

# Respiratory System

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- Cells continuously use oxygen for the metabolic reaction that release energy from nutrient molecules and produce ATP.
- At the same time these cells release  $\text{CO}_2$ .
- Since an excessive amount of  $\text{CO}_2$  produce acidity that is toxic to cells, the excess  $\text{CO}_2$  must be eliminated quickly and efficiently.
- The 2 systems that cooperate to supply  $\text{O}_2$  and eliminate  $\text{CO}_2$  are the cardiovascular system and the respiratory system.
- The respiratory system provide gas for exchange, whereas cardiovascular system, transport the gasses in the blood b/w the lungs and body cells.
- In addition to functioning in gas exchange, the respiratory system also contains:
  - Receptors for the sense of smell.
  - Filters inspired air.
  - Produce sound.
  - Help eliminate wastes.

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Structurally the Respiratory system is divided into

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The upper respiratory tract  
(nose, pharynx)

The lower respiratory tract.  
(Larynx, Trachea, Bronchi and lungs)

- functionally resp. system is divided into

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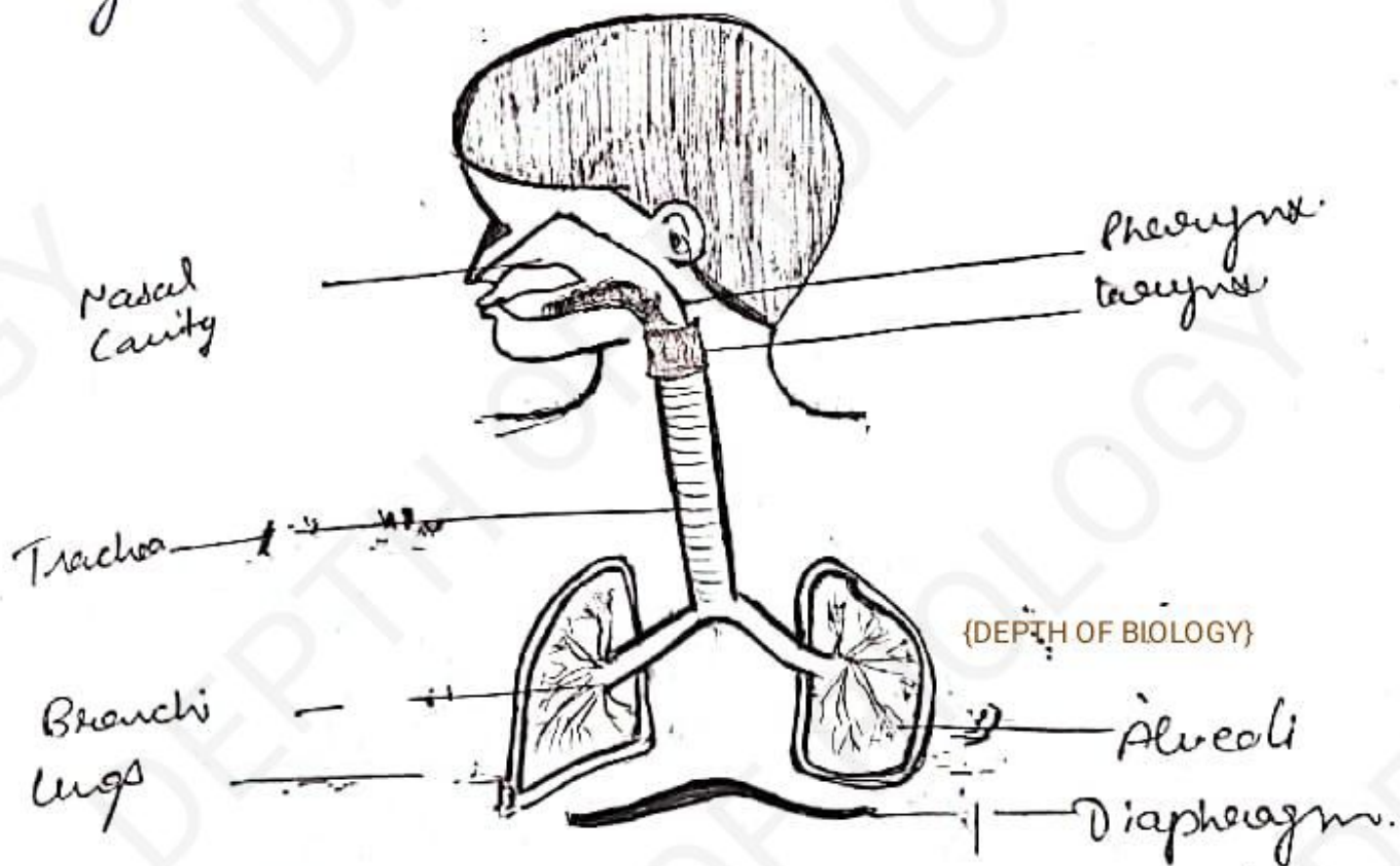
### The conducting portion

- consists of series of interconnecting cavities and tubes (nose, pharynx, larynx, trachea, bronchi, bronchiole and terminal bronchioles - that conduct air into lung.)

