

Fungi & Protists

Biology

Two kingdoms often skipped, and what distinguishes them.

Key features of each group.

Group	Features	Examples
Fungi	Chitin walls, hyphae, external digestion	Yeast, moulds, mushrooms
Protozoa	Single-celled, animal-like, motile	Amoeba, Plasmodium
Algae	Photosynthetic protists	Diatoms, seaweeds
Slime moulds	Between fungi and protists	Physarum

Malaria is caused by Plasmodium, a protist, not a bacterium or a virus — which is why antibiotics do not treat it.