Fundamentals of the morphology of generative organs.

The structure and functions of the flower.

Inflorescences.
Part 1

Plan.

- Angiosperms division. Their origin.
- Flower. Concept and functions. Flower Parts
- Flower formula and diagram
- Inflorescence. Classification of inflorescences
- Biology of Angiosperm reproduction.
- Microsporogenesis and male gametophyte
- Megasporogenesis and female gametophyte
- Flowering and pollination of plants
- Seed development

Reproductive (generative) organs are intended for sexual or asexual reproduction itself. The reproductive organs of plants include sporangia and organs of sexual reproduction: archegonia and antheridia. In angiosperms, the reproductive organs include a flower and its derivatives - a seed and a fruit.

The flower is a modified shortened shoot adapted to produce spores for asexual reproduction us well us gametes for the sexual process that results in seeds and fruit.







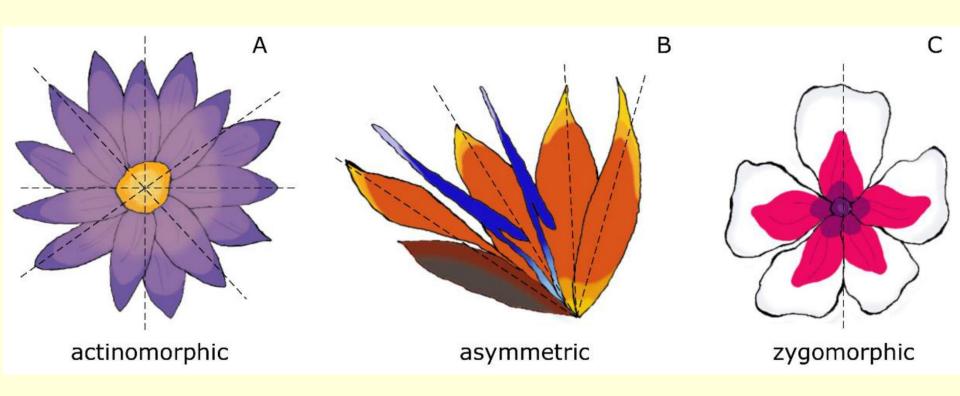






Sporogenesis, gametogenesis and the sexual process take place in the flower. After pollination and fertilization, the flowers turn into fruits and the ovules into seeds. The fruit cannot arise independently of the flower, but is always formed from it.

