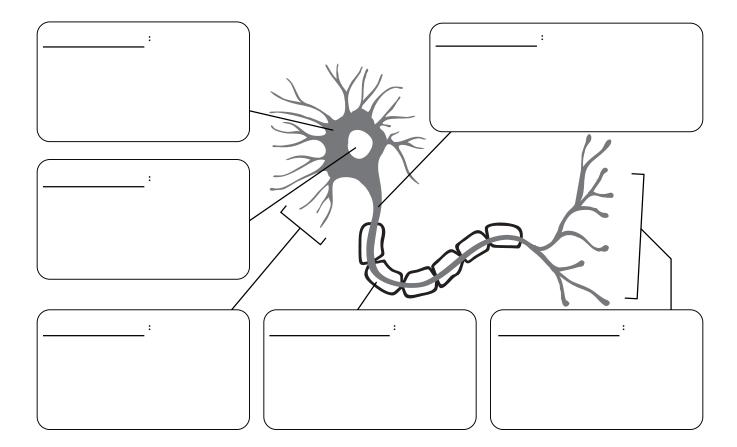


## Anatomy of a Neuron

Specialized cells called neurons transmit messages in the body and the brain. Each part of a neuron has a specific function that helps the cell do its job.

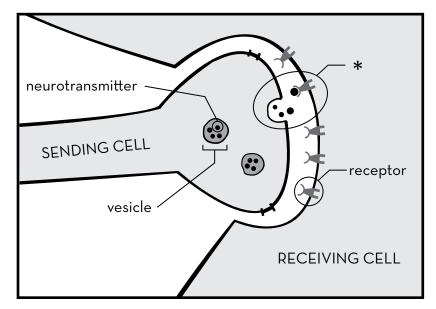
- 1. Visit <u>Make a Mad, Mad, Mad Neuron</u> on Learn.Genetics.utah.edu
- 2. Label each part of the neuron and briefly describe the function:



## Anatomy of a Synapse

Neurons communicate with each other at a junction called a synapse. Structures on the sending and receive cells work together to transmit messages.

1. Visit <u>Crossing the Divide</u> on Learn.Genetics.utah.edu



- **2.** Answer the questions about the synapse diagram:
  - **a.** What is happening in the circle marked with the  $\bigstar$ ?
  - **b.** What will happen next?