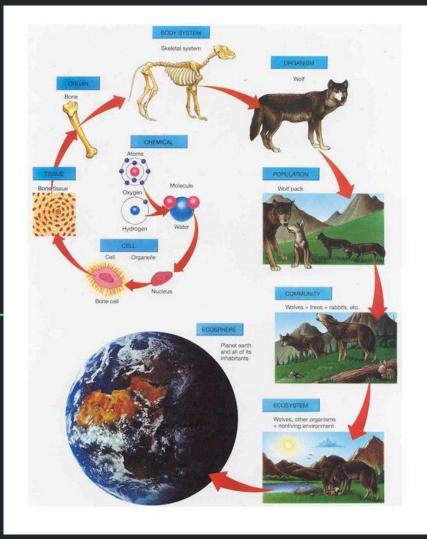
Levels of organization

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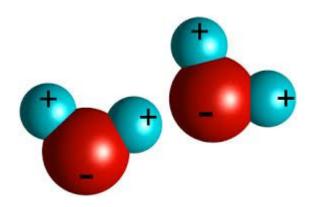


Living things come in a variety of shapes, sizes, and habits.

The levels at which life can be studied ranges from very small to incredibly vast.

Molecules:

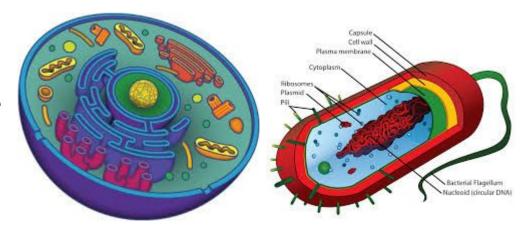
Groups of atoms, the smallest units of a chemical compound





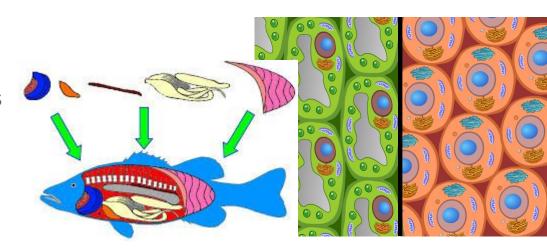
Cells:

The smallest functional unit of life



Groups of Cells:

Tissues, organs, and organ systems



Organism:

Individual living thing





Population:

Group of organisms of one type that live in the same area



Community:

Populations that live together in a defined area



Ecosystem:

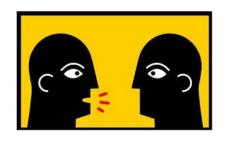
Community and its nonliving surroundings



Biosphere:

The system of Earth that contains all ecosystems.





How could these levels of organizations be applied to us as humans?