

Extremophiles

Life in Extreme Environments

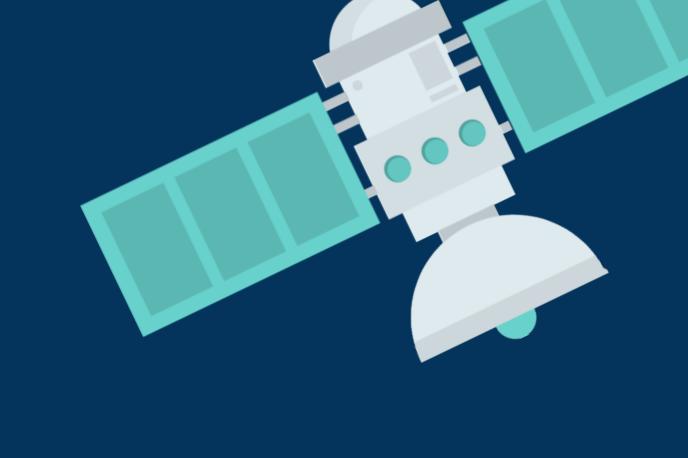




Objectives

By the end of this lesson you will be able to:

- Understand that cells can change to adapt to extreme environments
- Explain the function of a cell membrane
- Assess how stresses on Mars might affect its habitability

