

# Cellular Respiration

How do living things use  
chemical reactions to get energy from food?

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How do we get our energy from food?



## The connection between food and energy...

We've figured out that we somehow get energy from food... and that it has to do with chemical reactions where matter is rearranged.

↑  
Molecular Energy

 Draw an energy diagram that represents the rearrangement of food in our bodies in **Doodle Box A**.

Remember to label INPUTS (reactants=food) and OUTPUTS (products), and write what we know about them.

TIME →

## The chemical reaction inside of us...

We know that we get energy from food through some kind of chemical reaction.

We know the reaction has different reactants and products (molecules are rearranged) and that energy is released.



But **what are the reactants and products?**

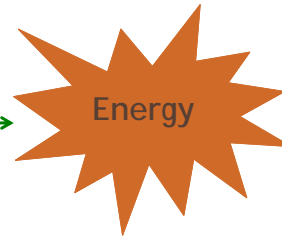
What atoms are they made up of?

What do we know or wonder about the specific reaction in our bodies?

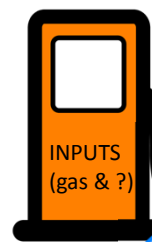
## How do we get the energy from food?



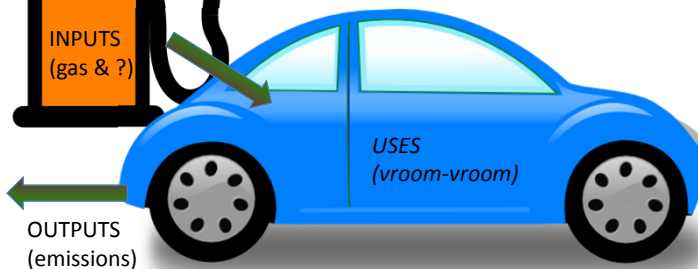
Hmmm.  
How do we actually get energy from food?



Let's explore a bit more.



Food is our fuel....



How does a car get energy from it's fuel?

What's the reaction?  
(Or at least, what is the reaction called?)



## Food is essentially our fuel.

We talk about:

- “Burning calories”
- “Burning carbs”
- “Burning Fat”

But we are still  
trying to figure out:  
How do we get  
energy from food?

Does this help?




Let's see what burning (oxidizing) food looks like!





### What exactly is burning?




**FUEL**

What other reactant do we need again? Record in **Doodle Box F**.


Following the conservation of matter, what are the likely products? Record in **Doodle F**. (Do you see any products when stuff burns?)

**ENERGY**



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### What exactly is burning?




**FUEL + O<sub>2</sub>**

Record this definition for burning in **Doodle F**.

**Carbon fuel (C, H, some O) + O<sub>2</sub>**

**ENERGY**



**CO<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O**


**ENERGY**

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What happens when we eat food?


Carbon fuel (C, H, some O) + O<sub>2</sub>  $\xrightarrow{\text{ENERGY}}$  CO<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O

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How does our definition of fuel and burning fit our understanding of what might be happening with carbs, proteins and fats in our body?


Write your ideas in **Doodle Box G**.



What questions do we still have?  
Record these in **Doodle Box G** too.




Be prepared to share out to the class.




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## Class Driving Question

**What is the reaction in our cells and how in the body is it the same as and different from burning?**



Write this question in **Doodle Box H**.



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Investigation:

What is the connection between increased energy demand (exercise) and the rate of burning (output of  $\text{CO}_2$ )?

## Burning for Energy

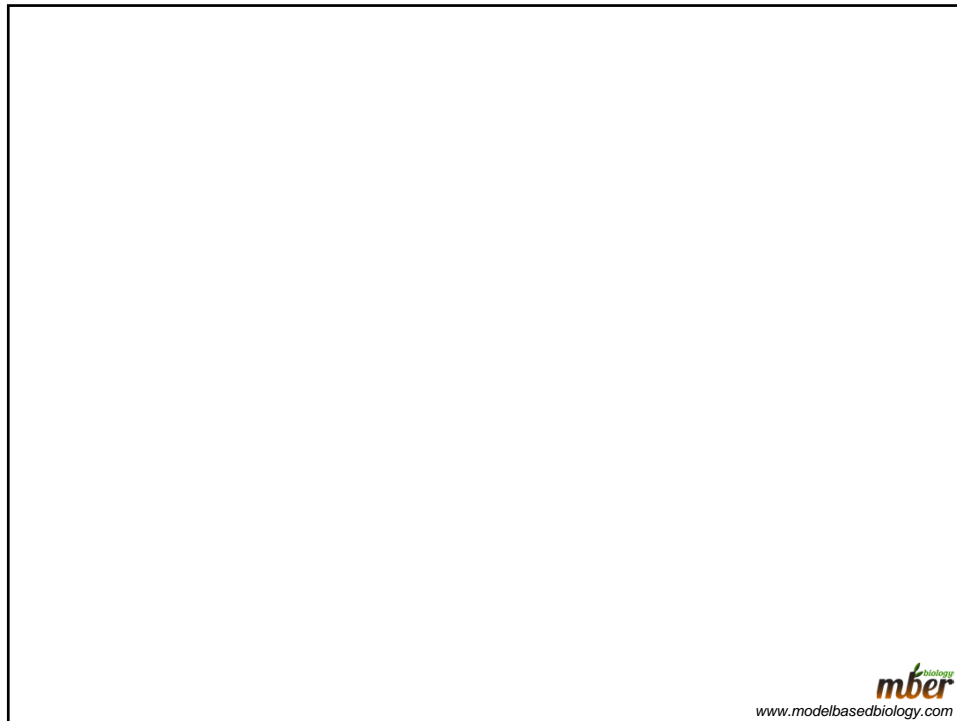
We've seen that we produce more  $\text{CO}_2$  when we exercise.

So there's a connection between exercise and the rate of the reaction that gives us energy.



But is there a connection between exercise and matter? What happens to our mass when we exercise?





## What we've figured out so far...

**FOOD + O<sub>2</sub>**

*And now we know that:*

**FOOD** is made of  
**proteins, fats and  
carbohydrates.**

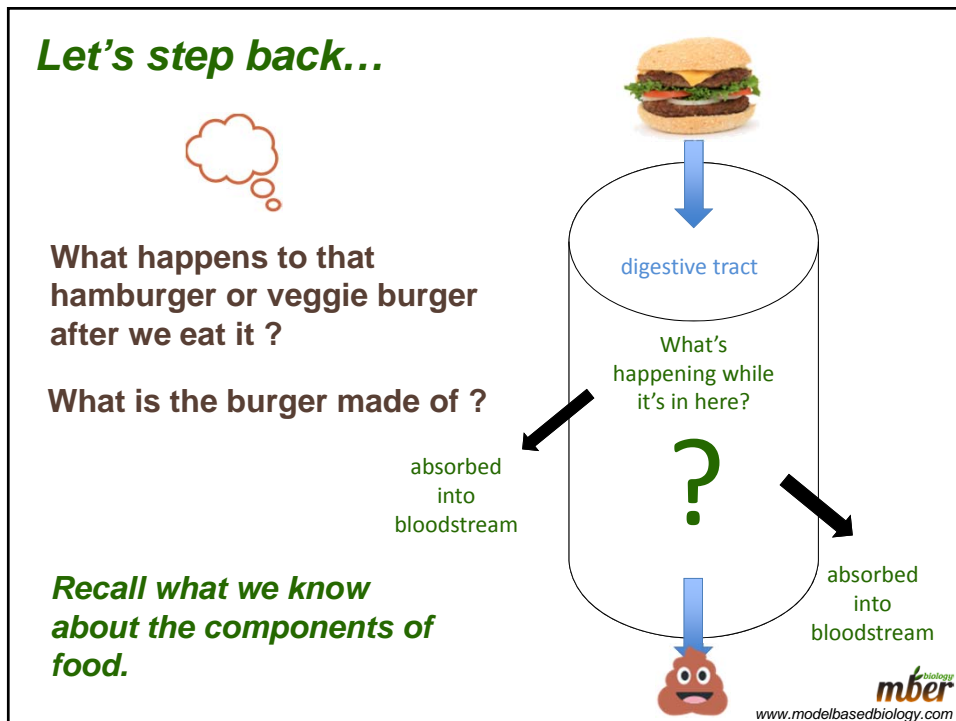
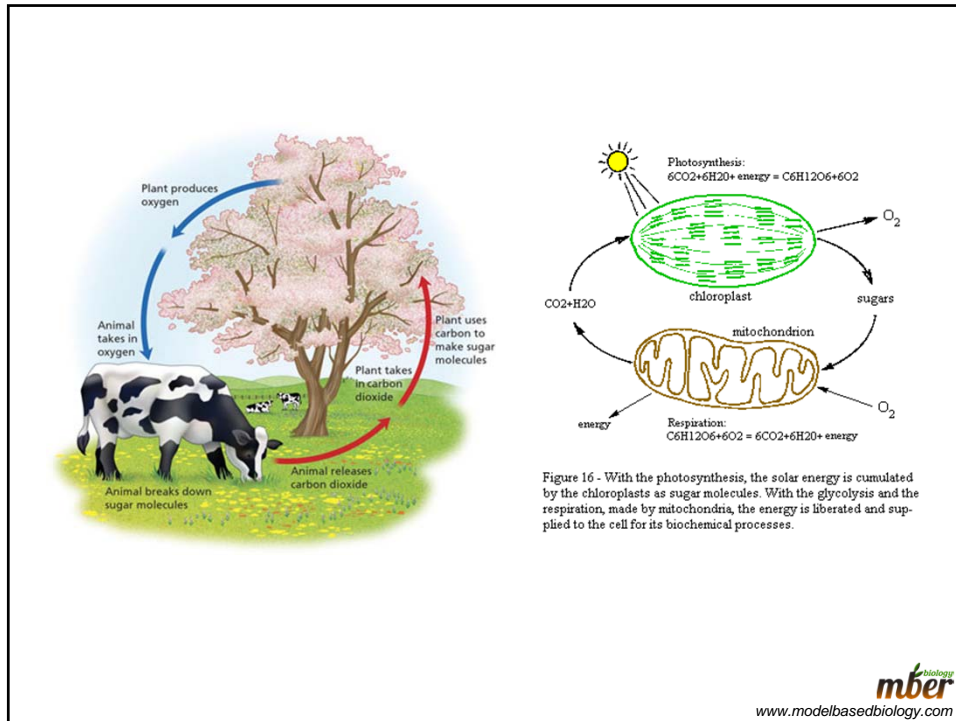


