Movement Across the Cell Membrane

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Even More Practice

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f. What is a hypotonic solution?

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a. Can you tell if the cell is in a hypertonic, hypotonic, or isotonic solution? EXPLAIN!

   **NO!** It’s all relative. I need something to compare my 10% solution to before I know if it’s HYPER OR HYPOTONIC

b. What will happen to the cell if it is placed in a 50% salt solution?

c. What will happen if the cell is placed in pure water?

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![Diagram showing solute and solvent concentrations inside and outside the cell.]

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c. Will the cell shrink or swell? ___________SWELL____________