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### The respiratory portion

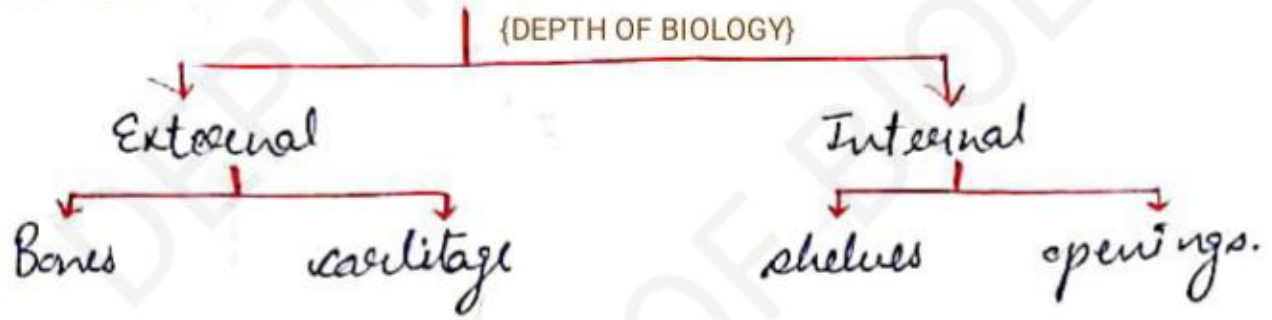
- consists of those portion of resp. system where the exchange of gases occurs (resp. bronchioles, alveolar ducts, alveolar sacs and alveoli.)