Symmetry of flowers



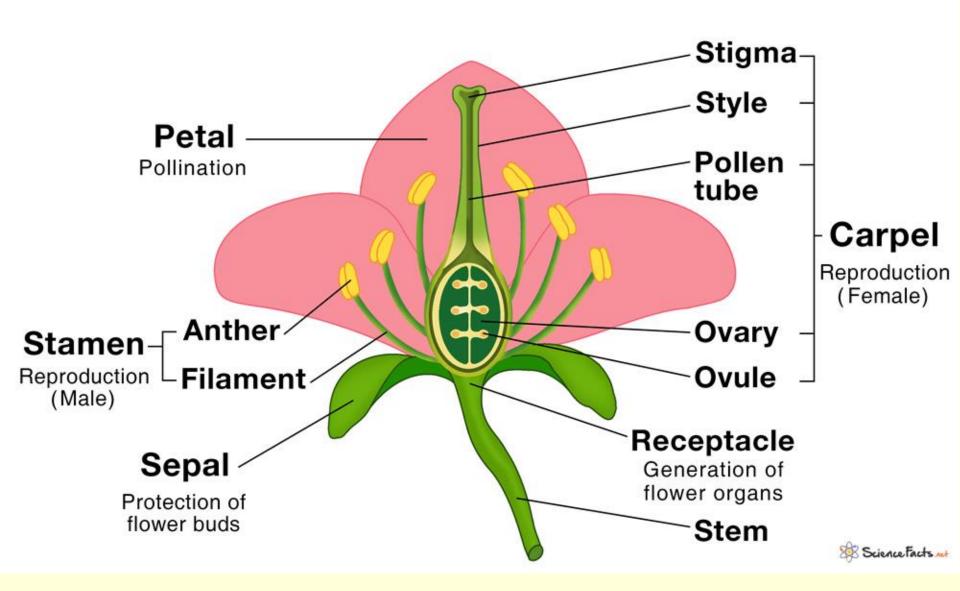




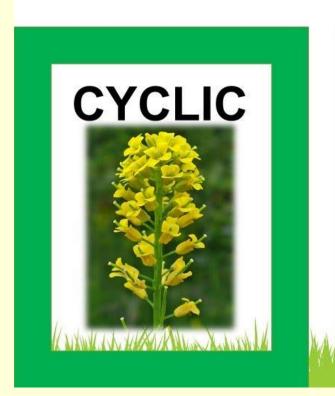


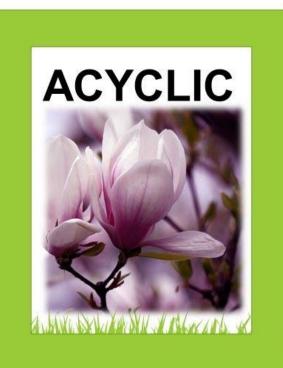


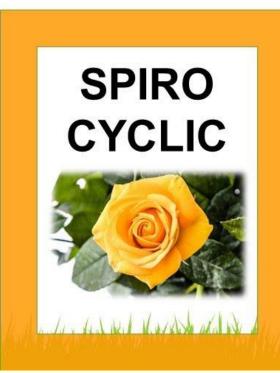
Parts of a Flower



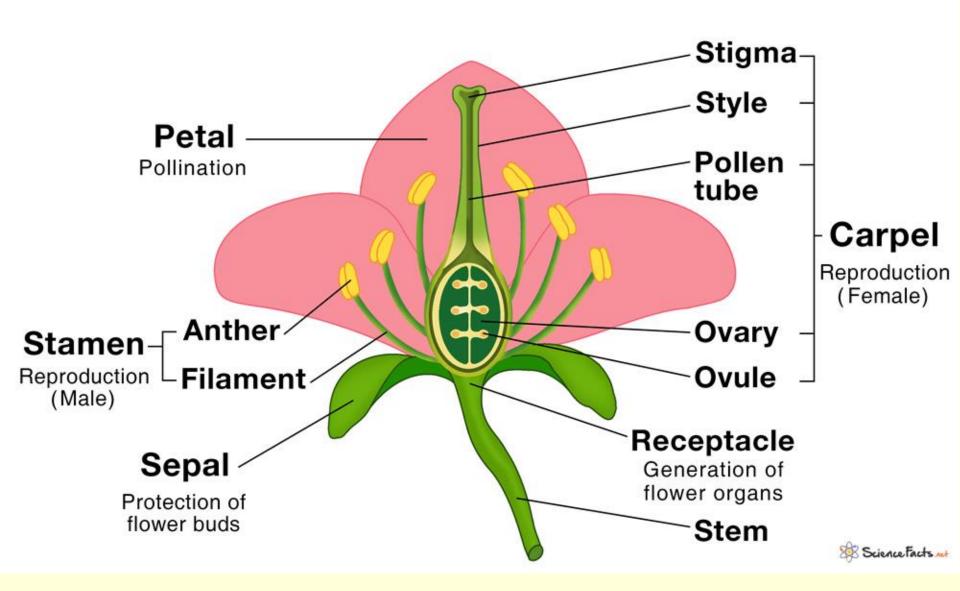
ARRANGEMENT OF FLORAL ORGANS

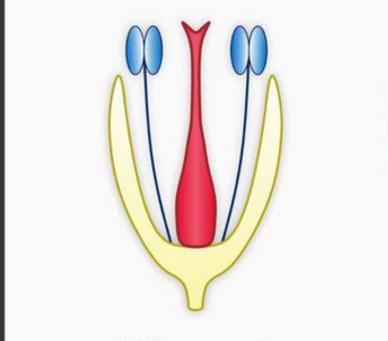




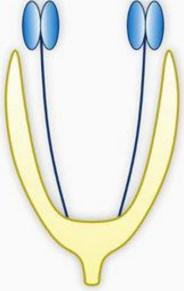


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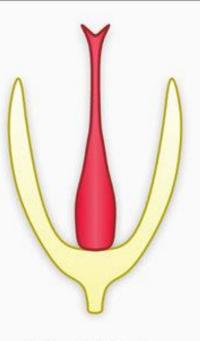




Bisexual flower



Staminate flower



Pistillate flower

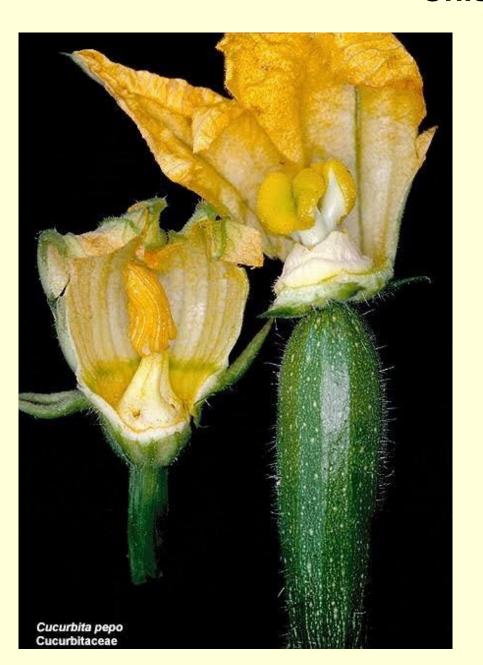
Bisexual flowers







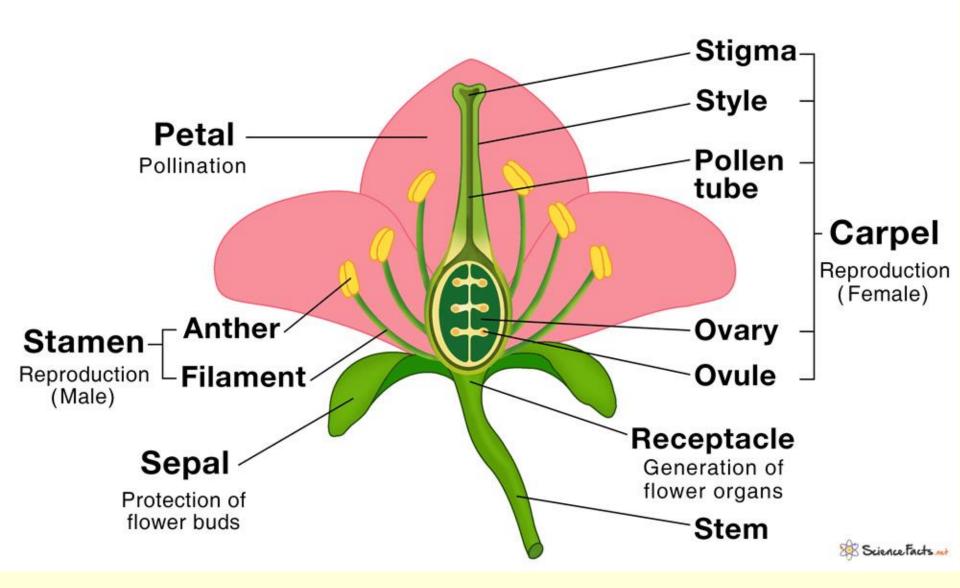
Unisexual flower



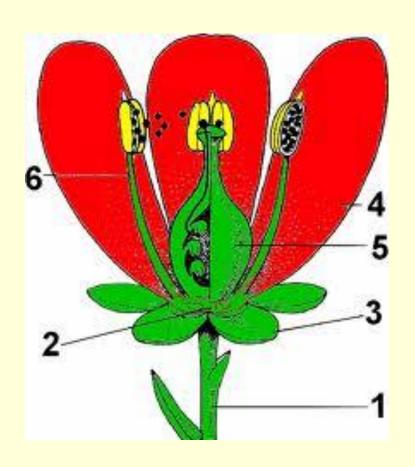


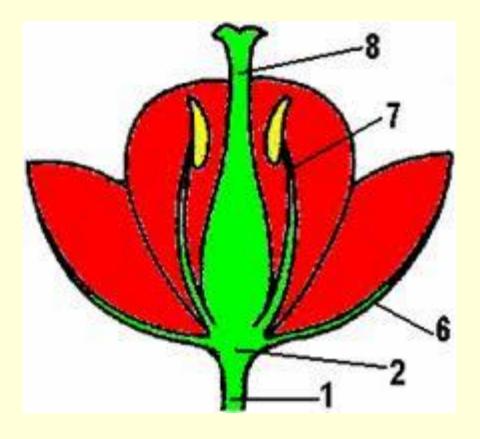


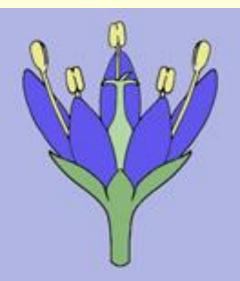
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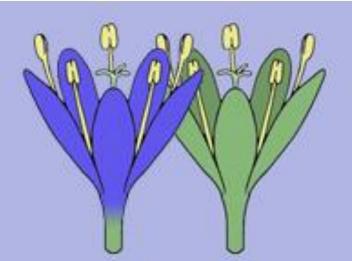
The perianth can be differentiated into a calyx and a corolla, in this case it is called double, or consist only of a calyx or only of a corolla and is called simple.



