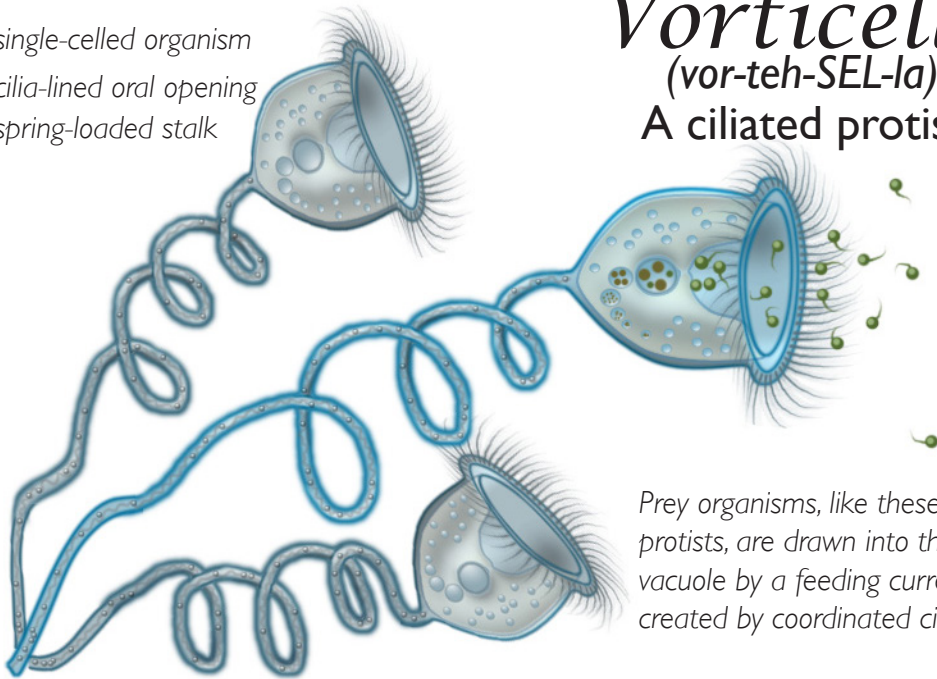


single-celled organism
cilia-lined oral opening
spring-loaded stalk



Vorticella

(vor-teh-SEL-la)
A ciliated protist

Prey organisms, like these algal protists, are drawn into the oral vacuole by a feeding current created by coordinated cilia.