Chemical Compounds in Cells

What are cells made of?

- What are elements and compounds?
- What compounds do cells need?



I will be able to:

- Identify the main compounds that are important in cells
- I will be able to relate the parts of a sandwich to chemical compounds of life

Open Ended Question



List one thing that you included in the "K" column of your KWL chart

Open Ended Question



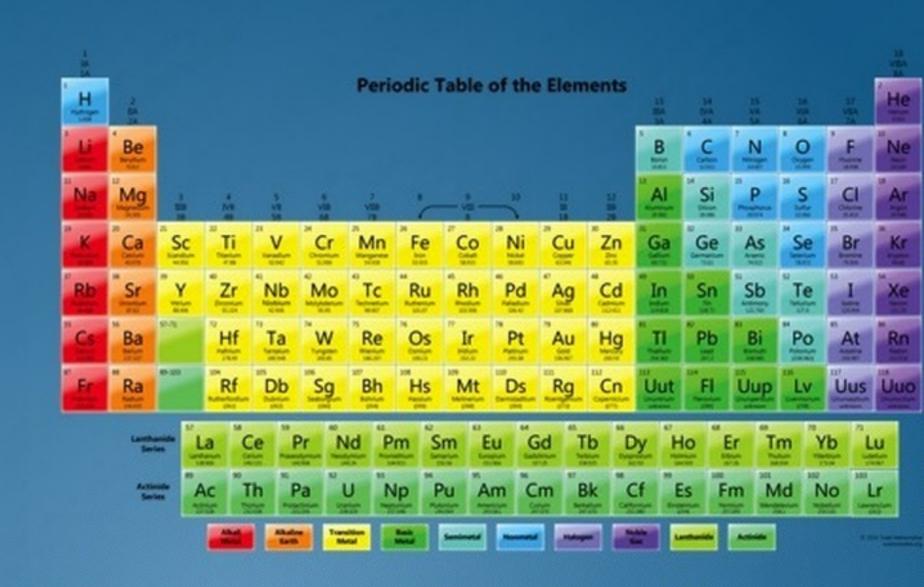
List one thing that you included in the "W" column of your KWL chart

What are elements and compounds?

Element – any substance that cannot be broken down into simpler substances

Four important elements for cells and our bodies:

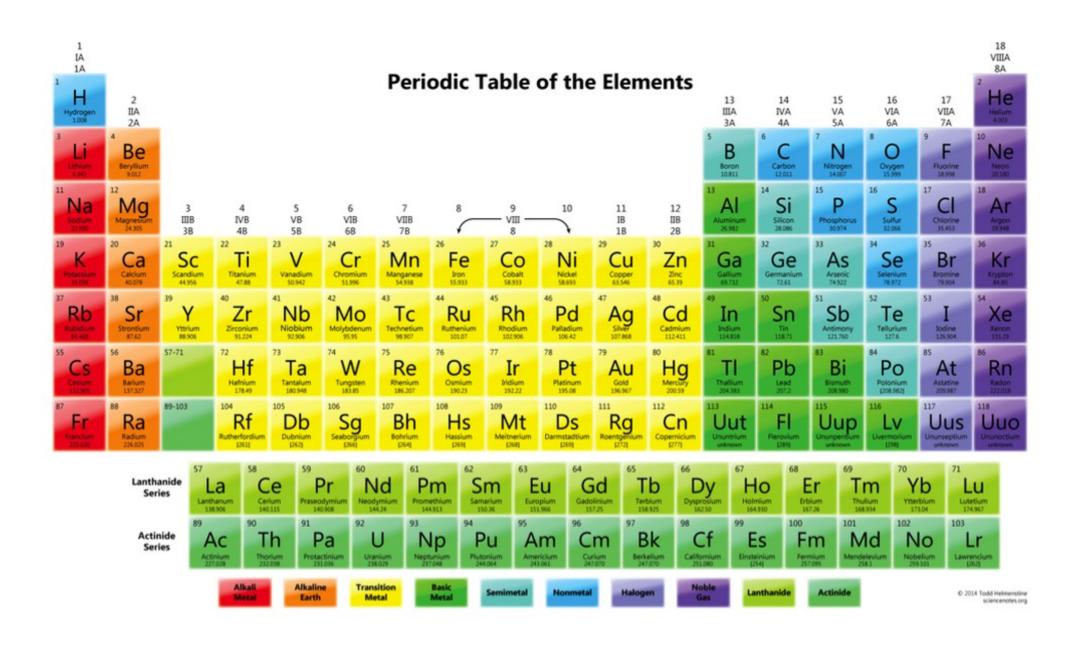
Carbon – C Nitrogen – N Oxygen – O Hydrogen – H



