

Study Guide The Plasma Membrane

In your textbook, read about the function of the plasma membrane.

Complete the table by checking the correct column(s) for each description.

Description	Selective Permeability	Homeostasis	Plasma Membrane
1. The process of maintaining balance inside a cell			
2. A boundary between a cell and its environment			
3. The feature of the plasma membrane that keeps some substances out			
4. Separates prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells from the watery environment in which they exist			
5. The quality of a plasma membrane that allows oxygen and glucose to move in			
6. Maintained by the plasma membrane			

In your textbook, read about the structure of the plasma membrane.

Label the diagram of the plasma membrane. Use these choices:

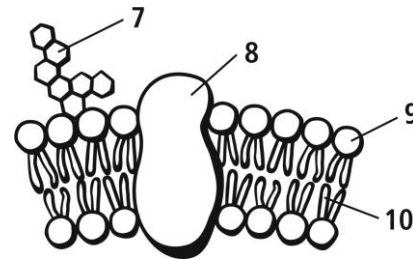
carbohydrate chain

nonpolar tails

polar head

transport protein

- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____



Match the definition or description in Column A with the term in Column B.

Column A

- _____ 11. make up most of the molecules in the plasma membrane
- _____ 12. a molecule that has a glycerol backbone, two fatty acid chains, and a phosphate-containing compound
- _____ 13. move substances through the plasma membrane
- _____ 14. two layers of phospholipids arranged tail-to-tail

- _____ 15. the phospholipid "sea" in which embedded substances float

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Column B

A. transport proteins

B. lipids

C. phospholipid

D. fluid mosaic model

E. phospholipid bilayer