

Bacteria and Viruses



What are bacteria and viruses and why are they important?

Before You Read

Before you read the chapter, think about what you know about bacteria and viruses. In the first column, write three things you already know about these organisms. In the second column, record three things that you would like to learn more about. When you have completed the chapter, think about what you have learned, and complete the **What I Learned** column.

K What I Know	W What I Want to Learn	L What I Learned

Chapter Vocabulary

Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3
NEW bacterium flagellum fission conjugation endospore	NEW decomposition nitrogen fixation bioremediation pathogen antibiotic pasteurization	NEW virus antibody vaccine REVIEW mutation

A Lesson Content Vocabulary page for each lesson is provided in the Chapter Resources Files.

Lesson 1 What are bacteria?

Scan Lesson 1. Then write three questions that you have about bacteria in your Science Journal. Try to answer your questions as you read.

Main Idea

Characteristics of Bacteria

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Define bacteria.

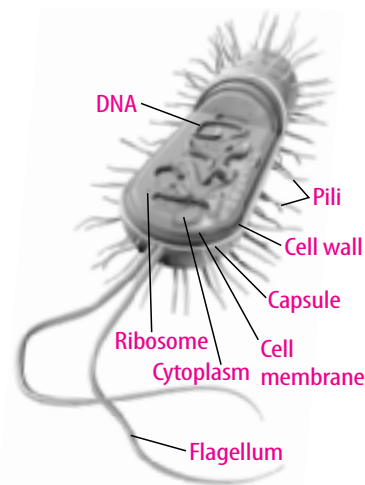
Bacteria: microscopic prokaryotes (unicellular organisms with no nucleus or other membrane-bound organelles)

Identify six examples of places where bacteria live.

- air
- glaciers
- ocean floor
- soil
- in or on living organisms
- in or on dead organisms

Diagram an example of a bacterium. Label the listed structures.

ribosome
cytoplasm
cell membrane
pili
DNA
flagellum
capsule
cell wall



Draw and name 3 basic shapes of bacteria.

Name	round or sphere-shaped	rod-shaped	spiral-shaped
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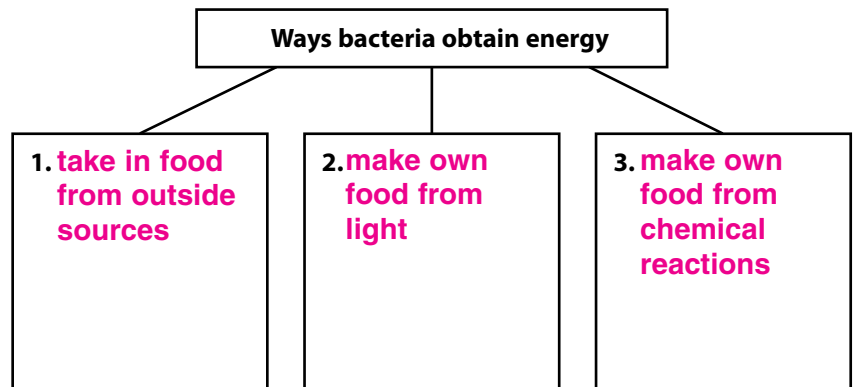
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Describe how bacteria compare in size with plant and animal cells.

Bacteria are much smaller, ranging from 1/5 to 1/100 the size of plant or animal cells.

Identify 3 ways in which bacteria obtain energy.



Contrast anaerobic bacteria with aerobic bacteria.

Aerobic Bacteria	Anaerobic Bacteria
need oxygen to live	do not need oxygen to live

Identify 3 ways in which different types of bacteria move.

- 1. flagella**
- 2. twist or spiral**
- 3. use pili like grappling hooks**

Differentiate between fission and conjugation.

