

Diffusion and Osmosis Activity

Name: _____

Class: _____

1. Use the phrases below to fill the Venn diagram comparing osmosis and diffusion.

does not need
a partially
permeable

moves through a
partially permeable
membrane

movement of water
molecules only

equalize
concentrations
of two solutions

movement of any
very small particles

movement from high
to low concentration

Osmosis

Diffusion

2. Which type/s of transfer do the statements below refer? Write YES or NO in the boxes.

	Diffusion	Osmosis
A substance moves from an area of high concentration to an area of low concentration		
Can happen in living cells		
A substance moves randomly and evenly spreads out		
The movement does not require energy and is caused by random movement of individual particles		
Only water is involved in this type of movement		
Water moves from a less concentrated solution to a more concentrated solution		

3. Write TRUE or FALSE for each statement

- Osmosis is the movement of water and sugars. _____
- Diffusion is the movement of any small particle (solid, liquid or gas) from a high concentration to a low concentration. _____
- Both diffusion and osmosis require a lot of energy to occur. _____
- Osmosis requires a partially permeable membrane. _____
- A partially permeable membrane allows all size substances to pass through.

4. Do the following statements refer to DIFFUSION or OSMOSIS?

- Sue's plant looked dead but when she watered it, it sprang right back up. _____
- The girl passing you on the road put on too much perfume this morning. _____
- Yum! That smells good. Mommy is cooking rice and peas and chicken. _____
- You put raisins to soak in wine and they swell up. _____
- Mark took off his shoes in class again. The teacher is holding her nose. _____