<u>Cell Organelles – summary table</u>

Name of organelle (shape and size)	Structure	Function	Diagram	Plant / animal cell
Ribosome (20-30nm)	The smallest organelle in the cell (visible only with the electron microscope). It is made of ribosomal RNA and protein. Larger and smaller subunits.	It is involved in a process called translation in which proteins are formed.	Ribosome Structure Large Subunit Central Protuberance Figure 1	Both
Endoplasmic reticulum (ER) ROUGH	It's a system with of membranes within the cytoplasm, which enclose a space known as the lumen. It has ribosomes on its surface.	It is involved in the production of secretory proteins.		Both
Endoplasmic reticulum (ER)	It's a system with of membranes within the cytoplasm, which enclose a space known as the lumen. It has no ribosomes on its surface.	Detoxification of drugs and lipid synthesis (including phospholipids and steroids) etc.		Both

	It's a series of flattened		The Golgi Apparatus	
Golgi Apparatus	membranous sacs (cisternae) looking like a stack of Pita bread. It's dynamic structure as vesicles are constantly being added from the ER, and new vesicles are budding off. Cells may have a few to several hundred of these structures.	It receives vesicles full of protein from the ER, then may be modified and packaged into vesicles which may transport them to other organelles or to the plasma membrane for secretion. Ex.: protein +carbohydrates → glycoprotein	Incoming Lumen Cis Face Incoming Transport Vesicle Cisternae Ifans Face Incoming Transport Vesicle Cisternae Newly Formed Vesicles Outgoing Figure 1 Transport Vesicles	Both
Lysosome (25nm - 1um)	It's vesicle that contain many different digestive enzymes (digestive system of the cell).	It breaks down all the major groups of macromolecules in the cell. It's function include the digestion of worn out organelles and matter taken in the cell. Another function – destruction of cells.		Animal
Mitochondrion (sing.) Mitochondria (pl.) (1 mm to 4 mm in length and 0.2 mm to 1.0 mm in diameter.)	Structure contains - double membrane (inner and outer), cristae, which increase the surface area, matrix (it contains ribosomes (it synthesize the proteins coded for by the mitochondrial DNA) and a loop of genetic material). It's semi-autonomous organelle that grows and reproduces within the cytoplasm.	Ex.: blood cells engulf bacteria. Function - aerobic respiration (production of energy (ATP)). Organic molecules are broken down to release energy in the form of ATP.	Mitochondria Inner Structure Inner Membrane Outer Membrane Matrix Figure 1	Both

Nucleus	Double membrane with pores; nucleolus inside;	Contains DNA and organise all cell's life processes.	Nuclear Envelope Nuclear Pores Chromosomes Chromatin	Both
Chloroplast (An approximate width of 2.0 mm to 4.0 mm and an approximate length of 5.0 mm to 10.0 mm)	Double membrane (inner and outer), thylakoids (with photosynthetic pigments – cholorphyll), which structure granums, stroma. It has its own ribosomes, loop of DNA.	Function – photosynthesis.	outer membrane chloroplast ribosomes stroma loop of DNA lipid starch globule grain	Plants

Sap Vacuole (no basic shape or size)	It's filled mostly of water. Tonoplast – its membrane.	It is used to store many things in different plant cells (ex.: organic compounds, ions, waste products, pigments, water etc.). Also, it takes up water and pushes against the cell wall, which prevents further uptake of water in the cell (turgor pressure).	Cytosol Tonoplast Central vacuole Cytosol Tonoplast Central vacuole Cell wall Chloroplast	Plants
Cell Wall (10 nm thick)	It's made of microfibrils cellulose.	It's a rigid structure that supports the plant cell and gives it a specific shape. It provides a strong completely permeable boundary around the outside of the plant cell. (everything can pass through)		Plants