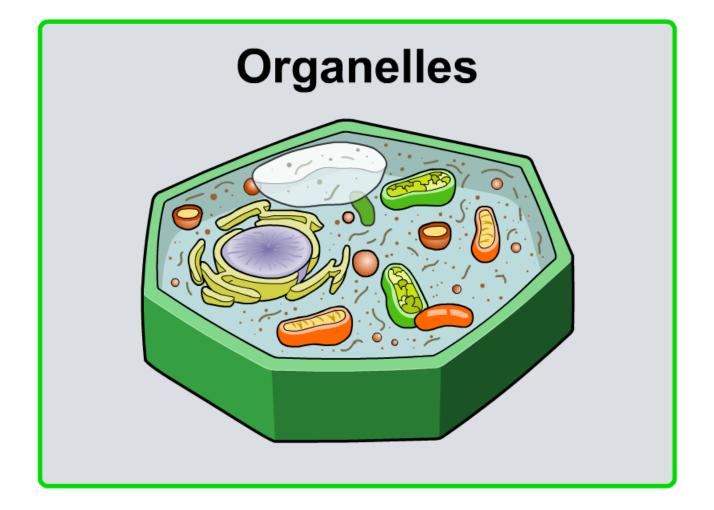


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What is a cell?



A **cell** is the basic unit of life, from which larger structures such as tissue and organs are made.

- Unicellular organisms, such as bacteria, consist of just a single cell.
- Multicellular organisms consists of many cells – humans are made from an estimated 50 trillion cells!





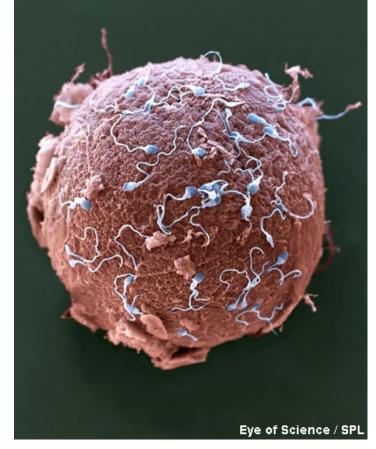
How big is a cell?



Most plant and animal cells are between 10 µm and 100 µm in size – around half the diameter of a human hair – and too small to see without a microscope.

The largest cell in the human body is the female egg cell, (ovum) at around 100 µm in diameter.

The smallest human cell is the sperm cell – the head is around 5 µm long.







Specialized cells



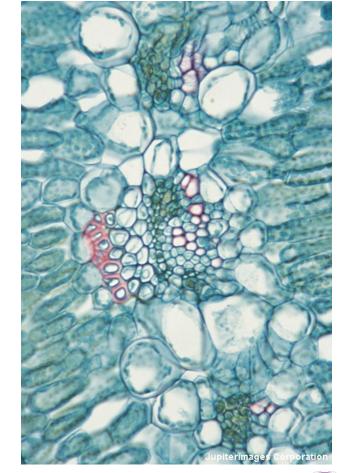
Most plants and animals are multicellular. The human body is made up of around 200 different types of cell, all

working together.

Most cells are specialized, meaning that each type of cell has a specific structure and function.

All cells with a nucleus contain the same genes, but different cells activate different genes so they only produce the proteins they need.

However, all cells have certain common features and structures called **organelles**.



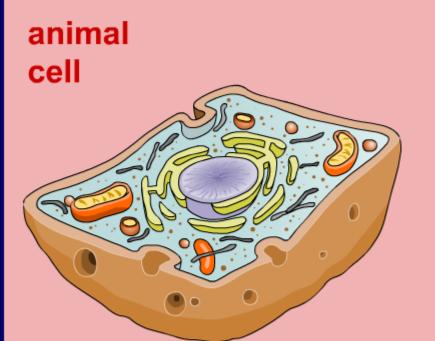


What do cells contain?

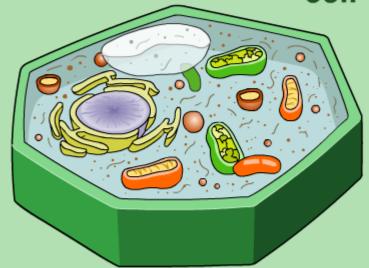




What do animal and plant cells contain?













Animal or plant?





animal and plant cells

plant cells only

cell membrane









Exploring animal cells









Exploring plant cells







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