

# Section 1.2

## Cells

### Check Your Understanding



#### Checking Concepts

1. What is the role of the nucleus in a cell?

**The nucleus controls and directs all activities in the cell - like 'city hall' in a city.**

2. Describe the function of the cell membrane.

**The cell membrane is a barrier between the inside and outside of the cell. It controls what materials go in and out of the cell.**

3. How does the cell produce energy to carry out various cellular activities?

**Mitochondria combine glucose (sugar) from the food we eat and oxygen (from the air we breath) and produce energy from a chemical reaction.**

4. Which organelle is like a storage container?

**The 'Vacuole' is like a storage container.**

5. How does a cell make its energy? Which organelle performs this function?

**Animal and plant cells burn glucose (sugar) using oxygen in their mitochondria. Plant cells make their own glucose through Photosynthesis using sunlight in their Chloroplasts.**

6. Predict what would happen to a plant cell if the chloroplasts stopped functioning.

**Without Chloroplasts, the plant cannot use sunlight to make it's own glucose, so once it runs out of glucose, the cell would die.**

7. Correctly identify the labelled organelles in the illustrations of cells on page 39 of your textbook.

A **Cell Membrane** \_\_\_\_\_

B **Cytoplasm** \_\_\_\_\_

C **Nucleus** \_\_\_\_\_

D **Mitochondria** \_\_\_\_\_

E **Chloroplast** \_\_\_\_\_

F **Nucleus** \_\_\_\_\_

G **Cell Wall** \_\_\_\_\_

8. Which of the cells referred to in question 7 is a plant cell? Support your answer.

**The bottom green cell is the plant cell - it has a cell wall and chloroplasts (not found in animal cells).**

9. What is the composition of cytoplasm?

**Cytoplasm contains water, organelles, and other life supporting materials.**

10. Summarize the key points of the cell theory.

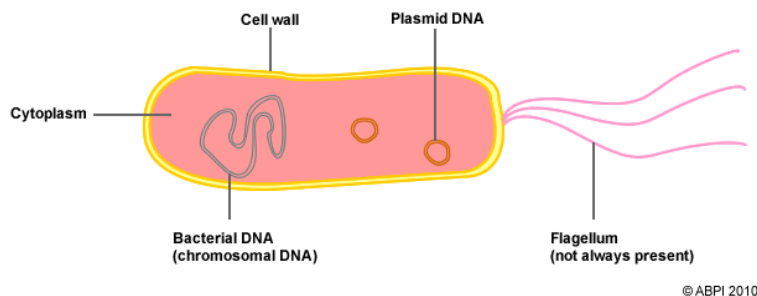
**The cell is the basic unit of life  
All living things are made up of cells  
All cells come from other living cells**

11. Why do scientists consider the cell theory to be a main idea of modern biology?

**The cell theory explains the basic foundation of all living things - a common necessity for all life.**

12. Draw and label a prokaryotic cell.

**A bacterial cell is a good example...**



13. Describe one difference between bacteria and viruses.

**One main difference between bacteria and viruses is that bacteria can reproduce on their own whereas viruses can't.**

## Understanding Key Ideas

14. Recall the Protection Dome of Newo. Explain why a cell membrane could not be like the Protection Dome, which had a solid wall and just one opening.

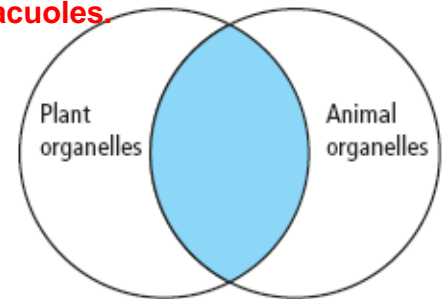
**A true cell needs openings all over in order for nutrients and waste to go in and out - one opening isn't enough.**

15. Draw a Venn diagram like the one below to the right. Fill in each section with the correct organelles.

**Plant cells only - Chloroplasts, cell wall, one large vacuole**

**Animal cells only - Lysosomes, smaller and more numerous vacuoles.**

**Both: Membrane, nucleus, mitochondria, ribosomes  
endoplasmic reticulum, golgi bodies, vesicles,**



### *Pause and Reflect*

Write a paragraph or develop a table to explain how each of the examples below is like a cell.

- (a) an airport
- (b) a shopping mall
- (c) a hospital