

**Skeletal  
Muscle**

**Smooth  
Muscle**

**Cardiac  
Muscle**

**Nervous**

**Attached to  
bones**

**Only in the  
heart**

**Walls of hollow  
organs such as  
stomach, uterus,  
and blood vessels**

**Brain, spinal cord,  
and nerves**

**Controls voluntary  
muscle  
contractions;  
movement and facial  
expressions**

**Involuntarily  
controlled;  
pumps blood  
through blood  
vessels**

**Involuntary  
movement; Propels  
substances or  
objects (foodstuffs,  
urine,) along internal  
passageways**

**Receive and  
conduct  
electrochemical  
impulses to and  
from body parts**

**Long, cylindrical  
shape;  
multinucleated;  
striations**

**Cells are branched  
with a single nucleus;  
striated; joined by  
intercalated disks;  
forms branched  
network**

**Spindle-shaped  
cells with a single  
nucleus; no visible  
striations**

**Composed of cells  
called neurons and  
nerve support cells  
called neuroglia**