How does the cell's semi-permeable membrane allow the cell to function?

Review: Cell membrane function

Made up of a phospholipid bilayer and proteins

Allows items in and out of the cell (i.e. water, important ions)



BUT, *how* do they get water and ions to move in and out?

Diffusion

Let's work together and come up with a definition of diffusion as we watch:

Diffusion in action!

Diffusion

= movement of a solvent from an area of high concentration to an area of low concentration





Osmosis

Let's work together and come up with a definition of diffusion as we watch:

Osmosis!!!!!!!!!

Osmosis

= diffusion of water (WATER equals out concentration) across a semi-permeable membrane



The semi-permeable membrane only allows water and maybe smaller molecules through



more water is Drawn into the concentrated solution



sugar molecules



But HOW do things move in and out of the cell?

It depends on the concentration (or amount) of a substance in the solution (not in the cell):

Three "conditions" of a solution:1.) Isotonic ("even")2.) Hypotonic ("low")3.) Hypertonic ("high")