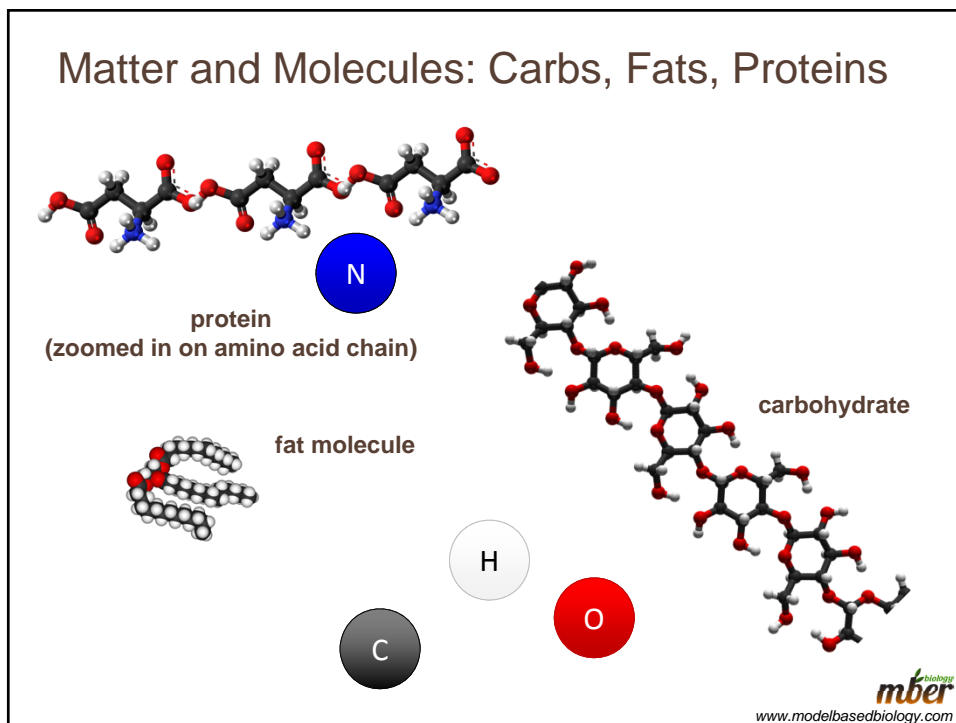
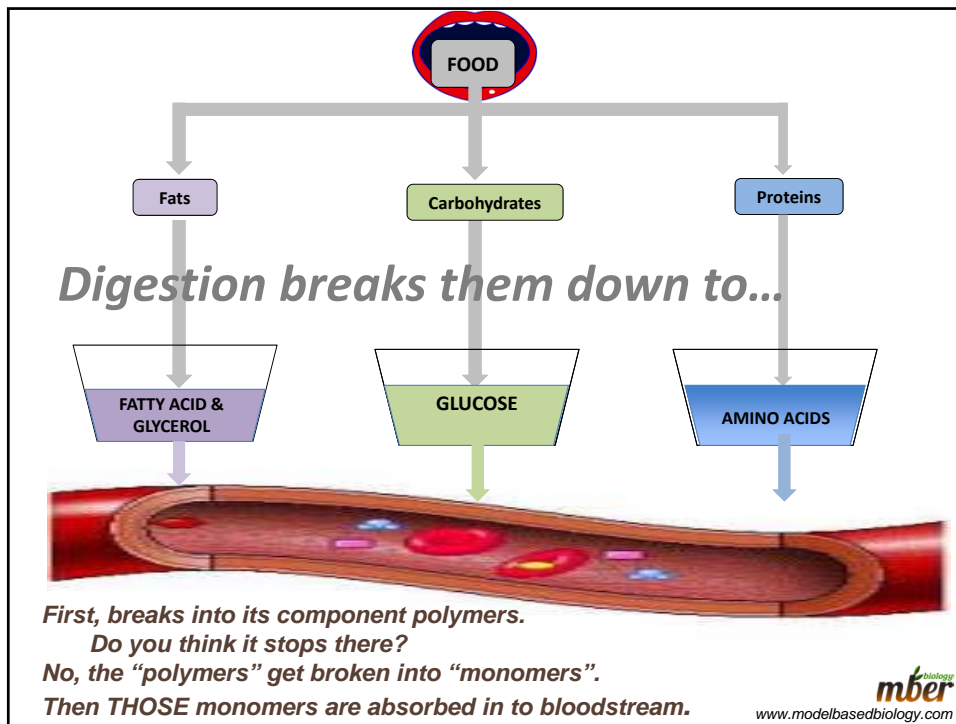
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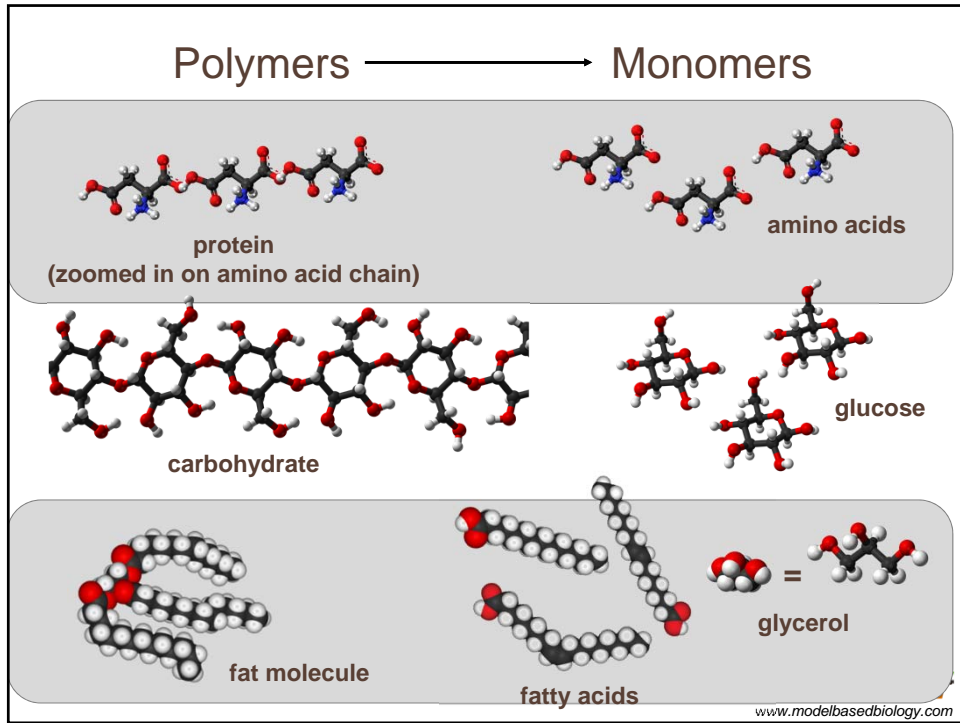
**CO<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O**


***Let's try to narrow it down. Which of these molecules  
provide our energy? In other words, which is our "fuel"?***

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 Record these ideas in **Doodle Box K.**

protein  
(zoomed in on amino acid chain)

amino acids

carbohydrate

glucose

fat molecule

fatty acids

glycerol

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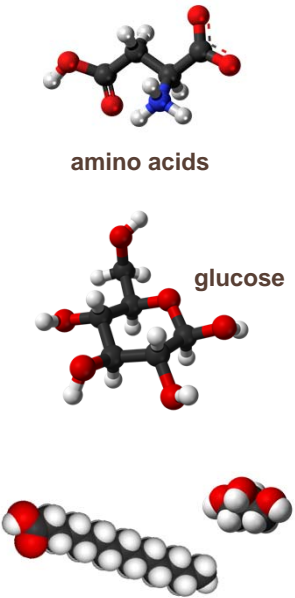

Which monomer is the fuel?

Which one (or ones) do you think is our fuel? Why?

amino acids

glucose

fatty acids + glycerol

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What's the carbon-containing fuel?

Our bodies work to supply **GLUCOSE** to all of our cells, every minute of every day!

glucose

- People who have difficulty regulating the amount of glucose in their blood and the amount that gets into the cells have a condition called **diabetes**.
- Our brains in particular require a very consistent supply of glucose.
- **Muscles** have a need for lots of glucose all at once, so they **store it right in the tissue**. They even store extra oxygen which makes them red!

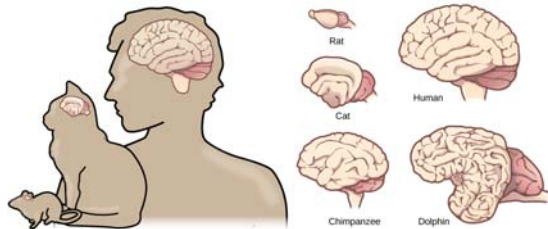
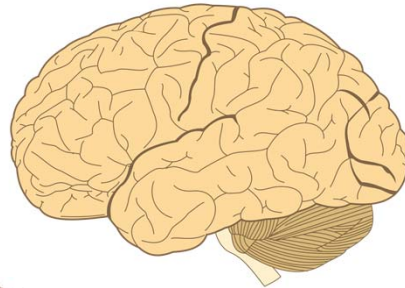
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## The importance of glucose...

Our brains use about 50% of the energy we require each and every day!

The evolution of increased blood supply and delivery of glucose to our brains is thought to be a key step in human evolution.

### The Human Brain



It allowed our brains to become larger than most mammals (but we burn more energy!)

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## The importance of glucose...

When we exercise, we don't eat as we do it. We also don't have to eat right before we exercise...



So where is the fuel coming from in that moment when we are running, jumping, or swinging a bat?

Complete the reading about glucose and exercise and answer the questions at the end.

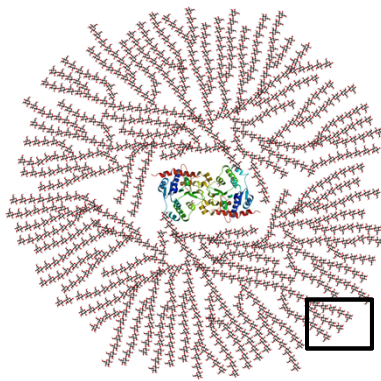
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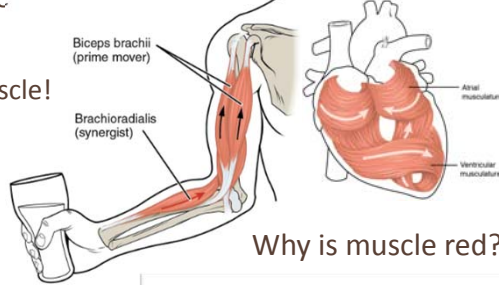
When we exercise, our muscles and heart (a muscle!) increase their "demand" for glucose.

