### **Reporting Category 1: Cell Structure and Function**

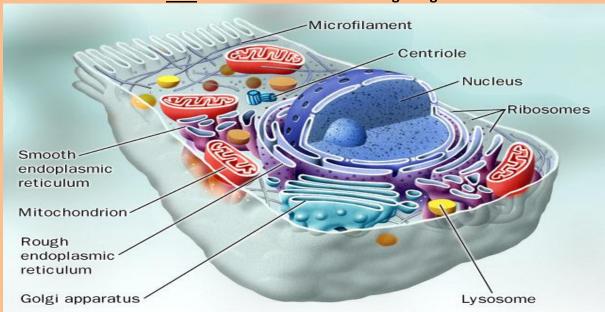
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- Biology is the study of life and living organisms.
- An **organism** is a complete, individual, living thing.
- All organisms are formed from the same basic building block cells.

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### **Key Ideas**

### **Cells** are the smallest units of living things



# Simple cells are called <u>prokaryotic</u>; Complex cells are called <u>eukaryotic</u> Cell Parts or Organelles

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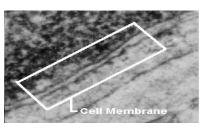
4B
Investigate and explain cellular processes, including homeostasis, energy conversions, transport of molecules, and synthesis of new materials (RS)

#### **Cellular Processes**

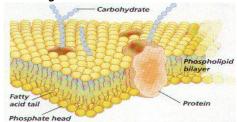
**I. Homeostasis** is a process by which organisms keep internal conditions relatively stable regardless of changes in the external environment. It is important because the processes that keep the cell alive can only take place under certain internal conditions.

- · Balanced internal condition of cells
- Homeostasis is also called equilibrium
- Maintained by plasma membrane controlling what enters & leaves the cell

# Plasma or Cell Membrane The cell membrane is flexible and allows a unicellular organism to move





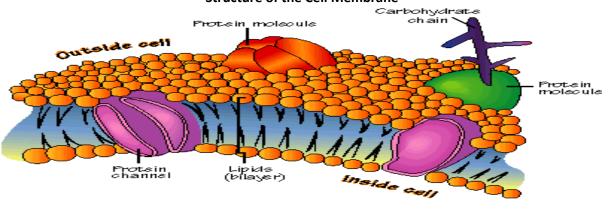


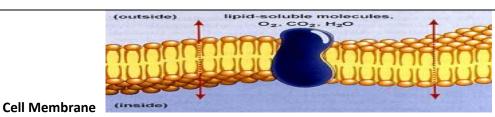
When you **transpor**t something, you move it from one place to another. Cells transport materials across the cell membrane.

#### Functions (what they do) of Plasma or Cell Membrane

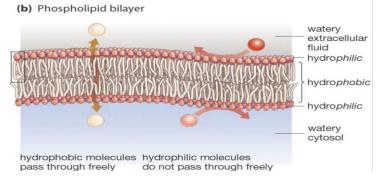
- ✓ Protective barrier
- ✓ Regulate transport in & out of cell (selectively permeable- only lets some things and out of the cell like a club bouncer; Specifically, small molecules and larger hydrophobic molecules move through easily. e.g.
   O₂, CO₂, H₂O; Ions, hydrophilic molecules larger than water, and large molecules such as proteins do not move through the membrane on their own.
- ✓ Allow cell recognition
- ✓ Provide anchoring sites for filaments of cytoskeleton
- ✓ Provide a binding site for enzymes
- ✓ Interlocking surfaces bind cells together (junctions)
- ✓ Contains the cytoplasm (fluid in cell)

#### **Structure of the Cell Membrane**





- Polar heads are hydrophilic "water loving"
- <u>Nonpolar tails</u> are hydrophobic "water fearing"
   Makes membrane "Selective" in what crosses "Selectively permeable"



