Osmosis in Red Onions

Initial Red Onion Onion in 10% salt Solution

**Lab Packet Set Up**

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Lab Title

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Onion in Tap-water Analysis Questions

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 Conclusion:

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**Problem Statement: *Copy onto Cover page***

What is the effect of immersing a plant cell in 10% NaCl solution on the plant cell’s vacuole?

**Hypothesis: *Create your own hypothesis based on the problem statement.***

Be sure to include:

* Proper hypothesis format (If…then…because)
* A plausible scientific reason, based on what you have learned in this unit
* Scientific vocabulary from this unit

**Materials: *DO NOT COPY MATERIALS***

# Red onion skins 1 Slide

1 Microscope 1 Eye dropper

10% Sucrose solution 1 Cover slip

50 mL Tap water 50 ml beaker

**Procedure: *COPY PROCEDURE.***

1. Make a wet mount of a piece of red onion skin.
2. Follow standard microscope procedures.
3. Under high power make a diagram of a single cell as you see it. (use lab drawing rules). Add the following labels: large central vacuole, cytoplasm, nucleus, cell wall.
4. Add 10% NaCl solution by gradually dropping approximately 5 drops of sucrose on the slide to the side of the cover slip. “Pull” the solution through by placing a paper towel on the opposite side of the cover slip. Be careful not to make the slide too sloppy.
5. Wait 5 minutes and view. Make a second diagram of what you see in one cell and label it with the terms listed in step 3.
6. Add 7 or 8 drops of tap water to the slide on the side of the cover slip again and “pull” the water through with paper towel.
7. Wait 5 minutes and view. Make a third diagram and label the parts.

**Data Collection: *3 drawings—each drawing must be stamped by teacher—labeled with the following terms:***

* Large central vacuole

**Large central vacuole (w/ purple pigment)**

 **Cytoplasm**

 **Nucleus**

 **Cell Wall**

Figure 1. Red Onion Organelle Locations

* Cytoplasm
* Nucleus
* Cell wall
1. Drawing of **one** initial red onion cell
2. Drawing of **one** **cell** immersed in a **10% NaCl** solution
	* Label the page with the %NaCl
3. Drawing of **one cell** flushed with tap water
	* Label the page with the %NaCl

**Analysis:**

1. Describe the cell and its contents initially. Use biological terms learned in class.
2. Describe the cell after it is flooded with sucrose solution. Use biological terms learned in class.
3. Why did this change occur? Use biological terms learned in class.
4. Describe the cell after it is flooded with H2O again. Use biological terms learned in class.

**Argumentation: Write a conclusive paragraph to discuss your findings using the “Claim Evidence Reasoning” rubric below**

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| **Argumentation (Conclusion) Attributes** |
| **Claim***Conclusive statement* | Correctly answers the experimental question (or correctly states whether the hypothesis/prediction was correct). |
| **Evidence**  | *Highest (hypertonic) data* | Discuss the trends in the vacuole of the hypertonic red onion |
|  | *Lowest (hypotonic) data* | Discusses trends in the vacuole of the hypotonic red onion |
| **Reasoning** | *Linking* | Explains how the evidence supports the claim |
|  | *Scientific Explanation* | Provides a plausible (possible) scientific reason that explains the trend seen in the data. |