

2. Cell Structure and Function

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AP Biology

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1. An **organelle** is...

- ☐ a small structure inside a cell with a specific job
- ☐ a whole organ, like the heart
- ☐ a type of cell
- ☐ a molecule of DNA

2. Why must most cells stay very small?

- ☐ A small cell has a high surface-area-to-volume ratio for fast exchange
- ☐ Small cells weigh less
- ☐ Small cells have more DNA
- ☐ Big cells cannot hold water

3. The plasma membrane is built mainly from a...

- ☐ phospholipid bilayer
- ☐ single layer of protein
- ☐ sheet of DNA
- ☐ solid wall of cellulose

4. In **diffusion**, particles move...

- ☐ from high concentration to low concentration
- ☐ from low concentration to high concentration
- ☐ only upward
- ☐ only if pushed by a pump

5. **Passive transport** moves substances...

- ☐ down the gradient, using no energy
- ☐ up the gradient, using ATP
- ☐ only into the cell
- ☐ only when the cell is dead

6. As a cell gets bigger, its surface-area-to-volume ratio falls.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

7. The model of the membrane, with proteins floating in a moving lipid sheet, is the _____ mosaic model.

8. Diffusion is **passive** — it needs no energy from the cell.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

9. The organelle that stores DNA and controls the cell is the _____.

10. A cube of side 2 has surface area 24 and volume 8. What is its SA:V ratio (surface ÷ volume)?

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1. **a small structure inside a cell with a specific job**

An **organelle** is a specialised structure inside a cell — like the nucleus or a mitochondrion — each doing a specific job.

2. **A small cell has a high surface-area-to-volume ratio for fast exchange**

A small cell has a large **surface area** relative to its **volume**, so materials diffuse in and out fast enough.

3. **phospholipid bilayer**

The membrane is a **phospholipid bilayer** — two layers of phospholipids with proteins embedded in them.

4. **from high concentration to low concentration**

Diffusion is the net movement of particles down their **concentration gradient** — high to low.

5. **down the gradient, using no energy**

Passive transport goes down the concentration gradient and costs the cell no energy.

6. **True**

Volume grows faster than surface area, so the **SA:V ratio** falls as size increases.

7. **fluid**

In the **fluid mosaic** model the lipids move like a fluid, and proteins are scattered through them like a mosaic.

8. **True**

Diffusion is **passive**: particles move on their own random motion, so the cell spends no ATP.

9. **nucleus**

The **nucleus** holds the DNA and directs everything the cell does.

10. **3**

$24 \div 8 = 3$. A smaller cube (side 1) would give $6 \div 1 = 6$ — a higher ratio.