

Handout 6

Cell-ebrity study guide

Preparation

Cut out the attached clues into separate strips and place into a bowl. Shuffle around. You will also need a stopwatch, a watch with a second hand, or a cell phone with a minute countdown timer.

How to play

Assemble two teams of at least two people per team. Team A goes first and selects one person to be the reader while team B monitors the time. The reader has 1 minute to get his team to guess as many clues as possible, randomly drawn from the bowl. Then, team B selects a reader and has 1 minute to guess as many clues as possible while team A monitors the time. The process repeats, with readers rotating in each team, until there are no clues left. Then, the team with the most number of guessed clues wins.

The following rules must be strictly upheld by the reader, and breaking one will cause the reader to forfeit that round for his team:

- Correctly guessed clues are removed from the bowl.
- The reader cannot say anything on the clue, or any grammatical permutation thereof.
- Clues that directly convey the spelling of a word, like "Starts with letter C" or "Rhymes with co-team," are illegal. However, indirect clues like "Starts with the same letter as my first name" are legal.
- The reader can never pass on a clue, but must remain on the current one until his/her team guesses it or until the time is up.
- The reader can never select a clue, but must always choose one randomly and cannot re-choose.
- The reader cannot reveal what the correct answer to an unguessed clue was if time is called, and the unguessed clue must be returned to the bowl.

Alternative for study alone

Use the clues like flash cards. Draw a clue. See if you can explain what it is to yourself without looking up the answer. When thinking about your explanation, you might address: (a) What kind of molecule is it (protein, DNA, etc)? (b) What is its function? (c) What cellular processes is it involved with? (d) Why is it important to the cell?

prokaryote

eukaryote

genome

DNA

RNA

protein

bacteria

archaea

organelle

covalent bond

van der Waals attractions

kcal/mol

electrostatics

hydrogen bond

hydrophobic interaction

specificity

affinity

recognition

nucleotide

amino acid

polysaccharide

fatty acid

ribose

lipids

deoxyribose

glucose

condensation reaction

hydrolysis reaction

cellulose

glycolipid

glycoprotein

phospholipid

amphipathic

membrane

pyrimidines

purines

phosphate

adenosine triphosphate / ATP

guanosine triphosphate / GTP

peptide bond

ribosomes

vesicle

plasma membrane

cell wall

cytoplasm

cytosol

extracellular matrix

cytoskeleton

nuclear envelope

endoplasmic reticulum

Golgi apparatus

lysosomes

peroxisomes

endosomes

endocytosis

mitochondria

chloroplasts

entropy

enthalpy

Gibbs free energy

state function

second law

transition state

activated process

enzyme

free energy transduction

anabolism

catabolism

NADH / NADPH

transport protein

motor protein

fibrillar protein

storage protein

receptor protein

side chain

disulfide bond

folding

native state / structure

denaturation

folding pathway

two-state folder

aggregation

misfolding

chaperones

secondary structure

tertiary structure

alpha helix

beta sheet

loops and turns

parallel / antiparallel

x-ray diffraction

NMR spectroscopy

Protein DataBank

sequence identity

binding

ligand

affinity

specificity

dissociation constant

antibody

immunoglobulins

antigen

allostery

cooperativity

cofactor

Michaelis-Menten kinetics

quasi-steady state approximation

Linweaver-Burk

competitive inhibition

product inhibition

non-competitive inhibition

substrate inhibition

mixed inhibition

kinase

phosphatase

phosphorylation

base pairing

gene

expression

coding / non-coding

chromosome

replication origin

centromere

telomere

nucleosomes

histone

chromatin

DNA polymerase

leading strand

lagging strand

proofreading

homologous recombination

messenger RNA (mRNA)

uracil

ribosomal RNA (rRNA)

transfer RNA (tRNA)

RNA polymerase

transcription promoter

transcription terminator

transcription factor

intron

splicing

codon

reading frame

ribozyme

proteases

proteasome

ubiquitin

cholesterol

liposome

vesicle

critical micelle concentration

self-assembly

lipid raft

transmembrane protein

helix bundle

beta barrel

ion channel

cell cortex

spectrin

Stokes-Einstein formula

partition coefficient

permeability

lysis

osmotic pressure

ion pumping

transporter

channels

passive transport

active transport

electrostatic potential

membrane potential

sodium-potassium pump

coupled transporter

symport

antiport

uniport

calcium pump

Nernst equation

action potential

neurotransmitters

voltage-gated channel

random walk

Brownian motion

vesicular transport

free ribosome

membrane-bound ribosome

signal sequence

nuclear pore

start/stop transfer sequence

glycosylation

exocytosis

endocytosis

pinocytosis

phagocytosis

signal cascade

promoter

transcription regulator

repressor

activator

DNA methylation

differentiation

riboswitch

microRNA

signal transduction

signal relay

signal distribution

signal amplification

signal integration

vesicle fusion

endocrine signaling

paracrine signaling

neuronal signaling

contact-dependent signaling

steroid hormones

thyroid hormones

ion-channel-coupled receptor

enzyme-coupled receptor

G-protein-coupled receptor

G-protein

keratins

nuclear lamina

kinesins

dyneins

centrosome

self-assembly

myosin

epithelial tissue

connective tissue

muscle tissue

nervous tissue

collagen

fibroblast

osteoblast

fibronectin

integrins

proteoglycans

cell junction

stem cell

cancer