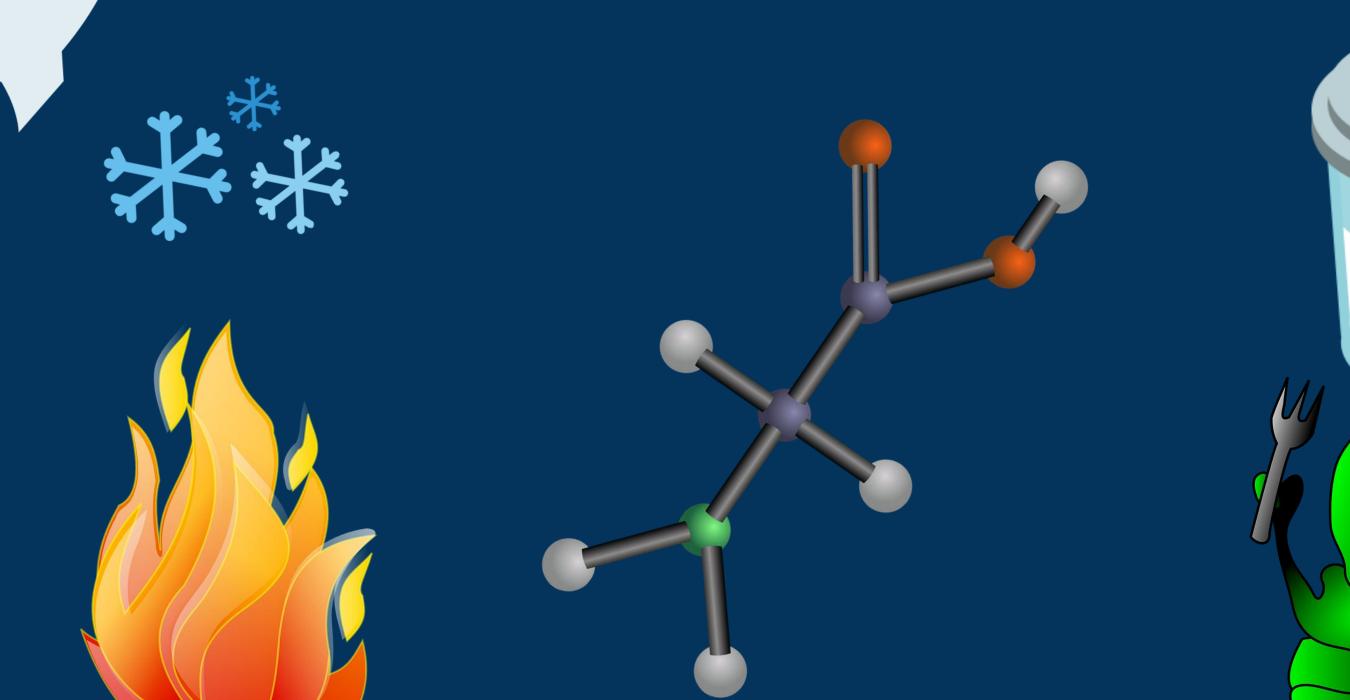


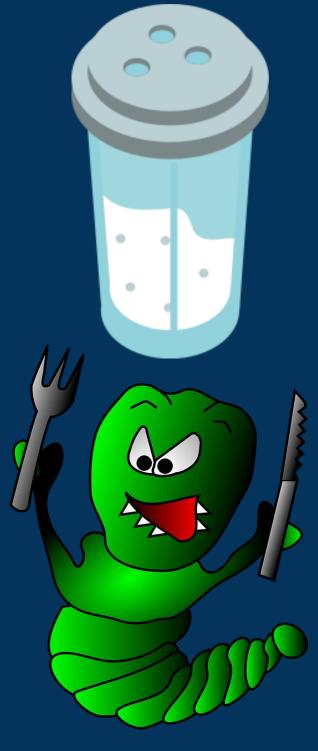






What is an extreme environment?

