

# Ap Bio Unit 2 Cheat Sheet

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AP Biology Unit 2: The Cell and Cell Membrane Cheat Sheet

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**Organelles**

Nucleolus	where rRNA & ribosomes are synthesized
Ribosomes	protein factories
Peroxisomes	use converts $H_2O_2$ to water + $O_2$
Endomembrane System	regulates protein traffic + metabolic functions
Nucleus	holds chromatin, surrounded by nuclear envelope
Endoplasmic Reticulum	Rough: makes proteins Smooth: synthesizes lipids, stores $Ca^{++}$ , detoxifies drugs/poisons
Golgi Apparatus	processes, packages, & secretes substances
Lysosomes	intracellular digestion
Mitochondria	powerhouse of the cell (respiration)
Vacuoles	storage & pumping out water
Chloroplast	absorbs light & synthesizes sugar
Cytoskeleton	maintains cell shape, flow, positioning
Centrioles	organize spindle fibers (cell division)
Centrosomes	
MTOCs	
Cell Wall	protects, maintains shape, regulates water intake

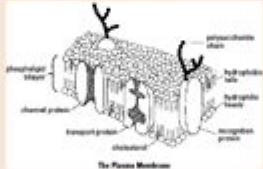
**Water Potential ( $\Psi = \Psi_p + \Psi_s$ )**

water potential	potential energy of water to move elsewhere
solute potential	tendency of water to move across a permeable membrane into solution ( $\Psi_s = -iCRT$ )

**Types of Cell Communication**

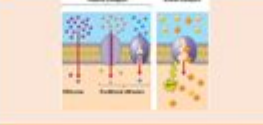
Quorum Sensing	monitors bacteria population density & controls gene expression
Autocrine Signals	produced & used by same cell
Juxtacrine Signals	physically touching cells (gap junctions, plasmodesmata)
Paracrine Signals	adjacent (not touching) cells (synapses, growth factors)
Endocrine Signals	for all tissues, long distance (hormones)

**Plasma Membrane Structure**




The diagram illustrates the fluid mosaic model of the plasma membrane. It shows phospholipids with hydrophilic heads and hydrophobic tails. Various proteins are embedded in the membrane, including peripheral proteins, integral proteins, and transport proteins. Cholesterol molecules are also shown interspersed among the phospholipids.

**Plasma Membrane Transport**



The diagram compares passive and active transport. Passive transport includes simple diffusion and osmosis, where substances move from high to low concentration without energy input. Active transport includes pumps and carriers, where substances move from low to high concentration, requiring energy (ATP).

**Endocytosis & Exocytosis**



The diagram shows endocytosis (phagocytosis, pinocytosis, receptor-mediated endocytosis) and exocytosis (constitutive, regulated). Endocytosis involves the cell membrane folding inward to bring external material into the cell. Exocytosis involves vesicles fusing with the cell membrane to release internal material outside the cell.

**Signal Transduction Pathways- Reception**

Reception	ligand binds to cell membrane or intracellular receptors & activates 2nd messenger
Ion channel	allows influx of ions to carry a message
GPCR	ligand binds, changes cytoplasmic structure, activates G protein, bonds to GTP, catalyzes cAMP production
Protein kinase (RTKs)	ligand binds, aggregates-activates tyrosine kinase regions, activates relay proteins
Intracellular	hydrophobic messengers diffuse into the cell and control genes

**Signal Transduction & Response**

Signal transduction pathway	multistep process in which extracellular signal molecules produce a cascade effect
Second messenger	intermediate molecule (like cAMP) that distributes-amplifies signal throughout the cell
Response	regulation of protein synthesis by turning genes on/off

**Apoptosis**


may be engulfed when no longer needed

cells with genetic damage are replaced

defense against infection

signals trigger caspases to carry out apoptosis

**The Cell Cycle**



The diagram shows a cell in the G1 phase, then entering the S phase where DNA is replicated. It then proceeds through the G2 phase and finally the M phase (mitosis), where the cell divides into two daughter cells.

**Prokaryotic vs. Eukaryotic Cells**

Prokaryotes	Eukaryotes
-no internal membranes/organelles	-membrane-bound organelles
-circular DNA	-DNA forms chromosomes
-small ribosomes	-larger ribosomes
-anaerobic or aerobic metabolism	-aerobic metabolism
-no cytoskeleton	-cytoskeleton present
-mainly unicellular	-mainly multicellular
-very small	-larger cells

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**AP Bio Unit 2 Cheat Sheet:** As students dive into the world of Advanced Placement Biology, mastering the material covered in Unit 2 is crucial. This unit focuses on the chemistry of life, providing a foundation for understanding biological processes. With a plethora of information to digest, having a cheat sheet can be an invaluable resource for quick reference and review. In this article, we will break down the key concepts, important molecules, and essential processes that you need to know for Unit 2, ensuring that you are well-prepared for your AP Biology exam.

# Overview of AP Biology Unit 2

AP Biology Unit 2 centers around the chemistry that underpins biological systems. Understanding how atoms and molecules interact is fundamental to grasping larger biological concepts. Here are some of the core topics covered in this unit:

- Water and its properties
- Macromolecules: carbohydrates, proteins, lipids, and nucleic acids
- Enzymes and their functions
- The role of pH and temperature in biological processes

Knowing these topics will not only help you in the exam but also in understanding the more complex systems in later units.

## Key Concepts in Unit 2

### Water: The Essence of Life

Water is a polar molecule with unique properties that make it essential for life. Understanding these properties is critical for any biology student.

- **Polarity:** Water molecules have a partial positive charge on one side and a partial negative charge on the other, leading to hydrogen bonding.
- **Cohesion:** The attraction between water molecules allows for surface tension, which is vital for many biological processes.
- **Adhesion:** Water's ability to stick to other substances is important for processes like capillary action in plants.
- **High Specific Heat:** Water can absorb a lot of heat before increasing in temperature, which helps regulate climate and maintain stable environments for organisms.

### Macromolecules: Building Blocks of Life

AP Biology Unit 2 dives deep into the four major macromolecules that are essential for life. Each macromolecule has unique structures and functions.

1. **Carbohydrates:** Composed of carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen, carbohydrates provide energy and structural support. They can be classified into

monosaccharides (simple sugars), disaccharides (two sugars), and polysaccharides (many sugars).

2. **Proteins:** Made up of amino acids, proteins perform a vast array of functions including catalyzing reactions as enzymes, providing structural support, and facilitating transport.
3. **Lipids:** These hydrophobic molecules include fats, oils, and phospholipids, playing critical roles in energy storage, cell membrane structure, and signaling.
4. **Nucleic Acids:** DNA and RNA are the molecules of heredity, responsible for storing and transmitting genetic information.

## Enzymes: Biological Catalysts

Enzymes are proteins that speed up chemical reactions without being consumed in the process. Understanding their function is vital for AP Biology.

- **Active Site:** The region on an enzyme where substrate molecules bind and undergo a chemical reaction.
- **Substrate:** The reactant molecule upon which an enzyme acts.
- **Enzyme-Substrate Complex:** The temporary complex formed when an enzyme binds to its substrate.
- **Factors Affecting Enzyme Activity:** Temperature, pH, and substrate concentration can all influence the rate of enzyme-catalyzed reactions.

## Understanding pH and Temperature

The function of biological molecules is often influenced by environmental conditions such as pH and temperature. Here, we'll discuss how these factors impact biological processes.

### The Role of pH