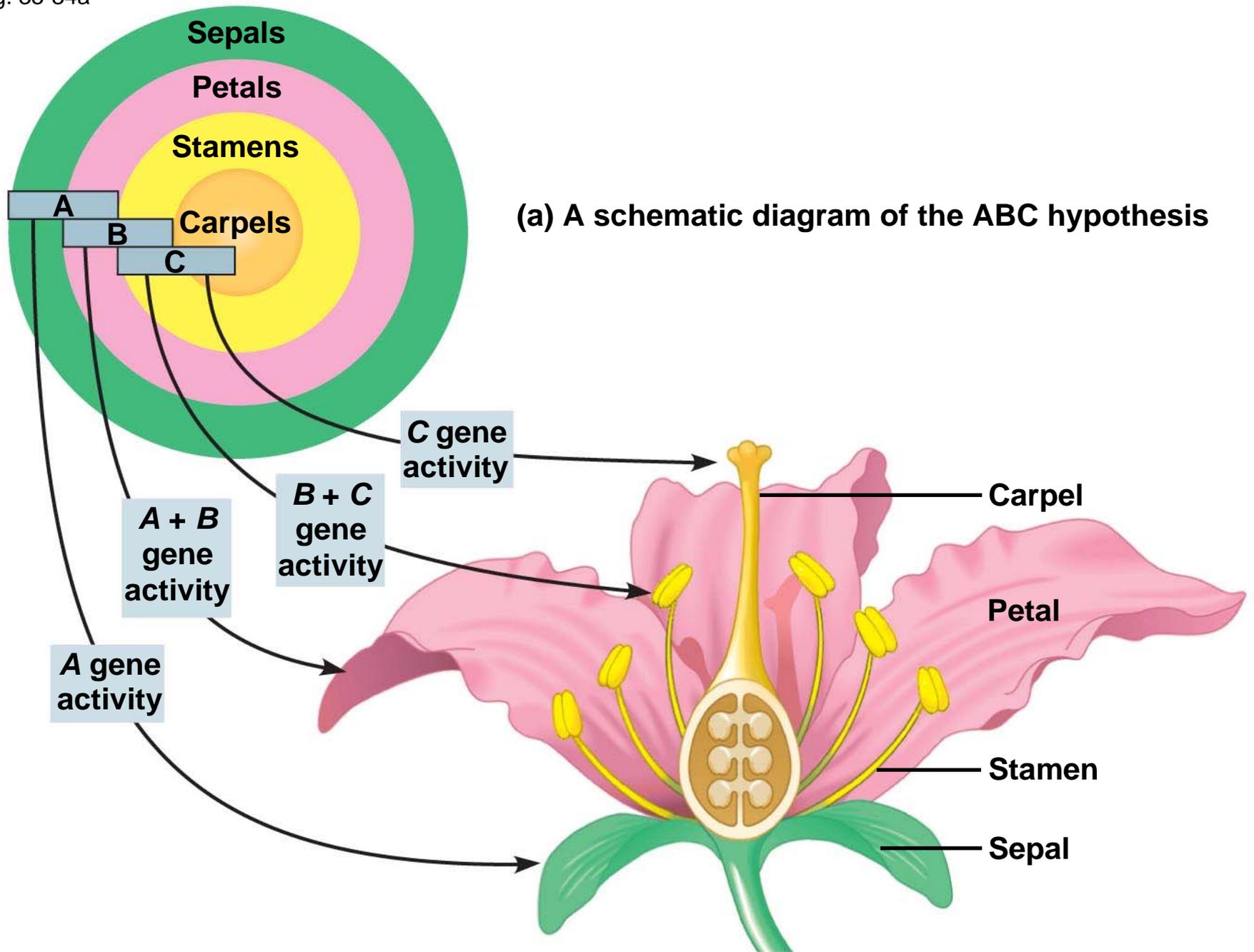
**(b) Abnormal *Arabidopsis* flower**

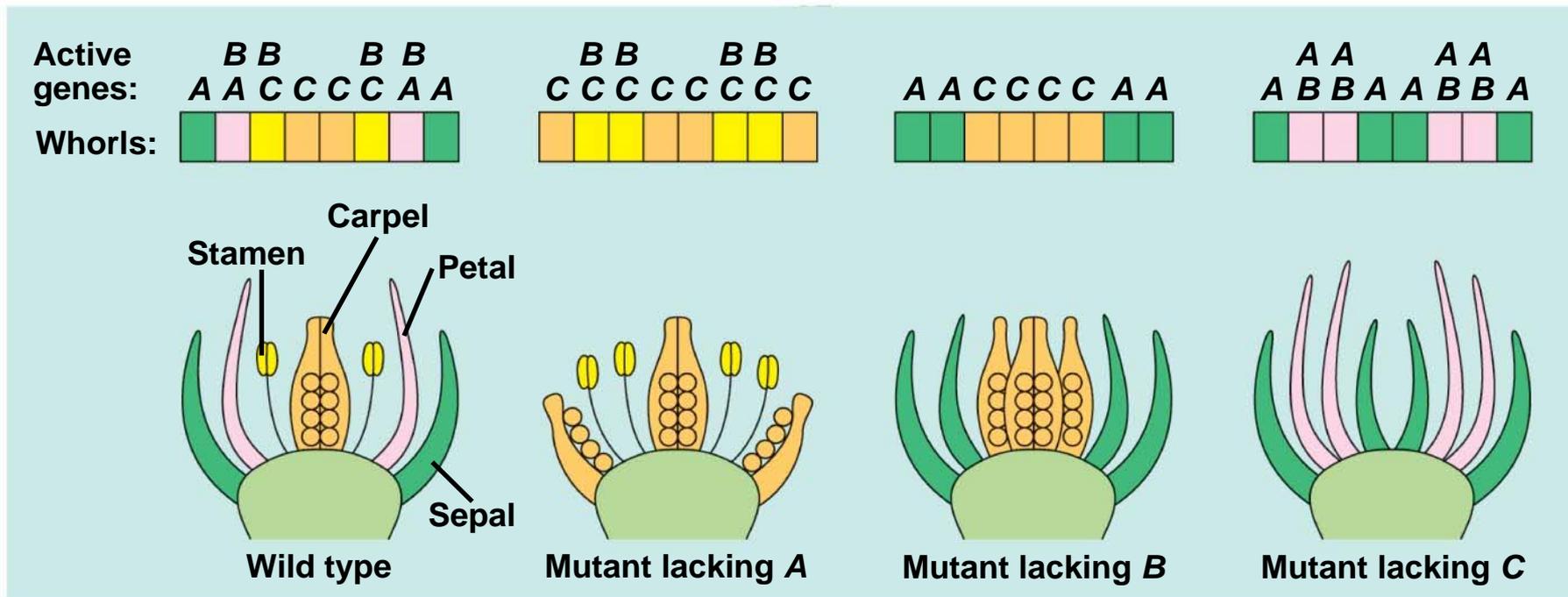
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- Researchers have identified three classes of floral organ identity genes
  - The **ABC model** of flower formation identifies how floral organ identity genes direct the formation of the four types of floral organs
  - An understanding of mutants of the organ identity genes depicts how this model accounts for floral phenotypes

