

Microbiology

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Introduction

- In the thirteenth century, it has been postulated that invisible living creatures produce disease.
- Microbiology is the study of living organisms of microscopic size.

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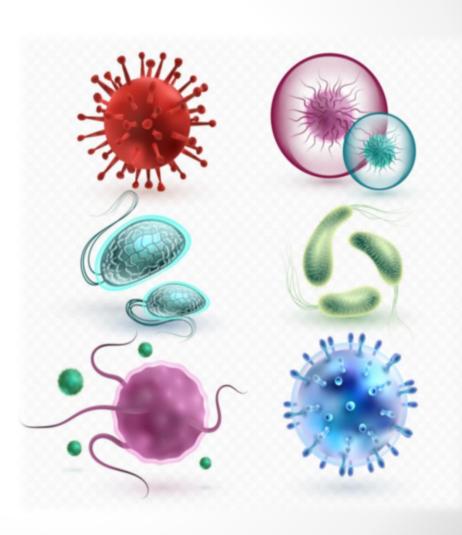
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- These microorganisms' are wieldy distributed in nature and some of them are beneficial to men and some of them are harmful (pathogenic).
- Microorganisms are involved in production of 50% of carbon and 90% of nitrogen.
- Society gets benefit from microorganisms by their use in bread, cheese, vaccines and antibiotics production.

Microbiology can be divided into two branches: pure and applied.

Some of the pure science:

- Viruses: virology
- Bacteria: bacteriology
- Fungi: mycology
- Parasites: parasitology
- Immunity: immunology
- Algae: phycology
- Protozoa: protozoology



Some of the applied science:

- Medical microbiology: deals with the study of causative agents of infectious diseases.
- Pharmaceutical microbiology: deals with the study of microorganisms which are responsible for production of antibiotics.

- Food microbiology: deals with the interaction of microorganisms and food in the relation to food processing food spoilage food born diseases.
- Industrial microbiology: is the study of industrially useful microorganisms in the production of vitamins, amino acids and enzymes.





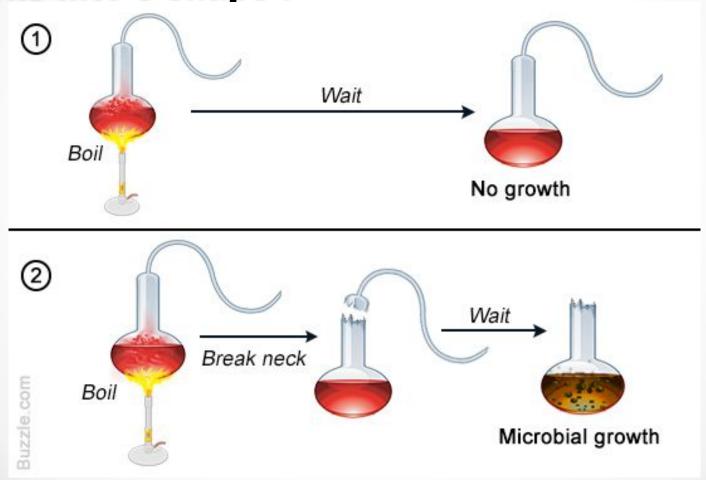


Spontaneous generation conflict:

- From the earliest times, people believed that living organisms could developed from nonliving of decomposing matter.
- Louis Pasteur (1822-1895)
 settled the conflict once for all:
 heated the necks of flasks and
 drew them out.



He set up two experiments in both he added nutrient broth to flasks bent the necks of the flasks into s shape.





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