Fission: **cell division that forms two genetically identical cells**

Conjugation: **Two bacterial cells combine their genetic material; no new cells are formed.**

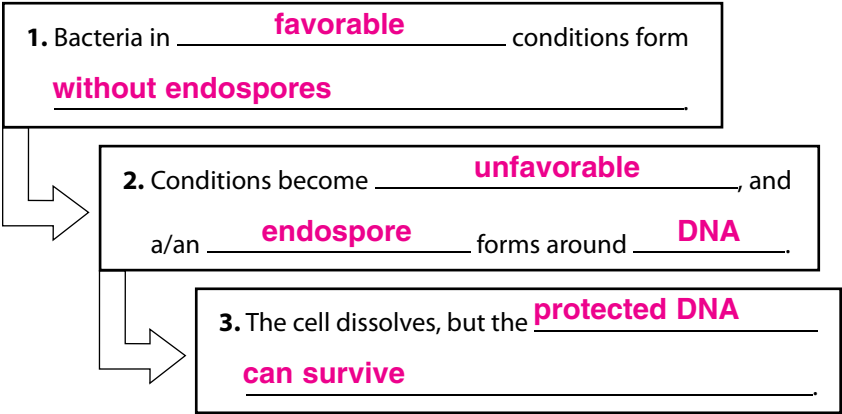
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Main Idea

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Endospores
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Sequence *the formation of an endospore.*



Archaea
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Compare and contrast bacteria *and* archaea. List five similarities and three differences.

Similarities	Differences
1. prokaryote	1. Ribosomes of archaea more closely resemble the ribosomes of eukaryotes.
2. cell wall	2. Archaea contain unique molecules in plasma membranes.
3. no nucleus	3. Archaea often live in extreme environments.
4. no membrane-bound organelles	
5. DNA in single circular strand (chromosome)	

Synthesize It Explain how conjugation and the reproductive processes of bacteria are beneficial to their survival.

Accept all reasonable responses. Sample answer: Because bacteria are unicellular and reproduce through fission, they can multiply very rapidly. However, asexual reproduction can limit genetic variation and become a risk factor for bacteria in a changing environment. Bacteria overcome this drawback through conjugation, which increases genetic diversity.

Lesson 2 Bacteria in Nature

Predict three facts that will be discussed in Lesson 2 after reading the headings. Record your predictions in your Science Journal.

Main Idea

Beneficial Bacteria

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Harmful Bacteria

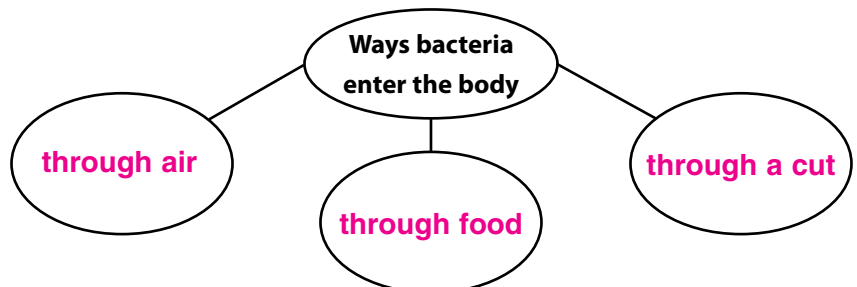
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Explain and provide examples of ways in which bacteria can be beneficial.

Benefit	Explanation and Example
Digestion	Many organisms rely on bacteria living in their digestive systems to survive. Bacteria in the human digestive system make vitamin K, which helps blood clot.
Decomposition	Bacteria feed on dead organic matter. Bacteria feeding on a dead tree break down the tree and release nutrients back into the soil.
Nitrogen fixation	Plants use nitrogen to make proteins, but plants cannot use the form of nitrogen free in the air. Roots of beans and peas contain bacteria that convert nitrogen into a form plants can use.
Bioremediation	Some bacteria eat environmental pollutants. Organisms break down sewage into less harmful material that can be used for fertilizer.
Production of food	Bacteria are used in the production of yogurt, cheeses, buttermilk, vinegar, and soy sauce.

Identify three ways in which bacterial pathogens enter the body.



