Gizmos

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Student Exploration: Cell Structure

Directions: Follow the instructions to go through the simulation. Respond to the questions and prompts in the orange boxes.

Vocabulary: cell membrane, cell wall, capsule, centriole, chloroplast, cytoplasm, cytoskeleton, endoplasmic reticulum, flagellum, Golgi apparatus, lysosome, mitochondria, nucleoid, nuclear membrane, nucleolus, nucleus, organelle, pilus, plasmid, plastid, ribosome, vacuole, vesicle

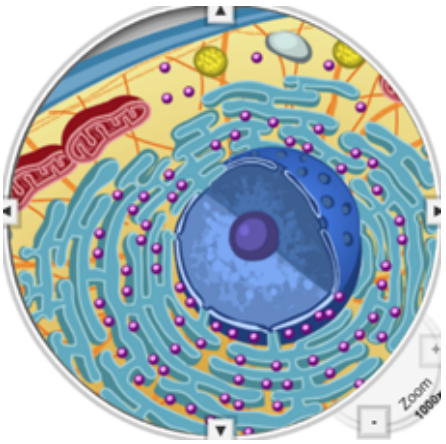
Prior Knowledge Questions (Do these BEFORE using the Gizmo.)

1. What are some of the structures inside a cell that help it to live and perform its role in an organism?

2. How do you think plant cells differ from animal cells? (Hint: What can plants do that animals cannot?)

Gizmo Warm-up

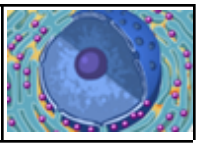
The *Cell Structure* Gizmo allows you to look at typical animal, plant, and bacterial cells under a microscope. On the ANIMAL CELL tab, click **Sample** to take a sample of an animal cell. On the dropdown menu, select **Centriole**.



3. Find the **centrioles** (Highlighted in green). ✏️ Make a sketch of the centrioles in the space below. Either hand draw in the space below or edit using the drawing tools.

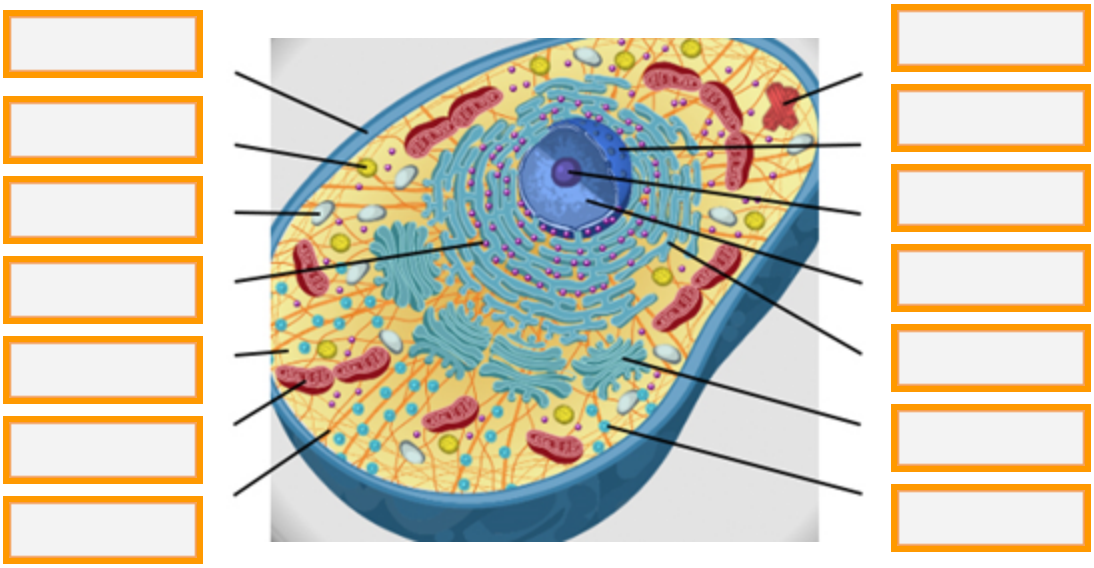
✏️ Make a sketch of the centrioles

4. Read the description of the centrioles. What is their function?

Activity A: **Animal cells**	Get the Gizmo ready: • Check that an **Animal cell** is mounted on the microscope.	