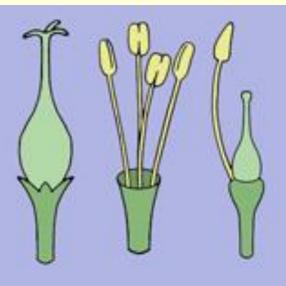




With a distinct calyx and corolla



Perianth not resolvable into calyx and corolla (e.g. petal- or sepal-like parts only)



Perianth vestigial (much reduced) or absent

Double perianth

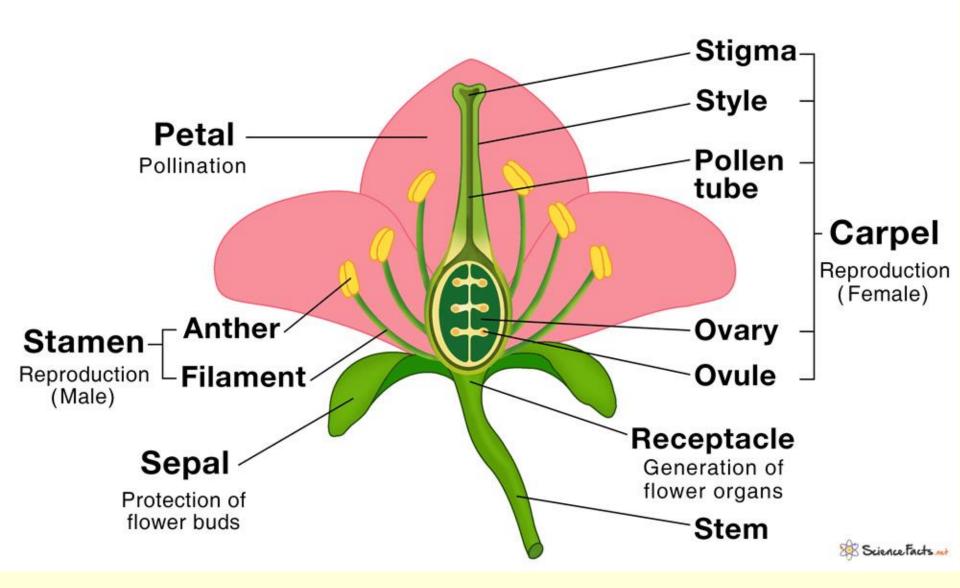


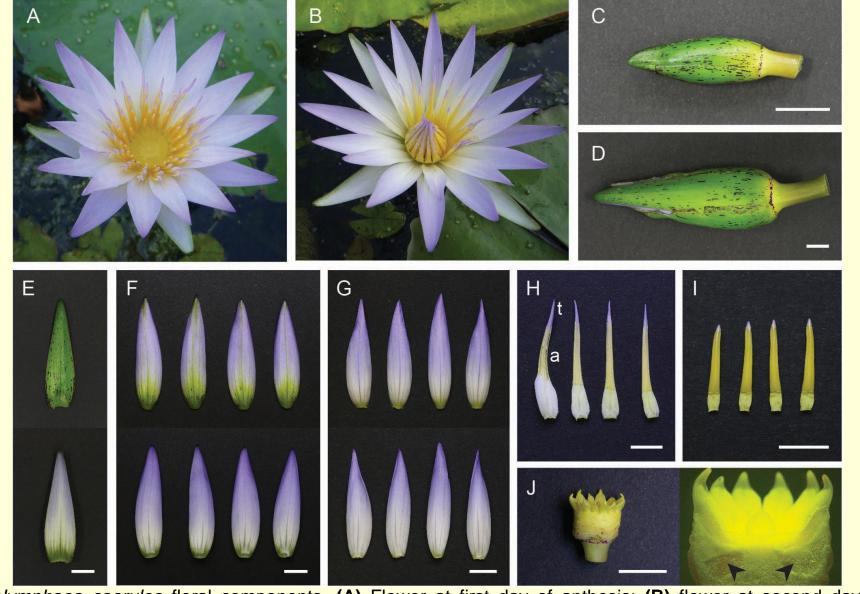


Simple perianth

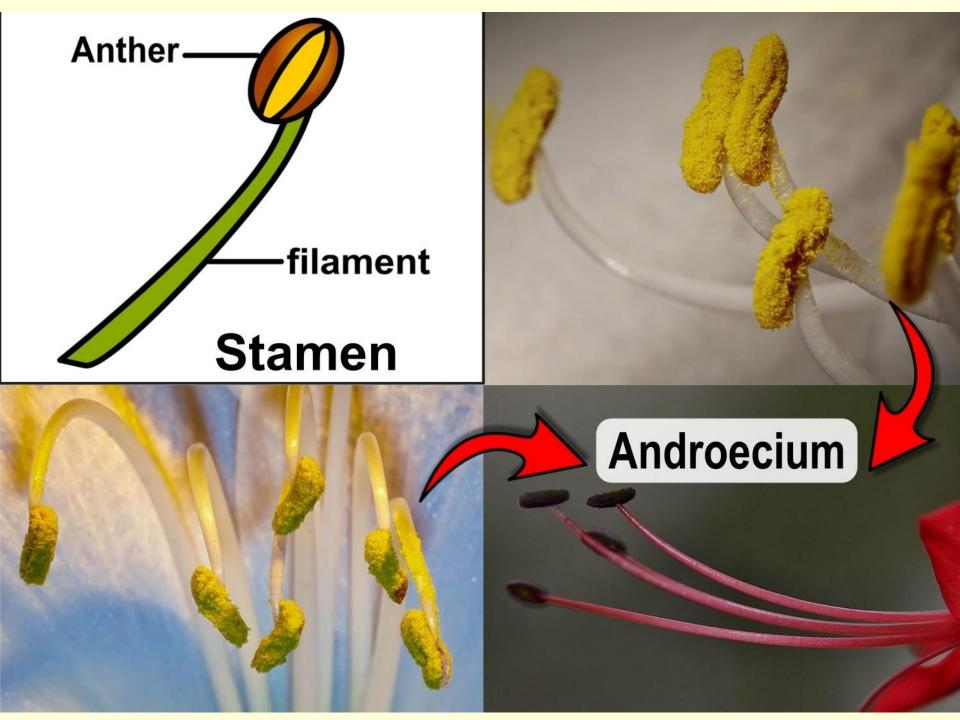


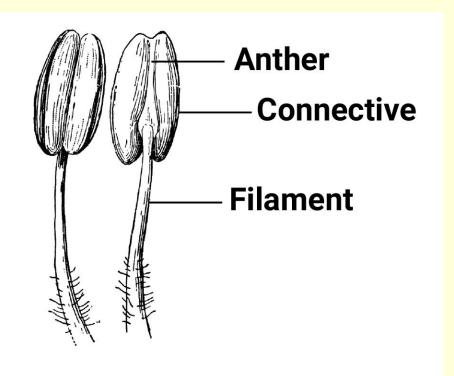
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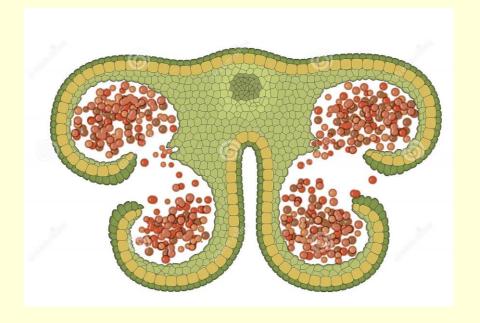