#### **II. Types of Transport Across Cell Membranes**

### **Simple Diffusion**



Requires NO energy; Molecules move from area of HIGH to LOW concentration

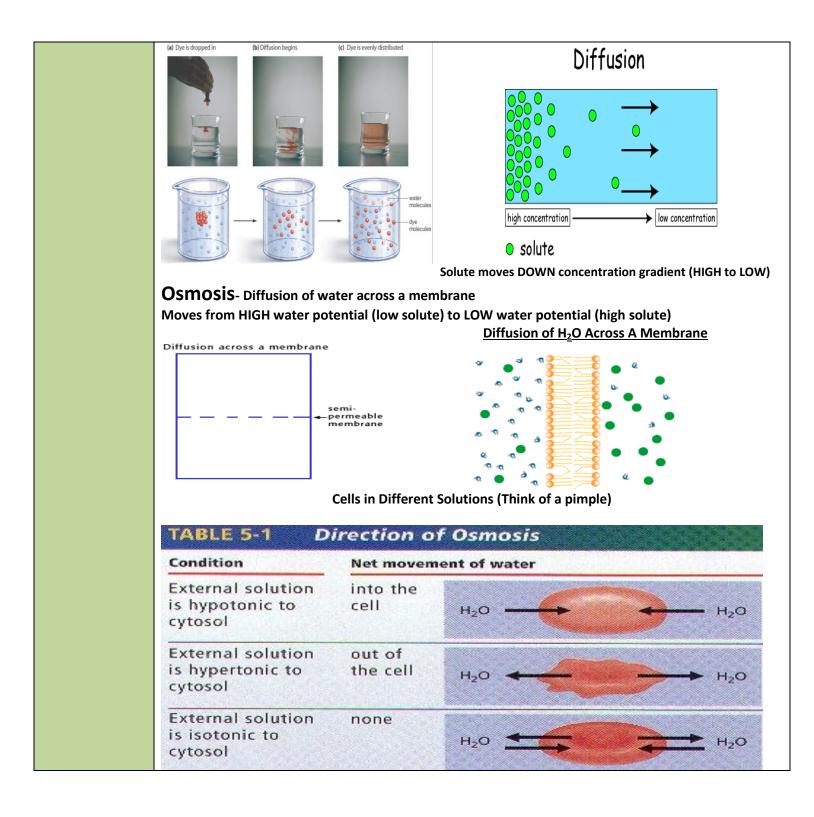
#### **DIFFUSION**

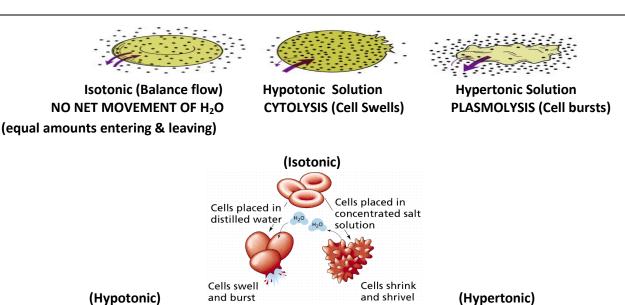
Diffusion is a PASSIVE process which means no energy is used to make the molecules move,

they have a natural KINETIC ENERGY

Ex: Diffusion of Liquids

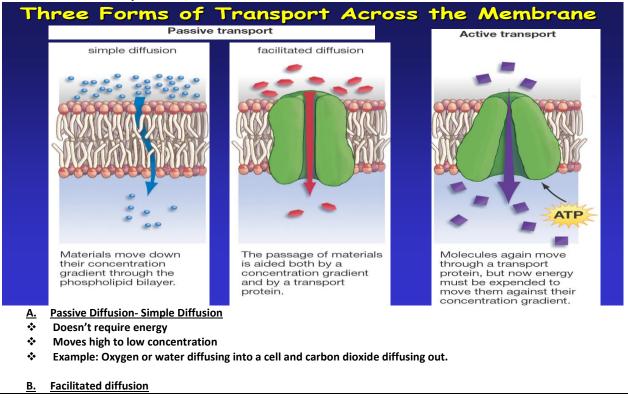
Diffusion through a Membrane





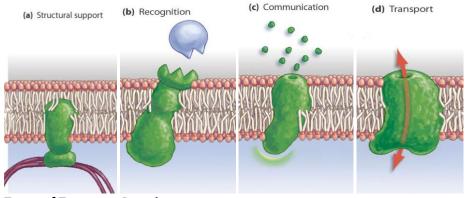
### **III. Energy Conversions**

**Three Forms of Transport Across the Membrane** 



- Doesn't require energy
- Uses transport proteins to move high to low concentration
- Examples: Glucose or amino acids moving from blood into a cell.
- C. Active Transport
- \* Requires energy or ATP
- \* Moves materials from LOW to HIGH concentration
- **❖** AGAINST concentration gradient
- Examples: Pumping Na<sup>+</sup> (sodium ions) out and K<sup>+</sup> (potassium ions) in against strong concentration gradients.
- Called Na+-K+ Pump

#### **Proteins Are Critical to Membrane Function**

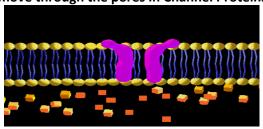


### **Types of Transport Proteins**

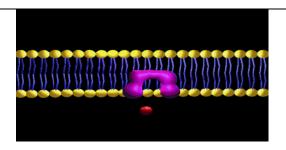
- Channel proteins are embedded in the cell membrane & have a pore for materials to cross
- Carrier proteins can change shape to move material from one side of the membrane to the other

#### **Facilitated Diffusion**

Molecules will randomly move through the pores in Channel Proteins.



- Some Carrier proteins do not extend through the membrane.
- They bond and drag molecules through the lipid bilayer and release them on the opposite side.





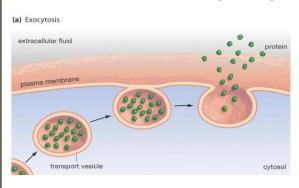
#### **Carrier Proteins**

Other carrier proteins change shape to move materials across the cell membrane

#### **Exocytosis** - moving things out of the cell

- Molecules are moved out of the cell by vesicles that fuse with the plasma membrane.
- This is how many hormones are secreted and how nerve cells communicate with one another

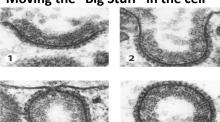
### Moving the "Big Stuff" Out in the Cell