Lesson 2 | Bacteria in Nature (continued)


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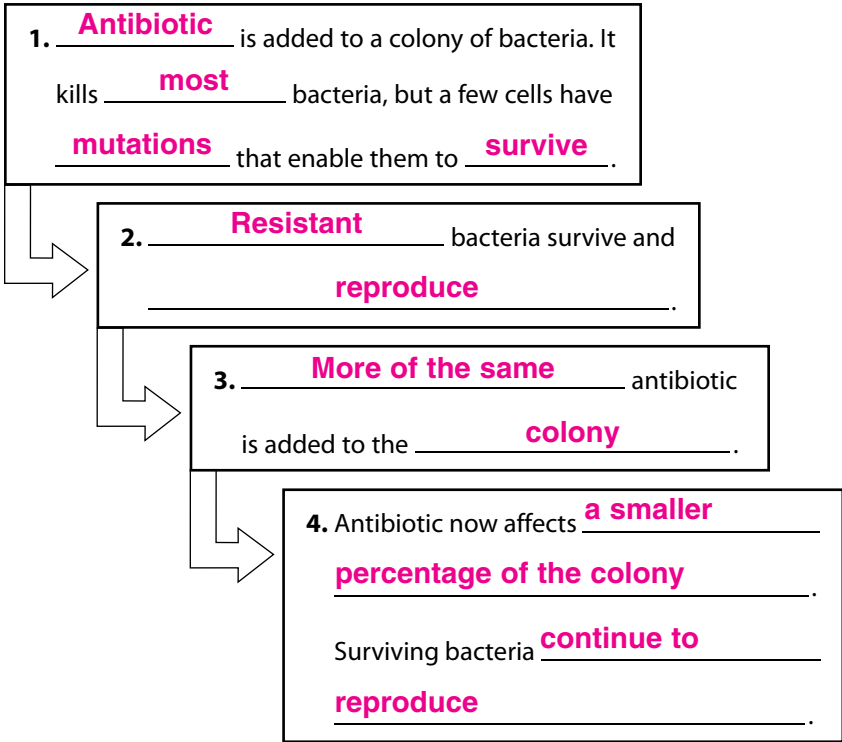
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 **Identify** 2 ways bacteria can cause disease.


1. damaging tissue
2. releasing toxins

Sequence the development of antibiotic resistance.



 **Explain** the relationship between bacteria and food poisoning.

Bacteria in food can reproduce, break down the food, and cause it to spoil. Toxins released into the food by this process can cause severe illness.

 **Synthesize It** Summarize ways in which human health might be both improved and harmed if there were no bacteria.

Accept all reasonable responses. Sample answer: Without bacteria, there would be no food poisoning nor bacterial infection; however, dead materials would pile up all around us and never decompose.

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Lesson 3 What are viruses?

Scan Lesson 3. Read the lesson titles and bold words. Look at the pictures. Identify three facts you discovered about viruses. Write the facts in your Science Journal.

Main Idea

Characteristics of Viruses

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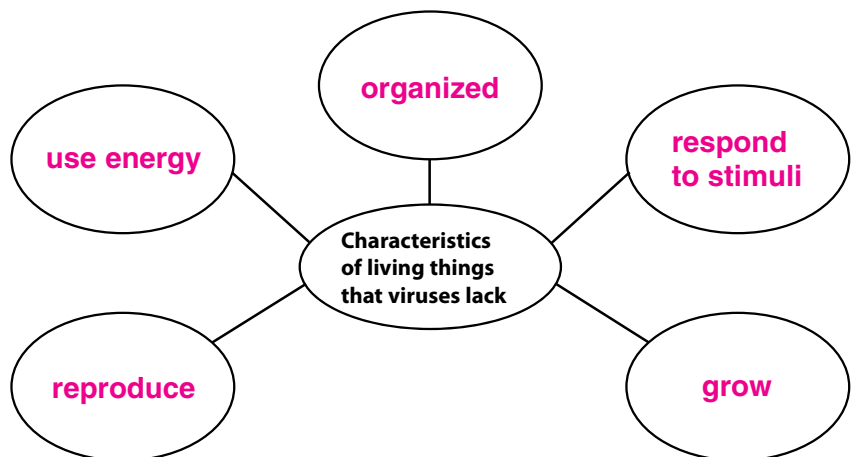
 **Define** viruses.

