Objectives

- ➤ **Describe** the functions of the three types of muscles.
- ► Explain how you can keep your muscular system healthy.

The Muscles in Your Body

- Muscles move your eyes as you read.
- Muscles in your chest allow you to breathe.
- Muscles in your heart pump your blood.
- Every time your body moves, muscles are at work.



Types of Muscle

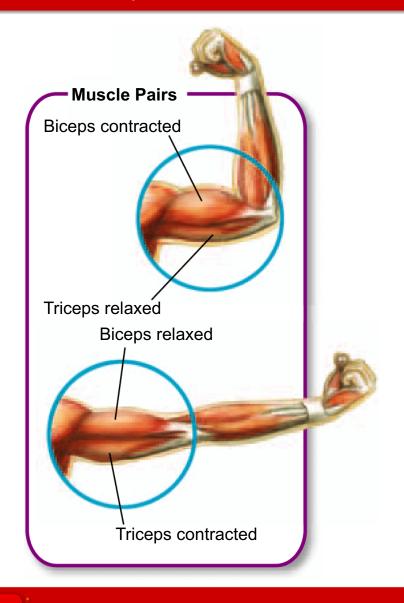
Your body has three types of muscle tissue that perform different functions.

- Smooth muscle is involuntary muscle that causes movements within your body.
- Cardiac muscle is involuntary muscle that is found only in the heart.
- Skeletal muscles are the muscles that you control to do activities, such as walk or play a musical instrument. A thick strand of tissue called a **tendon** attaches a muscle to a bone.

How Muscles Work

- All muscles do work by contracting, or becoming shorter and thicker.
- Many skeletal muscles work in pairs.
 - One muscle in the pair contracts to move the bone in one direction.
 - Then, the other muscle in the pair contracts to move the bone back.

Section 11.2 Your Muscular System



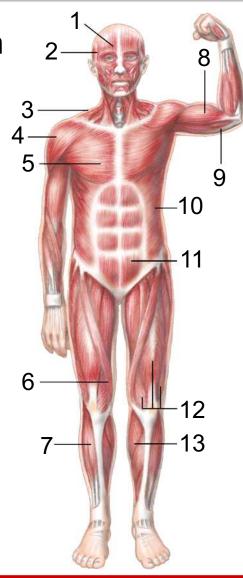


Muscle Tone

- Even when a skeletal muscle is not contracting to cause movement, a few of its individual muscle fibers are still contracting.
- Contractions tense and firm the muscle.
- This slight tension is called muscle tone.
- Muscles that cannot contract due to injury, or are not used often, will weaken and shrink, a condition known as atrophy.

The Muscular System

- 1) Frontalis
- 2) Temporalis
- 3) Trapezius
- 4) Deltoid
- 5) Pectoralis major
- 6) Sartorius
- 7) Tibialis anterior



- 8) Biceps
- 9) Triceps
- 10) External oblique
- 11) Rectus abdominus
- 12) Quadriceps muscles
- 13) Gastrocnemius

Keeping Healthy

- You can maintain a healthy muscular system by regularly participating in different types of exercise.
- To help prevent injuries, exercise sessions should include a warm-up and cool-down period.

Working Your Muscles

- Some types of exercise increase a muscle's endurance—how long it can contract without tiring.
- Other exercises make individual fibers grow, which causes the muscles to thicken and increase in strength.
- Anabolic steroids are artificial forms of the male hormone testosterone.

Avoiding Muscle Injuries

- Strains A muscle strain, or a pulled muscle, is a painful injury that may happen when muscles are overworked or stretched too much or too quickly.
- Tendonitis Overuse of tendons may lead to painful swelling and irritation called **tendonitis** (ten duh NY tis).
- Prevent injuries
 - regular strengthening and stretching exercises
 - vary your exercise routine
 - warm up and cool down
 - stop exercising if you feel a sharp or sudden pain

Preventing Muscle Cramps

- A muscle cramp is a strong, uncontrolled muscle contraction.
- To relieve a cramp, try massaging the affected area and exercising the limb gently.
- Stretching and drinking plenty of water before and during exercise can help you avoid muscle cramps.

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