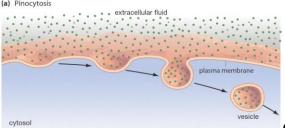
 $\textbf{Endocytosis-} \textbf{Large molecules move materials into the cell by one of three forms of \textbf{endocytosis.}}$ 

### Moving the "Big Stuff" in the cell



### **3 Types of Endocytosis**

A. <u>Pinocytosis</u>- Most common form of endocytosis; Takes in <u>dissolved molecules</u> as a vesicle

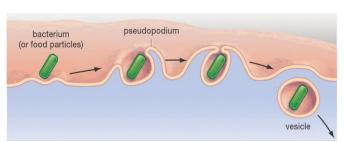


Cell form an invagination

\*Materials dissolve in water to be brought into cell

B. <u>Phagocytosis</u> Used to engulf large particles such as <u>food</u>, <u>bacteria</u>, <u>etc.</u> into <u>vesicles</u>;

Called "Cell Drinking"

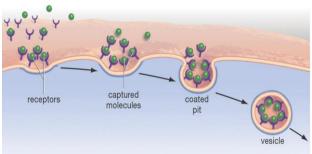


Phagocytosis about to occur



C. Receptor-Mediated Endocytosis

Some integral proteins have receptors on their surface to recognize & take in hormones, cholesterol, etc.



Summary of Cellular Processes				
<ul> <li>Homeostasis</li> </ul>	Regulation of conditions (like pH or temperature) within a cell which			
allows for stable, "normal" internal equilibrium (balance)				
Energy Conversions	During photosynthesis, plant cells use energy from the sun to make			
	sugar called glucose; during aerobic cellular respiration, mitochondria			

	release energy from molecules like glucose			
	Molecule     Molecules move in and out of cells across the cell membrane by			
	transportation	ike transport proteins) requires		
		iffusion) does not		
	Synthesis of New     Cells can create new molecule from simpler molecules, like when			
	Molecules	proteins are made from amino ac	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
4C	Structure of Viruses			
Compare the structures of viruses to cells, describe viral reproduction, and describe the role of viruses in causing diseases such	Virus Structure  DNA or RNA	Capsid  VELOPE  SPIKES		
as human immunodeficie ncy virus (HIV) and influenza (RS)	CAPSOMERES  Outside View of a Virus			
		Viruses and Cells		
	Characteristic	Virus	Cell	
	Structure	DNA or RNA in capsid, some with envelope	Cell membrane, cytoplasm, eukaryotes also contain nucleus and many organelles	
	Reproduction	Only within a host cell	Independent cell division, either asexually or sexually	
	Genetic Code	DNA or RNA	DNA	
	Growth and Development	No	Yes; in multicellular organisms, cells increase in number and differentiate	
	Obtain and use energy	No	Yes—Eukaryotic ell	
	Response to Environment	No	Yes	
	Change over time	Yes	Yes	
	• A virus is a nonlin	ring particle made up of proteins, nucleic	acids, and sometimes lipids.	

surrounded by a protein coat called a capsid.

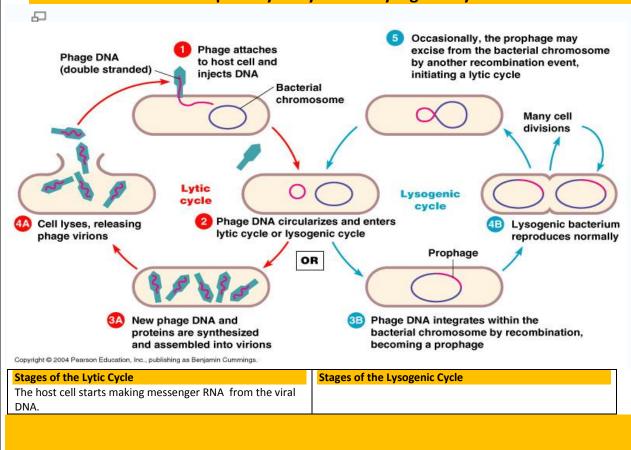
Viruses can reproduce only by infecting living cells. A virus consists of a core of DNA or RNA

- Unlike a cell, a virus lacks structures to take in food, break apart food for energy, or synthesize molecules.
- Because viruses are noncellular and cannot perform most functions of life, scientists classify viruses as nonliving particles. However, viruses are able to perform one life function- reproduction- with the aid of a host organism.
- Hosts can be <u>prokaryotes or eukaryotes</u>.
- Viruses that use prokaryotes as host cells are called **bacteriophages** or **phages**.

### **Viral Reproduction**

Viruses reproduce by taking over the host cell. The process begins when a virus attaches to the outside of a cell. The virus then injects its genetic material into the cell. After the viral genetic material enters a host cell, one of two processes may occur.

### A. Steps of Lytic Cycle and Lysogenic cycle



#### Role of Viruses in Causing Diseases Such as HIV and Influenza

Viruses can cause disease in humans through the lytic cycle such as HIV and Influenza.

