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**Cell Membrane and Transport Webquest**

**Part I: Cell Membranes**

**Link 1-Structure and Function of the cell membrane**: [www.biology4kids.com/files/cell\_membrane.html](http://www.biology4kids.com/files/cell_membrane.html)

1. How is the cell membrane similar to a plastic bag with tiny holes?

2. What two components make up the cell membrane?

A. What are their functions?

3. What is the fluid mosaic model?

4. DRAW a picture of the cell membrane and label the following parts: heads, tails, hydrophobic, hydrophilic and protein channels.

**Part II: Cellular Transport**

**Link 2 – Cell Transport Overview and Membranes:** <http://www.wiley.com/legacy/college/boyer/0470003790/animations/membrane_transport/membrane_transport.htm>

1. What is meant by **cell transport?**

2. *Defend this statement:* living organisms must be able to transport materials in and out of the cell in order to live.

3. Whether or not a molecule can pass through the cell membrane is determined by…..

4. How are **smaller molecules** like O2 and CO2 able to pass through the openings of the cell membrane?

**Link 3 – Online Textbook Diffusion Tutorial** [**http://highered.mheducation.com/sites/0072495855/student\_view0/chapter2/animation\_\_how\_diffusion\_works.html**](http://highered.mheducation.com/sites/0072495855/student_view0/chapter2/animation__how_diffusion_works.html)

1. If you have them, plug in your headphones. Otherwise, simply read the text and watch the animation. Describe what happens to moving molecules within a solution.

2. In terms of *molecules*, explain what happens to a sugar cube when it is placed into a beaker of water.

3. Define **diffusion**.

4. Using the arrow seen below, illustrate the diffusion of molecules from high concentration to low concentration.

5. What can affect the *rate of diffusion*?

6. **Predict**: what would happen if you drop the sugar cube into a beaker of hot water vs. a beaker of cold water.

**Link 4 - Facilitated Diffusion Tutorial** <http://highered.mheducation.com/sites/0072495855/student_view0/chapter2/animation__how_facilitated_diffusion_works.html>

1. What is **facilitated diffusion?**

2. Explain what it means to say these protein channels are ***selective*** in what they allow into or out of the cell.

3. **Facilitated diffusion** involves the movement of particles ( with / against ) the concentration gradient.

4. In what ways are simple and facilitated diffusion the same?

5. How are they different?

**Link 5 - Online Textbook Osmosis Tutorial** <http://highered.mheducation.com/sites/0072495855/student_view0/chapter2/animation__how_osmosis_works.html>

1. Most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ molecules cannot freely cross the cell membrane. Is this true for water molecules?

2. Define osmosis.

3. Why did the water molecules move from the left to the right side? Be sure to include the word concentration in your answer.

4. The solution with ( higher / lower ) solutes is hypertonic. The solution with ( higher / lower) solutes is hypotonic.

**Link 6- Active vs. Passive transport**<http://www.phschool.com/atschool/phbio/active_art/active_transport/index.html>

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**Link 7 - Endocytosis and Exocytosis** [**http://highered.mheducation.com/olcweb/cgi/pluginpop.cgi?it=swf::535::535::/sites/dl/free/0072437316/120068/bio02.swf::Endocytosis%20and%20Exocytosis**](http://highered.mheducation.com/olcweb/cgi/pluginpop.cgi?it=swf::535::535::/sites/dl/free/0072437316/120068/bio02.swf::Endocytosis%20and%20Exocytosis)

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