

### Introduction to Cells



### \* Biology is the study of life.

- \* Ideas about cells are built on the cell theory which states:
- All living things are made of cells and their products.
- \* 2. The cell is the simplest unit of all life.
- \* 3. All cells come from other cells

# Prokaryotes

- \* Cells can be simple or they can be complex.
- The simplest cells are known as prokaryotes.
- \* These cells lack a nucleus and other advanced cell parts!!



# Eukaryote

- \* More complex cells can exist as single-celled organisms or multi-cellular organisms.
- \* These more advanced cells, called eukaryotes, have complex internal organization, including a nucleus and many cell parts.
- \* Protists, fungi, plants, and animals have eukaryotic cells.





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eukaryote

### prokaryote



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- All cells must carry out various cellular activities in order to live.
- Some of these activities include: obtaining and using energy, storing and transporting materials and reproducing.
- In eukaryotic cells, these jobs are carried out by specialized cell parts called organelles, which work together to keep the cell healthy



# \* All organelles are suspended in this jelly-like liquid and many chemical reactions of the cell take place here.

# Cell Membrane

- \* A cell membrane surrounds all cells and forms the outer barrier of the cell.
- \* It is flexible and contains 2 layers.
- \* The membrane allows only certain substances to pass through such as food, water, oxygen and waste.



# Nucleus

- The nucleus is a large sphere found inside cells and it contains genetic information that controls all cell activities.
- \* The coded instructions for the cell are found within DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) which is in the form of chromosomes, located inside the nucleus.



# Mitochondria

\* Most cells contain many mitochondria.

They are something like tiny "power plants" since their job is to provide energy through cell respiration.



# Endoplasmic Reticulum

- \* This cell organelle consists of a system of interconnecting membrane tubes and pockets that may extend from the nucleus to the cell membrane.
- \* It's job is to transport materials such as proteins throughout the cell.



# Ribosomes

- \* These tiny organelles act as protein factories in order to produce the many necessary proteins making up living things.
- \* They can be attached to the endoplasmic reticulum or just float freely in the cytoplasm.



# Golgi Bodies

- \* These are stacked membrane sacs which collect and process materials to be removed from the cell.
- One of these materials is mucus which is then secreted out of the cell in order to line the intestines and airways.



# Vacuoles

- \* A cell vacuole is a single membrane sac which encloses a fluid.
- Depending on the cell, the vacuole can have various functions such as:
- \* 1) storage of food, water or other materials
- \* 2) the removal of substances from the cell.



# Organelles only in Animal

Lysosomes - These are vacuoles filled with digestive enzymes which can be released to break down food or recycle substances. (recycling plant?)



### Organelles only in Animal





# Organelles Found in Plant Cells



Plant cells have a rigid outer wall outside the cell membrane to provide structure and support.



Figure 1

# Organelles Found in Plant Cells



In plant cells this structure fills with water and pushes against the cell wall to provide support..



etch of a plant cell.

# Organelles Found in Plant Cells

### \* Chloroplasts

- \* These organelles are used to carry out photosynthesis.
- They contain the green pigment chlorophyll which captures sunlight energy and uses it to turn carbon dioxide and water into food.



etch of a plant cell.

# Organelles Found in Only Some Cells

\* Some cells have structures called flagella or cilia which help them to move.

\* A flagellum is a tail-like whip that rotates in order to help a cell move from place to place.

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# Organelles Found in Only Some Cells

 Cilia consist of many hair-like structures which help to move a cell or move things past a cell.



### \* eg. some bacteria