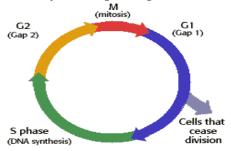
Influenza

**HIV** and

HIV	Influenza or the "flu"
Human immunodeficiency Virus or HIV	Influenza or the flu
Causes AIDS or Acquired immunodeficiency Syndrome;	RNA virus
currently there is no cure for AIDS because HIV mutates	
and evolves rapidly;	
HIV infects and destroys immune system cells called helper	Infects the respiratory tract of humans as well as other
T cells; Helper T cells play a role in keeping the body free from disease	animals
When HIV attacks a helper T cell, it binds to the cell membrane and enters the cell. Once the virus is inside the cell, it uses the cell's structures to make new viruses. Then the virus destroys the cell and the new viruses are released into the bloodstream. They travel throughout the blood, infecting and destroying other helper T cells.	The death of the infected cells and a person's immune system response causes inflammation which leads to sore throat and mucus secretions
As an HIV infection progresses, more helper T cells are destroyed. Doctors determine the number of helper T cells in the blood of people with HIV infections to monitor how far their infections have progressed. The fewer the T-cells in the blood, the more advanced the infection.	Infection causes mild to severe illness, including fever, cough, headache, and a general feeling of tiredness
As the immune system becomes increasingly compromised by HIV, the body becomes more susceptible to diseases that seldom show up in people with a healthy immune system; People who have AIDS die from other diseases because their immune system is too weak to fight off infections (opportunistic diseases)	Infection lasts for 1 to 2 weeks and can cause a more severe illness

5A
Describe the stages of the cell cycle, including deoxyribonucle ic acid replication and mitosis, and the importance of cell cycle to the growth of the organism (Readiness Standard)

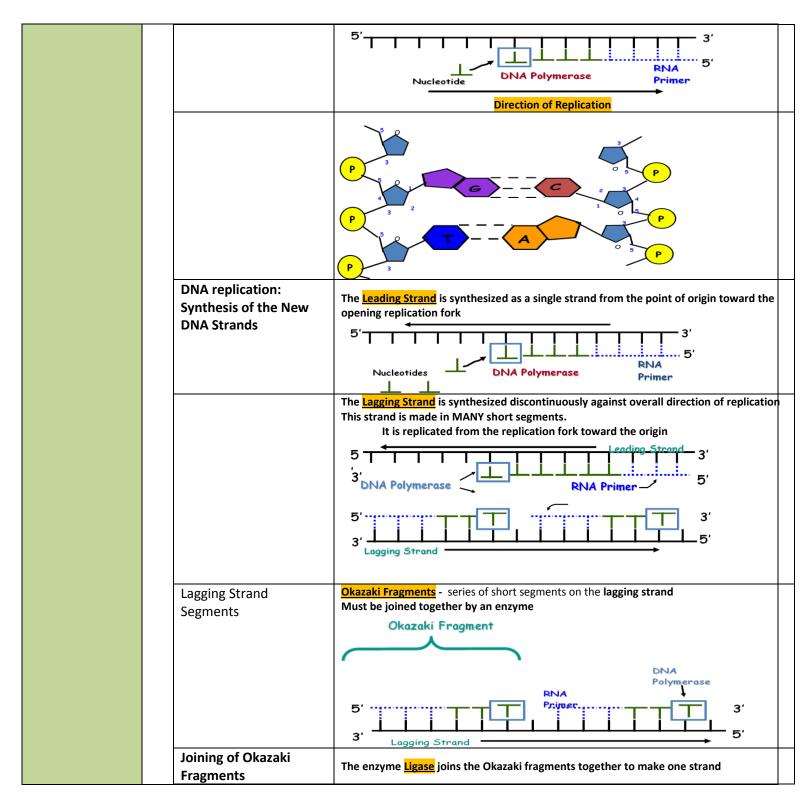
### The Cell Cycle: Stages in growth & division

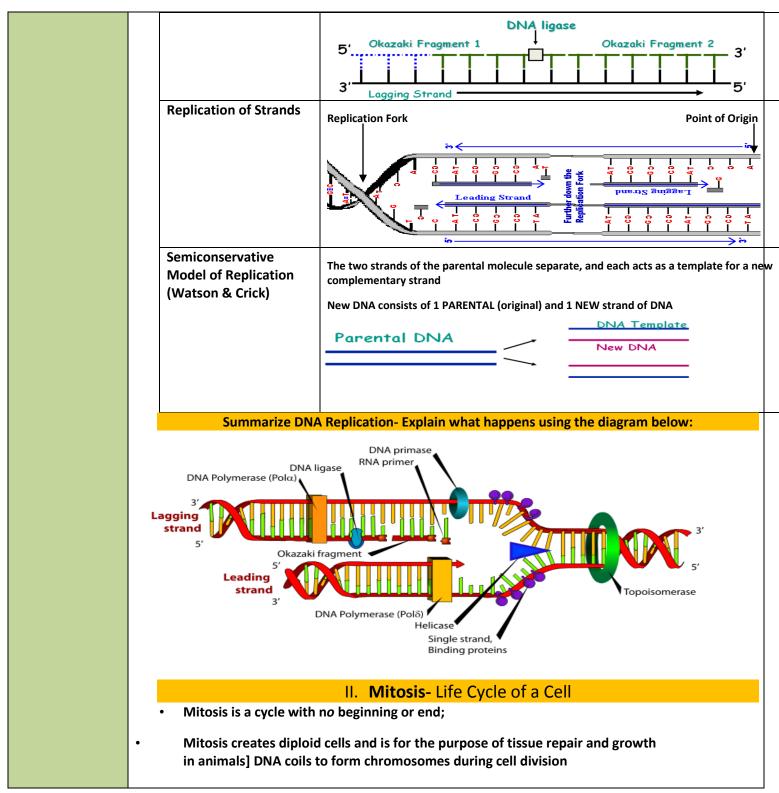


G1 Phase	S Phase	G2 Phase	M Phase (Mitosis)	Cytokinesis (Cell plate forming between the two cells)
First growth stage	Copying of all of DNA's instructions	Time between DNA synthesis & mitosis	Cell growth & protein production stop	Occurs after chromosomes separate
Cell increases in	Chromosomes	Cell continues	Cell's energy used to	Forms two, identical daughter