The smallest unit of an element is a particle called an atom

Draw It

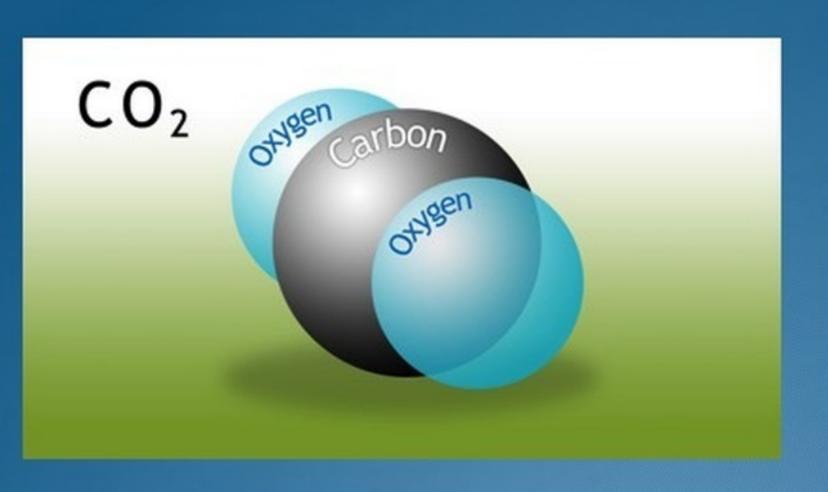
Circle the four of the important elements found in our bodies.

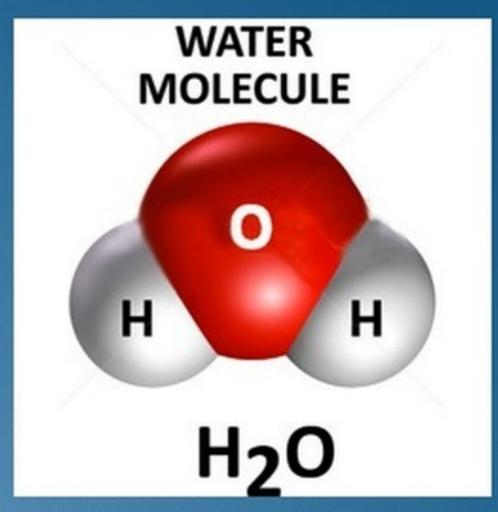


What are elements and compounds?

When two or more elements combine chemically they form a COMPOUND

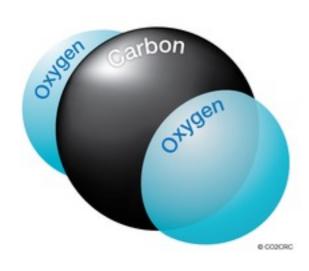
Most elements in living things occur in the form of compounds





The smallest unit of many compounds is a molecule





How many atoms are in this compound?

- 01
- **2**
- **3**
- **4**

What compounds do cells need?