Question: Organelles are specialized structures that perform various functions in the cell. What are the functions of the organelles in an animal cell?

1. Label: Locate each organelle in the animal cell. ✏️Label the organelles in the diagram below. (Double-click on each box, then add the text to the box and click **Save and Close**.)



2. Match: Read about each organelle. Then match each organelle to its function/description.

	Cytoplasm	A. Structure that organizes motion of chromosomes.
	Lysosome	B. Stack of membranes that packages chemicals.
	Mitochondria	C. Membrane that protects the nucleus.
	Centriole	D. Membrane that surrounds and protects the cell.
	Endoplasmic reticulum	E. Sac filled with digestive chemicals.
	Vacuole	F. Structures that convert nutrients to energy.
	Cell membrane	G. Passageways where chemicals are made.
	Nucleus	H. Jelly-like substance within the cell membrane.
	Cytoskeleton	I. Structure that manufactures ribosomes.
	Ribosome	J. Structure that contains DNA and regulates genes.
	Nuclear membrane	K. Package created by the Golgi apparatus.
	Golgi apparatus	L. Small structure that synthesizes proteins.
	Vesicle	M. Sac that stores water, nutrients, or waste products.
	Nucleolus	N. Tubules and filaments that give the cell its shape.

3. Investigate: Select the **Cell membrane**. Turn on **Show closeup**. Read the description, watch the animation, and answer the following questions below.

    A. What kind of molecules diffuse (go through) the cell membrane directly?

    B. How can some large molecules and charged ions get through the cell membrane?

4. Investigate: Select the **Nuclear membrane** closeup. How is the nuclear membrane similar to the cell membrane?

5. Investigate: Select the **Mitochondrion** closeup. What happens inside the mitochondrion?

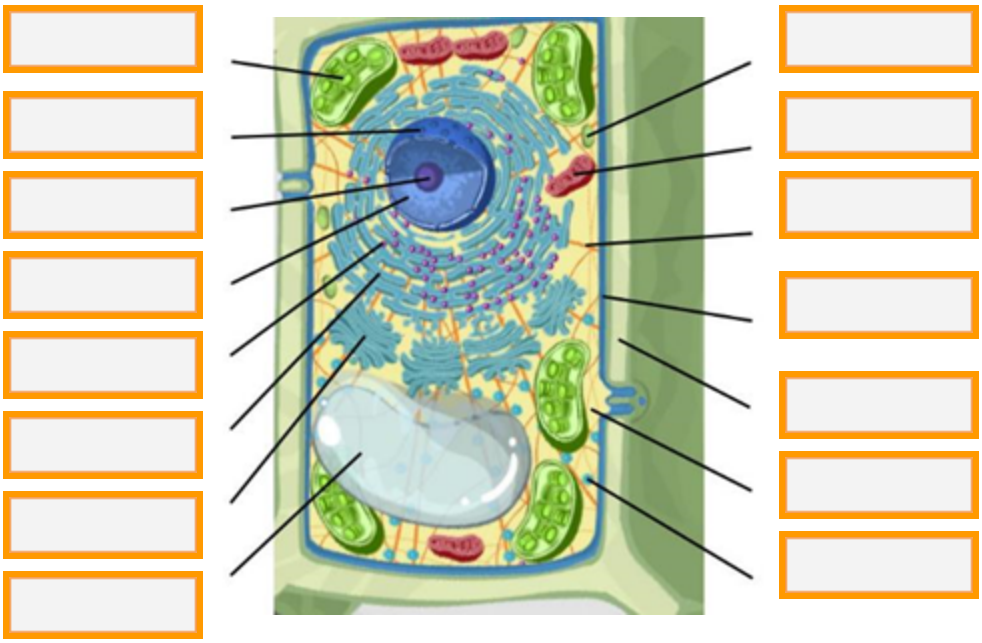
6. Investigate: Select the **Ribosome** closeup. How does the cell make proteins inside the ribosome?

7. Investigate: Select the **Vesicle** closeup. How do vesicles move through the cell?

Activity B: **Plant cells**	Get the Gizmo ready: • Select the PLANT CELL tab, and click **Sample**.	