size	duplicated	growing	make 2 daughter cells	cells
Cell prepares to copy its DNA		Needed proteins produced	Called mitosis or karyokinesis (nuclear division)	
each DNA strand	d serves as a templa	te (pattern) for a new, co	copies; enzyme help DNA	A strands unwind and separates; orm by matching (pairing) cule
Replication	Facts	<ul> <li>DNA is of interphase</li> </ul>	s to be copied before copied during the S or ase Is will need identical	synthesis phase of
Synthesis Pl (S phase)	5	phase during interph ccurs in the Nucleus	nase of the cell cycle of eukaryotes	5
		DNA replication place in the S p	hase.	phase  Aitosis  prophase metaphase anaphase telaphase
DNA Replica	ell) Tv	gins at Origins of Replica vo strands open forming ew strands grow at the fo	Replication Forks (Y-shap	ed region)
		5' Parental DNA / 3'	Molecule	Replication Fork
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template fo building of t half. Use th	r the the new			

paring rules : A-T ; C-G	
Example)	
TACGGAC (old strand)	
ATGCCTG (new strand	
	As the 2 DNA strands open at the origin, Replication Bubbles form
	Prokaryotes (bacteria) have a single bubble
	Eukaryotic chromosomes have MANY bubbles
	Bubbles Bubbles
	Enzyme Helicase unwinds and separates the 2 DNA strands by breaking the weak
	hydrogen bonds
	Single-Strand Binding Proteins attach and keep the 2 DNA strands separated
	and untwisted
	Enzyme Topoisomerase attaches to the 2 forks of the bubble to relieve stress on the DNA
	molecule as it separates
	Enzyme (
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	/ DNA / /
	Before new DNA strands can form, there must be RNA primers present to start the
	addition of new nucleotides;
	Primase is the enzyme that synthesizes the RNA Primer;
	DNA polymerase can then add the new nucleotides
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	dR ade ura R P P P 5'
	Origin of Replication  5 PPP R ade thy dR 3
	P RNA primer P
	dR try
	P Gua dr. P
	dR ade 3' thy dR P
	dR cyt gua R P RNA gua dR P
	P dR gua cyt R P P P 5
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	DNA polymerase can only add nucleotides to the 3' end of the DNA
	This causes the NEW strand to be built in a 5' to 3' direction

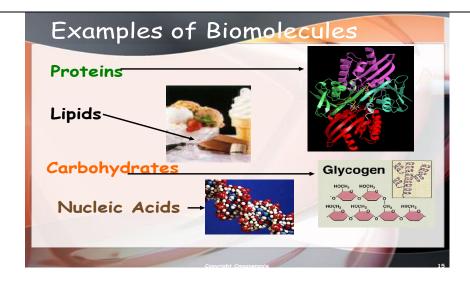




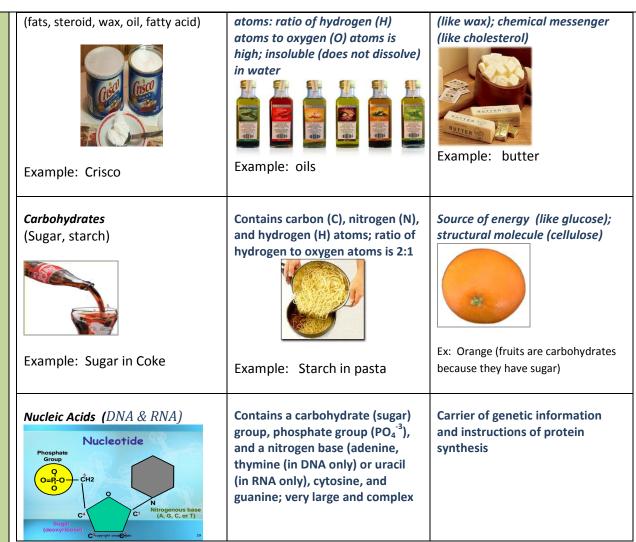
### **Interphase** – Resting Stage Cells carrying on normal activities Chromosomes aren't visible Cell metabolism is occurring Occurs before mitosis **Cells Undergoing Mitosis Stages of Mitosis (PMAT) Prophase** Metaphase Anaphase **Telophase** arent cell PROPHASE - DNA + proteins coil into chromosomes, nuclear membrane breaks down, spindle fibers form. **Prophase** METAPHASE -chromosomes attach to spindle fibers and line up in the center of the cell. Metaphase ANAPHASE - identical chromatids separate, spindle fibers move them to opposite sides. Anaphase TELOPHASE -Telophase disappear, cytokinesis divides the cell in two. DNA coils tightly & becomes visible as chromosomes **Prophase Nuclear membrane disappears Nuceolus disappears** Centrioles migrate to poles Spindle begins to form