Organic compounds – compounds the contain carbon

- Carbohydrates
- Lipids
- Proteins
- Nucleic Acids

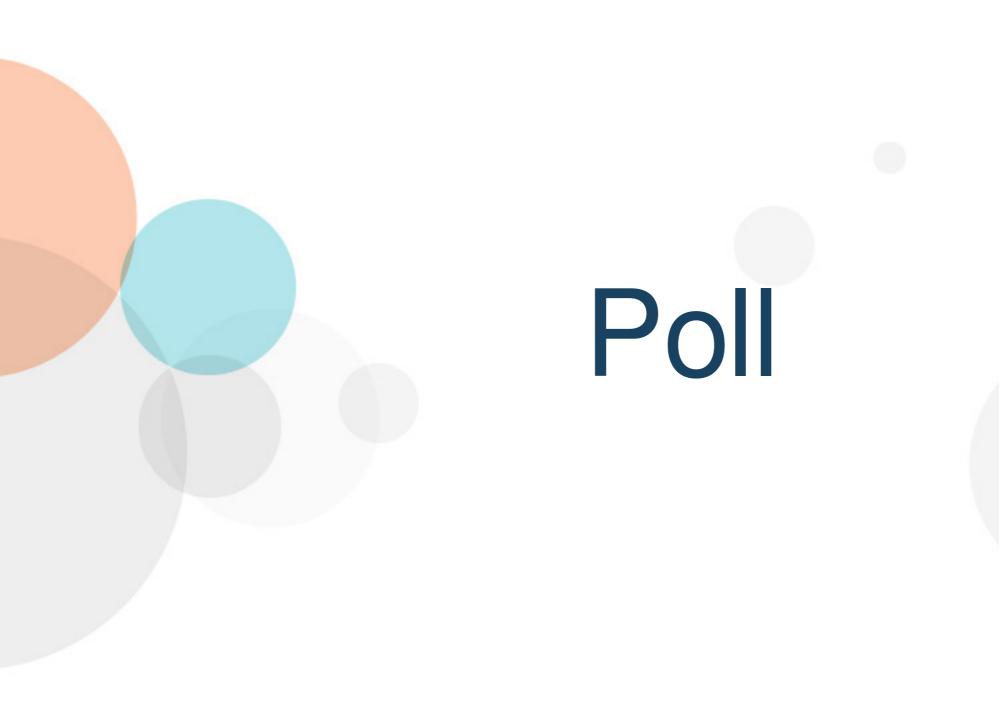


Inorganic compounds – compounds that don't contain carbon

- Water
- Sodium

Many of these compounds are found in the foods you eat





What element do organic compounds contain that most inorganic compounds do not?



- Oxygen
- Calcium
- Hydrogen

Carbohydrates: energy-rich organic compounds made of the elements carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen

SUGARS













When you eat these food, your body breaks down the starch into glucose, a sugar your cells can use to get energy.



- When is sugar produced in the plant cell?
 - During the food making process called photosynthesis.
- What are starches?
 - Starches are many sugars strung together.
 - Called complex carbohydrates
 - When we eat carbs our bodies break them down into glucose (sugar).
 - What do plant cells use starch for?
 - To store excess energy
 - What is the starch that makes up plant cell walls called?
 - Cellulose
 - Where else in the cell will you find carbohydrates?
 - In the cell membrane



Lipids- energy- rich organic compounds made mostly of carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen

FAT

OIL

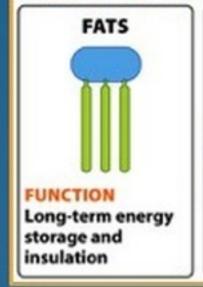
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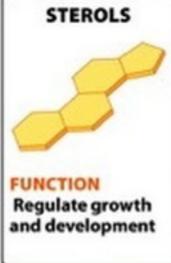


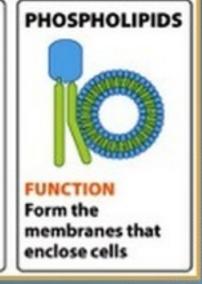
TYPICAL FEATURES OF LIPIDS

- Non-polar molecules that do not dissolve in water
- Greasy to the touch
- Significant source of energy storage

THREE TYPES OF LIPIDS



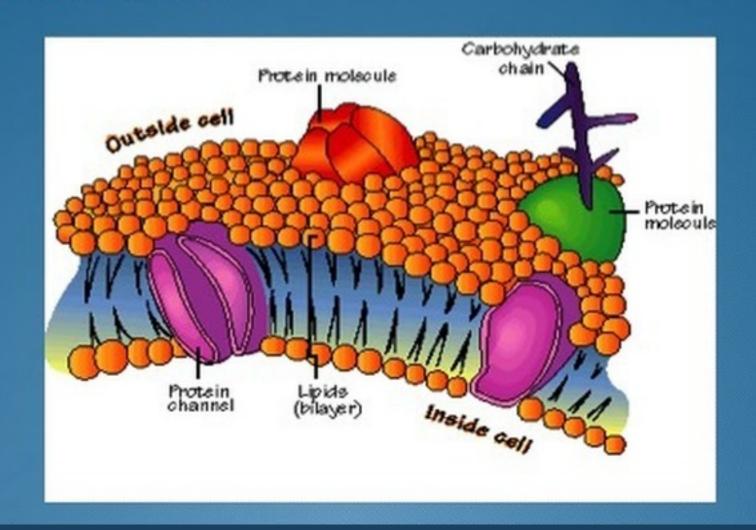






Cells store energy from fats for later use

- How are lipids different from carbohydrates in terms of stored energy?
 - They store even more energy.
- What cell part is composed of mostly lipids?
 - The cell membrane



Protein – large organic molecules made of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, and in some cases sulfur







All proteins are made of 20 different amino acids linked in different orders

Proteins -

- Form part of the cell's membrane
- Make up part of the organelles within a cell

Proteins are used to build cells, act as hormones & enzymes, and do much of the work in a cell

ENZYME – a protein that speeds up chemical reactions in living things

What would happen if we did not have enzymes in our cells?