We actually **store glucose** in muscle!

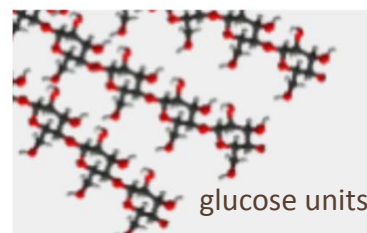


Glycogen

### Muscles



Why is muscle red?

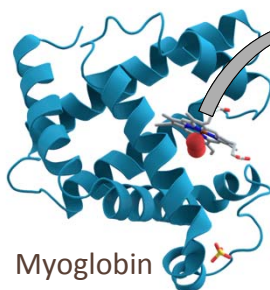


glucose units!

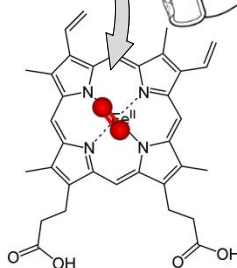
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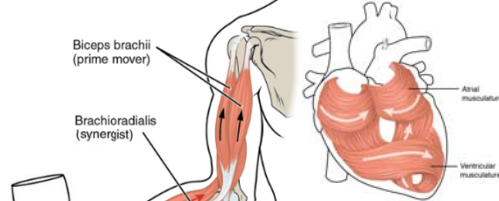
We store **oxygen** in muscle too!



Myoglobin  
(a protein)



### Muscles

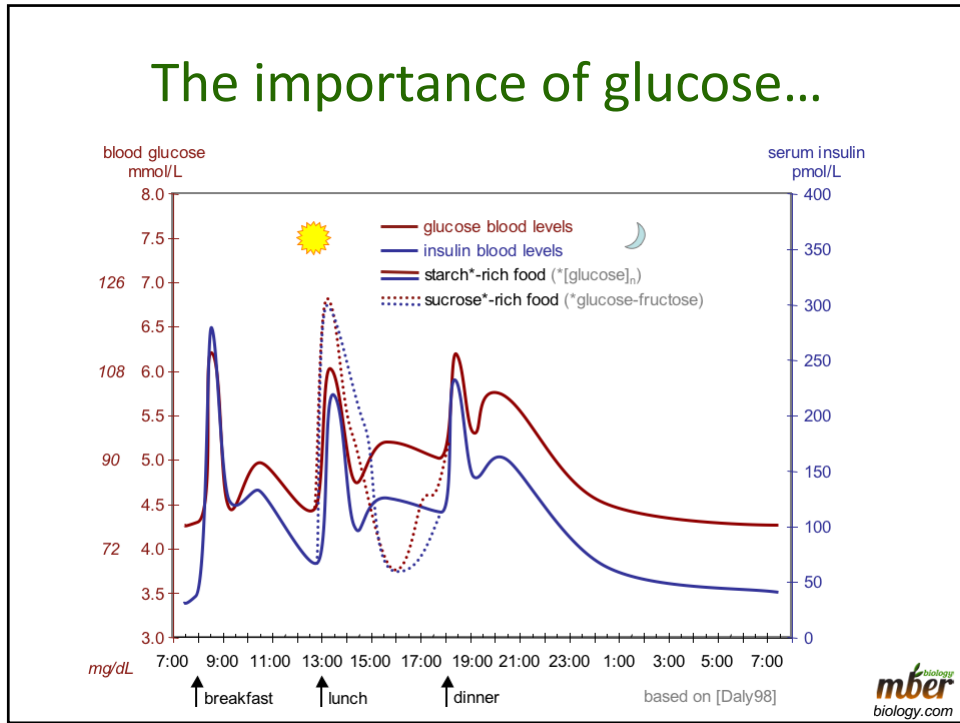


Why is muscle red?

An iron group "holds" the oxygen.

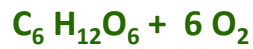
This is the same structure is seen in blood cells that carry oxygen!  
(hemoglobin protein)

## The importance of glucose...



We have a reaction!

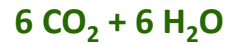
### “Cellular Respiration”



Glucose and Oxygen



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Carbon Dioxide and Water





### Where does cellular respiration happen?

In our cells, in the **MITOCHONDRIA**.

Nearly all cells have mitochondria, but muscle cells have tons of mitochondria (so they can use all of that glucose and oxygen they are storing)!

- Cell Membrane
- Vacuole
- Rough Endoplasmic Reticulum
- Golgi Apparatus
- Cytoplasm
- Lysosome
- Ribosome
- Centrosome
- Smooth Endoplasmic Reticulum
- Mitochondrion

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### Burning gives a lot of energy!

**CARBON FUEL + O<sub>2</sub>**

**Wax**

**Wood**

**Coal**

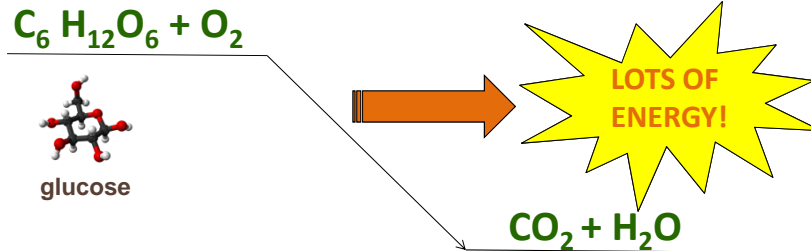
**LOTS OF ENERGY!**

**CO<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O**

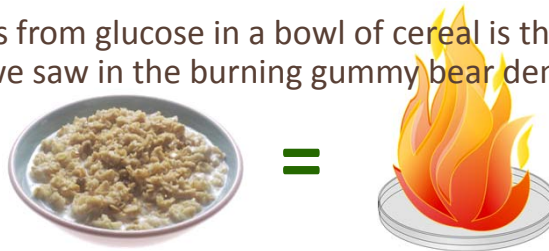
What form does the energy take in burning?  
(What evidence do we have for energy?)

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## Burning FOOD gives a lot of energy!



The calories from glucose in a bowl of cereal is the same type of energy as we saw in the burning gummy bear demonstration!



  
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## Burning FOOD gives a lot of energy!

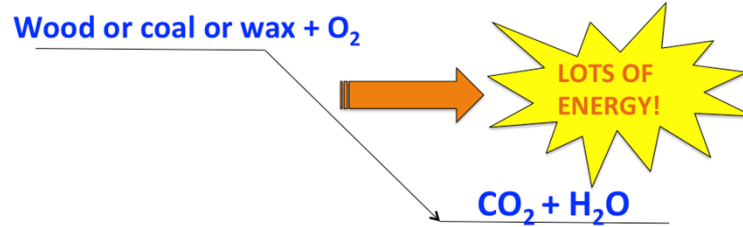
If we think that carbs give us this much energy, what's the problem if this is happening inside our cells?



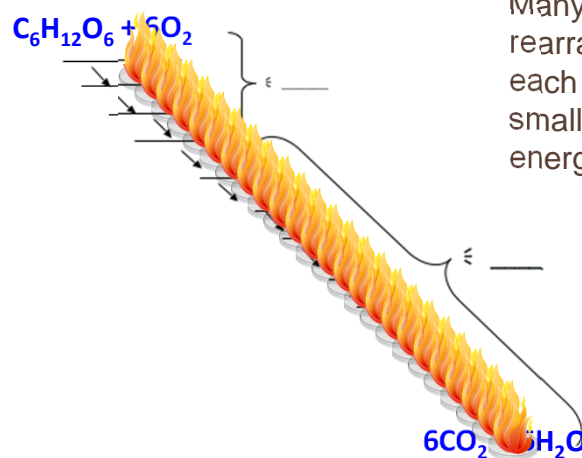
  
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## What is the problem with having a reaction like this happen in a cell?

In combustion reactions, the fuel molecules are rearranged all at once, in one big step, so all of the energy is released at once!



## Break it up!



Many small rearrangements, each releasing a smaller amount of energy!

## But wait...

The energy from burning fuel is released as heat and light.

Can cells use HEAT to do the work of life?

Some helps heat our bodies, yet most is lost to the environment.

BUT cells can't use heat to do work.

How can a cell move energy from the mitochondria to where it's needed??

These problems are solved by a little molecule called

### ATP

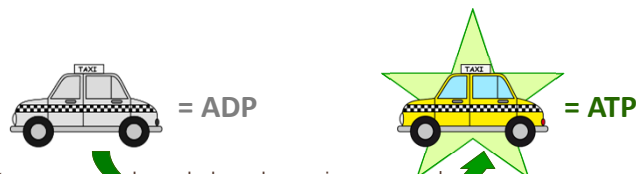
## Adenosine Triphosphate

Think of it as the transport molecule for energy in the cell!

## ATP transports usable energy inside the cell!

ATP is a molecule that starts as ADP.

When it comes in contact with an energy-releasing reaction, it gets energized and transforms into ATP.

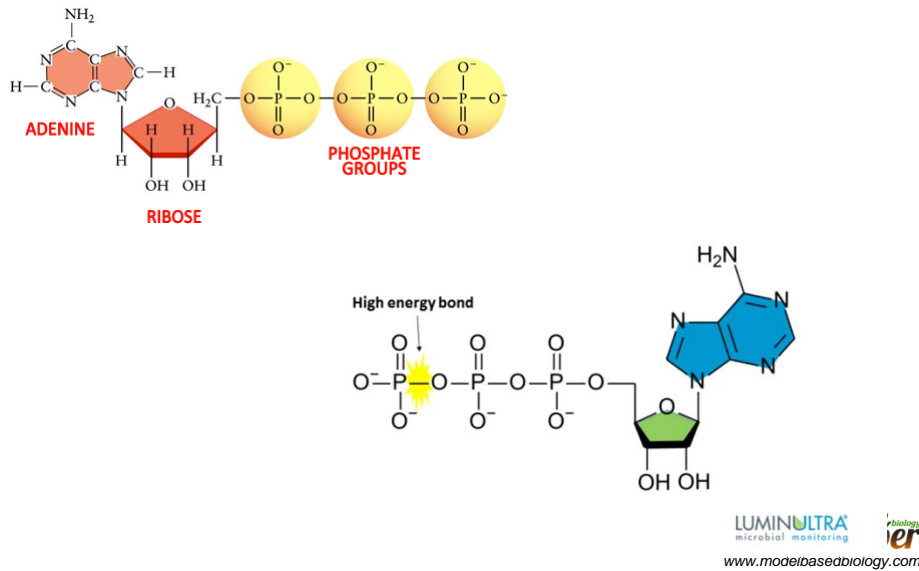


ATP captures energy released when glucose is rearranged.

