MIT Edgerton Center Protein Set Worksheet

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Answer the questions using Protein Booklet 1: Introduction to Structure and Function (pages 3-18).

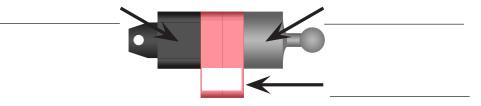
1. What are the subunits of proteins called?_____

They are small molecules. Proteins are flexible chains made from these subunits.

2. Explain how a person gets these subunits into their cells to make new proteins.

3. How many different amino acids are there?_____

4. Here is a model of an amino acid. Label the 3 parts of the molecule.



- 5. The amino acid above is pink (acidic). What is this amino acid's full name? ______
- 6. Write the abbreviation for the amino acid on the model above.

7. Is this pink amino acid hydrophobic or hydrophilic?_____

8. If a protein chain was surrounded by water, would you expect to find a pink amino acid in the middle of the folded protein? Or on the outside surface of the protein? Explain your thinking.

9. Name 3 hydrophobic amino acids.

10. Number the amino acids correctly in the diagram on the right.

