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# Year 8 Biological Sciences

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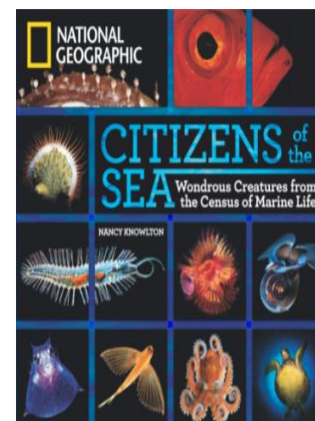
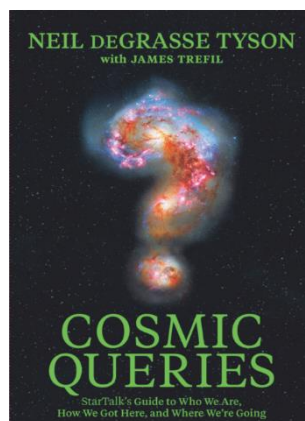
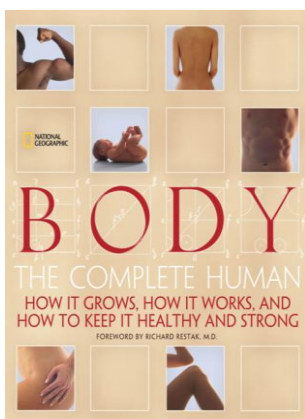
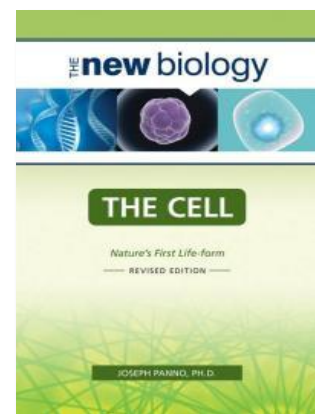
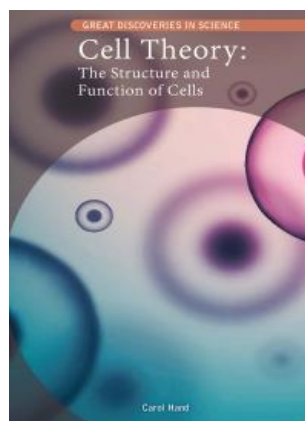
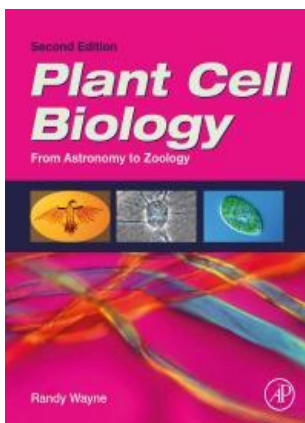
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## Featured E-Books



# Cells: The Building Blocks

Recognise cells as the basic units of living things, compare plant and animal cells, and describe the functions of specialised cell structures and organelles.

- Exploring an augmented or virtual reality tour of a plant or animal to 'zoom in' and understand the scale of cells.
- Identifying the structure and function of organelles in cells including the nucleus, cell membrane, cell wall, cytoplasm, chloroplasts and vacuoles.
- Examining a variety of cells, including single-celled organisms, using a light microscope, a digital microscope, simulations and photomicrographs.
- Comparing the similarities and differences of plant cells and animal cells visible with a light microscope and represented in a digital or physical model.
- Designing a physical or digital model of a cell and explaining how the representation models the cell.
- Considering how the invention of the microscope has contributed to understanding of cell structure.

## For easy reference

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The [Britannica Library](#) has articles, images and more, with a selection of resources especially for teenagers.

The screenshot shows the Britannica Library search results page for 'cell'. The page header includes the 'Britannica Library' logo, a 'Teens' tag, and a search bar. The search results are for 'cell', displaying 1-10 of 584 results. The page includes a 'Reading Level' filter set to 2, and an 'Advanced Search' option. The results are categorized into 'Articles', 'Images', and 'Videos'. The first result is 'cell (biology)' with a star icon, followed by 'plant (life-form)' with a star icon and a note that it is the top 3 result with 18 more results in plant. The 'cell (biology)' result includes a definition: 'cell | The smallest unit of living matter that can exist by itself is the cell. Some organisms, such as bacteria, consist of only a single cell. Others, ...'. The 'plant (life-form)' result includes a sub-section 'Complex tissues' with a definition: 'Complex tissues | The complex tissues include the dermal and vascular tissues of plants. The epidermis is the outermost layer of cells on the plant body ...'. There is also a link to 'Plant Cells and Tissues'.