Many of the essential chemical reactions in our cells would take too long or not occur at all.



Example of an enzyme in action

Enzymes in saliva speed up digestion.

Draw It

Circle all of the examples of a carbohydrate













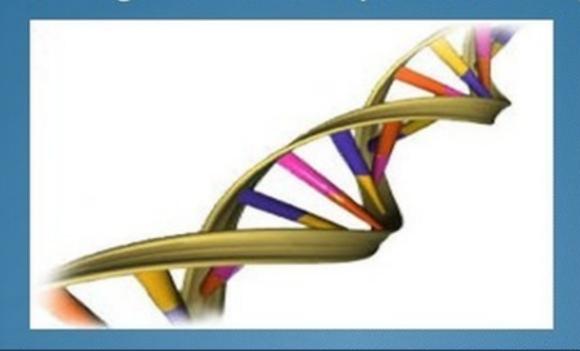
NUCLEIC ACIDS – very long organic molecules, made of carbon, oxygen, hydrogen, nitrogen, and phosphorus

CONTAIN THE INSTRUCTIONS THAT CELLS NEED TO CARRY OUT ALL THE FUNCTIONS OF LIFE





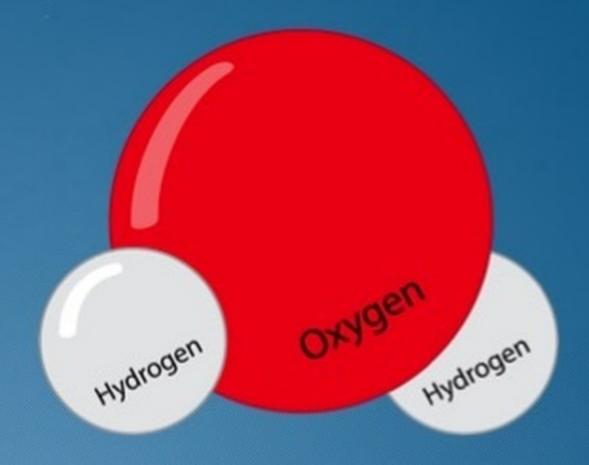
DNA- one kind of nucleic acid, the genetic material that carries information about an organism and is passed from parent to offspring



WATER – inorganic compound, H₂0

- Takes part in many chemical reactions in cells
- Helps cells to keep their shape
- Keeps the temperature of cells from changing rapidly
- Carries substances into and out of cells





Without water, life as we know it would not exist on Earth!

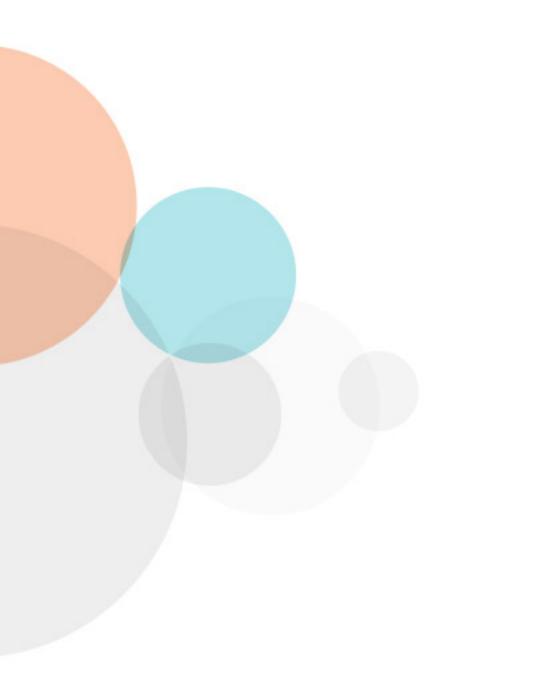


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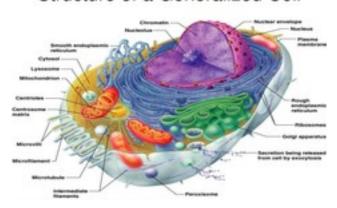
Which organic chemical compound stores energy and is used by some animals during the winter months?

- Carbohydrate
- Protein
- Lipid
- Water



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Structure of a Generalized Cell



What inorganic chemical compound is important for life to function as we know it?

- Carbohydrate
- Sulfur
- Water
- Lipid

Open Ended Question

Create a question that you think your classmates should be able to answer after this lesson. (Some of these may be shared!)