

Cell Structure and Function ▪ *Guided Reading and Study*

Chemical Compounds in Cells

This section identifies the basic building blocks of cells. It also explains the importance of water to cells.

Use Target Reading Skills

As you read, compare and contrast carbohydrates, proteins, and lipids in the table below.

Type of Compound	Elements	Functions
Carbohydrate	Carbon, hydrogen, oxygen	
Protein		
Lipid		

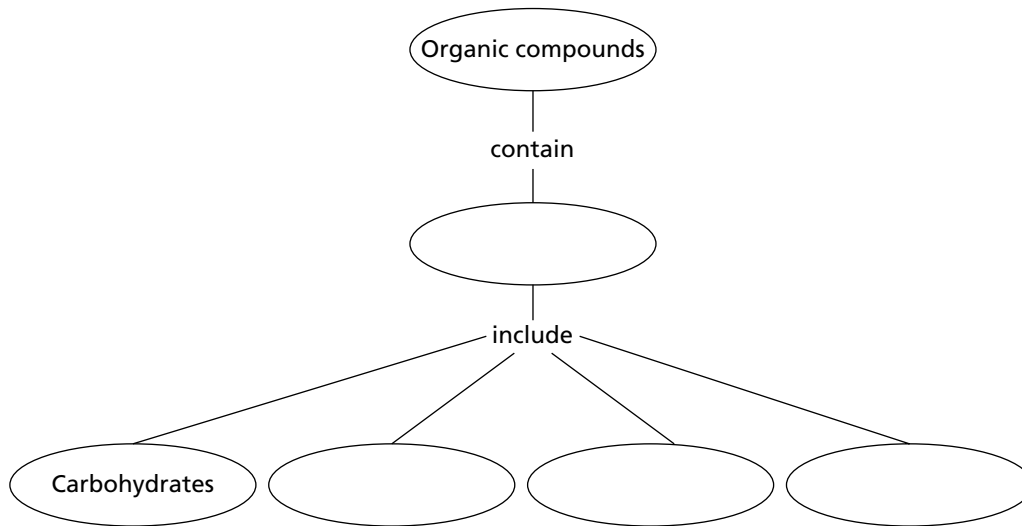
Elements and Compounds

1. A(n) _____ is any substance that cannot be broken down into simpler substances. Its smallest unit is the _____.
2. When two or more elements combine chemically, they form a(n) _____. Its smallest unit is usually called a(n) _____.

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3. Complete this concept map on organic compounds.



4. Compounds that do not contain carbon are called _____.

Carbohydrates

5. A carbohydrate is made of carbon, hydrogen, and _____.

6. Starch is a kind of carbohydrate. What foods have starch?

7. How do cells use carbohydrates?

Lipids

8. What are three examples of lipids?

a. _____ b. _____

c. _____

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9. How are lipids like carbohydrates?

10. Cells store _____ in lipids to use later.

Proteins

11. _____ form parts of cell membranes and many of the cell's organelles.

12. What small molecules make up proteins? _____

13. What do enzymes do?

Nucleic Acids

14. Very long organic molecules that contain instructions that cells need to function are called _____.

15. Is the following sentence true or false? Cells use the instructions in nucleic acids to carry out all life functions. _____

16. List the two kinds of nucleic acids.

a. _____ b. _____

Water and Living Things

17. List four ways that cells use water.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____



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ELEMENTS:

COMPOUNDS:

EXAMPLES:

EXAMPLES:

ATOM:

MOLECULE:

INORGANIC COMPOUND –

EXAMPLE:

ORGANIC COMPOUND-

EXAMPLE:

CARBOHYDRATES:	LIPIDS:	
EXAMPLES-	EXAMPLES-	
USED BY CELL:	USED BY CELL:	
PROTEINS:	NUCLEIC ACIDS:	
EXAMPLES-	EXAMPLES-	
AMINO ACIDS:	USED BY CELL:	
USED BY CELL	DNA	RNA

WATER AND LIVING THINGS:

IMPORTANCE OF WATER TO CELLS:

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Cell Structure and Function ▪ *Review and Reinforce*

Chemical Compounds in Cells

Understanding Main Ideas

Fill in the blanks in the table below.

Organic Compounds		
Type of Compound	Example	Major Roles in Living Things
Carbohydrates	1. _____	Help form cell walls and membranes; provide energy
2. _____	Fats	Help form cell membranes; 3. _____
4. _____	Enzymes	Help form cell membranes and organelles; speed up chemical reactions
5. _____	DNA	Direct all the cell's functions; 6. _____

Building Vocabulary

Match each term with its definition by writing the letter of the correct definition in the blank beside the term.

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| ___ 7. element | a. type of nucleic acid that plays an important role in the production of proteins |
| ___ 8. compound | b. type of nucleic acid that passes from parent to offspring and directs all the cell's functions |
| ___ 9. carbohydrate | c. very large organic molecules made of carbon, oxygen, hydrogen, nitrogen, and phosphorus |
| ___ 10. proteins | d. large organic molecules made of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, and, in some cases, sulfur |
| ___ 11. amino acids | e. small molecules that make up proteins |
| ___ 12. enzyme | f. the chemical combination of two or more elements |
| ___ 13. lipid | g. type of protein that speeds up chemical reactions in living things |
| ___ 14. nucleic acids | h. any substance that cannot be broken down into simpler substances |
| ___ 15. DNA | i. an energy-rich organic compound such as sugar |
| ___ 16. RNA | j. an energy-rich organic compound such as fat |