Flow Cytometry Worksheet

A Lead-in

1 Have you ever worked with a flow cytometer? Is it difficult to manipulate? Why yes/no?

2 What is flow cytometry used for?

B Vocabulary warm-up

B1 Pronounce correctly and find the Czech equivalent:

1 Particles	a) odpovídající, příslušný
2 Fluid	b) vydávat, vyzařovat
3 Beam	c) čočky
4 Granularity	d) optická lavice/soustava
5 Complexity	e) zpracovat
6 Fluorescence	f) granularita
7 Emit	g) částice
8 Scatter	h) paprsek
9 Illuminate	i) složení (buňky)
10 Appropriate	j) kapalina
11 Convert	k) světélkování
12 Process	m) laločnatost
13 Lenses	n) rozptýlit
14 Lobularity	o) osvítit, ozářit
15 Optical bench	p) přeměnit



C Reading

C1 Do the reading activity and answer the following questions:

- 1 What properties of a cell or particle can you measure by a flow cytometer?
- 2 What light source is used in most flow cytometers? Which verbs do you associate with light?

3 What are the three main systems in a flow cytometer? What is their role?

C2 Now read the following text and fill each gap with ONE word. Then answer the three questions below.

In the flow cytometer, _______ (1) are carried to the laser in a fluid stream. The part of the fluid stream where these are located is called the sample core. _______ (2) particles pass through the laser beam, they scatter laser light. Any fluorescent molecules present _______ (3) the particle fluoresce. The scattered and fluorescent light is collected _______ (4) lenses. A combination of beam splitters and filters brings the scattered and fluorescent light to the detectors. The detectors produce electronic signals. ______ (5) signals correspond with the optical signals striking the detectors.

- 4 What is the name of the portion of the fluid stream where the cells are located?
- 5 When cells labelled with fluorescent molecules pass through the laser beam, what two types of light signals are generated? 6 Which part of the flow cytometer collects light emitted from a particle?

D Flow cytometry – listening

A Match these words to make collocations:

1 compare	a) cells through the cytometer
2 treat	b) an antigen
3 put	c) through the laser beam
4 pass	d) to the blood
5 detect	e) patients
6 spread	f) results
7 label up	g) leukaemia
8 align	h) with a fluorescent antibody
9 recognize	i) cells into a single file

B Listen and decide if the statements are true or false.

1 Dr Wallace meets a lot of patients every day.

2 He mentions two examples of samples he works with.

3 As examples of antigens, he mentions CD4, leukaemia and lymphoma antigens.

4 As part of his job, he looks for ways to treat minimal residual disease (=decrease the number of leukaemic cells).

5 The standard flow cytometers in their laboratory can process 70 000 cells per second.

6 Thanks to the flow cytometer, the pathologist can look at hundreds of thousand cells per second.

7 They are able to get results in two hours.

8 According to Dr Wallace, ancillary tests are always necessary.

E Grammar point

Past perfect (předminulý čas)

1	You went to Sue's house, but she wasn't there. (she / go / out) She had gone out.
2	You went back to your home town after many years. It wasn't the same as before. (it / change / a lot)
3	I invited Rachel to the party, but she couldn't come. (she / arrange / to do something else)
4	You went to the cinema last night. You got to the cinema late.
5	It was nice to see Daniel again after such a long time. (I / not / see / him for five years)
6	I offered Sue something to eat, but she wasn't hungry. (she / just / have / breakfast)
Fo	or each situation, write a sentence ending with never before. Use the verb in brackets.
1	The man sitting next to you on the plane was very nervous. It was his first flight. (fly) He'd never flown before.
2	Somebody sang a song. I didn't know it. (hear) I before
3	Sam played tennis yesterday. He wasn't very good at it because it was his first game.
4	Last year we went to Mexico. It was our first time there. (be there) We
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(stop) to help.

(break) down, so we