3.1 – Cell Structure and Specialised Cells		
Eukaryotic Cell	Complex cell with a nucleus.	
Prokaryotic Cell	Small <b>simple</b> cell with <u>no</u> nucleus.	
Prokaryotic DNA	Stored as single DNA loop or small rings (plasmids).	
Ribosomes	Where <b>proteins</b> are <b>synthesised</b> .	
Cell Wall	Made of <b>cellulose</b> -> <b>strengthens</b> plant and algal cells.	
Sperm cells	Fertilise egg cells. Carry male DNA. Tail for swimming. Many mitochondria. Enzymes in head. Half a set of DNA.	
Nerve cells	Carry electrical signals. Long and branched at the ends.	
Muscle cells	Specialised for <b>contraction</b> . Cells are <b>long</b> and contain many <b>mitochondria</b> .	
Root hair cells	Absorb water and minerals from the soil. Root hair projections provide a large surface area. No chloroplasts.	
Xylem Cells	Form tubes that transport <b>water</b> and <b>minerals</b> around plant - > <b>dead</b> cells -> <b>no end walls.</b>	
Phloem Cells	Form tubes that transport <b>dissolved food</b> around plants -> <b>living</b> cells -> <b>small pores</b> in <b>end walls</b> .	
3.2 - Microscopy		
Magnification	Higher magnification = larger image.	
Resolution	Higher resolution = clearer image.	
Equation	Magnification = Image size / Actual size	
Units	From <b>mm</b> to <b>μm x 1000.</b> From <b>μm</b> to <b>mm ÷ 1000.</b>	
Preparing an Onion Slide	Peel <b>thin layer</b> with <b>tweezers</b> -> place on <b>slide</b> -> add <b>iodine</b> <b>stain</b> -> lower <b>cover slip</b> gently to avoid bubbles.	
Using a Light Microscope	Place on stage -> use lowest power objective lens -> adjust with course focus then fine focus -> repeat with higher magnification if needed.	
Electron Microscope	Higher magnification and resolution than a light microscope.	

3.3 – Cell Cycle and Stem Cells		
Chromosomes	Molecules of DNA, 23 pairs found in nucleus, carry genes.	
Cell Cycle	Three stages -> growth & DNA replication, mitosis and cell division.	
Growth & DNA Replication	Cell grows -> number of subcellular structures increases -> DNA replicates -> forms X shaped chromosomes.	
Mitosis	Cell division. Chromosomes line up in centre -> pulled apart by fibres -> two nuclei formed -> cytoplasm and cell membrane divides. Creates two identical daughter cells.	
Differentiation	Process by which cells become specialised.	
Stem Cells	<b>Undifferentiated</b> cells -> can become different <b>types</b> of <b>cell</b> .	
Embryonic Stem Cells	Grown in lab -> made to specialise -> used to replace faulty cells -> treats disease e.g. diabetes and spinal damage.	
Adult Stem Cells	Cells transferred from <b>bone marrow</b> -> replaces <b>faulty blood</b> <b>cells</b> in patient.	
Plant Stem Cells	Found in <b>meristems</b> (tissues in the <b>tips</b> of <b>roots</b> and <b>shoots</b> ) -> used to <b>produce clones</b> of <b>rare species</b> and crops with <b>desired features</b> (e.g. disease resistance).	
3.4 – Cell Transport		
Diffusion	Net movement of particles -> from a higher to lower concentration -> down a concentration gradient.	
Osmosis	Net movement of water molecules -> across a partially permeable membrane -> from a higher to lower water concentration -> down a concentration gradient.	
Active Transport	<b>Movement</b> of particles -> from a <b>lower</b> to <b>higher</b> concentration -> <b>against</b> a <b>concentration gradient</b> -> requires <b>energy</b> .	
Factors that Increase Rate of Cell Transport	Steeper concentration gradient, larger surface area, shorter diffusion pathway.	

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