[Gale Interactive: Science](#) provides a comprehensive view of the most-studied science subjects. Authoritative, high-quality digital content is paired with interactive 3D models.

The screenshot shows the Gale Interactive Science interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text 'cell' and a search icon. Below the search bar, the page is divided into two main sections: 'FILTER BY CATEGORY' on the left and '18 SEARCH RESULTS' on the right.

**FILTER BY CATEGORY:**

- Biology (91)**
  - Cells (13)
  - Botany (14)
  - Ecosystems (4)
  - Microbiology (23)
  - Paleontology (8)
  - Zoology (31)
- Chemistry (74)**
  - Atoms (18)
  - Chemical Equations (10)
  - Chemical Reactions (15)
  - Molecules and Compounds (12)
  - Periodic Table (19)
- Earth Science (23)**
  - Astronomy (12)
  - Geology (11)
- Common Core State Standards (213)**

**18 SEARCH RESULTS:**

- Meiosis**: Meiosis is the type of cell division that creates sex cells, or gametes. Sperm and eggs are sex cells that have half the amount of DNA contained in a normal cell.
  - NGSS-HS-LS3-1 NGSS-HS-LS3-2 Cells CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RST.11-12.4 CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RST.11-12.4
- Mitosis**: Mitosis is the process by which cells divide. It produces two daughter cells that are genetically identical to the parent cell.
  - Cells NGSS-HS-LS1-4 CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RST.11-12.4 CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RST.9-10.4 NGSS-HS-LS1-4
- Cell Membrane**: A cell membrane, or plasma membrane, is a covering that envelopes all cells, including animal, plant, and prokaryote cells.
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- Plant Cell**: Plant cells have some features that are different from those of animal cells, such as the cell wall and a vacuole.
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**results:** 18 RESULTS FOR 'cell'

**Document Types:**

Reference (3,027)	Magazines (410,484)	Videos (681)	Images (310)
Audio (1,487)	News (787,044)	Academic Journals (233,845)	

**Document Types:**

ms: Basic Search: cell [Revise Search](#)

ers: [Full Text](#)

**REFERENCE (3,027)**

**1 Cell Therapy**

by Margaret Alic  
The Gale Encyclopedia of Neurological Disorders (Vol. 3, 4<sup>th</sup> ed.)  
2,865 words [Topic overview](#)

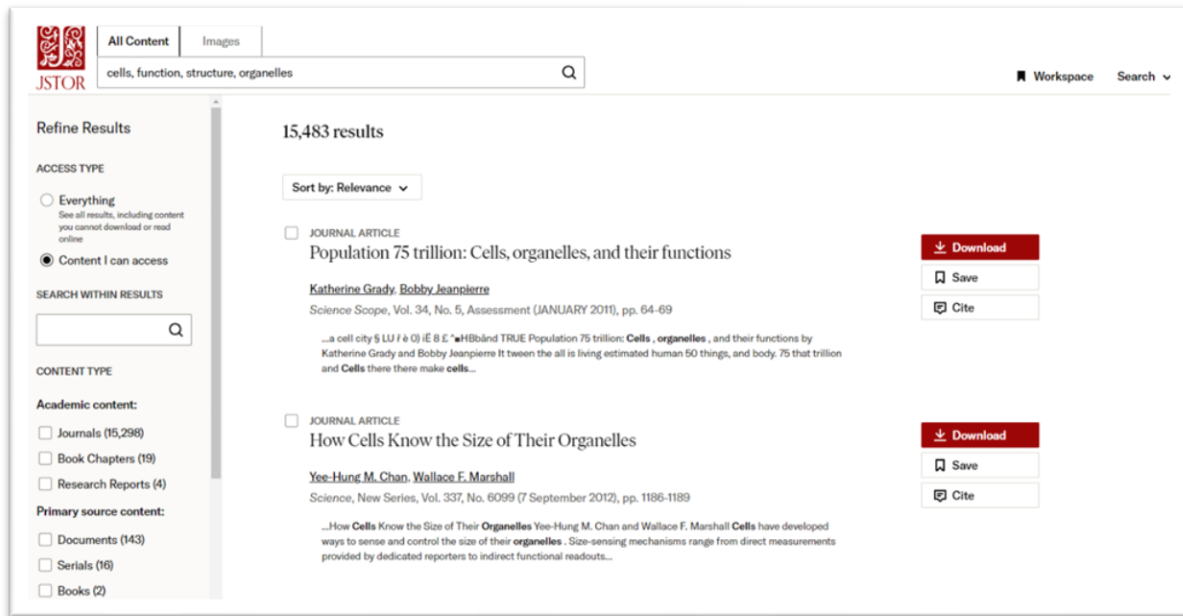
cell therapy (SCT) utilizes stem cells to repair or replace damaged cells or tissues. Stem cells are

