Plant Cells

**shape** - most plant cells are squarish or rectangular in shape.

**amyloplast** (starch storage organelle) - an organelle in some plant cells that stores starch. Amyloplasts are found in starchy plants like tubers and fruits.

**cell membrane** - the thin layer of protein and fat that surrounds the cell, but is inside the cell wall. The cell membrane is semipermeable, allowing some substances to pass into the cell and blocking others.

**cell wall** - a thick, rigid membrane that surrounds a plant cell. This layer of cellulose fiber gives the cell most of its support and structure. The cell wall also bonds with other cell walls to form the structure of the plant.

**chloroplast** - an elongated or disc-shaped organelle containing chlorophyll. Photosynthesis (in which energy from sunlight is converted into chemical energy - food) takes place in the chloroplasts.

**chlorophyll** - chlorophyll is a molecule that can use light energy from sunlight to turn water and carbon dioxide gas into glucose and oxygen (i.e. photosynthesis). Chlorophyll is green.

**cytoplasm** - the jellylike material outside the cell nucleus in which the organelles are located.

**Golgi body** - (or the golgi apparatus or golgi complex) a flattened, layered, sac-like organelle that looks like a stack of pancakes and is located near the nucleus. The golgi body modifies, processes and packages proteins, lipids and carbohydrates into membrane-bound vesicles for "export" from the cell.

**lysosome** - vesicles containing digestive enzymes. Where the digestion of cell nutrients takes place.

**mitochondrion** - spherical to rod-shaped organelles with a double membrane. The inner membrane is infolded many times, forming a series of projections (called cristae). The mitochondrion converts the energy stored in glucose into ATP (adenosine triphosphate), a high energy molecule, for use by cell.

**nuclear membrane** - the membrane that surrounds the nucleus.

**nucleolus** - an organelle within the nucleus. Ribosomal RNA is produced here, then exported into the cytoplasm where it forms the ribosomes.

**nucleus** - The nucleus is a spherical body surrounded by the nuclear membrane. It contains mostly DNA in chromosomes. The nucleus controls many of the functions of the cell (by controlling protein synthesis). The nucleolus is found within the nucleus.

**ribosome** - small organelles composed of RNA. Are sites of protein synthesis.

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**vacuole** - a large, membrane-bound space within a plant cell that is filled with fluid, mostly water. Most plant cells have a single vacuole that takes up much of the cell. It helps maintain water balance and the shape of the cell.

**vesicle** - a small, membrane-bound space that helps to transport material in/out or within the cell. Some are storage vessels. eg. proteins produced in the rough endoplasmic reticulum are transported by vesicles produced at the tips of the rough ER, to the golgi body, for processing.
Animal Cell

**shape** - most animals cells are roundish or irregular in shape.

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**centriole** - during cell division in animal cells, two pairs of centrioles form from microtubules at each end of the cell. The two centrioles are arranged perpendicular to each other. Microtubules formed in the centriole grow into spindle fibers which then attach to replicated chromosomes and assist in separating them during mitosis.

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**vacuole** - fluid-filled, membrane-surrounded cavities inside a cell. The vacuole fills with food being digested and waste material that is on its way out of the cell. Smaller than plant cell vacuole.

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Comparing Plant And Animal Cells VENN Diagram

Directions: Fill in the VENN Diagram to compare PLANT CELLS to ANIMAL CELLS. Use the words in the word box. Add descriptions to show the differences.

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PLANT CELL

ANIMAL CELL