This is the only kind of energy a cell can use directly to do work.

ATP moves the energy from mitochondria to wherever it may be needed in the cell.

## ATP Structure

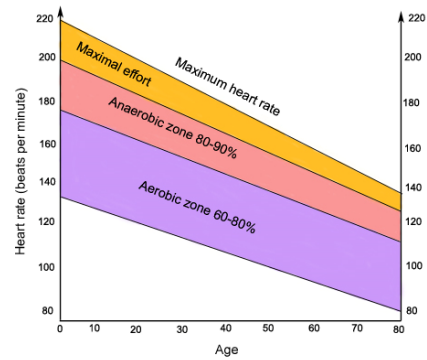
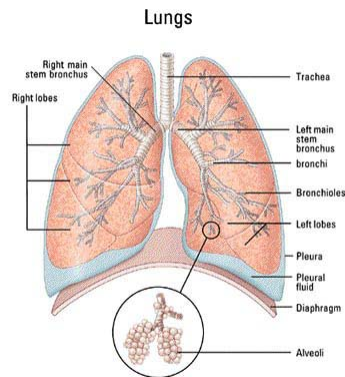


## Remember:

- Releasing energy from food is a multi-step process. Each step re-arranges the atoms, creates new molecules and releases some energy.

You are not responsible for knowing the enzymes involved in all of the step and the intermediate molecules that are built.

## Anaerobic vs. Aerobic



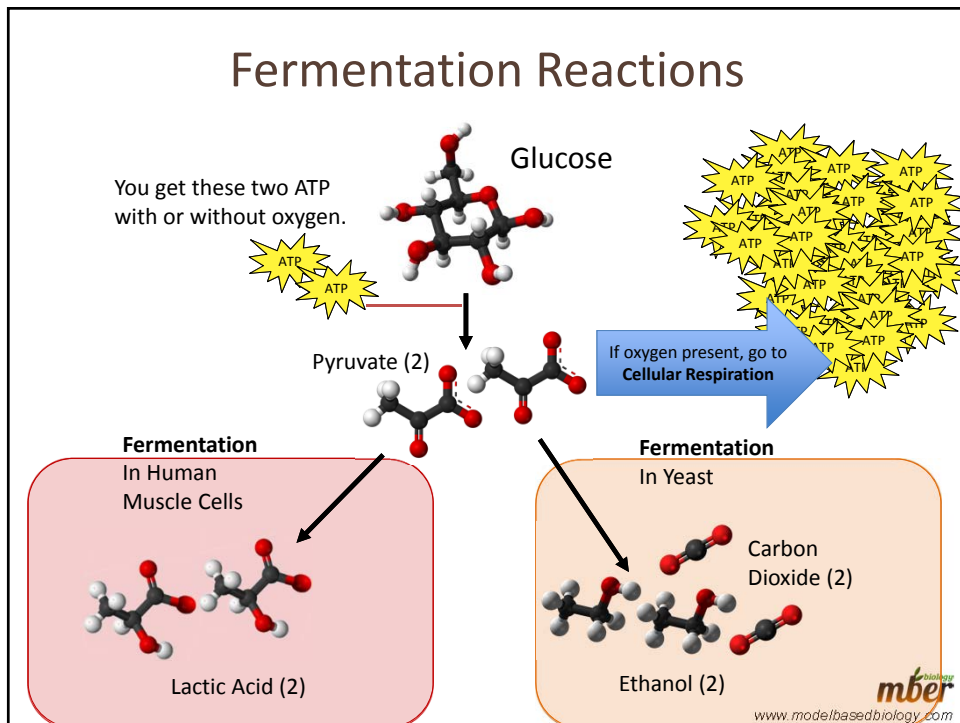
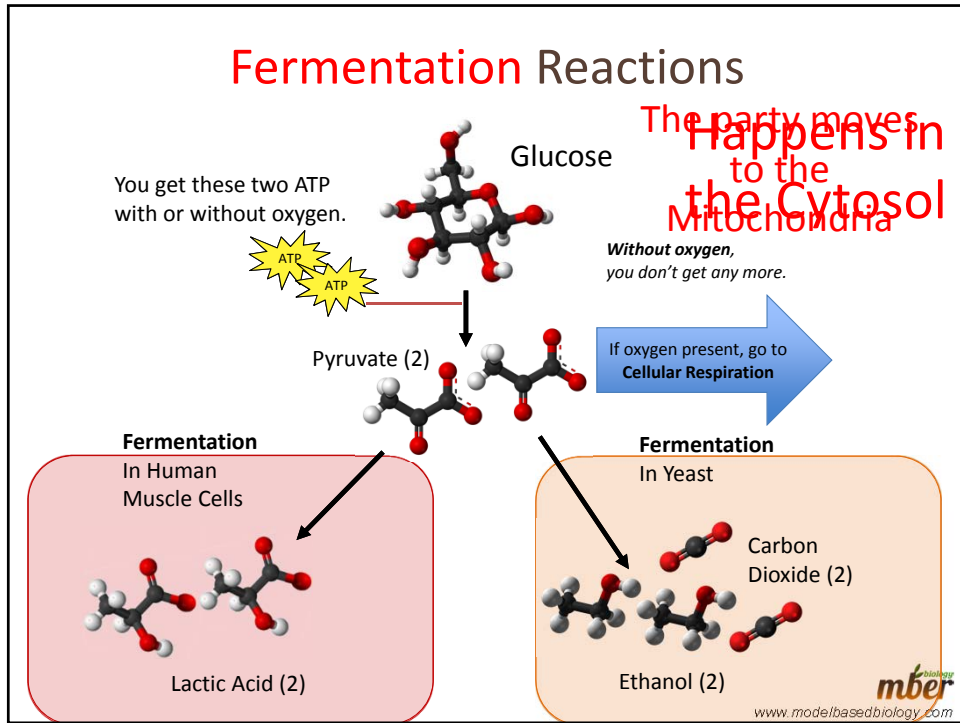
Oxygen is the key...but what's the difference?

  
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Some living things get usable energy from food (matter) without oxygen at all.

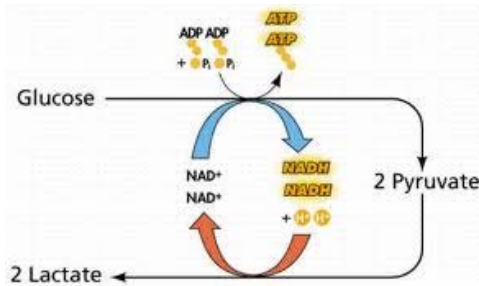
They were likely the first to evolve. They can live of this relatively low ATP output. We still have the ability to do this, but this is just part of the equation. (and a step in the process you DO have to know)

  
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## Fermentation Types

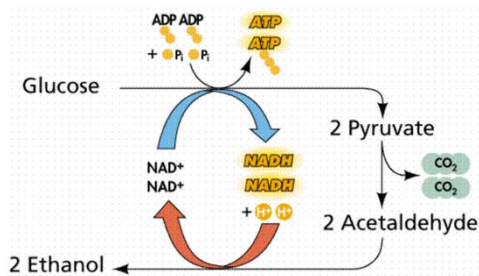
### Lactic Acid Fermentation



Produces a 3-carbon compound called LACTIC ACID.

## Fermentation Types

### Alcoholic Fermentation



Produces a 2-carbon compound called ETHYL ALCOHOL.

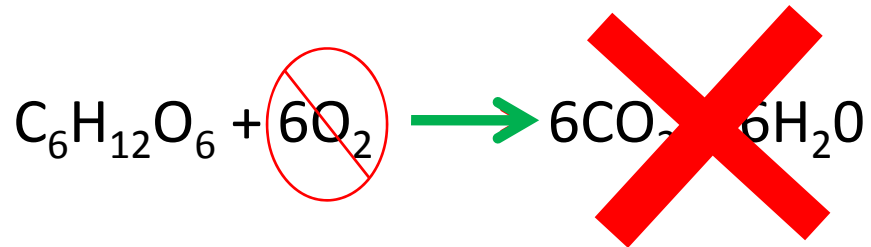




- **Fermentation** is an **anaerobic** process – happens in the **absence of oxygen**
- **Cellular Repairation** is an **aerobic** process – requires oxygen

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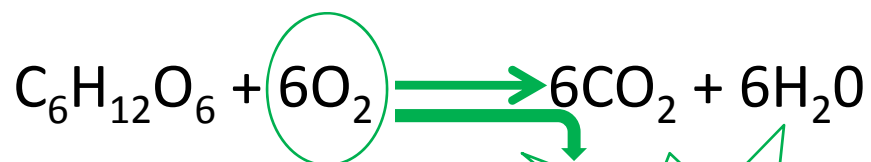
If you don't have enough oxygen, aerobic respiration can't occur, but fermentation can.



