

# prokaryotes *(pro-kar-y-otes)*

## Definition

plural n. Microorganisms that lack a distinct nucleus and membrane-bound organelles, including bacteria and cyanobacteria.

## Example Sentence

**Prokaryotes** are some of the oldest forms of life on Earth.

## More Example Sentences

Scientists study **prokaryotes** to understand the basic mechanisms of life.

## Synonyms

bacteria; archaea; microbes

## Antonyms

eukaryotes; multicellular organisms; plants

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