

All organisms are made of cells

Cells are the smallest living things

Eukaryotic cells have internal membranes and organelles

Prokaryotic cells do not

Basic features:

Plasma membrane

Semifluid substance (cytosol)

Chromosomes

Ribosomes

Prokaryotic cells:

no nucleus

DNA is in an unbound region called nucleoid

no membrane-bound organelles

cytoplasm bound by plasma membrane

Eukaryotic cells:

DNA is in nucleus

Nucleus has a separate membrane

All organelles have their own membranes

Cytoplasm in the region between plasma membrane and nucleus

Plasma membrane is a selective barrier that allows some things to come in and out

Oxygen, nutrients and waste can pass through

Structures in eukaryotic cell:

Plasma membrane

Nucleus - storage of DNA

Flagellum

Nucleolus

Ribosomes - use DNA to make proteins

Chromatin

Peroxisomes - oxidative organelles

Endoplasmic Reticulum - may have ribosomes attached

Smooth ER

- synthesizes lipids
- metabolizes carbohydrates
- detoxifies drugs and poisons
- stores calcium ions

Rough ER

- has bound ribosomes
- distributes transport vessels

- membrane factory for the cell

Golgi apparatus

- modifies products of ER
- manufactures certain macromolecules
- sorts and packages materials into transport vesicles

Mitochondria - converts oxygen to ATP

Cytoskeleton - keeps stuff in place

Lysosomes

- membranous sac of hydrolytic enzymes
- digests macromolecules
- works best in acidic environments

Vacuoles - perform various functions

food vacuoles - formed by phagocytosis

Contractile vacuoles - found in freshwater protists, pump excess water out

Plant cells:

Cell wall

Plasmodesmata - opening that allow materials to move between cells

Chloroplast - convert sunlight to chemical energy

Peroxisome - water converted into peroxide

Central vacuole - contains water for the plant

mitochondria and chloroplasts have similarities with bacteria

- enveloped by a double membrane
- have their own DNA which is circular
- contain free ribosomes
- grow and reproduce somewhat independently

endosymbiont theory - theory that proto-eukaryotic cells somehow became dependent on mitochondria