Biology Topic 1: Cell Biology





Keywords	
1. Eukaryotic	A complex cell with a nucleus (e.g. animal or plant cells).
2. Prokaryotic	A smaller cell without a nucleus (e.g. bacterial cell).
3. Nucleus	Contains genetic material.
4. Cytoplasm	Where a cells chemical reactions happen.
5. Cell membrane	Controls what goes into and out of a cell.
6. Ribosome	Part of a cell where proteins are made.
7. Miłochondria	Where aerobic respiration takes place.
8. Cell wall	Only found in plant cells. Made of cellulose and supports the cell.
9. Vacuole	Only found in plant cells. Contains cell sap.
10. Chloroplasts	Only found in plant cells. Where photosynthesis takes place.
11. Plasmid	Only found in bacterial cells. A small loop of DNA.
12. Genetic material	Long strands of genes not tightly pack in a nucleus.

2. Specialised cells

Keywords	
Differentiation	A stem cell turning into a specialised cell
Stem cell	A special type of cell which can turn into other specialised cells
Adult stem cells	Can only produce certain types of cell -found in bone marrow
Embryonic stem cells	Can produce all types of cells - controversial
Meristems	Where plant stem cells are found
Sperm cells	Take male DNA to the eggTail to help it swimLots of mitochondria for energy
Nerve cells	Carry electrical signals around the body • Long to cover long distances • Branches to connect to other cells
Muscle Cells	Muscle cells contractLong so have space to contractLots of mitochondria for energy
Root hair cells	Root hair cells absorb water and minerals • Long hairs • Big surface area for absorption
Phloem Cells	Phloem cells transport sugars(plants)Long tubes joined end to end
Xylem cells	 Xylem cells transport water (plants) Long tubes joined end to end Hollow so water can flow through

3. Comparing types of microscope		
Type of microscope	Advantages	Disadvantages
Light microscope	 Cheaper Can see colours Can see live specimen 	1. Lower magnification
Electron microscope	 Expensive Higher magnification (x1000 more) 	 Can only see dead specimen No colour

Parts of a microscope





Key Terms	Function
Stage	Area where specimen is placed
Clamps	Hold the specimen still whilst it is being viewed
Light source	Illuminates the specimen
Objective lens	Magnifies the image of the specimen
Eyepiece lens	Magnifies the image of the specimen
Course/fine focus	Used to focus the specimen so it can be seen clearly
Revolving nosepiece	Holds 2 or more objective lenses

6. Cell division	
Keywords	
Chromosomes	Long strands of DNA containing genes. Found in 23 pairs in a human.
Cell cycle	The process the cell goes through to divide.
Mitosis	A type of cell division that creates 2 identical daughter cells.
Therapeutic cloning	Using an embryo to create cells that have the same genes as the patient. Controversial.

8. Transport in cells		
Keywords	Definition	Examples
Diffusion	The passive movement of a substance from an areas of high concentration to an area of low concentration	 Oxygen and carbon dioxide in the lungs Perfume in a room
Osmosis	The movement of water molecules across a partially permeable membrane from a less concentrated solution to a more concentrated solution.	 Water uptake in plants Water absorption in the intestine
Active transport	Movement of a substance from a lower concentration to a higher concentration, against the concentration gradient. Uses energy.	 Mineral absorption by roots Glucose absorption by the intestine
Surface area to volume ratio	The surface area divided by the volume expressed as a ratio	All high Unicellular organisms Alveoli in the lungs Villi in the intestines



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9. Factors that effect the rate of diffusion/osmosis		
Speed up	Slow down	
High concentration gradient	Low concentration gradient	
High temperature	Low temperature	
High surface area of membrane	Low surface area of membrane	