### Cell Cycle

• Represents the sequence of cellular growth and division during the life of an organism.

### Interphase

• Includes the first 3 phases of the cycle. A cells spends 90% of its time in interphase.

## First growth (G<sub>1</sub>) phase

- Cell grows rapidly
- Carries out its routine functions.

### Synthesis (S) Phase

- DNA is copied
- Each chromosome consists of two chromatids attached at the centromere.

## First growth (G<sub>2</sub>) phase

- Preparations are made for the nucleus to divide.
- Microtubules are arranged in preparation for mitosis.

#### Mitosis

- Nucleus of a cell divides into two nuclei.
- Each nucleus ends up with the same number and kinds of chromosomes.

# Cytokinesis

 Process during cell division when the cytoplasm divides.