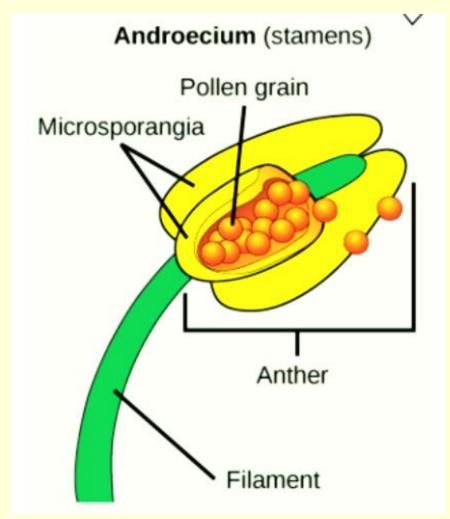


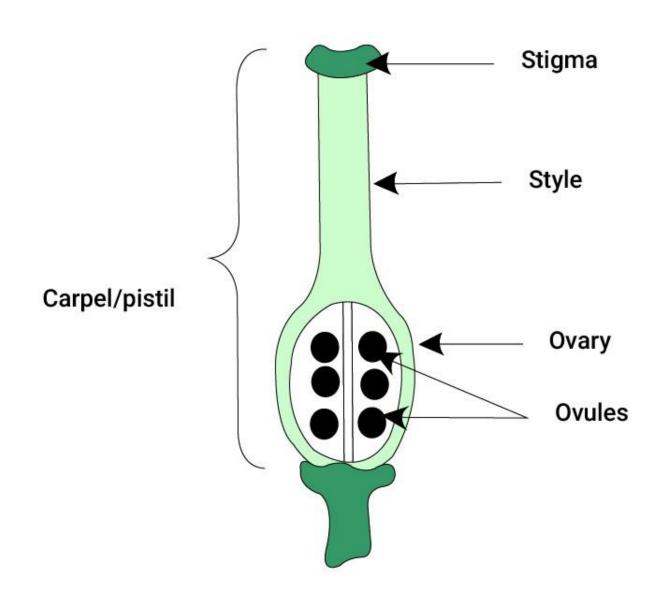
Nymphaea caerulea floral components. (A) Flower at first day of anthesis; (B) flower at second day of anthesis. (C) A total of 2.5 cm long floral bud; (D) 5.5 cm long floral bud. (E) Green abaxial surface (top) and whitish adaxial surface (bottom) of a sepal. (F) Abaxial surface (top) and adaxial surface (bottom) of inner petals. (H) Petaloid stamens, "t" indicates the cerulean tip and "a" indicates the anther portion. (I) Inner stamens. (J) Pluricarpellate pistil. Arrowheads indicate ovules within carpels. Scale bar, 1 cm.











Classification of Flower Based on Position of Ovary



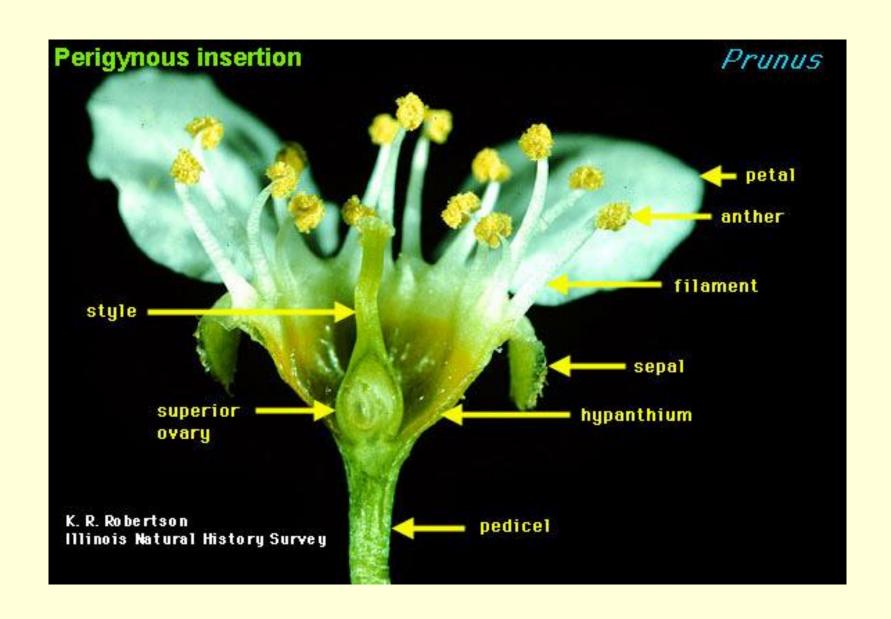
Hypogynous (Ovary Superior)



Perigynous (Ovary Half-inferior)

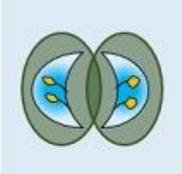


Epigynous (Ovary Inferior)



TYPES OF OVARY BASED ON LOCULES











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BILOCULAR

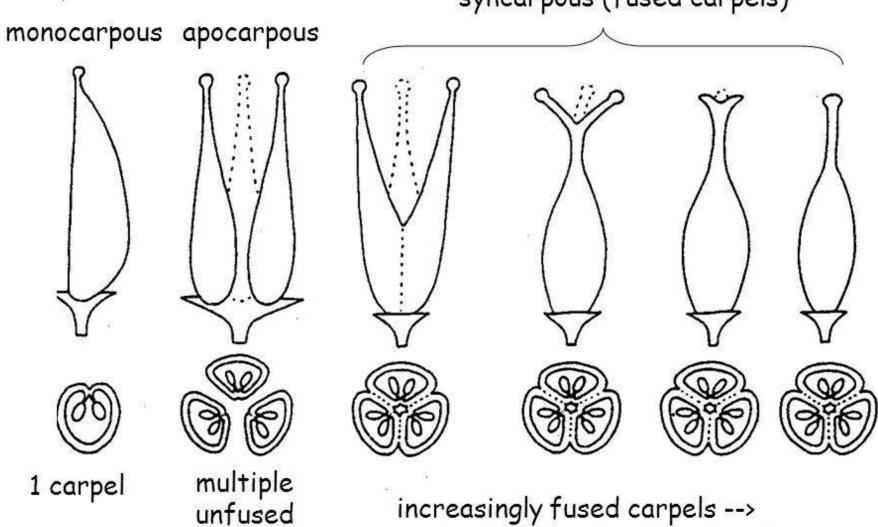
TRILOCULAR

TETRALOCULAR

PENTALOCULAR

Fusion of the gynoecium

syncarpous (fused carpels)



carpels

increasingly fused carpels --> each with 3 locules (chambers) (5)