  
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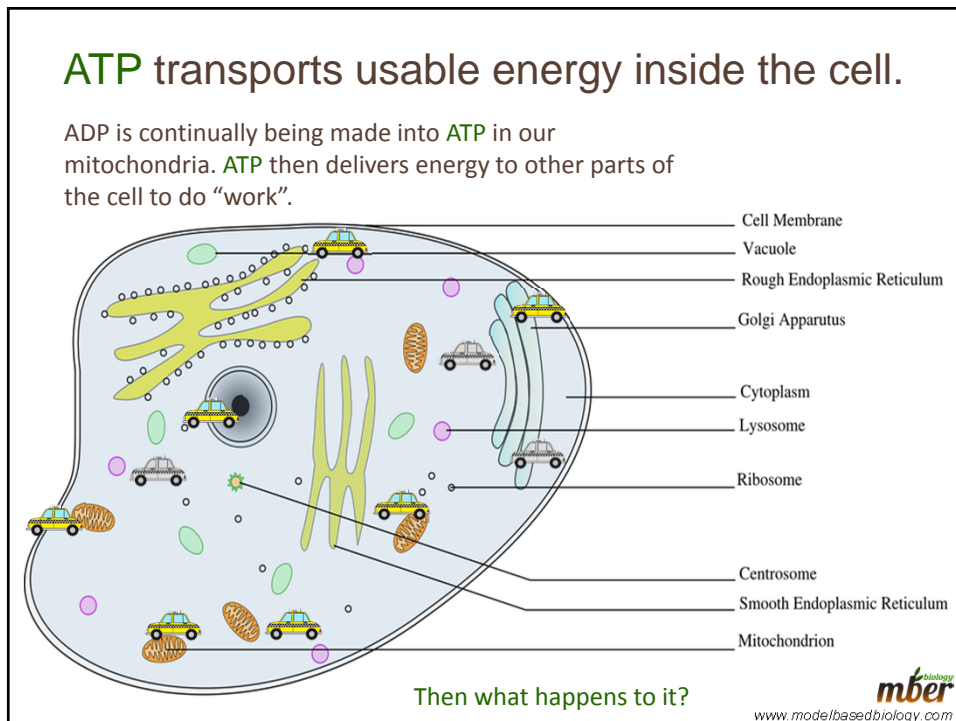
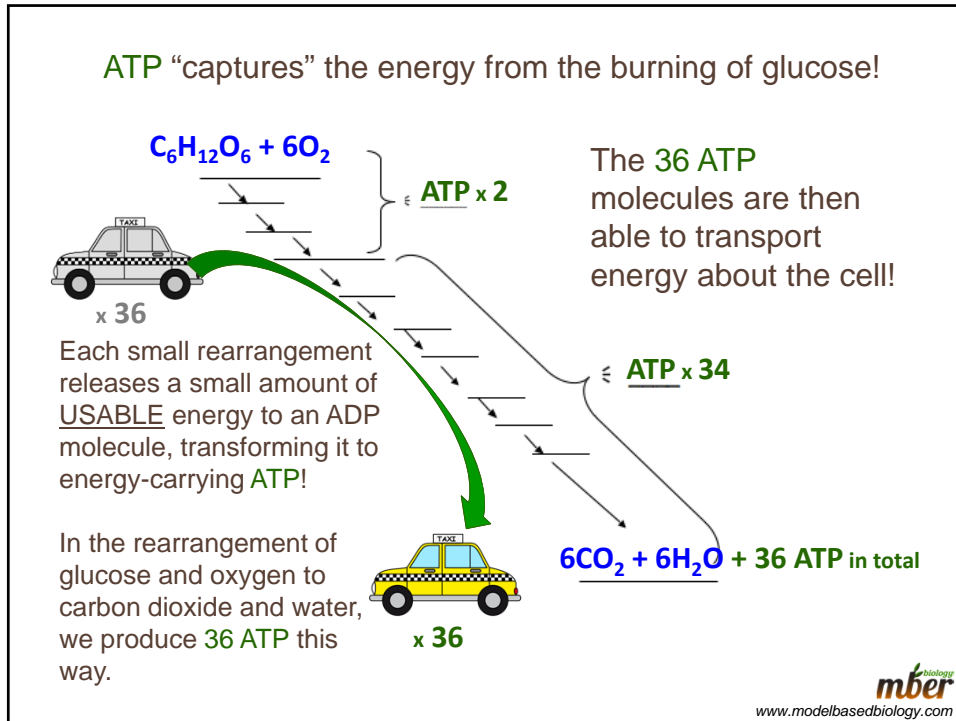
## OK...Now What?

If you have oxygen, aerobic respiration can occur.



A lot of Energy  
(ATP)

  
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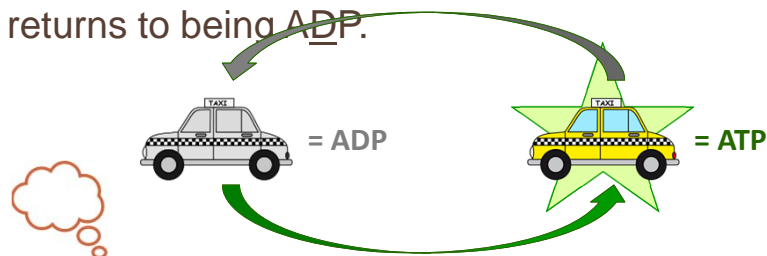
When the energy in **ATP** is used to do work, it returns to being **ADP**.



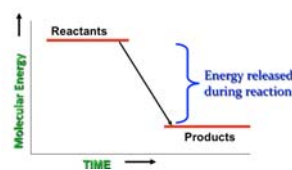
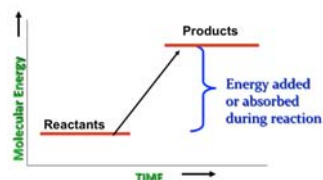
In this way, more ADP is ready to pick up energy and become **ATP** once again. It's a cycle!



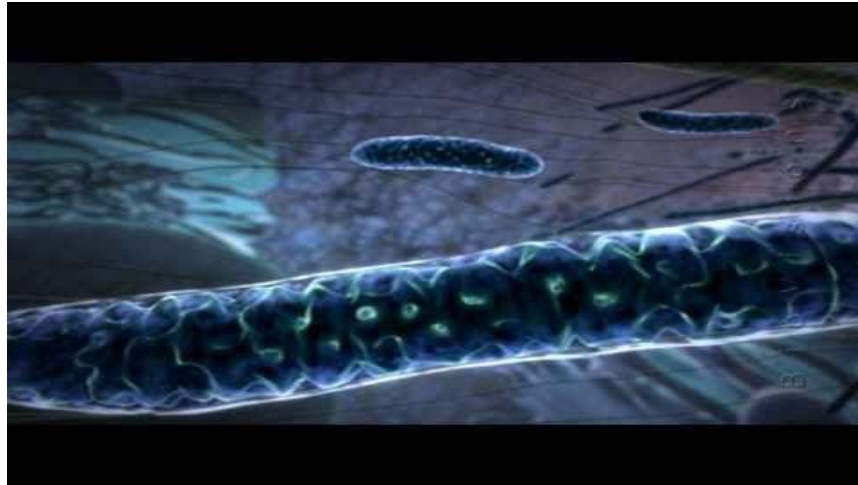
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Hmmm, so how do these two processes, indicated by the arrows, relate to our energy diagram and our understanding of chemical reactions?



## Watching ATP being made



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**Sprinter**

**8-10 seconds (100 m)**



**Swimmer**

**1.3-1.6 minutes (400 m)**

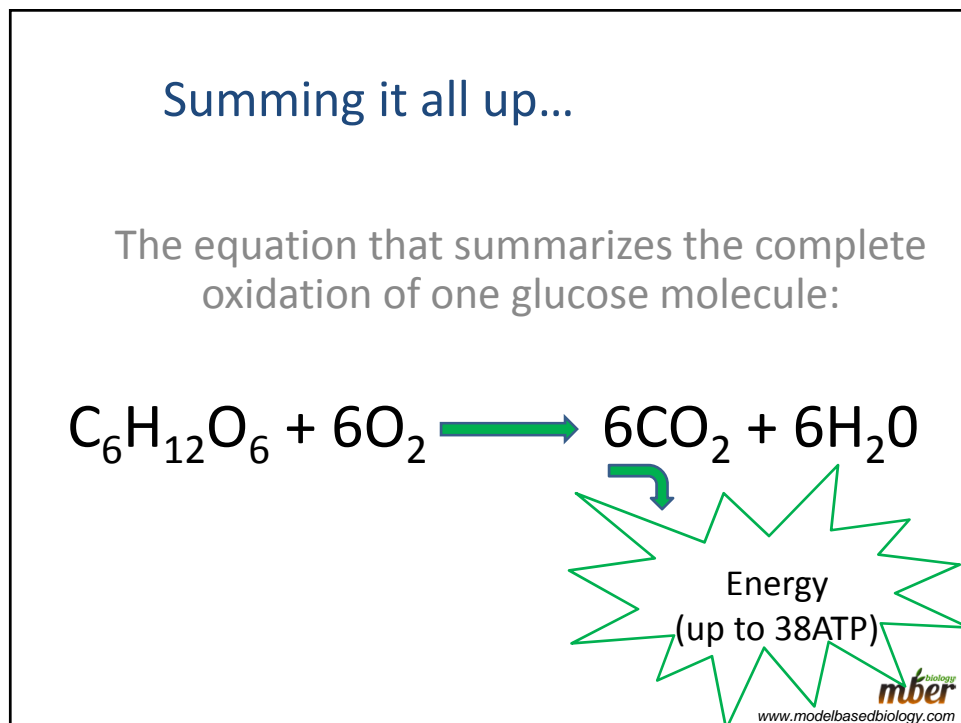
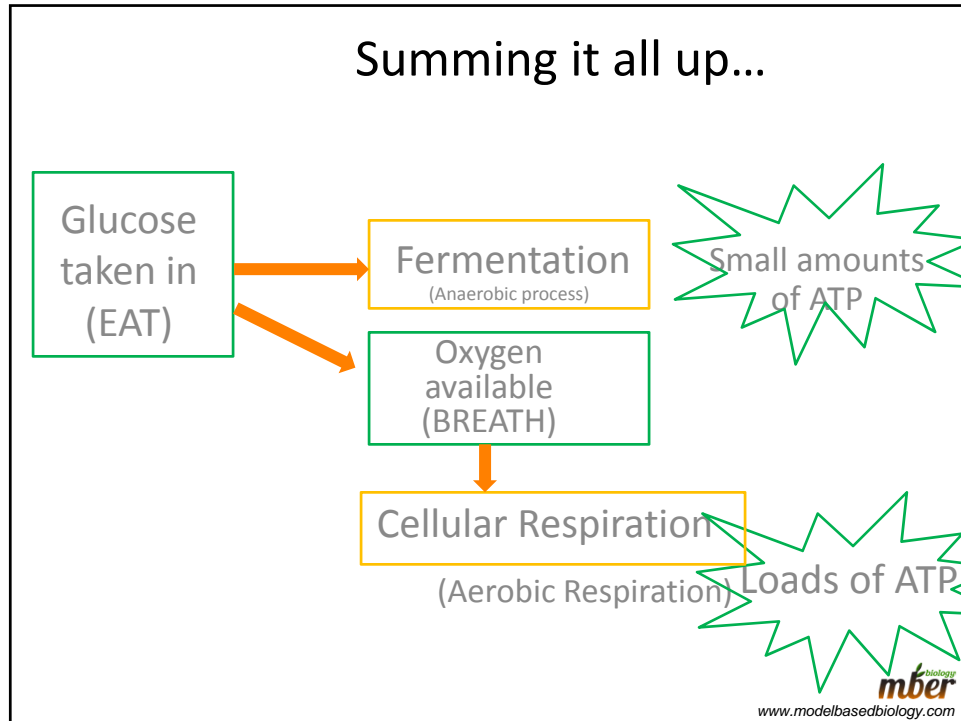