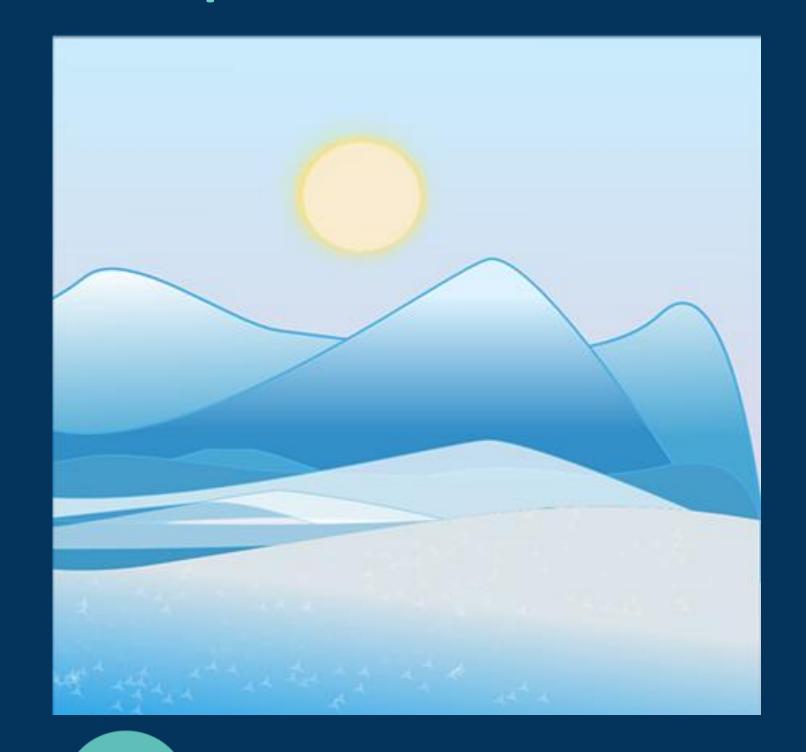








Examples of Extreme Environments on Earth



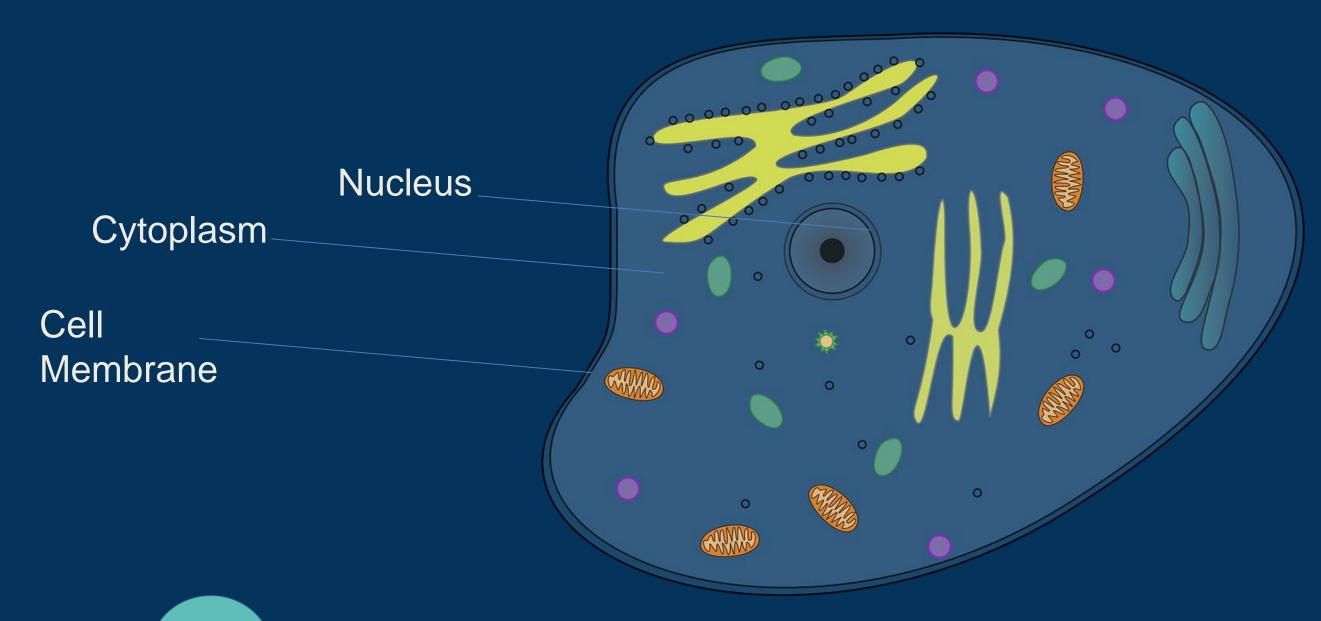








What are cells made of?

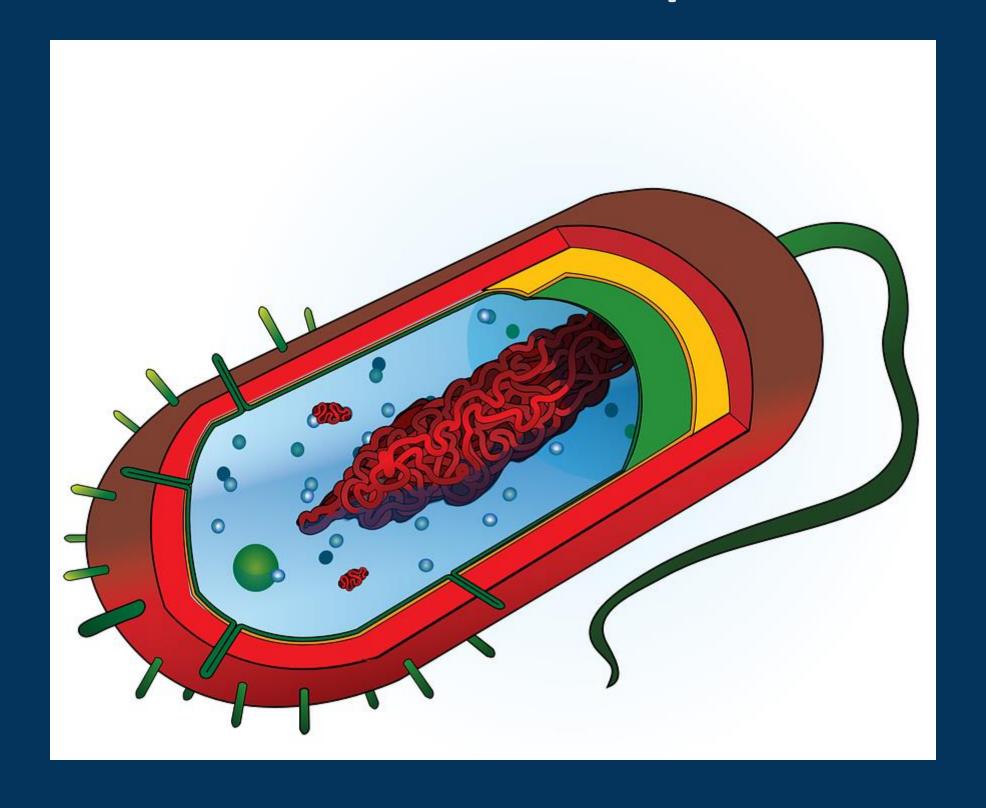








Cell membrane importance







What is a semi-permeable membrane?

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What might happen to cells under Mars-like conditions?







Egg Membrane Experiment

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What happened? Why?