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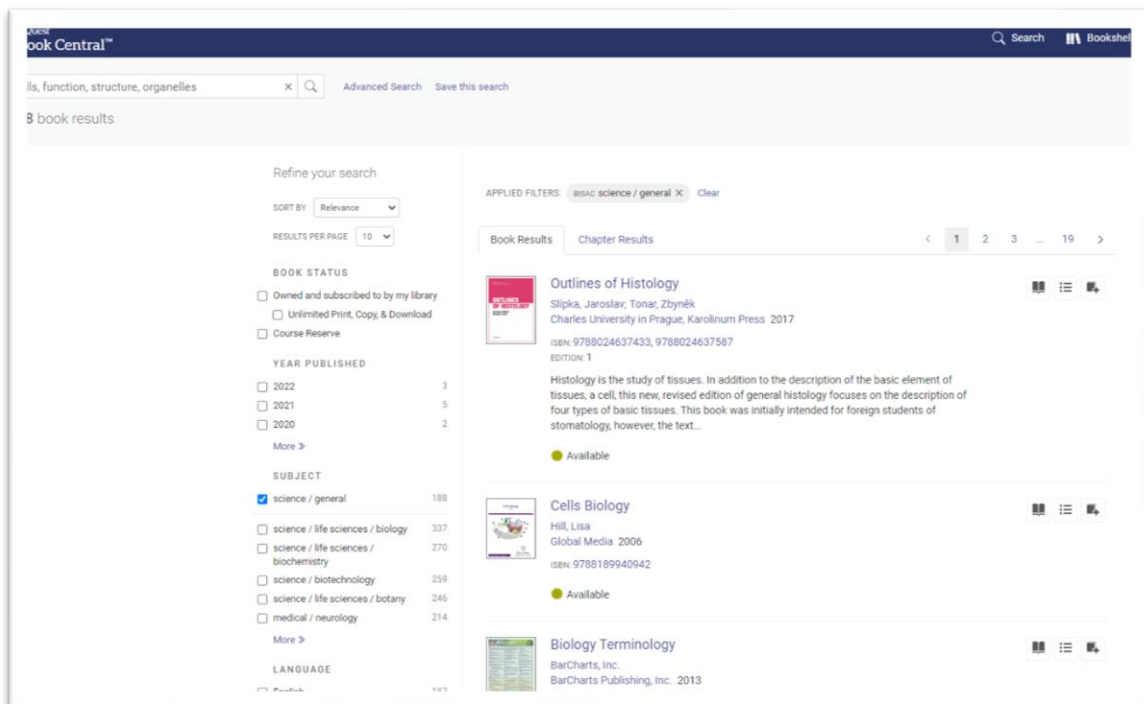
- Subjects
- Publication Title
- Document Type
- Publication Date
- Sections
- Search
- Full Text Documents
- Document Contains Images
- Consumer Health
- En Español
- Peer-Reviewed Journals

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# Cells and their Function: Organ Systems and Survival

Analyse the relationship between structure and function of cells, tissues and organs in a plant and an animal organ system and explain how these systems enable survival of the individual.

- Comparing 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional representations of organ systems to understand how organs are positioned within the body.
- Comparing the structure and function of analogous systems in a plant and an animal.
- Examining the specialised cells and tissues involved in structure and function of particular organs in an organ system.
- Describing the structure of each organ in a system and relating its function to the overall function of the system.
- Researching how a disorder in cells or tissues can affect how an organ functions, such as how hardening of the arteries can lead to poor circulation or heart disease.
- Investigating how an artificial organ mimics or augments the function or functions of a real organ.



