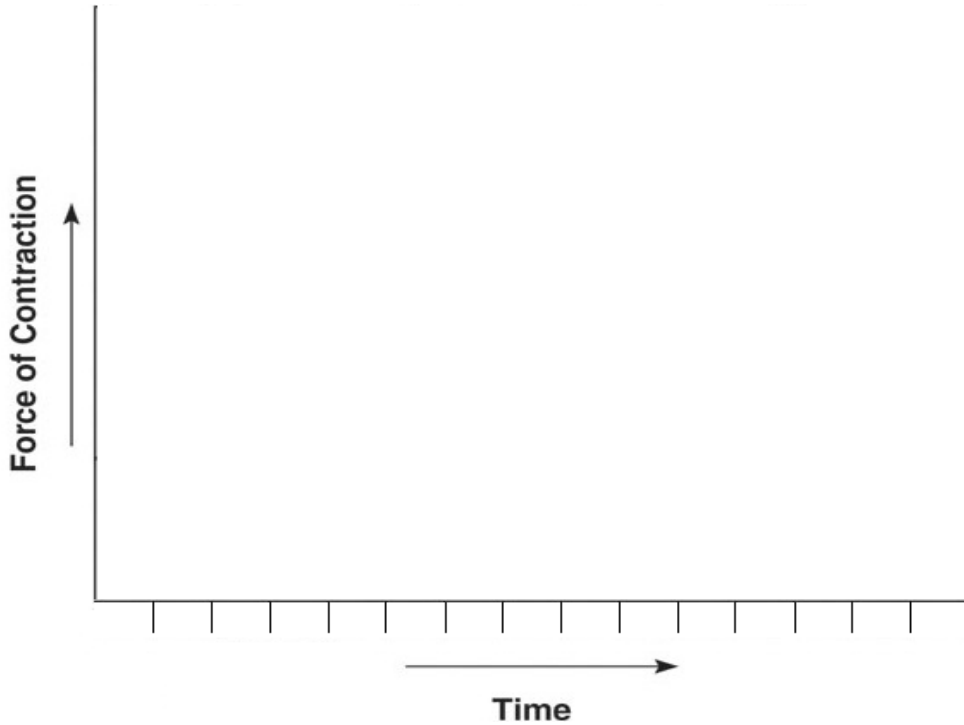


## Muscle Twitch, Summation, Tetanus, and Skeletal Muscle Anatomy Honors Anatomy

### Muscle Twitch, Summation, Tetanus, and Recruitment

1. A single contraction that lasts only a fraction of a second is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

On the graph below, draw a muscle twitch and label its three parts. Also on the graph, draw and label the time of stimulation.



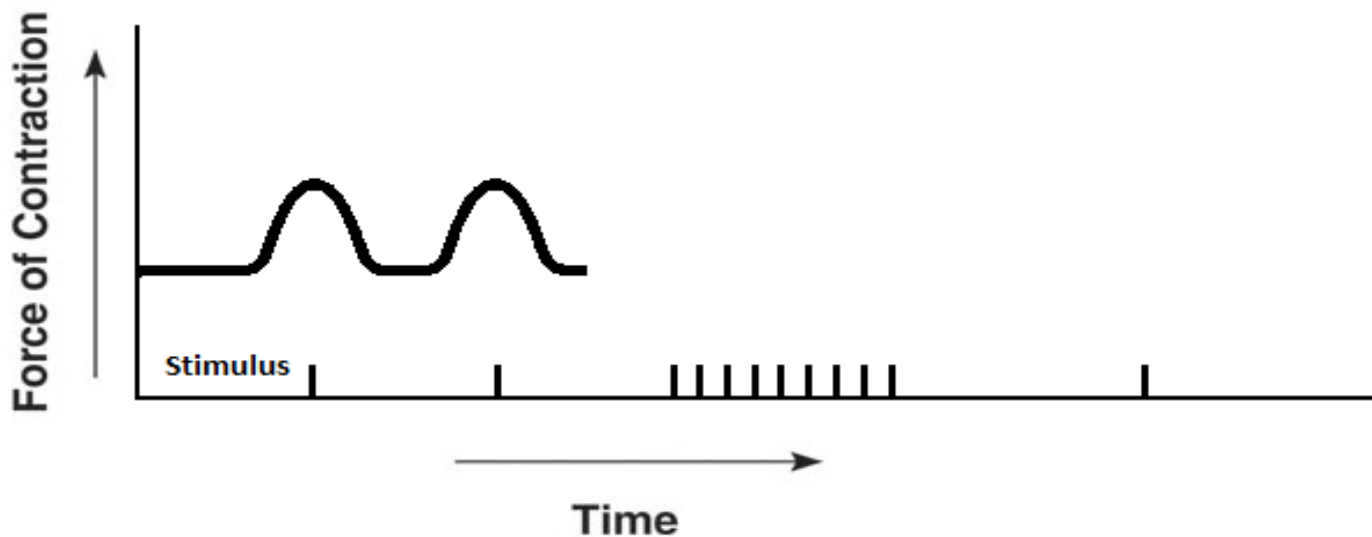
Match the three parts of a muscle twitch to its description.

