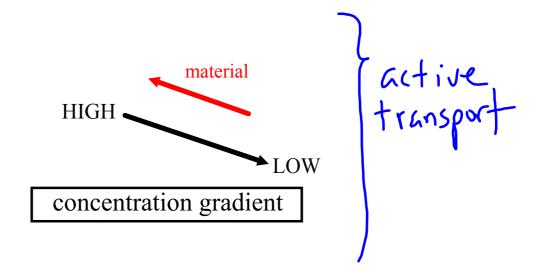
Sometimes cells must move materials <u>against</u> the concentration gradient. This requires the use of cellular energy.



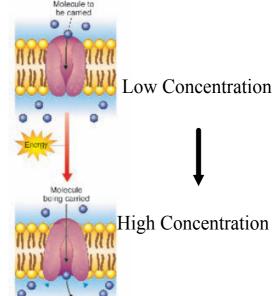
Active Transport

Molecular Transport

Small molecules and ions (calcium, potassium and sodium ions) are carried across membranes by proteins in the membrane that act like energy-requiring pumps.

Changes in protein shape seem to play an important role in the pumping process.

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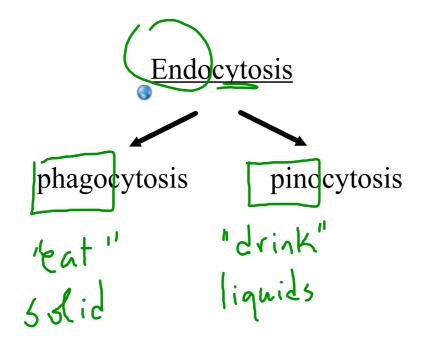


A considerable portion of the energy used by cells in their daily activities is devoted to providing the energy to keep this form of active transport working.

Endocytosis

Endocytosis is the process of taking material <u>into</u> the cell by means of infoldings, or pockets, of the cell membrane.

The pocket that results breaks loose from the outer portion of the cell membrane and forms a vacuole within the cytoplasm.



In <u>phagocytosis</u> (cell eating), extensions of cytoplasm surround a particle and package it within a food vacuole. The cell then engulfs it.

Amoeba (unicellular organism)

In <u>pinocytosis</u>, liquids are taken up from the surrounding environment. Tiny pockets form along the cell membrane, fill with liquid and pinch off to form vacuoles within the cell.

Exocytosis

In the process of <u>exocytosis</u>, cells release large amounts of material <u>from</u> the cell.

The membrane of the vacuole surrounding the material fuses with the cell membrane forcing the contents out of the cell.

The removal of water by a contractile vacuole is an example of this type of transport.

Paramecium (unicellular organism)

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