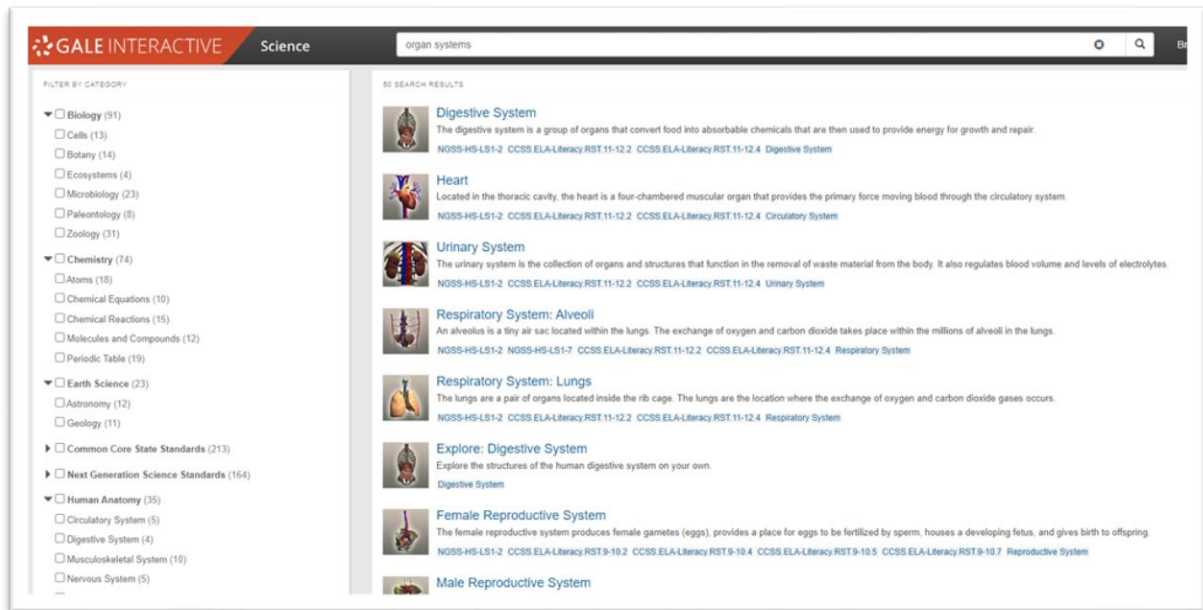
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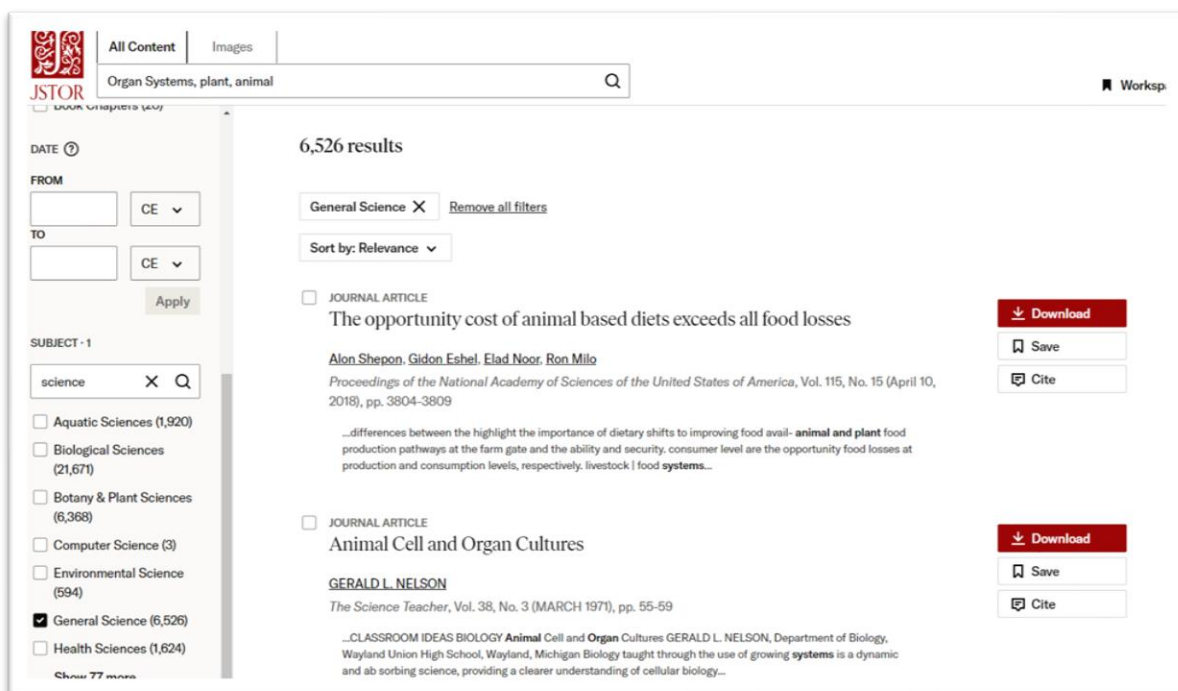
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The screenshot shows the Britannica Library article page for 'organ'. The page features a large header image of a human organ. Below the header, there is a 'TABLE OF CONTENTS' section and a 'Reading Level' indicator showing '2' and '3'. The main content area is titled 'Introduction' and contains the following text: 'In biology, an organ is a structure composed of a group of different tissues that work together to perform a specific function. Most multicellular organisms have one or more organs. The stomach, liver, lungs, and heart are examples of organs found in animals. Stems and leaves are two types of organs found in plants. In higher organisms, organs are grouped into organ systems.' Below the text, there is a video player showing a person in a field. To the right of the video, there is a paragraph: 'Organs and organ systems represent two levels in the structural hierarchy of living things. The hierarchy is composed of five levels of organization that interact within the body to maintain homeostasis. The most basic level of organization is the cell. From'.