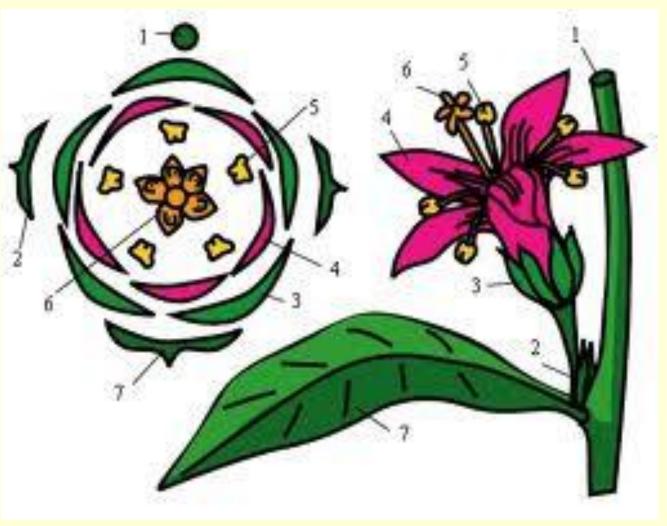
A floral formula consists of five symbols indicating from left to right:

Floral Symmetry: * - Actinomorphic; †- zygomorphic; †- Asymmetry flower

The number of members of each part of the flower is indicated by numbers in the subscript. The parts of the flower are described according to their arrangement from the outside to the inside of the flower. If an organ type is arranged in more whorls, the outermost is denoted first, and the whorls are separated by "+". If the organ number is large or fluctuating, is denoted as " ∞ ". In the case of fusion of parts of the flower, the fused parts are taken in parentheses.

When describing the gynoecium, the formula should reflect the number of carpels that formed it, as well as the position of the ovary. The position of the ova-ry is indicated by a line above the numerical index of the gynoecium if it is lower, under the numerical index - if it is upper.

It sometimes becomes very lucid if the ground plan of a flower be represented in the form of a floral diagram, in a floral diagram the position of the inflorescence axis or stem is shown by a dot or a small circle while the sepals, petals and stamens are put in concentric circles (or spirals when the floral phyllotaxy is spiral), the gynoecium being put at the centre.



Inflorescence.

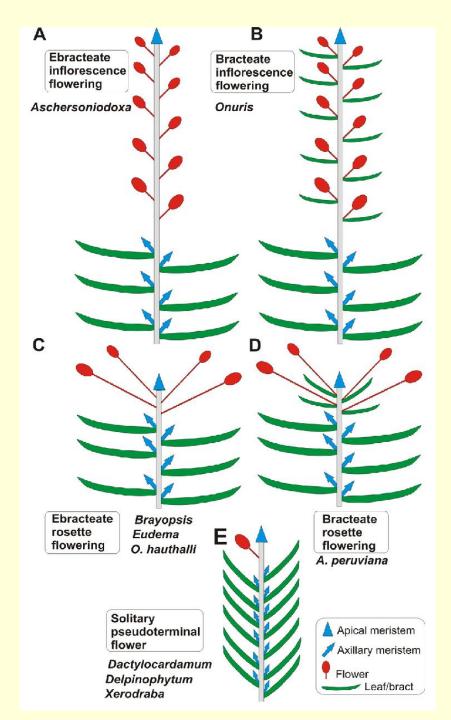
An inflorescence is a shoot or a system of shoots bearing flowers. At the nodes of the inflorescence axes there are leaves called bracts.

The biological advantage of inflorescences over single flowers is to increase the guarantee of pollination, to reduce the likelihood of flowers being damaged by adverse environmental factors due to their gradual blooming. Inflorescences have most plants.

Inflorescences may be simple (single) or complex (panicle). The rachis may be one of several types, including single, composite, umbel, spike or raceme.

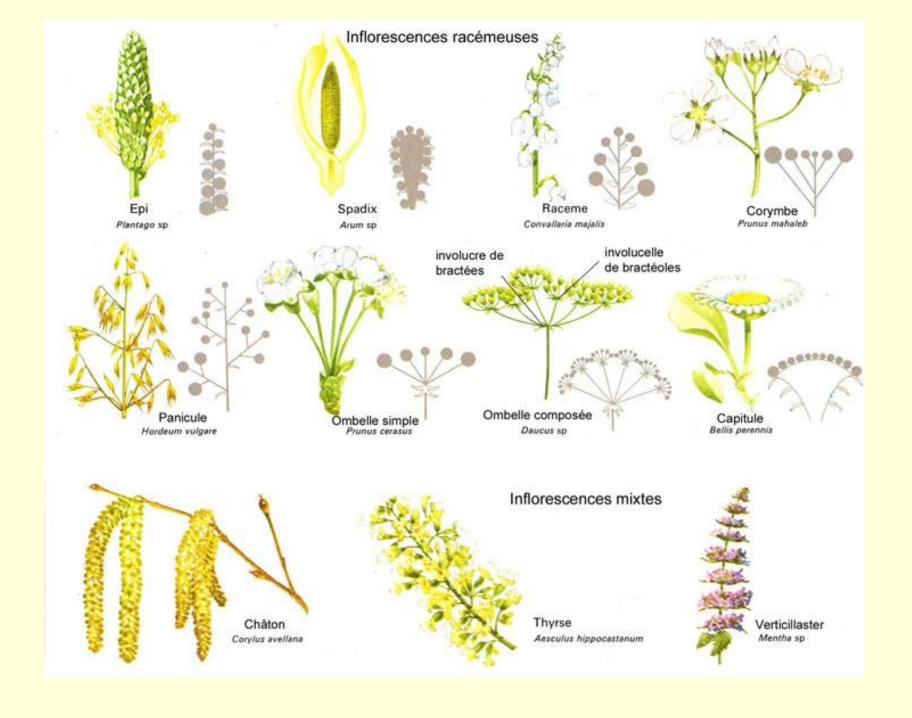
Complex inflorescences – when the flowers are located on the branches of the main axis. Simple inflorescences - directly on the main axis.

If the inflorescence ends with a flower, it is called determined. If the inflorescence ends with the bud is called indetermined.