## The respiratory system

# I. Nose and Nasal Cavity.

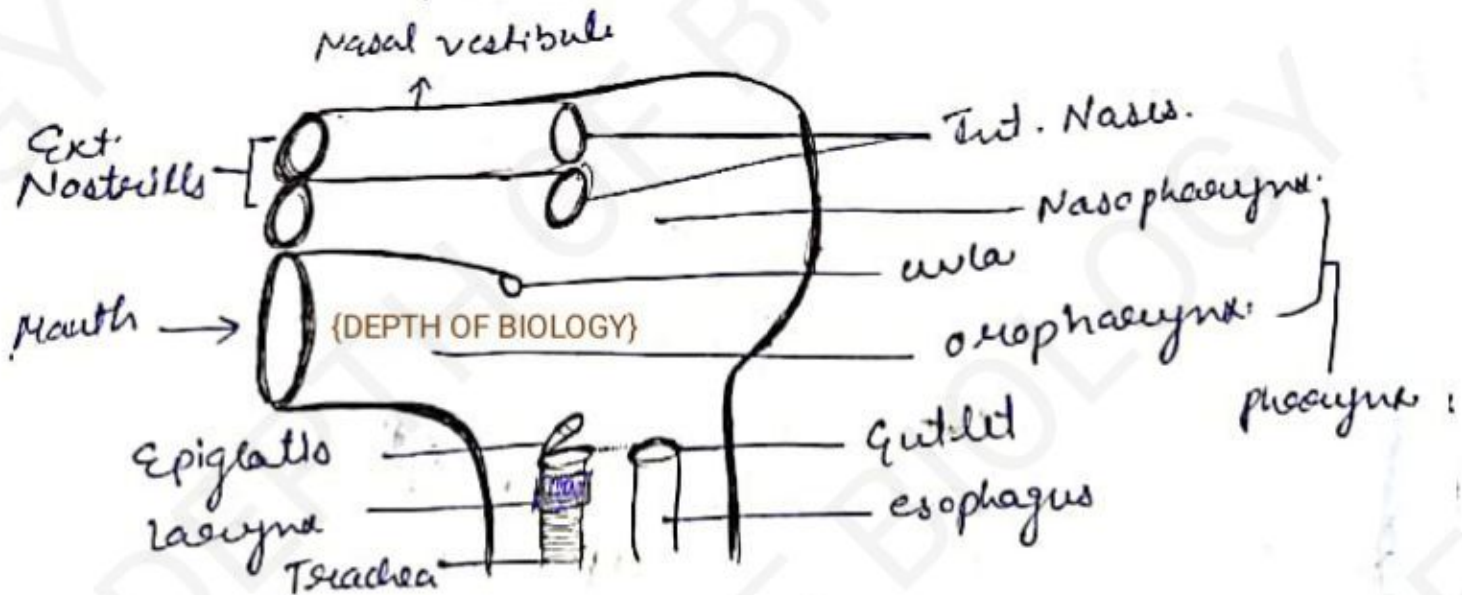
Nose can be divided into



External Nose →

- ① Roof → Ethmoid, sphenoid, Frontal, Nasal bone.
- ② Floor → Hard palate and soft palate
- ③ lateral wall → Maxilla, Ethmoid (DEPTH OF BIOLOGY)
- ④ Medial wall → Hyaline cartilage

Internal Nose → Superior Meatus, Middle meatus, Inferior Meatus.



openings into Nasal cavity

- ① Sinus
- ② Nares
- ③ Nasolacrimal ducts.

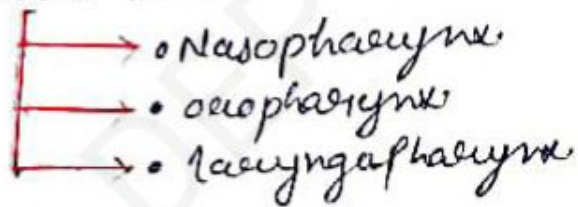
## II. Pharynx

- belongs to both resp. and digestive system.
- its wall is composed of skeletal muscle and lined with mucous membrane. (DEPTH OF BIOLOGY)
- funnel shaped tube 12-14 cm long.

### Function

- passage for air and food.
- provide a resonating chamber speech and sound.
- houses the tonsils. (DEPTH OF BIOLOGY)

Its structure is divided into 3 parts.



- Nasopharynx
  - 5-opening in its wall.
  - 2-Intercostal nerves
  - 2-Eustachian tube
  - 1-opening into oropharynx.

• Posterior wall contains the pharyngeal tonsil  
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lined with pseudostratified ciliated epithelium.

## III Larynx (Voice Box)

- short passage way that connects the laryngopharynx with the trachea.
- The larynx consists of cartilages, connected by ligament and skeletal muscles.
- wall of larynx is composed of nine pieces of cartilage.

3 are single → (Thyroid, epiglottis, Cricoid cartilage)

3 are paired → (arytenoid, Cuneiform, corniculate cartilage). (DEPTH OF BIOLOGY)

## (a) Thyroid Cartilage

(Adam's apple) consists of two fused plates of hyaline cartilage that form the anterior wall of larynx and give it its triangular shape.

- The ligament that connects the thyroid cartilage to the hyoid bone is called **Thyrohyoid membrane**.

