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The Plasma Membrane

3. Answers will vary. A structure with a similar function would allow a cell to obtain nutrients, while protecting the cell from undesirable substances.

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1. The gate blocks or regulates access to the facility.
2. A security station not only prevents undesirable elements from entering, but also regulates how and when desirable elements enter a facility. It also prevents desirable elements, such as valuable property, from being taken from the facility.



1. What is the purpose of the security gate in the photo?
2. Why might it be beneficial for a facility to have such a structure?
3. Do you think the individual cells of an organism would benefit from a structure that served a similar function on the cellular level? Explain why or why not.