

guard cell *(guard-cell)*

Definition

n. One of the paired cells in the epidermis of a plant that control the opening and closing of a stoma of a leaf.

Example Sentence

The guard cells swell with water to open the stoma, allowing gas exchange.

More Example Sentences

When the plant is dehydrated, the guard cells lose water and close the stoma.

Synonyms

stomatal cell; epidermal cell; plant cell

Antonyms

non-guard cell; subsidiary cell; root cell

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