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|----------|--|-----------------------|
| _____ 5. | The duration of a muscle twitch when the muscle returns to its resting length.             | a. Contraction period |
| _____ 6. | The duration of a muscle twitch between stimulation and the initiation of the contraction. | b. Latent period      |
| _____ 7. | The duration of a muscle twitch when the muscle contracts or shortens in length.           | c. Relaxation period  |

8. List the 2 ways the force of a muscle contraction can be increased.

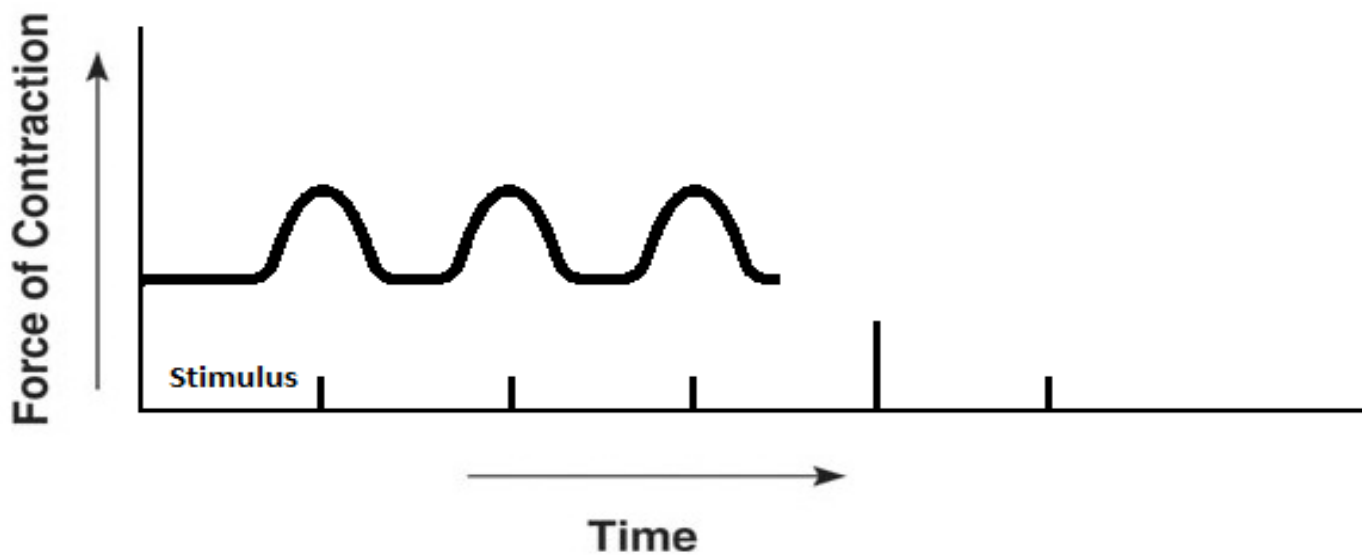
- a. \_\_\_\_\_ increases the force of contraction by increasing the frequency of the stimulus to the muscle fibers.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ increases the force of contraction by increasing the number of motor units stimulated.

Given the graph below, draw what the muscle twitch should look like.



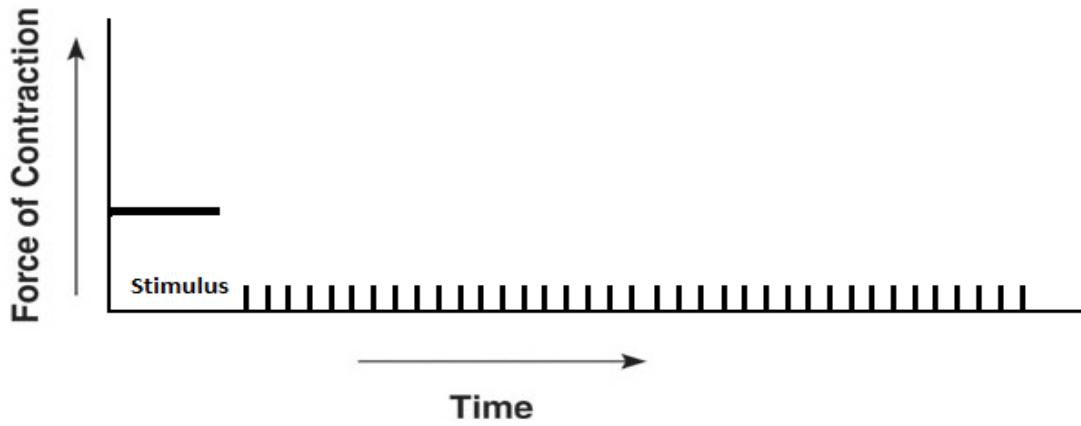
9. In the graph above, which way is being illustrated to increase the force of a muscle contraction.

