Organelles and their functions

Typical Plant Organelles

Name	Function	Your reminder
Cell Wall	A rigid structure which hold the	
	cell in place.	
Cell Membrane	A semi porous container that	
	defines the cell boundary and	
	allow material to flow into and	
	out of the cell.	
Cytoplasm	The area between the nucleus	
	and the cell membrane.	
Nucleus	Contains the cell DNA and is	
	control center of the cell	
Central Vacuole	A store of water, glucose, and	
	other materials	
Chloroplast	Traps the energy from sunlight	
	and converts it into chemical	
	energy.	
Mitochondria	Changes the chemical energy	
	stored in food into compounds	
	that are more convenient for the	
	cell to use.	
Lysosome	Processes food particles, waste,	
	cell parts, and foreign invaders	
Endoplasmic	Processes and transports	
Reticulum	materials out of the cell	
Golgi Apparatus	Makes lipids, breaks down drugs	
	and other substances, packages	
	up proteins for release from the	
	cell	
Ribosome	The site where amino acids are	
	hooked together to make	
	proteins.	

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Typical Animal Organelles

Name	Function	Your reminder
Cell Membrane	A semi porous container that	
	defines the cell boundary and	
	allow material to flow into and	
	out of the cell.	
Cytoplasm	The area between the nucleus	
	and the cell membrane.	
Nucleus	Contains the cell DNA and is	
	control center of the cell	
Endoplasmic	Processes and transports	
Reticulum	materials out of the cell	
Golgi Apparatus	Makes lipids, breaks down drugs	
	and other substances, packages	
	up proteins for release from the	
	cell	
Lysosome	Processes food particles, waste,	
	cell parts, and foreign invaders	
Mitochondria	Changes the chemical energy	
	stored in food into compounds	
	that are more convenient for the	
	cell to use.	
Ribosome	The site where amino acids are	
	hooked together to make	
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Found in Plan and Animal Cells	Found only in plant cells	
• Cell	•Wall.	
• Nucleus	• Large	
• Ribosomes	 Chloroplasts 	
Mitochondrion		
• Apparatus		
• Endoplasmic		

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