Discuss in groups



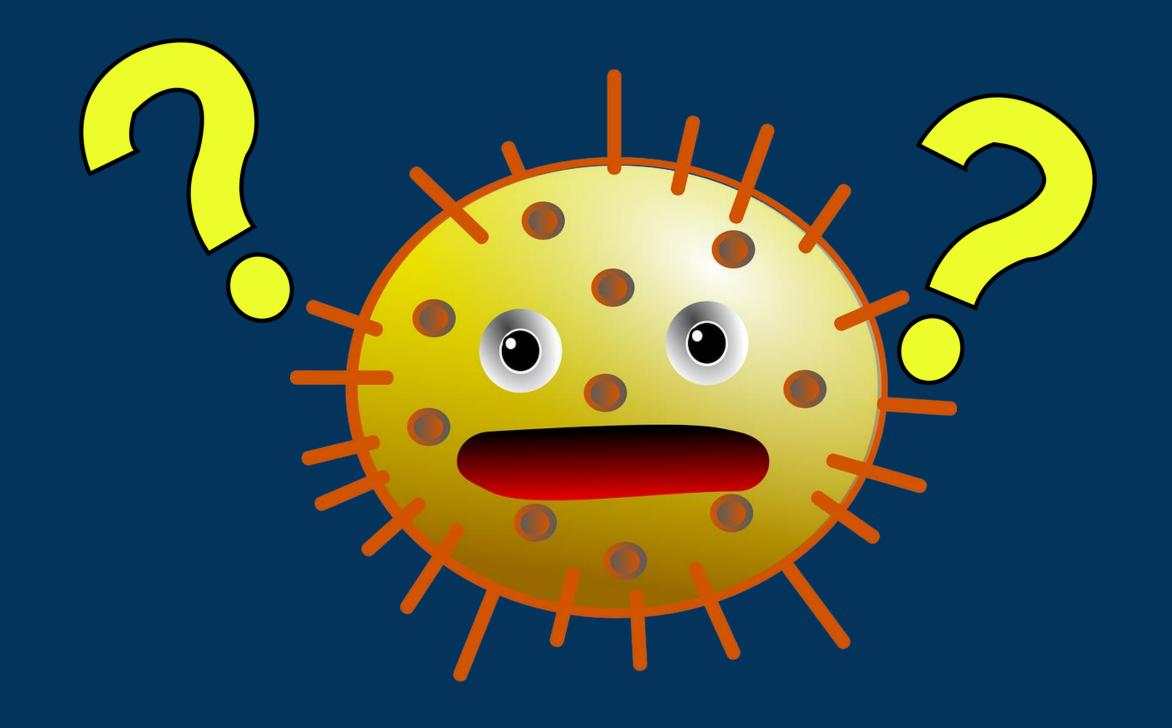






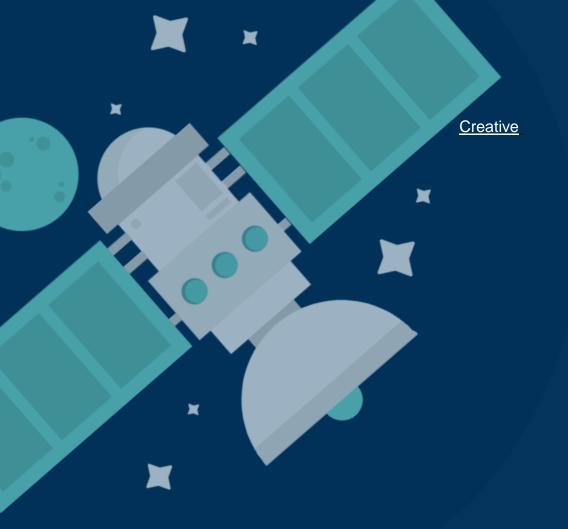


How do you think this might affect habitability?



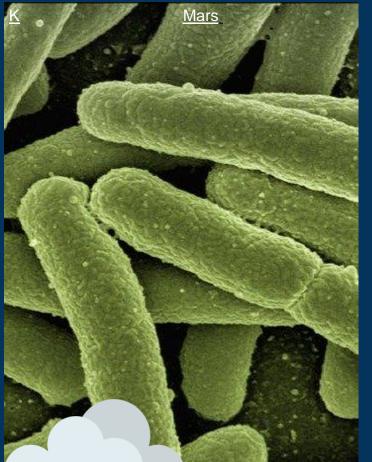






Recap

Answer these questions from what you have learned today:



What can cells do to adjust to an extreme

environment?





Why is a cell membrane important?



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How could the extreme conditions on Mars affect cells?



