

Unit 7: Microbe Vocabulary:

Microbe – a living thing that can only be seen with a microscope

Virus – something that causes diseases, but is probably not living

Archaeobacteria – a kingdom with living things that have one cell and no nucleus which live in extreme environments

Bacteria – an organism with one cell and no nucleus that live everywhere

Protist – organisms with one cell that has a nucleus

Eubacteria – the kingdom that includes bacteria

Monera – another name for kingdom Eubacteria, which includes bacteria

Autotroph – an organism that can make its own food

Heterotroph – an organism that cannot make its own food, but needs to eat it or absorb it

Cilia – small hairs that some microbes use to move

Flagella – a long whip-like tail that some microbes use to move

Pseudopod – a way of moving a section of the cell that some microbes use to move

Parasite – an organism that lives off another living thing and harms it

Capsule – a covering that protects bacteria