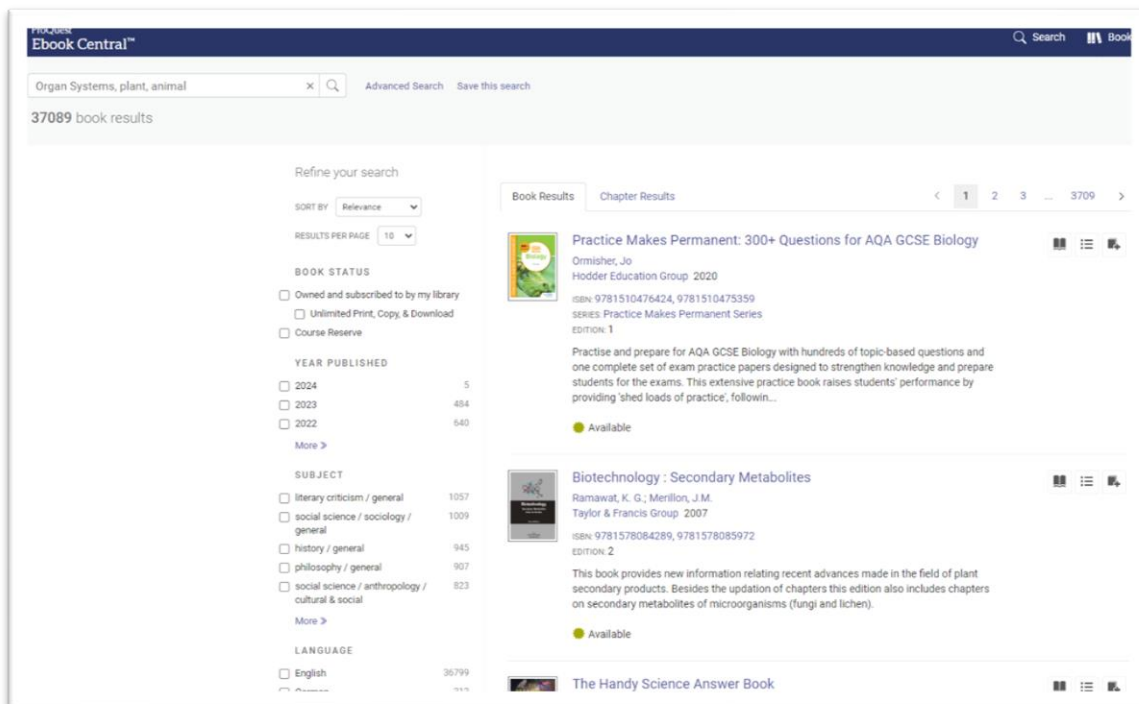
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