**Marathon runner**

**Unlimited time (15 Km)**

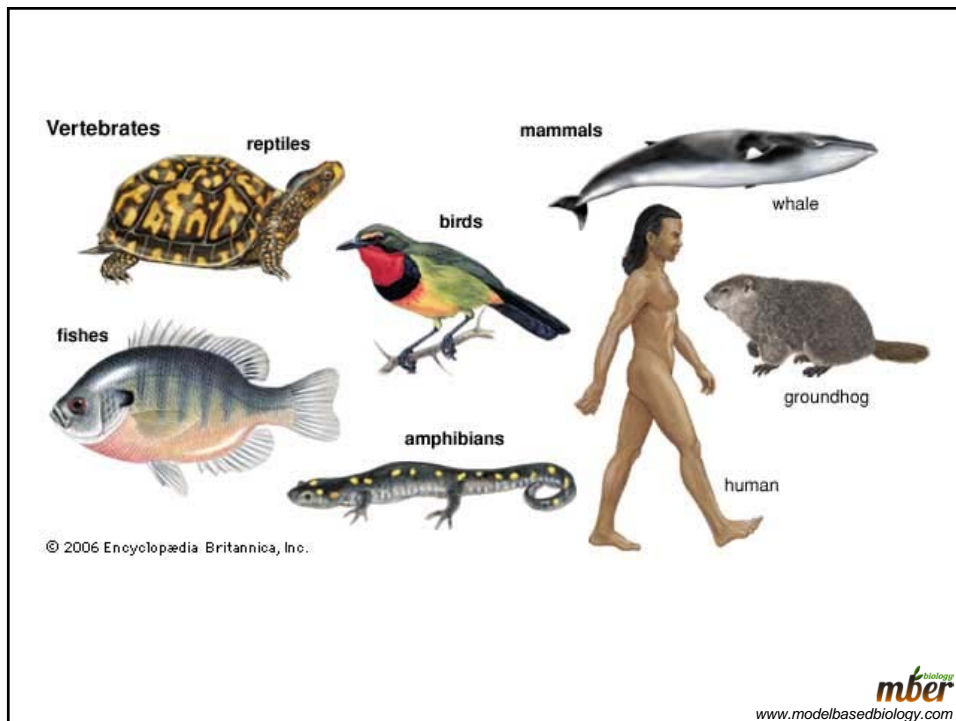
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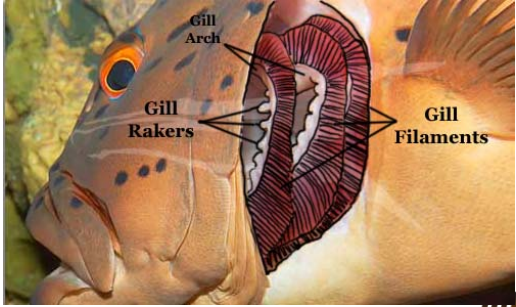



How do animals get oxygen to their cells?

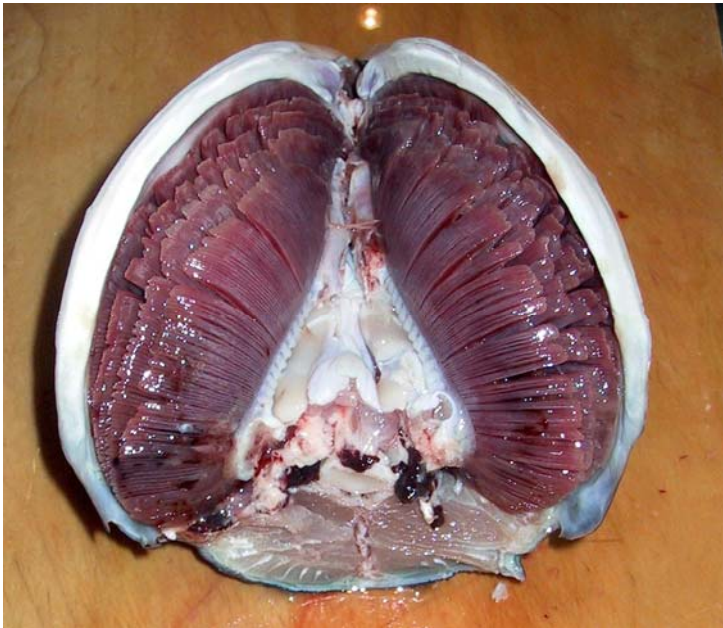
A circulatory & respiratory system



## Oxygen Uptake

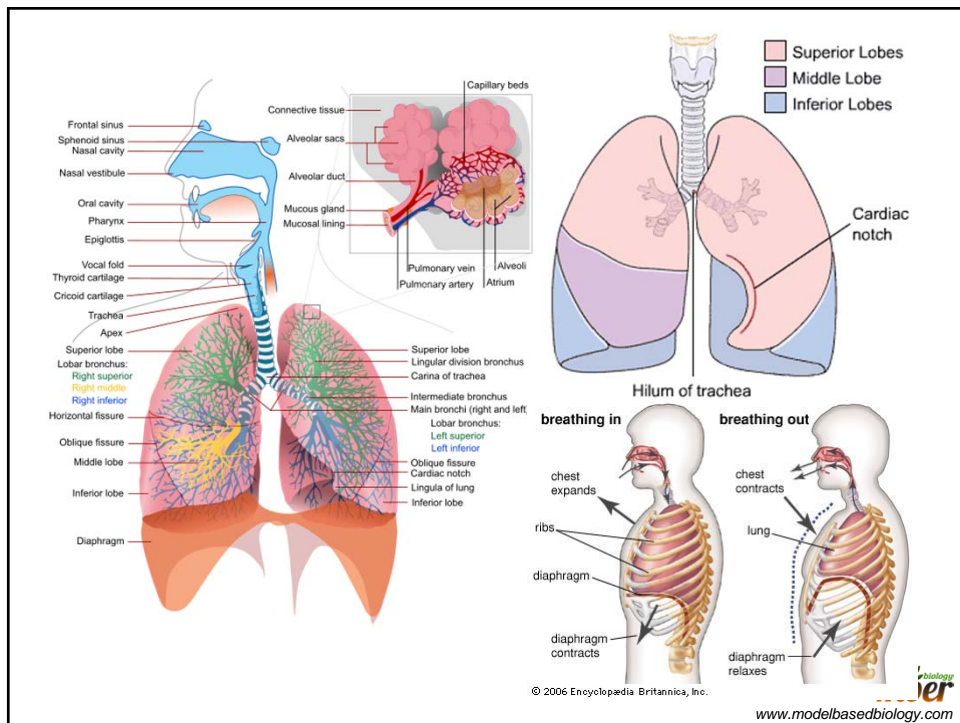
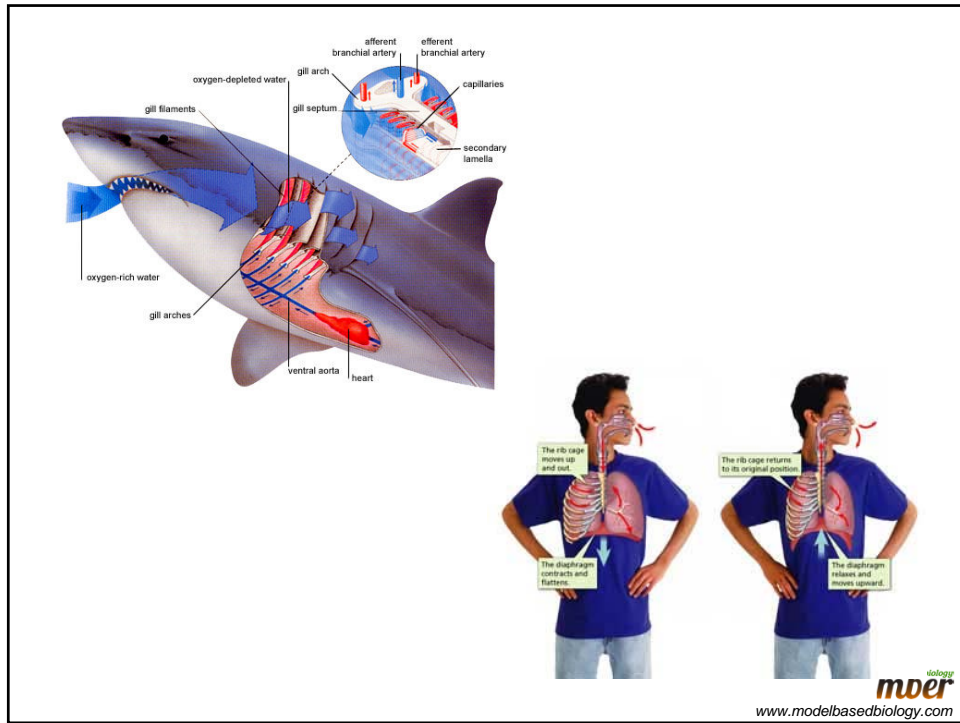