	Metaphase	<ul> <li>Spindle fibers from centrioles attach to each chromosome</li> <li>Cell preparing to separate its chromosomes</li> <li>Cell aligns its chromosomes in the middle of the cell</li> </ul>
	Anaphase	> Cell chromosomes are separated
	Aster  Polar microtubule  Kinetochore microtubule  Kinetochore Kinetochore  Kinetochore Microtubule  Kinetochore Microtub	> Spindle fibers shorten so chromosomes pulled to ends of cell
	Telophase	Separation of chromosomes completed
		Cell Plate forms (plants)
		Cleavage furrow forms(animals)
		Nucleus & nucleolus reform
		> Chromosomes uncoil
	Cytokinesis	Occurs after chromosomes separate
	(Cell plate forming between the two cells)	> Forms two, identical daughter cells
	III. Importance of the cell cycl	e to the growth of the organism
9A Compare the structures and functions of different types		Types of Biomolecules
of biomolecules, including carbohydrates,		

lipids, proteins, and nucleic acids (*Readiness Standard*)



Biomolecule	Structure	Function
Protein (enzyme, hormone)  Example: Nuts	Contains carbon (C), nitrogen (N), oxygen (O), hydrogen (H), and possibly sulfur (S) atoms; made of amino acids; large and complex	Used to build cells;  Structural molecule (like keratin in fingernails); enzyme, hormone, transport molecule (like hemoglobin in blood); contractions
	Example: Muscle	
Lipids	Contains carbon(C), oxygen (O), hydrogen (H), and possibly other	Source of energy; cell membrane component; protective coating



Cells Use ATP from Biochemical energy for: Active transport, Movement, Photosynthesis, Protein Synthesis, Cellular respiration, and all other cellular reactions

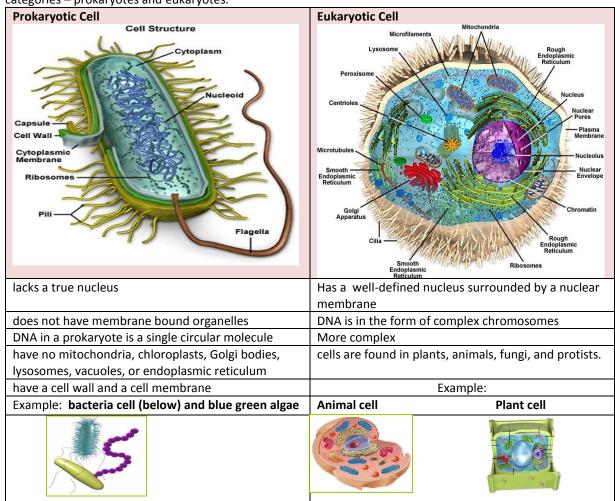
### Structure of Biomolecules

CARBOHYDRATE	PROTEIN	LIPID (Fat)	NUCLEIC ACID
(Sugar – Glucose)	(One Amino Acid)		(One Nucleotide)
CH <sub>2</sub> OH  H C OH OH OH OH OH OH OH OH	+H <sub>3</sub> N — C — C — N — C — C — R <sub>1</sub>	O H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H	

4A
Compare and
contrast
prokaryotic
and eukaryotic
cells
(Supporting
Standard)

#### **DIFFERENCES IN CELLS**

Cells can be grouped according to their similarities and differences. All cells can be divided into two categories – prokaryotes and eukaryotes.



**Eukaryotic cells** also differ between plants and animals. Plant cells contain three structures not found in animal cells – cell walls, large central vacuoles, and plastids. Centrioles are found in some, but not all types of plant cells. They are found in all animal cells.

Summary					
Characteristic	Prokaryote (Bacteria and Blue green algae)	Eukaryote (Plant and animal cell)			
Cell membrane	Yes	Yes			
Cytoplasm	Yes	Yes			
Ribosomes	Smaller	Larger			
Nucleus	No	Yes			

	Organelles		No	Yes	
	Specialized Cells  DNA holds the genetic information that controls what the cell can do and what molecules it makes.  Ex: White blood cells in animals are specialized to attack pathogens (disease causing agents) like viruses or bacteria				
5B			Plant Cells		
Examine	Plant part		Examples of specialized plan		
specialized	Leaf		Cells containing chloropla	<u>sts</u> (green coloring) for photosynt	
cells, including roots, stems, and leaves of plants; and		Guard Cell	Guard cells control size of	stomates (pores) allowing gas tra	
animal cells such as blood,	Stem		Xylem cells move water and		
muscle, and epithelium (SS)				s like glucose throughout the plant nis provides support for leaves,	
		Xylem Cell			
	Root	lateral root primary root root hairs  root tip root cap  zone of m  zone of m	for the absorption of water	increase surface area to allow and mineral nutrients	
		Figure 2. Root Structure			
			<b>Animal Cells</b>		

