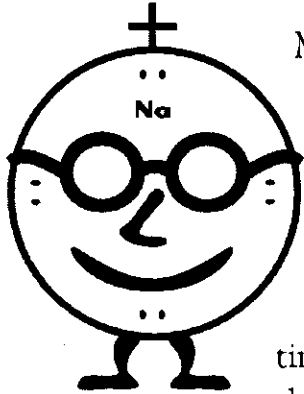


## Activity 3: How is a Cell Like School?

### Reading Selection: How is a Cell Like School?

Every day when you get to school, you see the same building. You probably enter through the same door, walk through the same hallways, and sit in the same classroom. Some days this routine may seem boring. I'd like to tell you some interesting things about my day. It might make you think about your school, and your body's cells, in a whole different way.



My name is Sodi M. Ion. I spend my days inside your body, being transported into and out of your cells and wandering around their different parts, or organelles. Does this sound at all like your day at school yet? Come, let me show you.

First, we have to wait for the transport protein to pick us up. It always takes longer than I want it to. When I have to wait a long time for the transport protein to come, I get impatient and think about how I could have rested a little longer. Do you ever feel that way while waiting for your ride to school?

Hooray, here it comes! I hope Pat Tassium isn't riding with us today. He tells goofy jokes and butts into my conversations with Chlora Inn, one of my best friends. Come on, let's go.

We're in luck. We have this transport all to ourselves. This will be a short trip. We are just going to visit that cell over there. Usually, I deliver energy food to the cell, something like water or glucose, but today, I'll just show you around.

