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The single-celled amoeba lives an extraordinary life
With asexual reproduction there's no need for a wife
So when the amoeba is ready it can do its own thing
To produce some intelligent and identical offspring
The amoeba is envied by its many microbe friends
You know this to be true if you look through a lens
Engulfing smaller microorganisms with phagocytosis
It can absorb or remove water through crucial osmosis
So when the amoeba decides it is time for the fission
The food vacuole must provide it the needed nutrition
The plasma membrane traps what is soon-to-be dinner
Because within the food chain, the amoeba is a winner
For us humans from the amoeba grave danger may lurk
Amoebic dysentery or encephalitis would not be a perk
It would not be long before you say the amoeba is a jerk
Maintaining homeostasis is the amoeba's primary goal
And if you asked why it'd say, "cause that's how I roll"
Understanding the amoeba there should be no confusion
Gases like oxygen can enter and leave through diffusion
And with that being said, we have reached the conclusion.