Leafy inflorescences















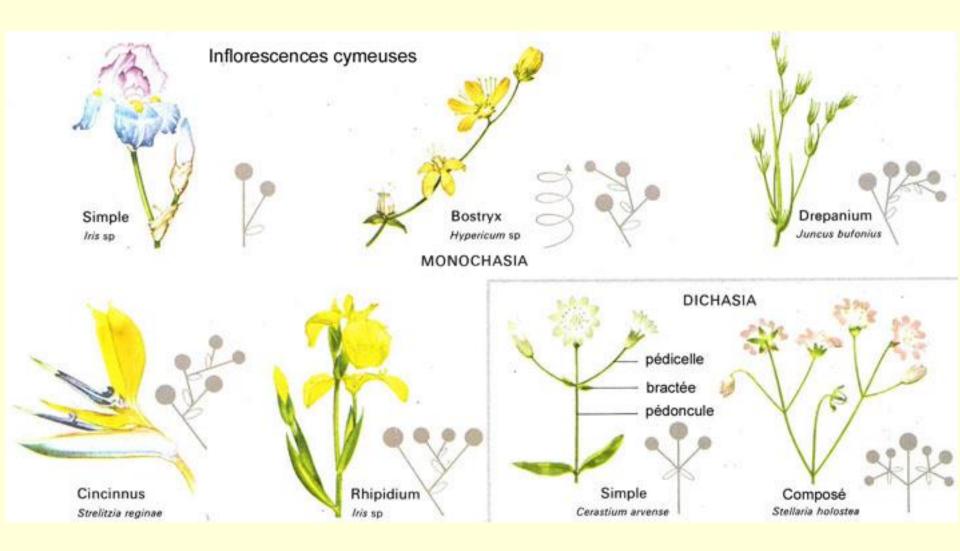
<u>INFLORESCENTIAE CYMOSAE</u> –





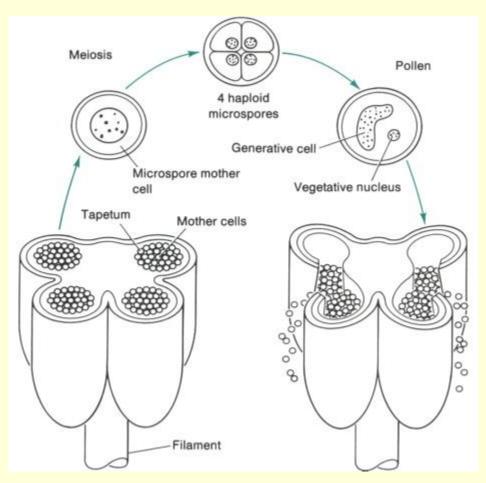


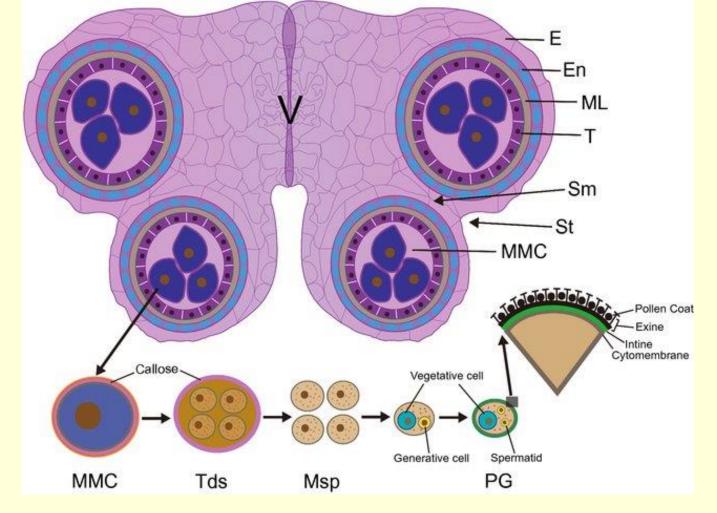




Biology of Angiosperm reproduction. Double fertilization.

MICROSPOROGENESIS AND MALE GAMETOPHYTE

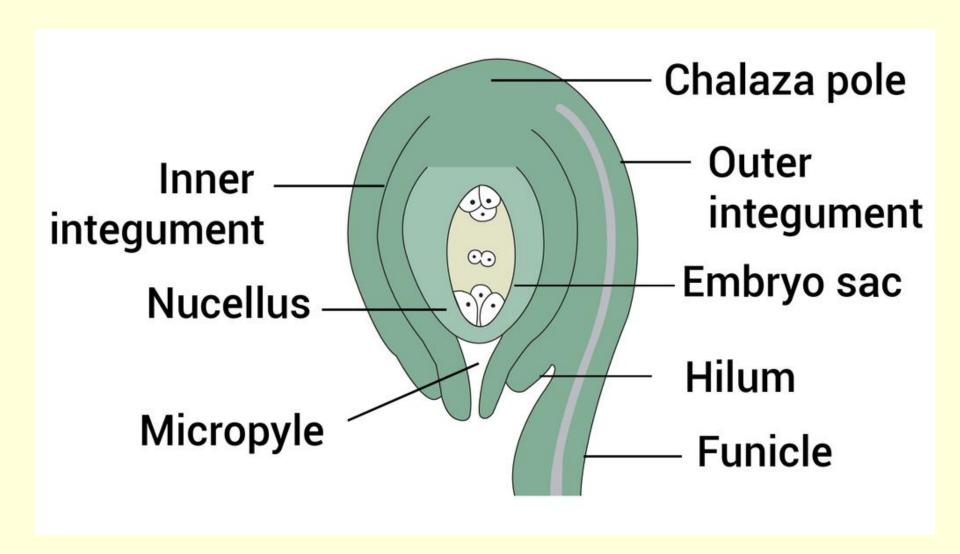


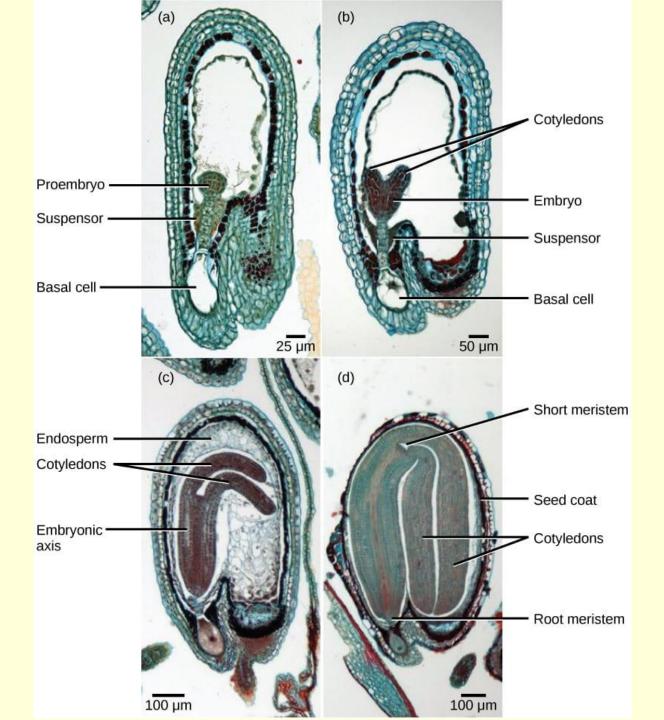


Anther morphology and key events of anther development. One anther includes four pollen sacs, and each pollen sac consists of epidermis, endothecium, middle layer, tapetum and reproductive cell layer. The pollen mother cells undergo meiosis to form tetrads wrapped by callose, and microspores were released after callose degradation by the callase secreted by tapetum. Each microspore undergoes two mitosis to produce mature pollen grains containing two generative cell and one vegetative cell, meanwhile tapetum transports nutrient to synthesize pollen wall. In the later stage of anther development, septum and stomium successively dehisce to release pollen grains. V, vascular bundle; E, epidermis; En, endothecium; ML, middle layer; T, tapetum; Sm, septum; St, stomium; MMC, microspore mother cells; Ms, microsporocytes; Tds, tetrads; Msp, microspores; PG, pollen grain