### Muscle cells are individual cells that comprise the Muscle Cell muscle tissue of the body and execute muscle contraction. There are three types of muscle cells: skeletal, cardiac, and smooth. Each of these types differ in cellular structure, specific function, and location within the body. Together, the three muscle cell types play specific roles in supporting the skeletal structure and posture of the body, assisting in the flow of blood through blood vessels, aiding in digestion, and driving the heartbeat. Mammals have 3 types of blood cells (they make up 45% **Blood Cell** of blood tissue): (Pictured here are the red blood cells) 1. red blood cells — Erythrocytes (carrying oxygen and some carbon dioxide through the use of hemoglobin) white blood cells — Leukocytes (cells of the immune system involved in defending the body against both infectious disease and foreign materials 3. platelets — Thrombocytes- (clear, small and a natural source of growth in the body; it helps to form clots. Epithelial tissue covers external surfaces and internal cavities and organs. **Epithelium Cell** Epithelia forms boundaries- it lines the intestines and the esophagus.. Most substances that move into or out of the body must pass through epithelial tissue. One surface of the tissue is free and the other adheres to a basement membrane

5C Describe the roles of DNA, ribonucleic acid (RNA), and environmental factors in cell differentiation

#### What is Cell Differentiation?

A multicellular organism such as a human begins as a single cell. Through the cell cycle and mitosis, the cell divides into 2 daughter cells which are continually divided by mitosis. Daughter cells are not necessarily identical or the same as their parent cells in the early stages. The process of cell differentiation produces specialized cells that have certain structures that allow them to perform a specific function.

Cell differentiation occurs in stem cells, which are unspecialized cells that can differentiate into other cells. Stem cells can produce other stem cells or specialized cells such as nerve, muscles, or blood cells. Not all stem cells have the same differentiation potential.

#### Types of Stem Cells (Specialized Cells)

- Totipotent cells- can produce any cell in an organism and can produce the cells of tissues surrounding an embryo. These cells are often found in the umbilical cord of mother's.
- Pluripotent cells form totipotent cells. In am embryo (blastocycst stage), these cells develop into three layers- germ layers: ectoderm, endoderm, and mesoderm. Each layer gives rise to a specific set of tissues and organs in the developing embryo.
- Multipotent cells, found in adults, can develop into a few cells such as stem cells in bone

marrow which can develop into several types of blood cells, but not that of other tissues.

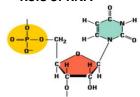
#### Roles of DNA and RNA in Cell Differentiation

<u>DNA</u> (Deoxyribonucleic Acid): genetic material that carries inherited information from parent to offspring. With a few exceptions, all the cells in an organism have the same DNA in their nuclei. During a normal cell cycle, the cells DNA is copied and passed to daughter cells. This process of copying is called DNA replication.

#### IMPORTANT!!!

\*\*\* ALL DNA is copied during replication, but only certain genes are transcribed and translated into proteins!!! The other genes are present in the cell, but they are dormant (not active)!

#### Role of RNA



RNA (Ribonucleic Acid)

Ribose sugar has an extra –OH or hydroxyl group It has the base uracil (U) instead of thymine (T)

#### RNA is a nucleic acid that uses genetic material from DNA to produce proteins in the cytoplasm

- RNA molecules play an active role in cells by speeding up or catalyzing biological reactions, controlling gene expression, or sensing and communicating responses to cellular signals.
- **Gene expression (active transcription and translation)** of a gene. For example, chemicals in cells called transcription factors influence which genes are transcribed and when they are transcribed.
- <u>Transciption factors are involved in the differentiation of stem cells</u> into many types of specific tissues from the time of embryonic development.
- After a gene is transcribed, its translation may be prevented by a process called RNA interference (RNAi).
- RNA i involves small molecules of RNA called microRNA that bind to mRNA.
- Once mRNA is bound by microRNA, the mRNA is cut into fragments and can no longer be translated into a protein.

#### **Environmental Factors in Cell Differentiation**

Many factors in a cells internal or external environment affect which genes are expressed. **Gene expression** affects how a cell differentiates.

#### A. Internal Conditions that Affect Cell Differentiation:

Proteins and hormones that are made within the organism. Certain protein within cells transmit information and trigger (start or activate) hormones (enzymes) that carry forward the information for

cell growth/differentiation.

#### **B.** External Conditions that Affect Cell Differentiation:

The release of these hormones is affected by environmental factors, such as **temperature changes**, the **supply of oxygen**, and available nutrients--- affect gene expressions.

**Pollution** can also influence gene expression because they can mock or mimic chemical signals sent by cells. This may cause some genes to be expressed that normally wouldn't be expressed.

**Climate factors** often affect gene expression. Ex: The length of day or night may trigger when plants may bloom flowers, drop their leaves, etc.

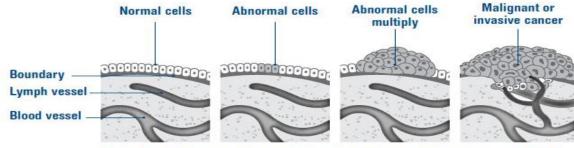
FD
Recognize that disruptions of the cell cycle lead to diseases such as cancer

### What can happen when the cell cycle is disrupted?

The cell cycle is the process in which cells grow, replicate DNA, and divide to form daughter cells. During the embryonic stage of life, cells divide frequently to form the body of the organism. But later, the cell cycle is tightly regulated and controlled. This control allows the body to maintain its size and keep tissues healthy. When old cells die, controlled cell division allows new cells to replace them.