Fig. 35-34



(b) Side view of flowers with organ identity mutations





**(b) Side view of flowers with organ identity mutations**

**Shoot tip  
(shoot apical  
meristem and  
young leaves)**

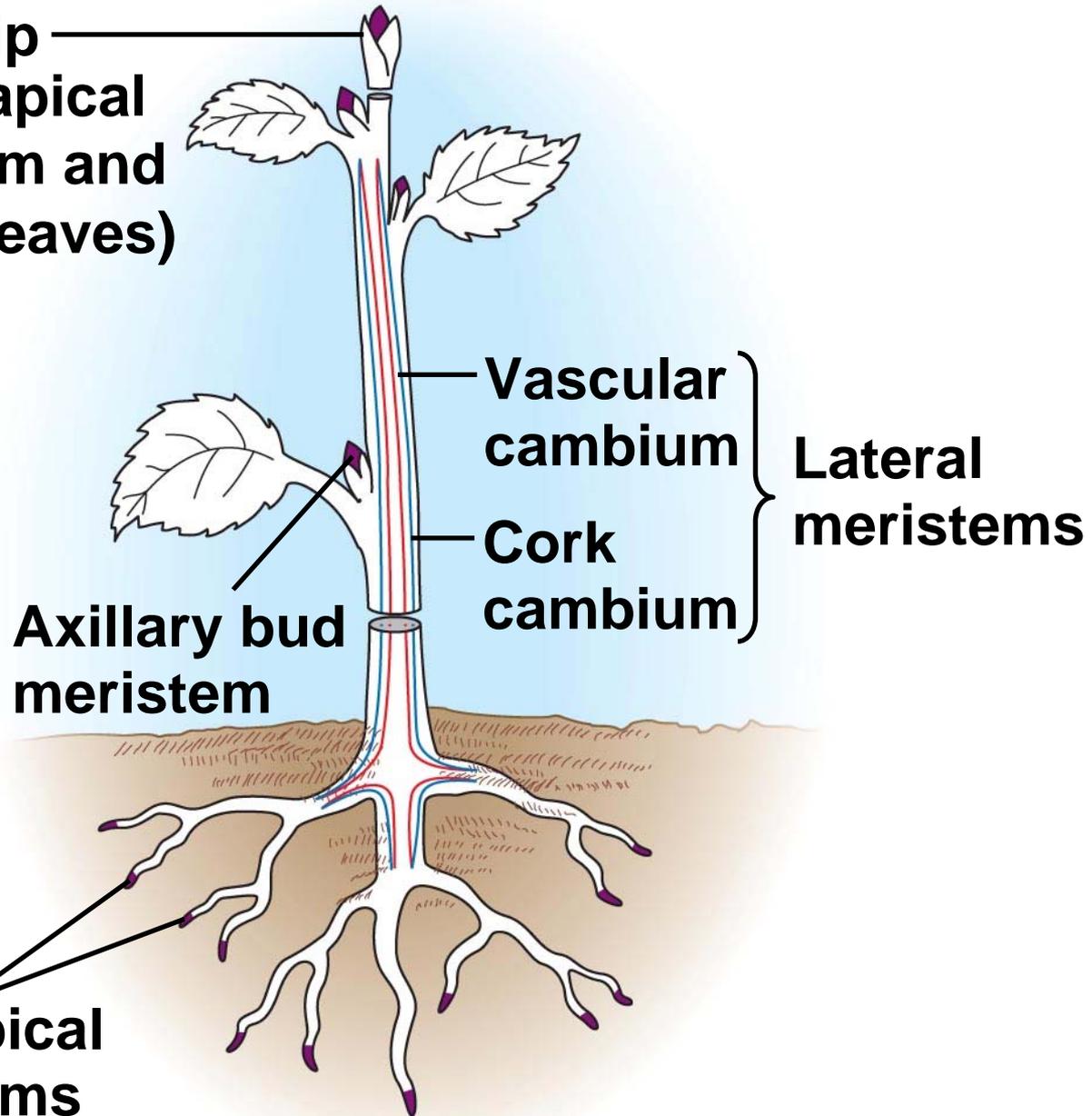
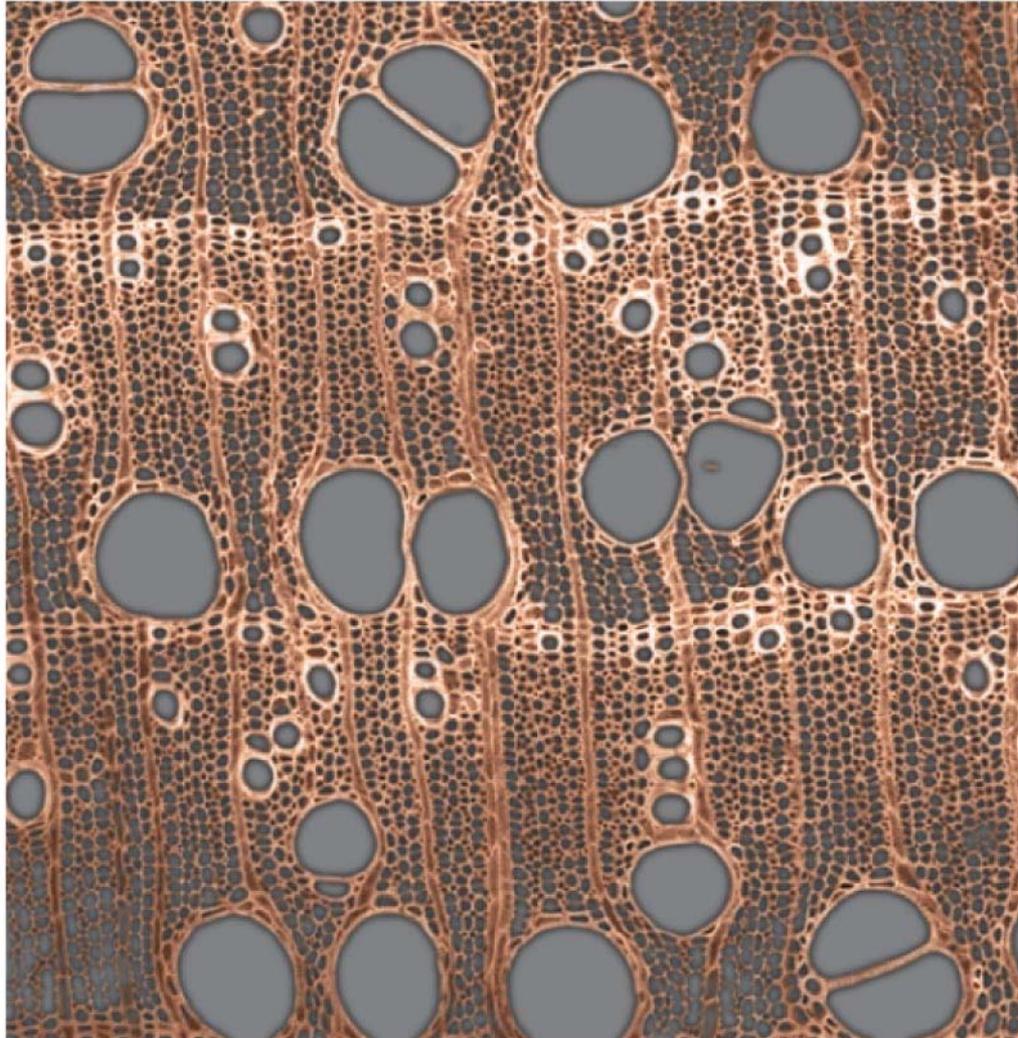
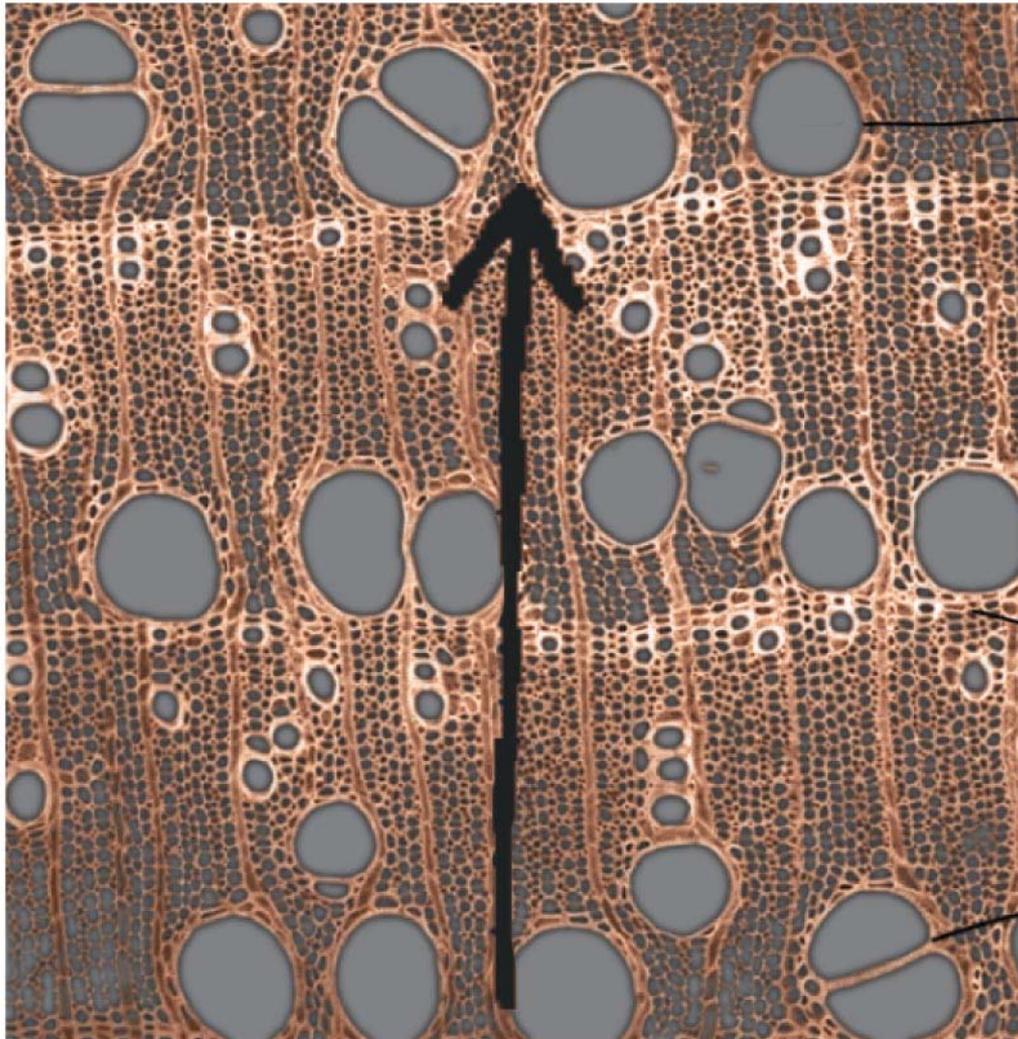


Fig. 35-UN2



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Fig. 35-UN3



Vessel element

Growth ring

Late wood

Early wood

# You should now be able to:

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1. Compare the following structures or cells:
  - Fibrous roots, taproots, root hairs, adventitious roots
  - Dermal, vascular, and ground tissues
  - Monocot leaves and eudicot leaves
  - Parenchyma, collenchyma, sclerenchyma, water-conducting cells of the xylem, and sugar-conducting cells of the phloem
  - Sieve-tube element and companion cell

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2. Explain the phenomenon of apical dominance
  3. Distinguish between determinate and indeterminate growth
  4. Describe in detail the primary and secondary growth of the tissues of roots and shoots
  5. Describe the composition of wood and bark

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6. Distinguish between morphogenesis, differentiation, and growth
  7. Explain how a vegetative shoot tip changes into a floral meristem