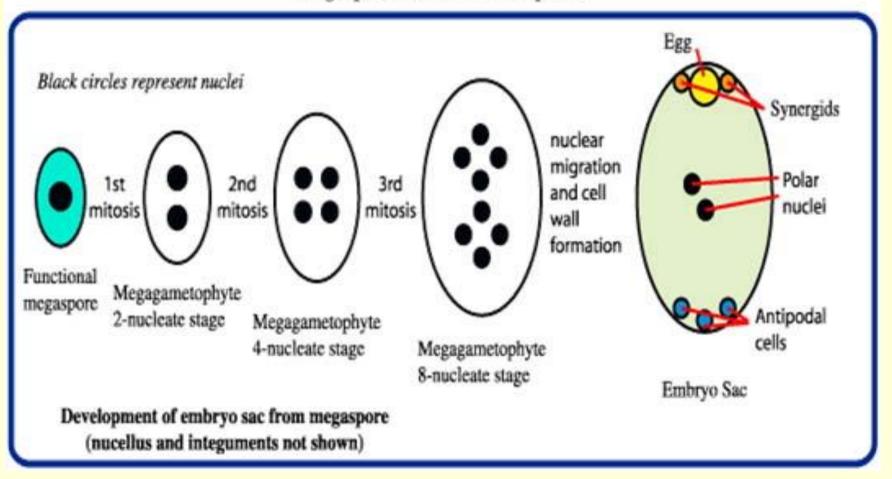
MEGASPOROGENESIS AND FEMALE GAMETOPHYTE

Structure of Ovule

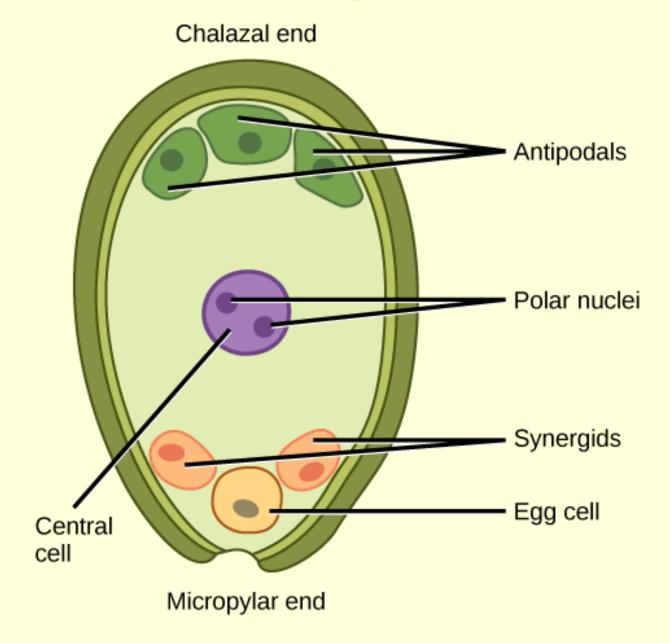




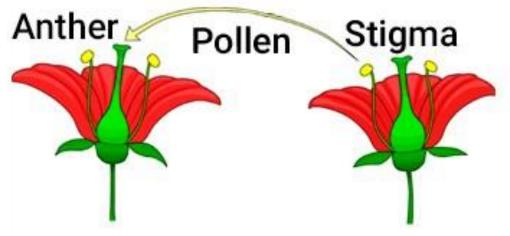
Angiosperm Ovule/Seed Development

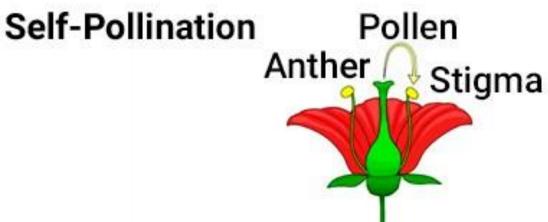


Embryo Sac

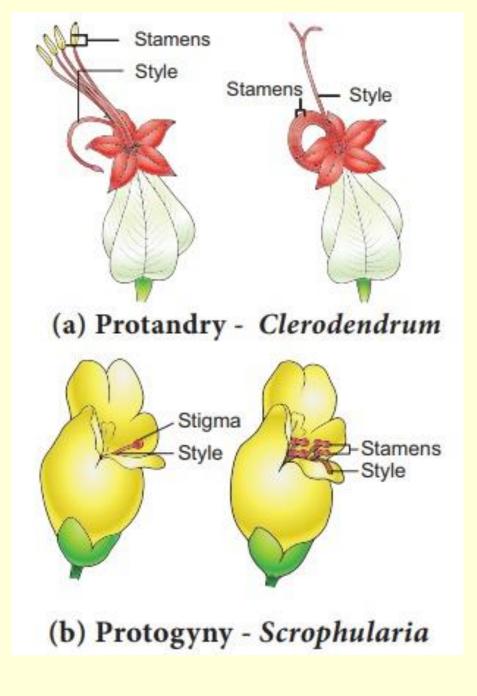


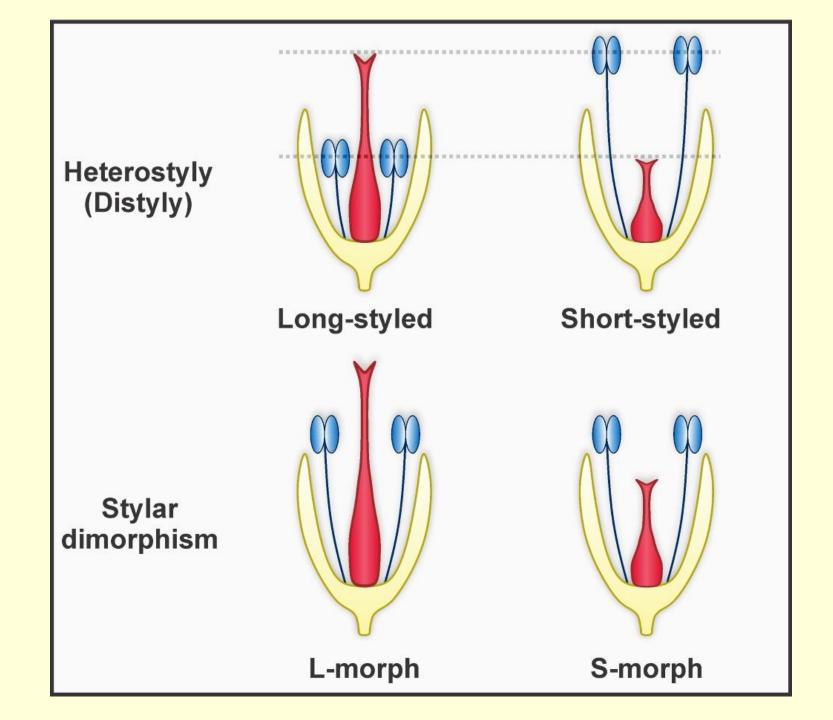
Cross Pollination

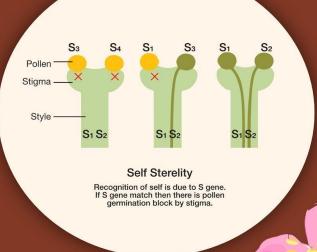


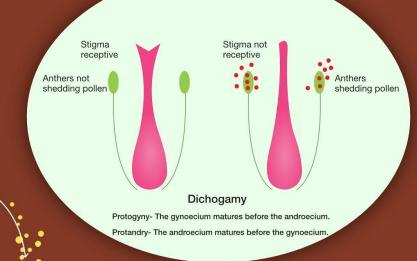


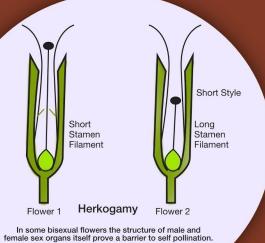




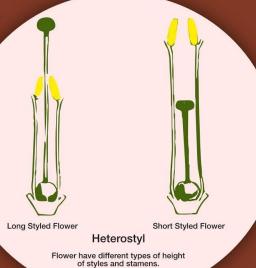




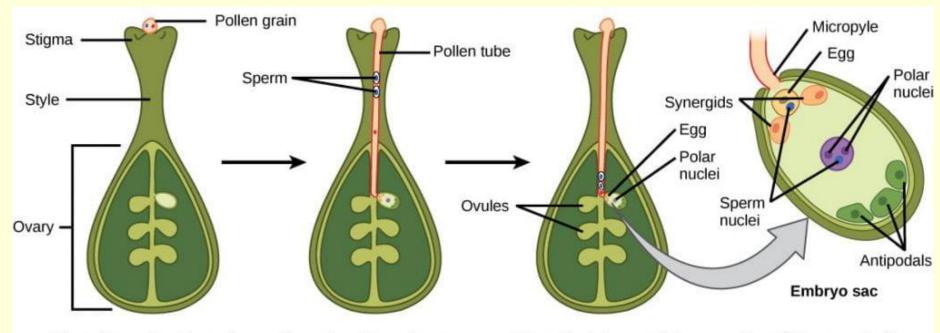




Factors favouring cross pollination



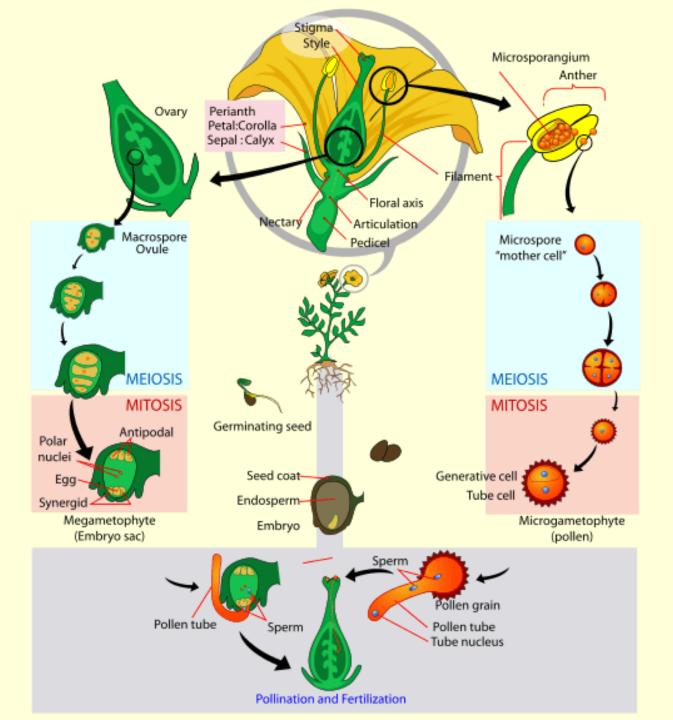
FERTILIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE SEED

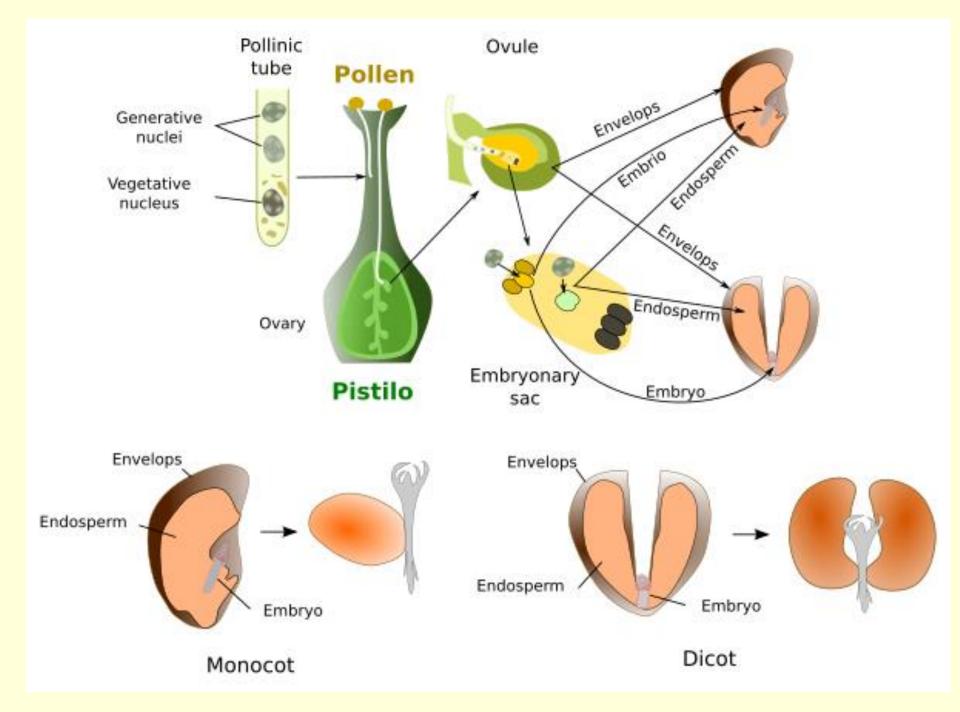


