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| Organelle | Description | Function | Diagram |
| Nucleus | * The Largest organelle (10-20μm in diameter).
* Roughly spherical.
* It is double membrane bound
 | * Contains chromatin – mixture of DNA and associated proteins.
* It controls protein synthesis (makes mRNA)
* It will always divide before the cell itself divides
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| Nucleolus | * Area of dense chromatin within the nucleus
* It is a granular structure and is not membrane bound
 | * The nucleolus makes ribosomal RNA (rRNA) and assembles ribosomes
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| Rough Endoplasmic Reticulum | * Consists of flattened sacs called cisternae
* Continuous with the outer nuclear membrane.
* Studded with Ribosomes
 | * The ribosomes make protein which is then transported within the ER’s flattened sac-like sheets called cisternae.
* Some of the proteins are secreted by the cell, others are used within the cell.
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| Smooth Endoplasmic Reticulum | * Consists of flattened sacs called cisternae
* Not studded with ribosomes
 | * Production of lipids
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| Golgi apparatus | * A stack of membrane bound flattened sacs.
 | * Receives proteins packaged in vesicles from the ER.
* Modifies proteins e.g. by the addition of sugars.
* Packages modified proteins into vesicles for transportation to the cell surface membrane and secretion out of the cell.
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| Ribosome | * Small organelle
* Not membrane bound
* Consists of two subunits
 | * The site of protein synthesis.
* mRNA from the nucleus is read and used to assemble amino acids.
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| Lysosome | * Spherical sacs surrounded by a single layer of membrane.
* Contain powerful digestive enzymes.
 | * Protects the cell from enzymes contained within.
* Enzymes are used in the breakdown of materials e.g. cells taken up by white blood cells taken up in phagocytosis.
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| Vesicle | * Membrane bound sac
 | * Used to move substances around cells.
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| Plasma Membrane (Cell surface membrane) | * Present in all living cells
* Provides a selective barrier between the cells contents and the external environment
 | * Controlls the passage of substances into and out of the cell .
* Regulates the internal environment of the cell.
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| Mitochondria | * Spherical sausage shaped organelle formed from two membranes.
* The inner membrane is highly folded to form cristae.
 | * Site of aerobic respiration
* Produce adenosine triphosphate (ATP)
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| Chloroplast | * Found only in plant cells
* Two layers of membranes
* The inner layer is continuous and forms flattened membrane sacs called thylakoids.
 | * Site of photosynthesis a process in which Glucose is produced.
* Contain chlorophyll: a photosynthetic pigment.
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| Cellulose cell wall | * On the outside of the plant cells plasma membrane.
 | * Supports the cell
* Helps maintain sell shape
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| Centrioles | * Small tubes of protein fibres.
* There is a pair of them next to the nucleus in animal cells and some protocists.
 | * Take part in cell division.
* The spindle fibres used to move chromosomes grow from this organelle.
 | centrioles |
| Vacuole | * A large membrane bound sac containing water and solutes.
* Found in plant cells
 | * Storage of water and solutes.
* Maintenance of cell turgidity.
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