## (b) Epiglottis

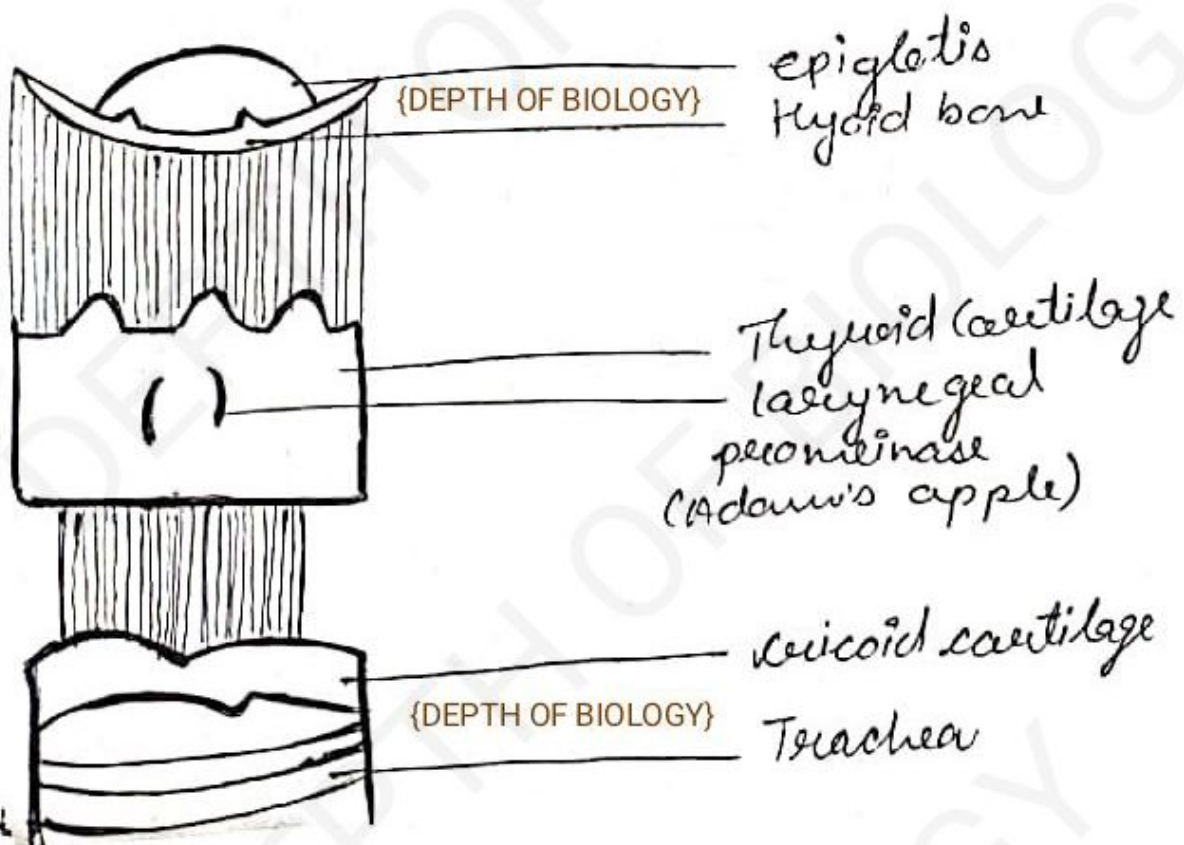
Large leaf shaped piece of elastic cartilage that is covered with epithelium. {DEPTH OF BIOLOGY}

The stem of the epiglottis is attached to the thyroid cartilage, but the leaf portion is unattached and free to move up and down like a trap door.

## (c) Cricoid Cartilage

Is a ring shaped cartilage that forms the inferior wall of larynx. {DEPTH OF BIOLOGY}

Anterior View of Larynx



## 4. Trachea (Wind Pipe)



located anterior to the esophagus

- Tubular passage way for air about 12cm in height and 2½ cm in diameter

# In front of 5th Thoracic vertebra, It is divided into right and left primary bronchi

layers of Trachea from deep to superficial are —

1. Mucosa → Pseudostratified ciliated columnar epithelium. (PSCCE)
2. Sub-mucosa → Areolar connective tissue  
(DEPTH OF BIOLOGY)
3. Hyaline cartilage → 16-20 C-shaped rings arranged.
4. Adventitia → loose connective tissue.

### C-shaped cartilage rings :-

- The third layer of trachea is made up of 16-20 cartilagenous rings. (DEPTH OF BIOLOGY)

- These rings are incomplete (C-shaped)
- These are arranged horizontally and stacked one on the top of another.
- The open part of each C-shaped cartilage rings faces the esophagus.
- This accommodates slight expansion of the esophagus in to the trachea during swallowing.
- Transverse smooth muscle fibres and elastic c.T holds the open end of the cartilage rings together.
- Transverse smooth muscle are called as Trachealis muscle. (DEPTH OF BIOLOGY)