The pollen grain adheres to the stigma, which contains two cells: a generative cell and a tube cell. The pollen tube cell grows into the style. The generative cell travels inside the pollen tube. It divides to form two sperm.

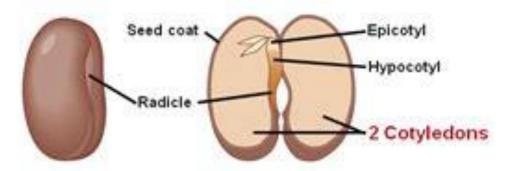
The pollen tube penetrates an opening in the ovule called a micropyle. One of the sperm fertilizes the egg to form the diploid zygote. The other sperm fertilizes two polar nuclei to form the triploid endosperm, which will become a food source for the growing embryo.

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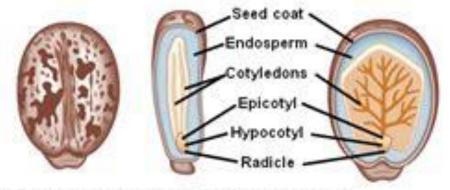




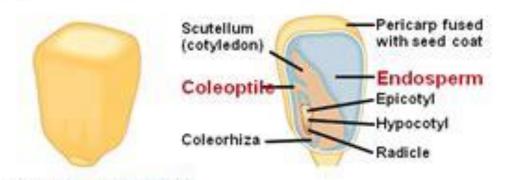
Seed Structure



(a) Common garden bean, a eudicot with thick cotyledons



(b) Castor bean, a eudicot with thin cotyledons



(c) Maize, a monocot