Given the graph below, draw what the muscle twitch should look like.



10. In the graph above, which way is being illustrated to increase the force of a muscle contraction.

On the graph below, draw a muscle contraction illustrating tetanus or tetanic contraction and fatigue. Label tetanus and fatigue.



11. The sustained contraction that occurs when the frequency of stimulation is so rapid that there is no relaxation is called \_\_\_\_\_.

12. Explain the cause for muscle fatigue.

13. A motor neuron and all of the muscle fibers that it innervates (connects to and stimulates) is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

Given the list below, color and label the different parts of a motor unit.

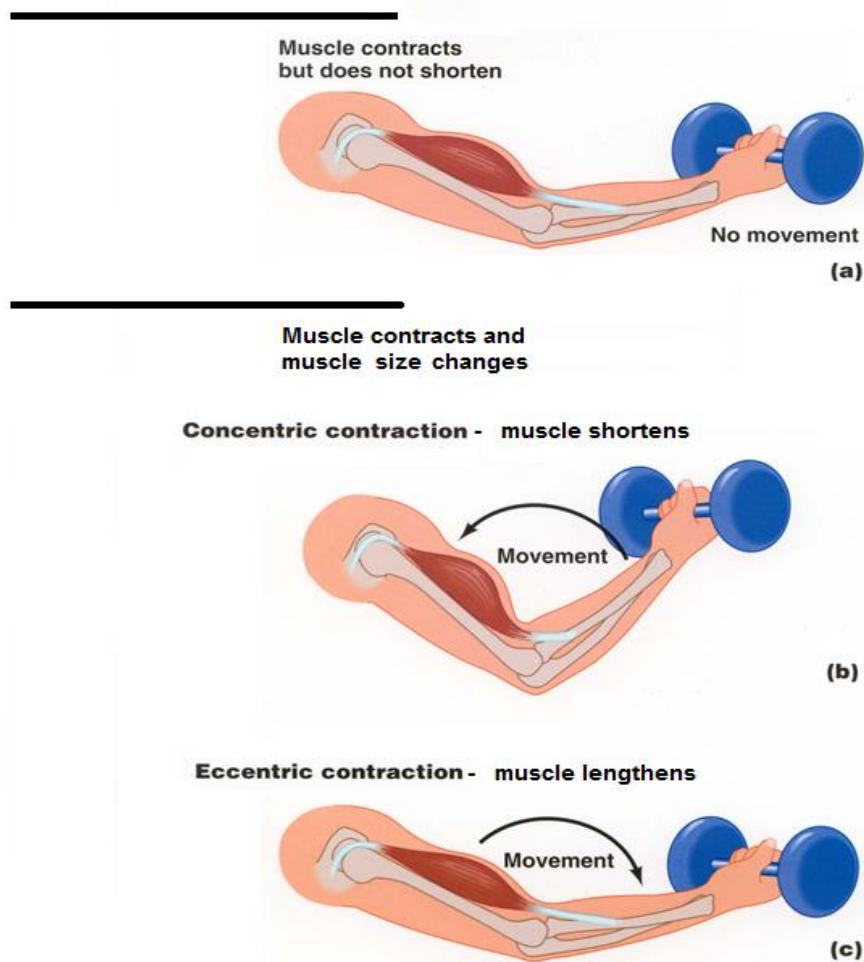
- Axon terminal
- Motor neuron
- Muscle fiber



