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Science Sentences

Complete the sentences below using one of the weekly focus words (or a related word).

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The debate over stem cell research has caused some Hollywood stars to enter the world of politics. Michael J. Fox, a movie and TV star, has given money to political candidates who support _____ stem cell research. For him, _____ the medical uses of stem cells _____ from human _____ is very important. In 1991 Fox was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. This disease occurs when cells in the brain die or stop functioning well. These cells help the body's muscles to move in a smooth and coordinated way. Because their muscles do not have enough of these cells, people who have Parkinson's Disease experience shaking, slow movement, stiffness, and problems with balance. Some medicines can help, but there is no cure. However, like people who have been _____ by spinal injury, scientists _____ that stem cell research may lead to much better treatment for those with Parkinson's Disease. Yet this type of research is controversial. President Bush does not want the government to pay for research on stem cells. Congress continues to discuss this important issue.