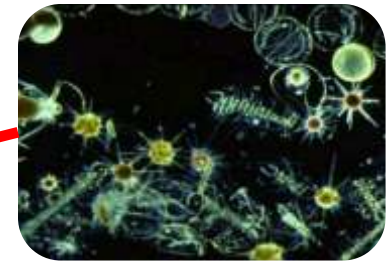
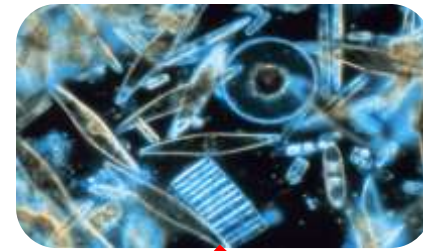


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California Seen From Space



Phytoplankton (drifting plants in the ocean)

- are too tiny to see without a microscope
- blooms can be seen from space
- provide most of the oxygen we breathe
- feed almost all life in the ocean
- must float near, not on, the ocean surface