strands of DNA or RNA surrounded by a layer of protein

 **Characterize** viruses by completing the table.

Identify five illnesses caused by viruses. sample answers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> chicken pox mumps measles polio influenza or a cold
Identify four shapes of viruses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> cylinder sphere crystal bacteriophage
Identify four ways viruses contrast with bacteria.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 20 to 30 times smaller no nucleus no organelles no cell membrane

 **Identify** characteristics of living things that viruses lack.



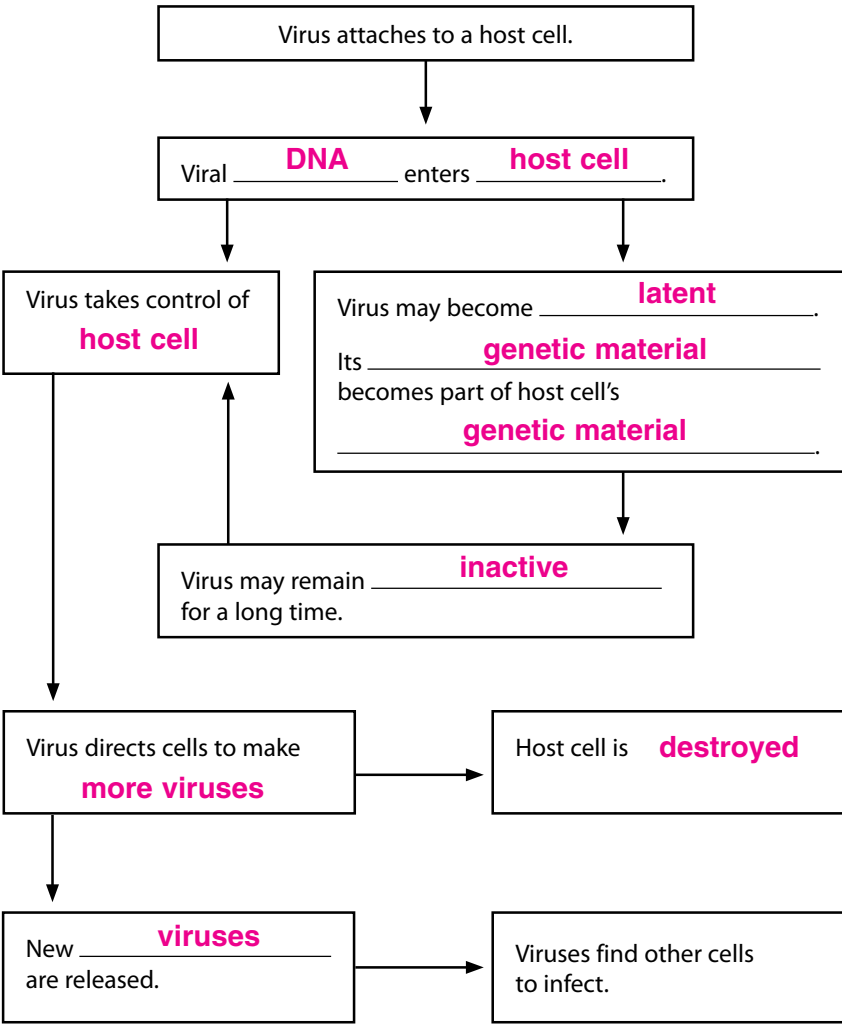
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Organize information about viral replication.



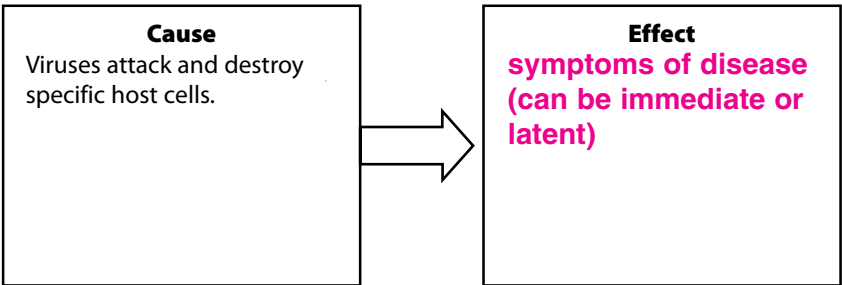
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Explain viral mutation.