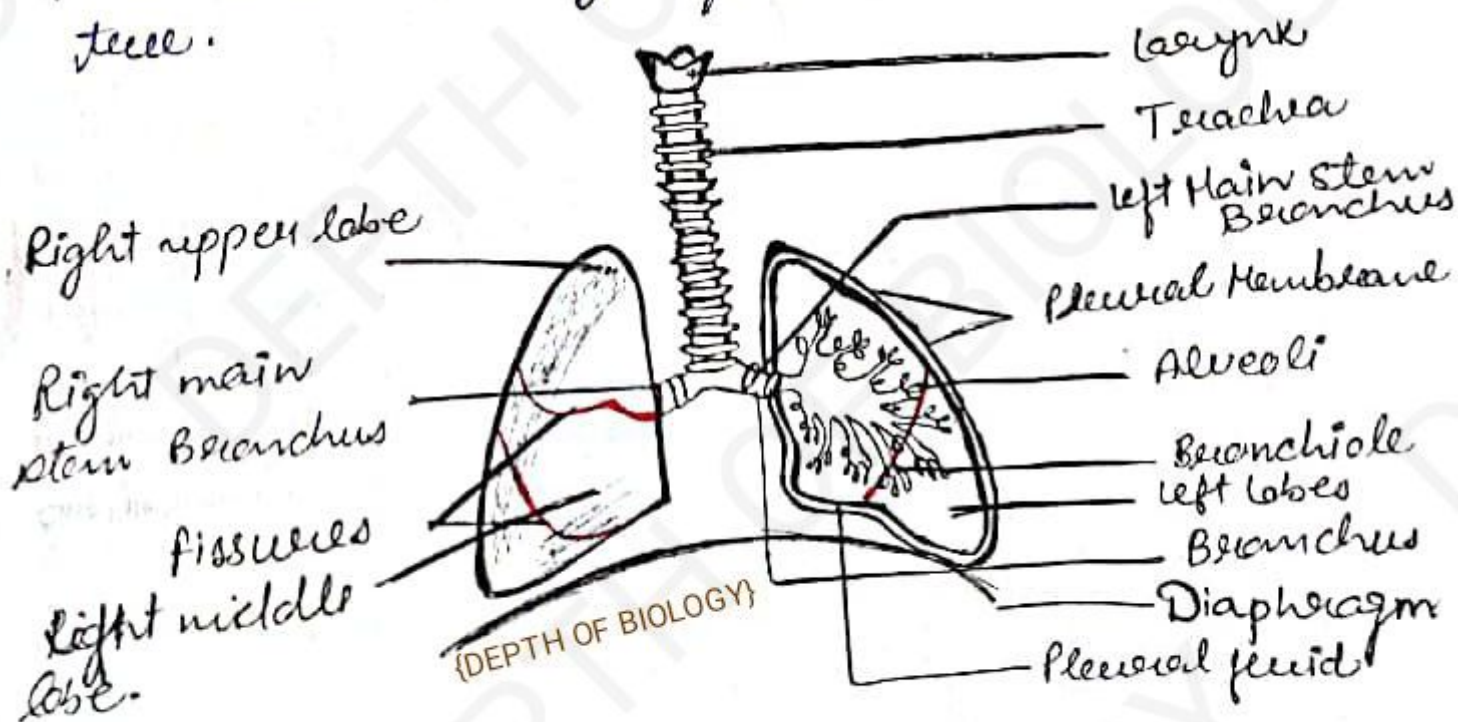
## 5. Bronchi

- At the superior border of fifth Thoracic Vertebrae the trachea divides into 2 branches (Primary bronchi) (DEPTH OF BIOLOGY)

### Right Primary bronchus

### Left Primary bronchus.

- On entering the lungs the primary bronchi divided to form smaller bronchi - the secondary bronchi (lobar), one for each of the lung. (DEPTH OF BIOLOGY)
- The secondary bronchi continue to branch, forming still smaller bronchi, called tertiary bronchi (segmental)
- The tertiary divided into bronchioles. (DEPTH OF BIOLOGY)
- This extensive branching from the trachea resembles a tree trunk with its branching and is commonly referred to as the bronchial tree.



# LUNGS

- light weight, since the lungs float
- lungs are paired. {DEPTH OF BIOLOGY}
- cone shaped organ

\* separates from each other by the heart and other structures in mediastinum

\* If trauma cause one lung to collapse, the other may remain expand

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alveoli (alveolus) and alveolar sac  
(a or more alveoli that share a  
common base)

Each bronchopulmonary segment of the lungs has  
many small compartments - lobules.

- Each lobule is wrapped in elastic connective  
tissue contains.

- • A lymphatic vessel
- • An arteriole {DEPTH OF BIOLOGY}
- • An venule
- • a branch from terminal bronchiole.

Terminal Bronchiole - subdivided into microscopic  
branches (resp. bronchioles)

As the resp. bronchioles penetrate more deeply into  
the lungs it subdivided into several alveolar  
ducts. {DEPTH OF BIOLOGY}

## Location —

In thoracic cavity  
Extend from the Diaphragm.  
lie against the ribs.

## Anatomy of Lungs

### External anatomy — {DEPTH OF BIOLOGY}

- Each lung is divided into lobes by one or more fissures.
- Right lung has 3 lobes whereas left lung has 2 lobes. {DEPTH OF BIOLOGY}
- Both lungs have oblique fissure (superior and inferior)
- Right lung has more fissure + 2. fissure. (middle lobe)
- Each lobe receive its own sec. branches. Thus, the right primary branches give rise to 3 sec. bronchi.
- Within the lung the sec. bronchi give rise to the tertiary bronchi. {DEPTH OF BIOLOGY}
- There are 10 tertiary bronchi in each lung.