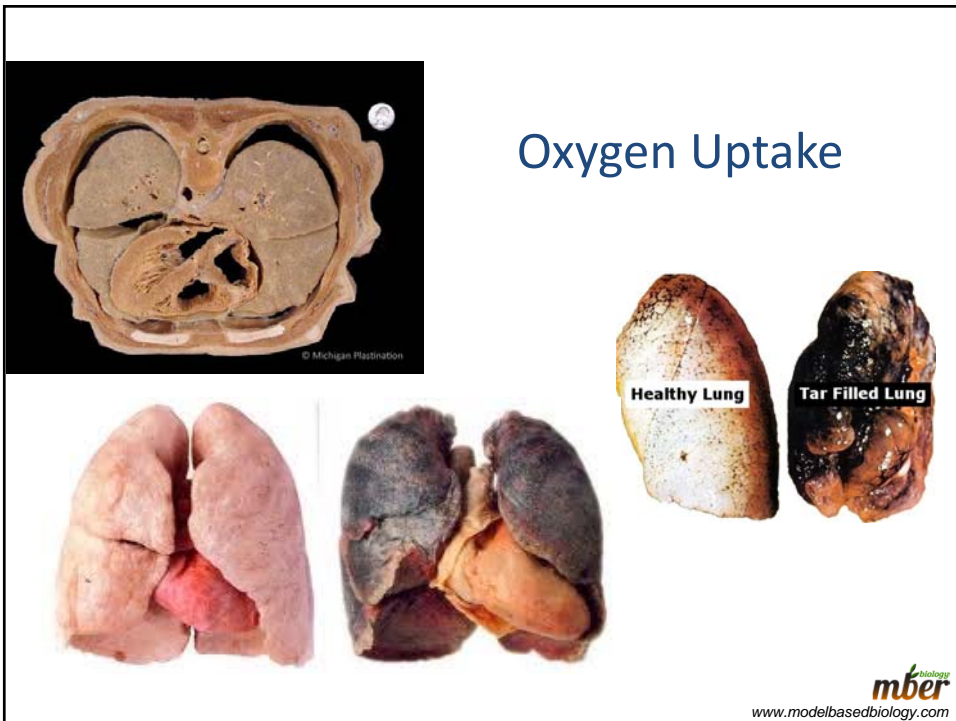
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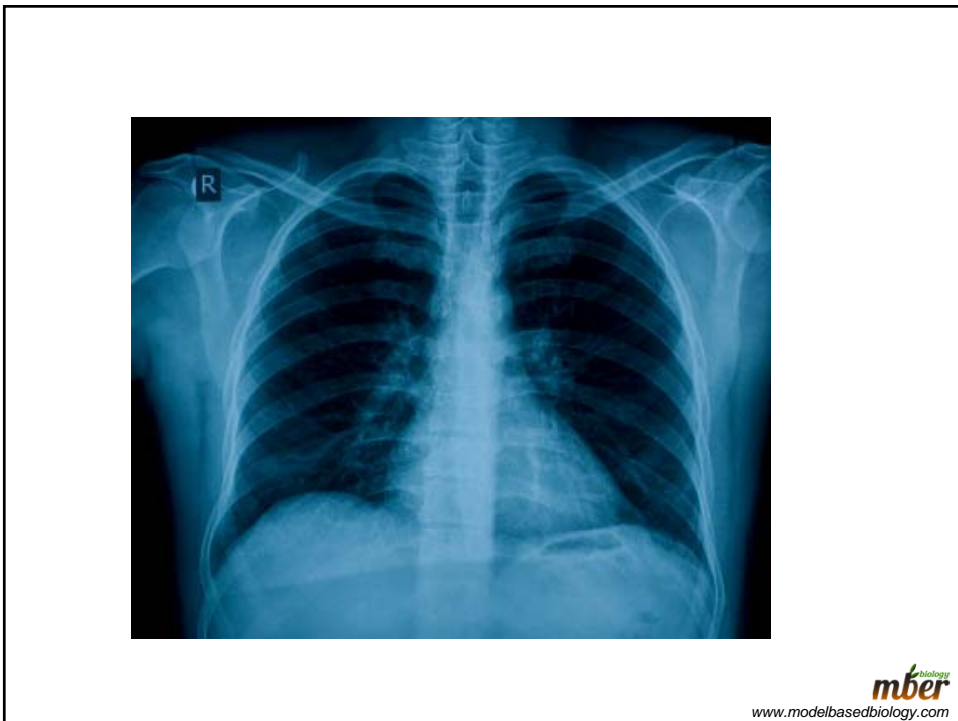
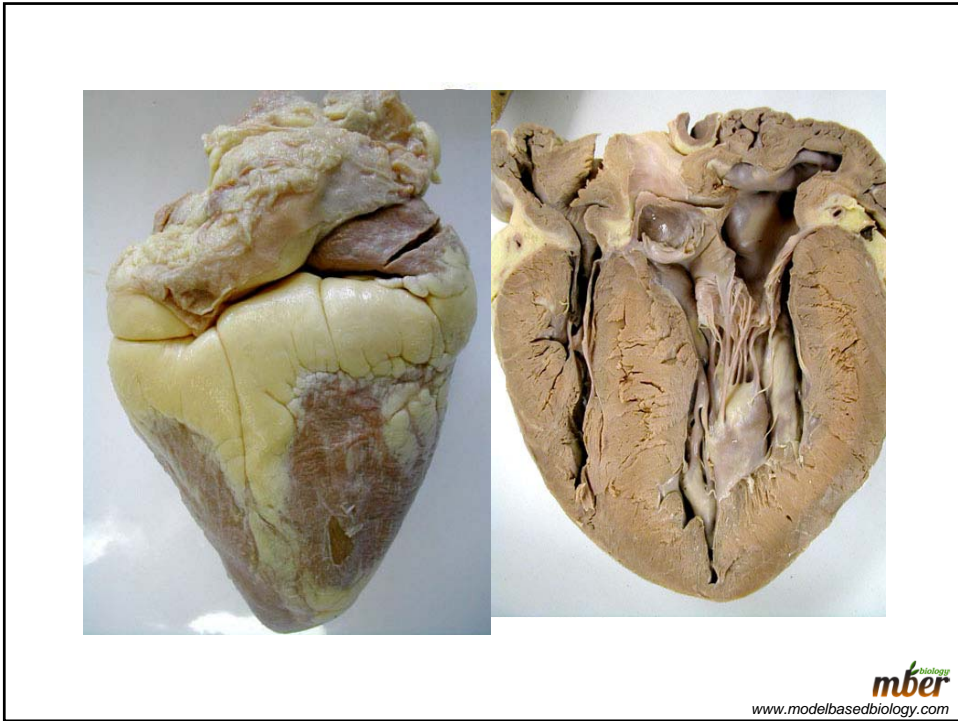


