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# List of Organelles:

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| * Nucleus * Nucleolus * Nucleoid * Ribosomes * Rough Endoplasmic Reticulum * Smooth Endoplasmic Reticulum * Golgi Apparatus | * Chloroplast * Cell Wall * Cytoskeleton * Mitochondrion * Lysosome * Cytoplasm * Central Vacuole |

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I am looking for the following on your dating profile.

* A cellfie (sorry, couldn’t help it!)
* A theme song (can pick a real song, and change the title to match your theme)
* Pick up line (school appropriately, obviously)
* Trendable hashtag
* Where the organelle can be found (Eukaryotic/prokaryotic/both, plant/animal)
* Function of the organelle to keep the cell alive and healthy
* Bad habit we should know about (what happens if you are defective/missing/etc.)

Students will rotate seats to meet and greet each other in character of your organelle. You will have 60-90 seconds each to share your info per person before you rotate. You will collect data at each station, and then rate the info, creativity and enthusiasm of each organelle. At the end we will vote and cell-ebrate (last one, I promise!) the matches we have found!

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