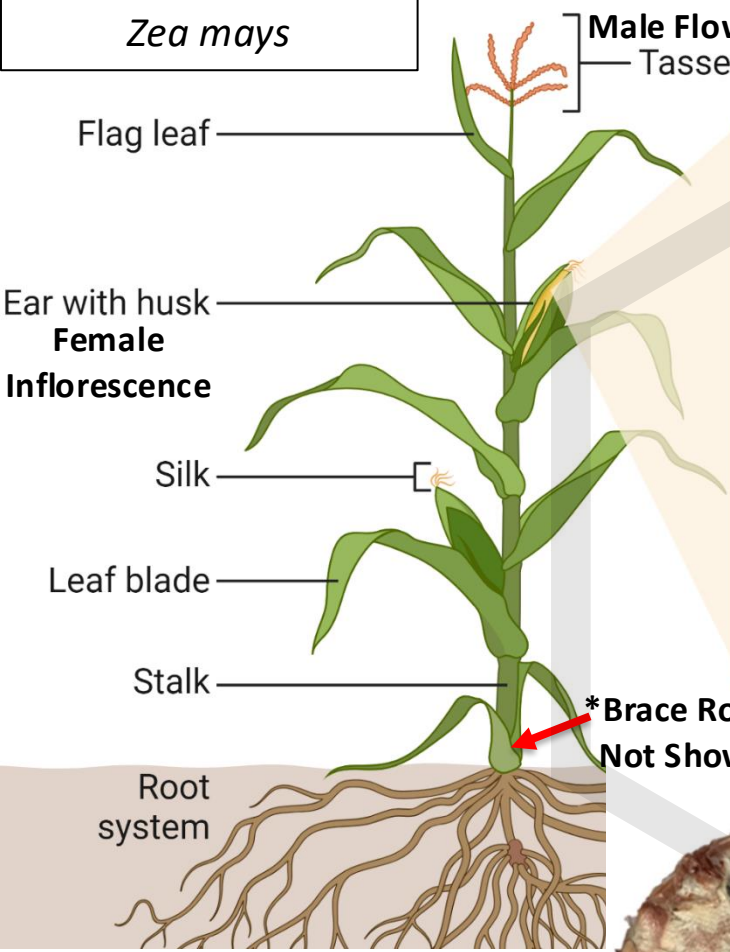


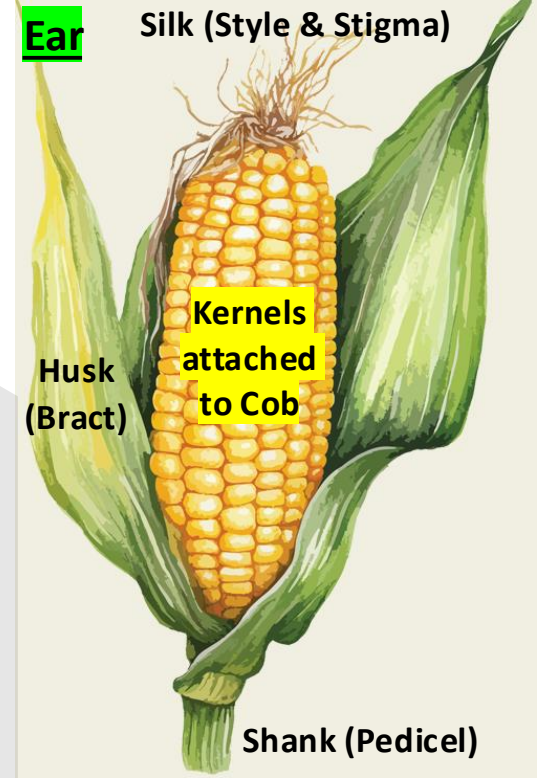
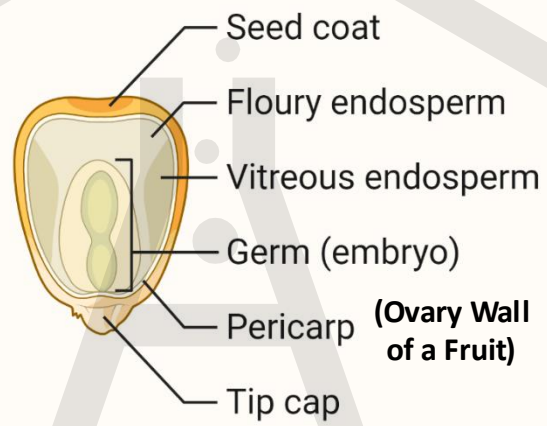
Maize/Corn

