Cell Structures & Functions

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CELL STRUCTURE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	FUNCTION		
Cell Wall	Plant, Fungi, & Bacteria, but not animal cells	 Outer layer Rigid & strong Made of cellulose 	 Support (grow tall) Protection allows H₂O, O₂, CO₂ to diffuse in & out of cell 		
Plasma/Cell Membrane Cell Membrane	All cells	 Plant - inside cell wall Animal - outer layer; cholesterol Double layer of phospholipids with proteins Selectively permeable 	 Support Protection Controls movement of materials in/out of cell Barrier between cell and its environment Maintains homeostasis 		
Nucleus	All cells except prokaryotes	 Large, oval May contain 1 or more nucleoli Holds DNA 	 Controls cell activities Contains the hereditary material of the cell 		
Nuclear membrane nuclear pore Nucleus	All cells except prokaryotes	 Surrounds nucleus Double membrane Selectively permeable 	Controls movement of materials in/out of nucleus		

Cytoplasm	All cells	 Clear, thick, jellylike material (cytosol) Organelles found inside cell membrane Contains the cytoskeleton fibers 	Supports and protects cell organelles
Endoplasmic reticulum (ER)	All cells except prokaryotes	 Network of tubes or membranes Smooth w/o ribosomes Rough with embedded ribosomes Connects to nuclear envelope & cell membrane 	 Carries materials through cell Aids in making proteins
Ribosome	All cells	 Small bodies free or attached to ER Made of rRNA & protein 	Synthesizes proteins
Mitochondria	All cells except prokaryotes	 Peanut shaped Double membrane Outer membrane smooth Inner membrane folded into cristae 	 Breaks down sugar (glucose) molecules to release energy Site of aerobic cellular respiration

Vacuole	Plant cells have a single, large vacuole Animal cells have small vacuoles	 Fluid-filled sacs Largest organelle in plant cells 	 Store food, water, metabolic & toxic wastes Store large amounts of food or sugars in plants
Lysosome	Animal - common	Small and round with a single membrane	 Breaks down larger food molecules into smaller molecules Digests old cell parts
Chloroplast	Plants and algae	 Green, oval containing chlorophyll (green pigment) Double membrane with inner membrane modified into sacs called thylakoids Stacks of thylakoids called grana & interconnected Gel like innermost substance called stroma 	 Uses energy from sun to make food (glucose) for the plant Process called photosynthesis Release oxygen
nucleolus	All cells except prokaryotes	 Found inside the cell's nucleus May have more than one Disappear during cell division 	Make ribosomes

Golgi Apparatus	All cells except prokaryotes	Stacks of flattened sacs	 Modify proteins made by the cells Package & export proteins
Cilia	Animal cells, Protozoans	 Have a 9-2 arrangement of microtubules Short, but numerous 	• Movement
Flagellum	Bacterial cells & Protozoans, some Animal	 Have a 9-2 arrangement of microtubules Long, but few in number 	Movement
Centrioles	Animal cells	 Paired structures near the nucleus Made of a cylinder of microtubule pairs 	Separate chromosome pairs during mitosis
Cytoskeleton	Eukaryotic Cells	Made of microtubules & microfilaments	 Strengthen cell & maintains the shape Moves organelles within the cell