## Types of Muscle Contraction and Tone

14. List the 2 classifications of muscle contractions.

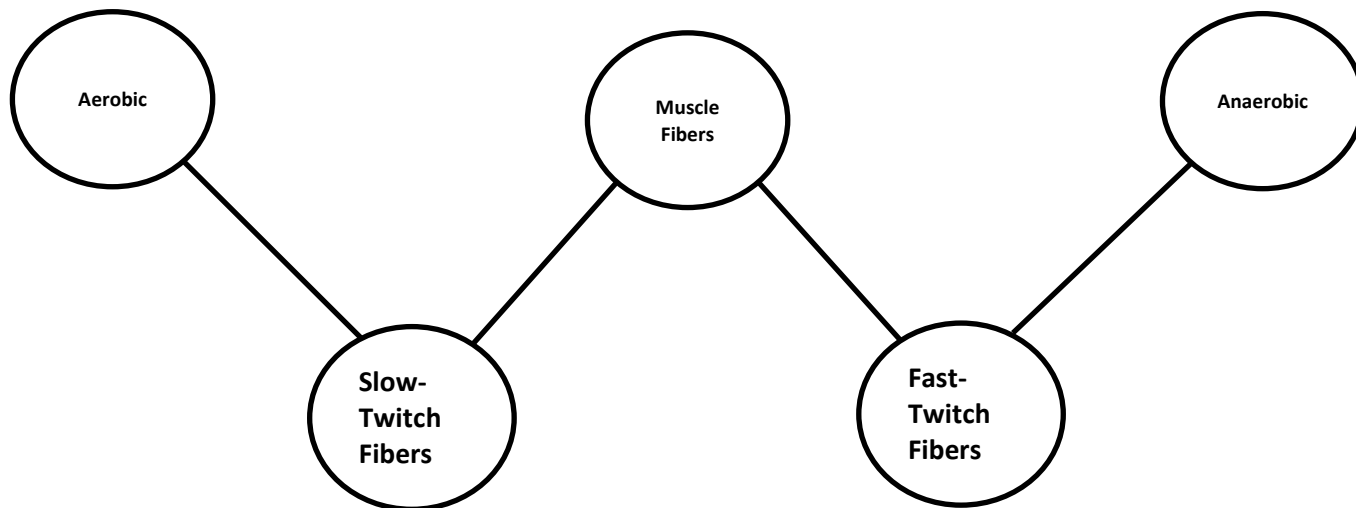
On the diagram below, label which illustration is an isotonic contraction and which illustration is an isometric contraction.



15. Some muscles exhibit \_\_\_\_\_, in which some muscle's fibers are always contracting and under tension over long periods of time. An example of this type of continuous contraction occurs in the neck and back muscles to maintain posture.

## Slow and Fast Twitch Fibers

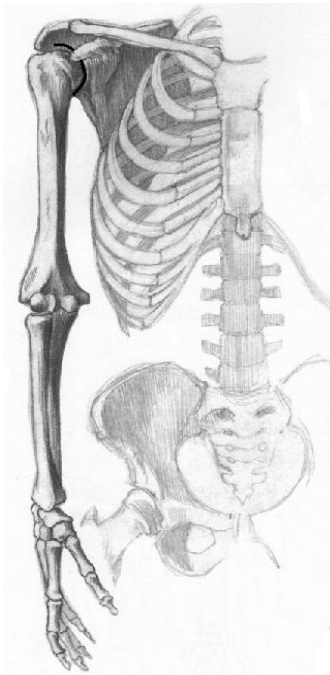
Complete the double bubble comparing and contrasting slow-twitch fibers to fast-twitch fibers.



## Skeletal Muscle Anatomy

1. The muscle attachment location on the stationary bone (the bone that does not move) is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The muscle attachment location on the bone that moves is called the \_\_\_\_\_.

On the diagram below of the anterior arm and forearm, 1) Draw, color, and label the biceps brachii, 2) Label the words origin and insertion to illustrate the location on the diagram, 3) Below the words origin and insertion, write the actual names of the landmarks for these sites of muscle attachment.



## Muscle Groups

3. Muscles that accomplish or perform certain movements are called the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. The agonist that is the main muscle that performs the movement is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Groups of agonists that work together to perform a movement and assist the prime mover are called \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Muscles acting in opposition to the agonists are called \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Muscles that hold a bone in place while another bone is moved are called \_\_\_\_\_.

Using the list below and the given movement, place the muscles under the appropriate group. See the example.

### **Example**

Movement: Flexion of the Elbow

<u>Muscles:</u>	<u>Prime Mover</u>	<u>Synergist</u>	<u>Antagonist</u>
Biceps brachii			
Brachioradialis	Biceps brachii	Brachioradialis	Triceps brachii
Triceps brachii			

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Movement: Extension of the lower leg

<u>Muscles:</u>	<u>Prime Mover</u>	<u>Synergist</u>	<u>Antagonist</u>
Biceps femoris			
Rectus femoris			
Semimembranosus			
Semitendinosus			
Vastus intermedius			
Vastus lateralis			
Vastus medialis			

## Nomenclature

For each muscle, list the nomenclature category that the muscle could be categorized by. A muscle may have more than one category.

### **Example**

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|--------------------------|-------|--|
| 1. Triceps brachii       | D, F  |  |
| 2. Tibialis anterior     | _____ |  |
| 3. Flexor carpi radialis | _____ |  |
| 4. Rhomboid minor        | _____ |  |
| 5. Adductor magnus       | _____ |  |
| 6. Rectus femoris        | _____ |  |
- A. Size
  - B. Shape
  - C. Direction of Fibers
  - D. Location
  - E. Attachment (Origin/Insertion)
  - F. Number of Attachments
  - G. Action