Unit 2: Etiology Activity 2: TB Transmission

1. Order the following list of steps involved in becoming infected with pulmonary tuberculosis.

 TB bacteria are contained within the tubercle and infection is considered latent.
 T-cells recognize the particles of TB bacteria as a threat. They help to form a tubercle around the bacteria to isolate them and protect the body.
 The immune system responds to the foreign bacteria. Macrophages, white blood cells, engulf the TB bacteria but the bacteria are able to multiply and burst out of the macrophages.
 The bacteria are inhaled and enter the lungs.
 Dendritic cells engulf the TB bacteria, break them down into small particles, and transport the particles to the lymph nodes.
 If the immune system is weakened the tubercle may break down, releasing bacteria back out into the body causing renewed active infection.