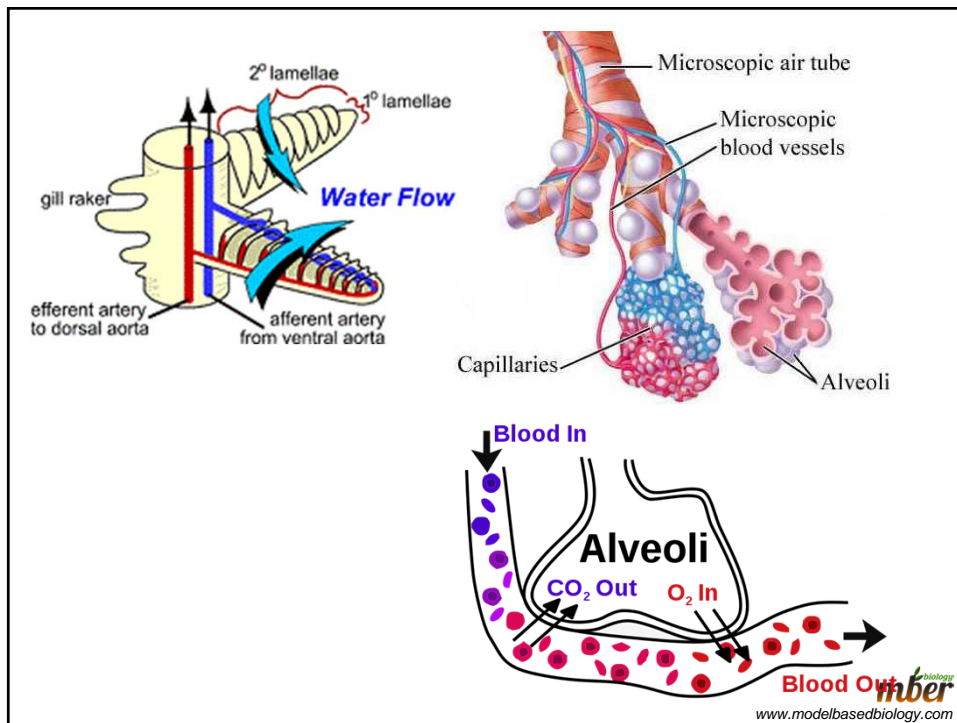
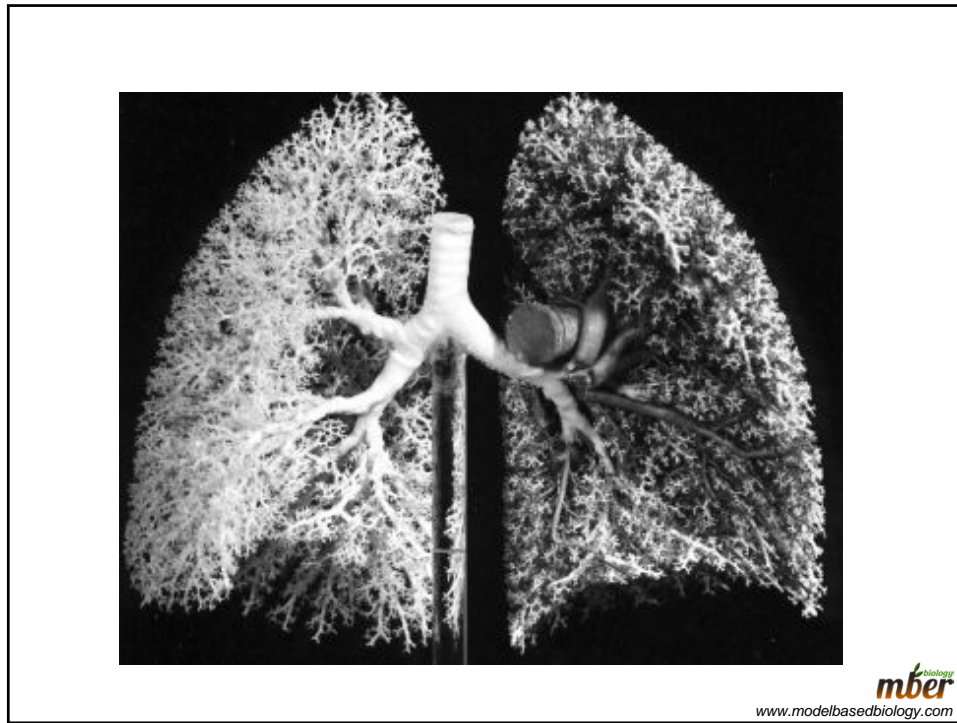
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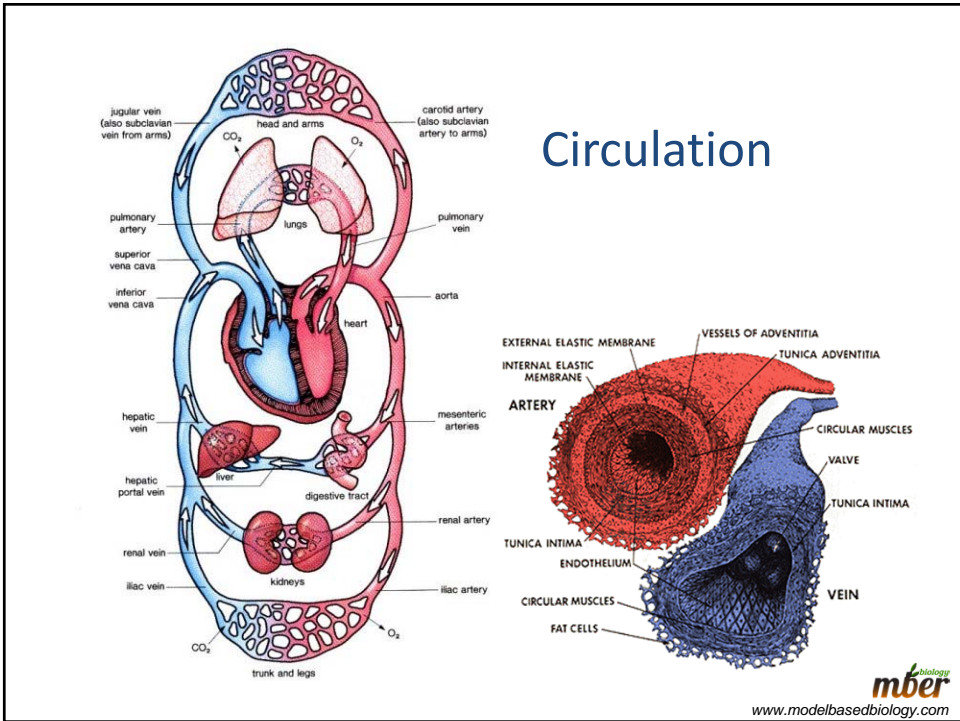
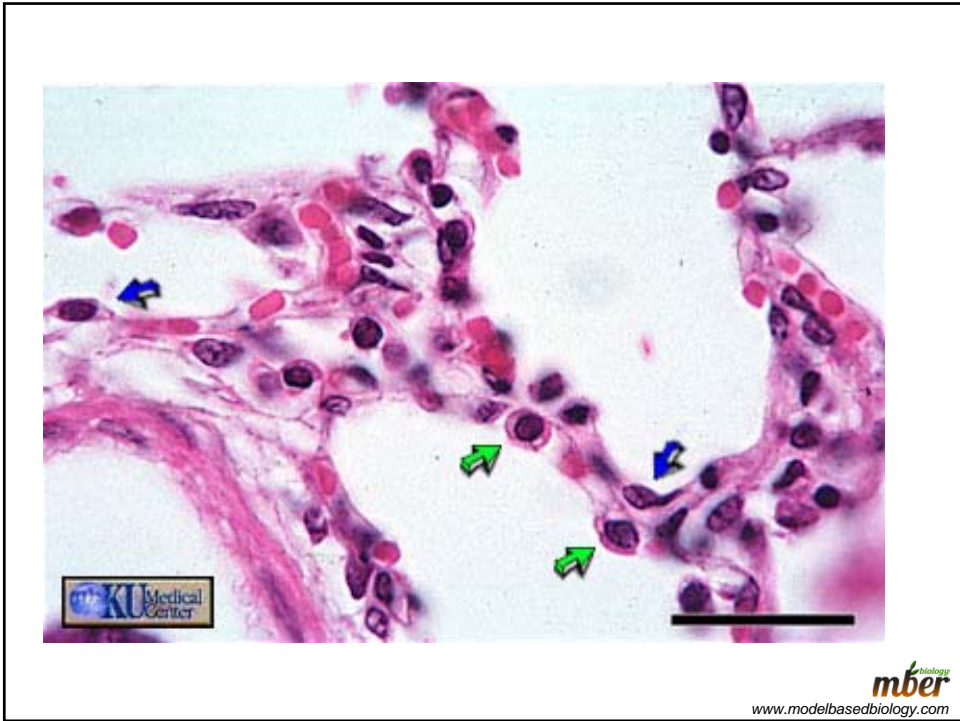


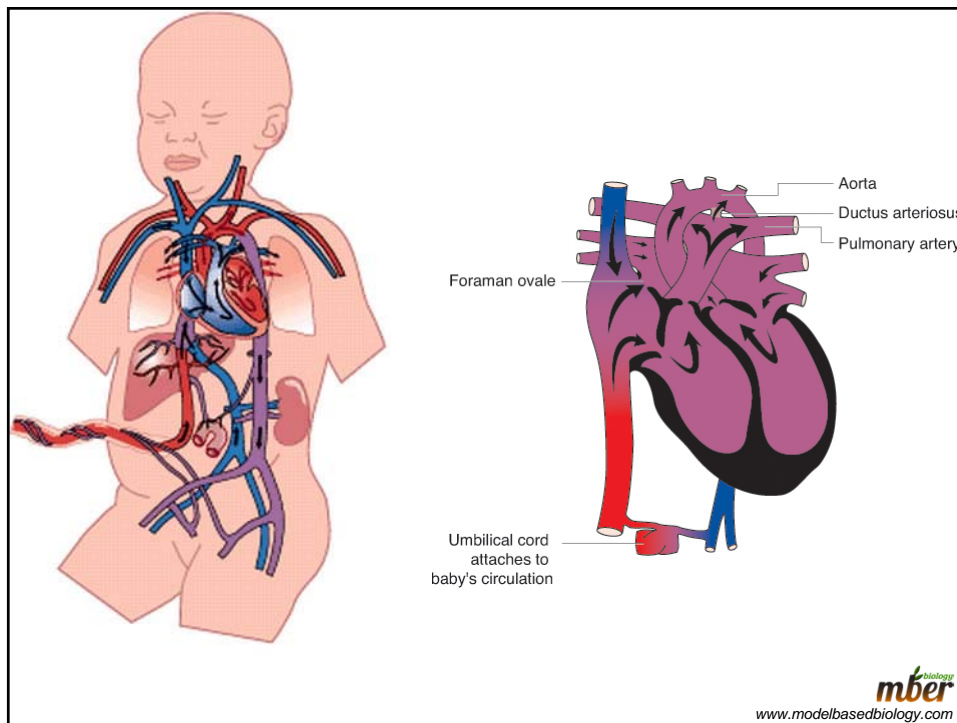
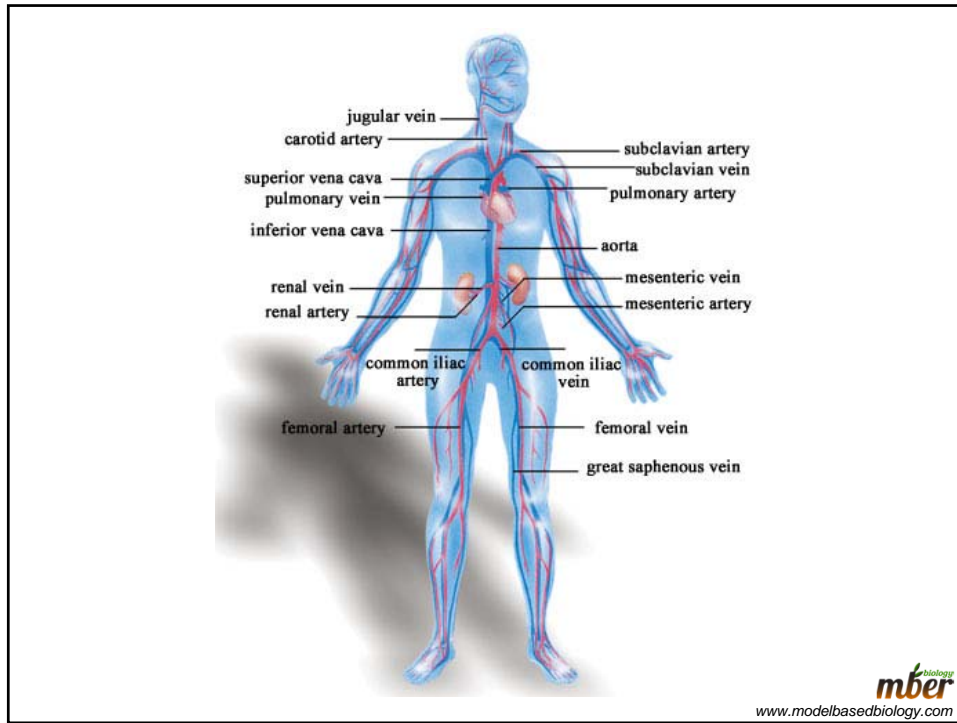












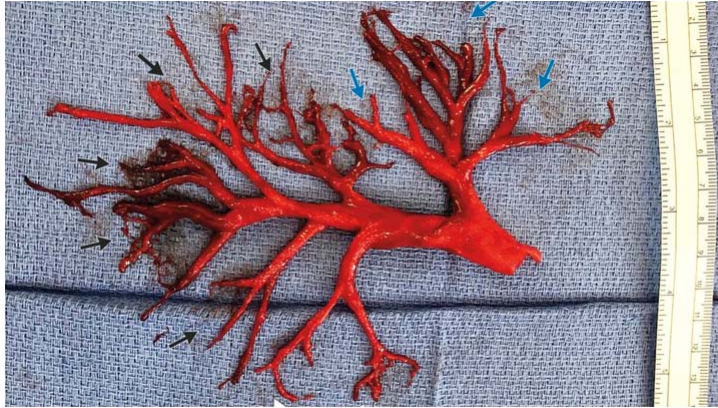
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## Doctors Aren't Sure How This Even Came Out of a Patient

Somehow, a man coughed up an intact blood clot shaped like a lung passage.

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