Cells Section 1

Name Organization of Life Topics Notes, Diagrams, Drawings What is the organization of life? Cells The building block of life. The smallest functional unit of a living organism. A collection of organelles, DNA, and cytoplasm contained within a membrane. Tissues A group of specialized cells. Muscle tissue, fat cells, connective tissue. Organs A group of two or more tissues that work together on a common task. Example Heart Organ Systems A group of organs working together on a specific task. Example Nervous system Organisms Anything that can live on its own. Can be multi or unicellular.

| The Big Picture | |
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| Populations | A group of organisms that are of the same kind that live in the same area. Example: The number of opossum living in Vernon Hills. |
| Communities | Two or more different populations living in the same area. Example: the number of opossum and red foxes living in Vernon Hills. |
| Ecosystems | The community and all of the living and non-living things that affect it, such as water, temperature, light. |
| Biosphere | The region of Earth occupied by organisms. |
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