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metaphor

「형제 축소기」

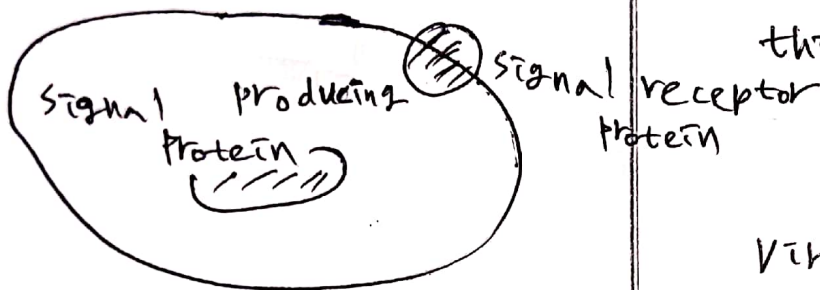
① simile 「적유」

↳ 99% = <sup>(사실)</sup> 박테리아.

firefly = 반딧불이

how many neighborhoods

predator - 포식자.



talk to each other

chemical language.

private, secret conversation.

↳ signaling = 형제 축소기.

molecular bacteria

multi-lingual bacteria

「intra-species」 — 「inter-species」

문어들의 대화법

antibiotics

↳ kill 박테리아

antennae - antenna

~ is like ~

↳ secretes molecules

think of like a —

virulence = 독성.



# Understanding using Science Metaphors

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