

Source: [KBhBIO101StructuresOfLipids](#)

1 | Cell Membrane

Fluid mosaic model

Some Phospholipids connected as a “phospholipid bi-layer” (see [KBhBIO101StructuresOfLipids](#) structure

- Charged head
- Nonpolar tail

So, head aligns and tail aligns, creating the basic structure of the membrane:

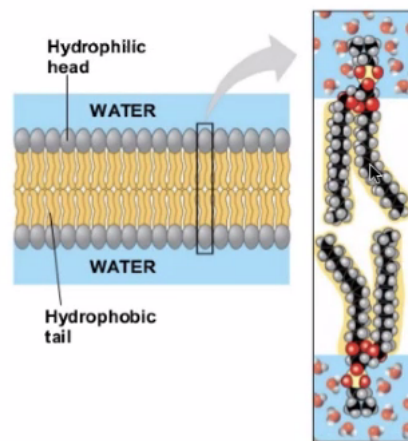


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Stuff in the membrane

Cholesterol

Helps cells communicate

Proteins

- Makes sure the right molecules gets in/out
- Nonpolar Oxygen + CO₂ could easily get through
- Polar and charged molecules can't get through, unless...
- Channeled proteins let specific polar particles through

Cell Transport

How chemicals get in + out of the cell

Passive diffusion

“Passive... Passive Diffusion”: Non-Polar things simply “fall in” in the direction of chemical gradient

“Facilitated Diffusion”: polar molecules selectively get through protean channels

Active diffusion

“Active transport”: ATP shepherds elements in

“Bulk transport”:

- Large item transport across the plasma membrane
- Transport vesicles attaches to membrane to receive elements
- Exocytosis and Endocytosis