Question: What functions do the organelles in a plant cell perform?

1. Label: Locate each organelle in the plant cell. Label the organelles in the diagram below. (Double-click on each box, then add the text to the box and click **Save and Close**.)



2. Compare: What structures are present in an animal cell, but not in a plant cell?

What structures are present in a plant cell, but not in an animal cell?

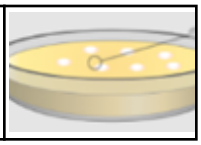
3. Fill in: Name the organelle or organelles that perform each of the following functions.

A. _____ convert sunlight to chemical energy.

B. The _____, the _____, and the _____ support the plant cell and help it to maintain its shape.

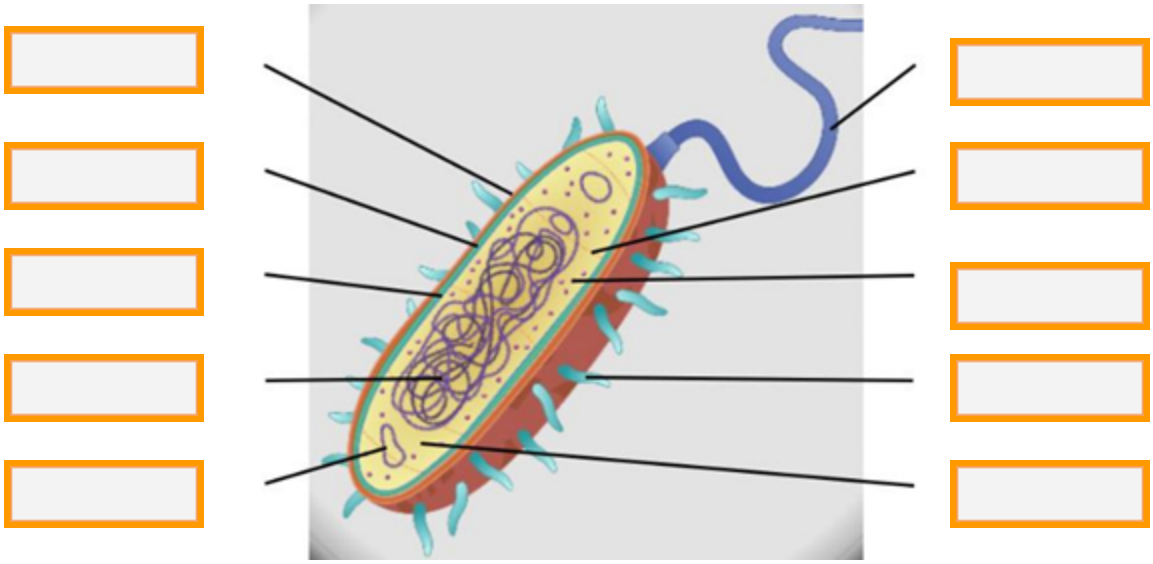
C. _____ store food or pigments.

D. _____ convert food into energy. They are found in plant and animal cells.

Activity C: **Bacterial cells**	Get the Gizmo ready: • Select the BACTERIAL CELL tab and click **Sample**.	

Question: Organelles are specialized structures that perform various functions in the cell. What are the functions of the organelles in an animal cell?

1. Label: Locate each organelle in the animal cell. ✏️Label the organelles in the diagram below. (Double-click on each box, then add the text to the box and click **Save and Close**.)



2. Match: Read about each organelle. Then match each organelle to its function/description.

	Capsule	A. Hair-like structure that the cell uses for movement.
	Nucleoid	B. Hair-like structure that attaches the cell to a surface and can transfer genetic material from one cell to another.
	Plasmid	C. Region inside the cell that contains genetic material but is not surrounded by a nuclear membrane.
	Flagellum	D. Outermost layer of the cell that provides protection.
	Pilus	E. Circular piece of genetic material.

3. Compare: What structures are present in a bacterial cell, but not in a plant or animal cell?

What structures are present in plant and animal cells, but not in a bacterial cell?

What structures inside plant and animal cells look like bacteria?

Chloroplasts and mitochondria have their own DNA. Long ago, these structures may have originated as bacteria that were engulfed (eaten) by larger cells.