

Solutions

Each answer shows the steps, then the **result**.

2.1

- Volume

2.2

- $SA = 6(3^2) = 54$; $V = 3^3 = 27$; ratio = $54/27 = 2$

2.3

- It provides more membrane per unit volume for faster exchange of materials

3.1 B

- a higher surface-area-to-volume ratio

3.2

(a)

- Side 2: $SA = 24$, $V = 8$, ratio = 3; side 5: $SA = 150$, $V = 125$, ratio = 1.2

(b)

- The smaller cell (side 2), with the higher ratio

3.3

- Folds greatly increase the membrane surface area without adding much volume, raising the surface-area-to-volume ratio and speeding exchange