Adv	Dis	Adv	Dis
 View living cells/process eg. Mitosis Natural colour of the specimen can be observed 	 The max magnification is approx. x2000 Low resolution Limited in cellular detail 	Magnifies objects up to x500 000High resolution	 Only dead specimens can be observed Image in black and white Lit of preparation is required – can cause artefacts

Transmission EM		Scanning EM	
•	Electrons passes through a very thin	Electrons bounce off the surface of the image	
	specimen	 Lower resolution and magnification 	
•	Produce image have high resolution	3D image of surface	
•	Used for very high magnification		

x 1000

um

mm

/1000000

Resolution – ability to see two adjacent points as distinct entities

MAGNIFICATION

Object – specimen viewed using a microscope Image – object presented in a micrograph

Magnification = measured size of image/true size

CELL ULTRASTRUCTURE

Detail of a cell when viewed through an EM