Zea mays

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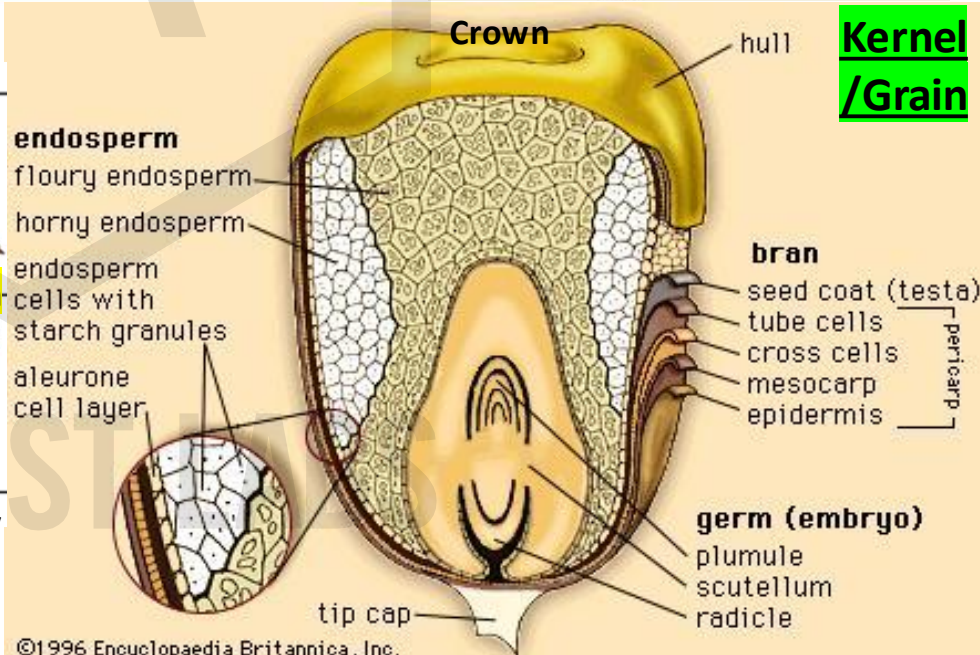
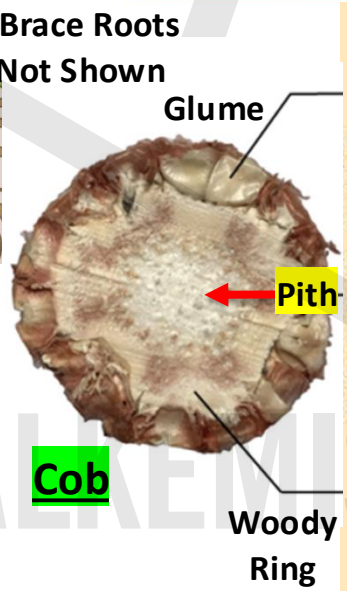


Kernel (Caryopsis: fruit/seed)



Botany

Corn belongs to the grass family (Poaceae). Many grasses produce caryopses. Caryopsis are dry, one-seeded, indehiscent fruits (achenes) where the fruit pericarp is fused with the seed coat. Basically, the corn kernel/grain is both a fruit & the seed.



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