Plant and Animal cells word bank



Organelle - the structure in plant and animal cells that perform specific functions

Cytoplasm - a clear, jellylike substance that holds the organelles in place
Chloroplasts - organelles, found only in plant cells, in which sugar is

made during photosynthesis
Photosynthesis - is the process in which plant cells
convert water and
carbon dioxide in the presence of sunlight to sugar and
water, releasing
oxygen

Cell Membrane - A protective layer surrounding the cell that controls what enters and leaves the cell. (both plant and animal cell have this)
Cell wall - a stiff outer layer that surrounds a plant cell, protects it, and gives it its shape
Nucleus - the control center of a cell that directs the cell's activities

Chromosomes - structures in the nucleus that contain an organism's genetic information and regulate the cell's activities DNA - the abbreviation for deoxyribonucleic acid, the chemical that provides detailed instructions for cells Mitochondria - a bean shaped organelle that goes through a process which releases energy in order for the cell to complete all its activities