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# Breathing Cells Activity – Breathing Bubbles Worksheet

### Observations

Record the pH colors of the **four unknown solutions**. What do you think each solution is?

Solution #1: color of indicator: \_\_\_\_\_ What is it? \_\_\_\_\_

Solution #2: color of indicator: \_\_\_\_\_ What is it? \_\_\_\_\_

Solution #3: color of indicator: \_\_\_\_\_ What is it? \_\_\_\_\_

Solution #4: color of indicator: \_\_\_\_\_ What is it? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the color of the indicator *before breathing into it*?

Record **how many breaths** it takes to change the indicator color (list results in table below):

	Number of Breaths				
	At rest	After exercising			
Trial 1 (partner #1)					
Trial 2 (partner #2)					

#### Results

What color did the indicator change? Why?

Did the indicator change more quickly after exercising or at rest? Why?

Did the indicator change more quickly depending on which partner was blowing in the straw? Why?

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## Graphing

Create a histogram showing the differences between the number of breaths at rest and the number of breaths after excercising for each trial.

#### **Engineering and Bioremediation**

Why are engineers interested in understanding how cellular respiration affects pH?

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How can engineers use pH to measure bioremediation?

Think about the activity you just completed. What recommendations could you make to an engineering company who is doing bioremediation for a contaminated environmental site to increase the rate at which the cells clean up the pollution?