Viral DNA or RNA changes as viruses replicate, allowing viruses to adjust to changes in host cells.

Viral Diseases
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Complete the cause and effect diagram.



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Main Idea

Treating and Preventing Viral Diseases

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Research with Viruses

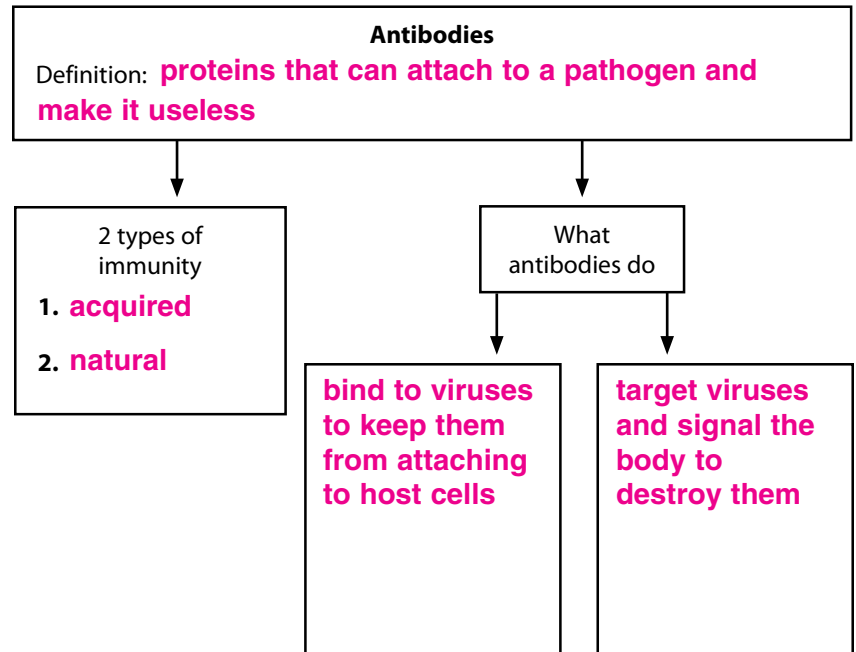
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 **Identify** two ways to prevent the spread of viral diseases.

1. Limit contact with infected individuals.
2. Practice good hygiene, such as hand washing.

Organize information about antibodies.




Explain how a vaccine works.

Deactivated pathogens trigger the body's production of antibodies.

Identify two reasons scientists conduct research with viruses.

1. to treat and prevent viral disease
2. to use viruses beneficially in gene therapy

 **Summarize It** Explain how a person can be infected with many viruses but might not appear sick.

Accept all reasonable responses. Sample answer: Viruses can invade host cells but remain latent for many years. The person's cells carry the virus, but the virus does not destroy the cells, so the person does not show symptoms of illness.

Chapter Wrap-Up

Now that you have read the chapter, think about what you have learned. Complete the **What I Learned** column on the first page of the chapter.

Use this checklist to help you study.

- ☐ Complete your Foldables® Chapter Project.
- ☐ Study your *Science Notebook* on this chapter.
- ☐ Study the definitions of vocabulary words.
- ☐ Reread the chapter, and review the charts, graphs, and illustrations.
- ☐ Review the Understanding Key Concepts at the end of each lesson.
- ☐ Look over the Chapter Review at the end of the chapter.



Summarize It Reread the chapter Big Idea and the lesson Key Concepts. Throughout history, there have been many examples of large numbers of people in a culture dying of new illnesses when outsiders discovered where they lived. Use what you have learned about bacteria and viruses to explain why this happened.

Accept all reasonable responses. Sample answer: People who have lived together in one place have been exposed to the same pathogens and built up immunities to them over time. When outsiders arrive, they also are carriers of bacteria and viruses. They introduce new pathogens to the environment for which the indigenous peoples do not have antibodies. Many indigenous people can become sick and die from these new pathogens before the population has a chance to build up immunity.

Challenge Design a beneficial bacterium or virus. Write an explanation of how it would interact with its environment to do something helpful for humans.