✓ Disruption of the cell cycle- loss of control of the cell cycle (when it does not stop at all) can lead to cancer.

Like other functions of cells, the cell cycle depends on DNA. When DNA is damaged or altered, it can undergo a mutation, which is a permanent change to the information it carries. In some cases, the mutation can cause an abnormal pattern of growth and division. The cell may divide quickly and may stop being useful to the body.



Some benign tumours are precancerous and may progress to cancer if left untreated. Other benign tumours do not develop into cancer

✓ Cancer is the uncontrolled growth of cells (mitosis). It ultimately kills the organism. Ex: oncogenes cause uncontrollable cell division, resulting in the spread of cancerous tumors.

A mass of rapidly growing cells is called a **tumor**.

Some tumors are benign, or harmless because they do not grow beyond the tumor. Ex: moles on the body. Benign tumors are noncancerous.

**Other tumors, called malignant or cancerous tumors** have cells that spread to other parts of the body. Often malignant cells spread by entering blood or lymph, another type of body fluid. The spread of malignant cells is called **metastasis**.

Cancer can occur in almost any organ including the liver, skin, lungs, brain, reproductive organs, and endocrine glands. Blood and lymph can also be cancerous. It is not a single disease, but is a group of diseases that grow abnormally and spread to other parts of the body. It is treated by chemotherapy (chemicals used to kill or slow the growth of cancer cells; may affect healthy cells), radiation therapy (damages the DNA of cancer cells using X rays or gamma rays), surgery (remove tumors), or other treatments (drugs that target cancer cells and block the supply of blood to the tumor)

5 Major Types of Cancer						
Types	Characteristics	Examples				
Carcinomas	Involves cells that cover external or internal body parts	Cancers of the lung, breast, colon, skin cancers				
Sarcomas	Involves cells in bones, muscles, fat, or connective tissue	Bone cancers, Kaposi's sarcoma				
Lymphomas	Begins in the lymph tissues in the immune system	Hodgkins disease, non- Hodgkins disease				
Leukemias	Begin in the bone marrow and spread through the blood, do not involve tumors	Many types of acute and chronic leukemia				
Adenomas		Cancers of the thyroid, pancreas, and pituitary gland involves tumors of the endocrine cells				

9D **Analyze and** evaluate the evidence regarding formation of simple organic molecules and their organization into long complex molecules having information such as the DNA molecule

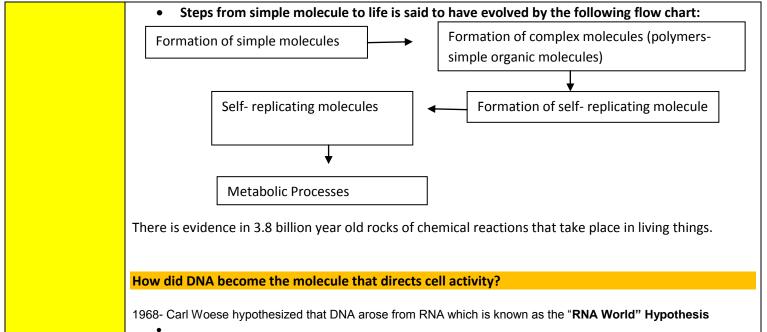
for self-

replicating life

What evidence supports the formation of simple organic molecules on early Earth?

- Organic molecules are molecules that contain certain bonds between carbon atoms.
   Living things are made from organic molecules. Ex: nucleic acids, ATP, amino acids, and proteins.
- Scientists have hypothesized about the conditions on early Earth. Evidence suggest that Earth formed 4 to 5 billion years ago and for millions of years, volcanic activity and meteor strikes and comets kept the Earth's crust unstable. About 3.9 billion years ago, the strikes slowed down and oceans formed. The atmosphere developed from gases emitted from volcanoes.
- Organic molecules is hypothesized to have formed from an external energy source such as
  lightning, geothermal heat, or ultraviolet radiation. This idea was tested in 1953 by Miller and
  Urey using electricity in a cloud chamber and supported from evidence today from spaceMurchison meteorite found in Australia in 1969 is said to be 4 billion years old and contain
  many organic molecules. Once the simple organic molecules were formed, the accumulated in
  oceans in a "soup." Eventually more complex molecules formed from the simple ones.,
  followed by systems of molecules. Over time, anaerobic heterotrophs developed from these
  molecular systems.

How might complex molecules and cells have formed?



- Inorganic matter split into simple organic molecules
- RNA nucleotides form and
- RNA is able to replicate itself, synthesize proteins, and function in information retrieval
- RNA then falls into 3 roles
  - 1. Proteins build cell structures and catalyze chemical reactions
  - 2. RNA helps in protein synthesis
  - 3. DNA functions in information storage and retrieval.

Reporting Category 2: Mechanisms of Genetics							
• 11 Questions							
TEK	Key Ideas						
(RS)- will be							
tested (65%)							
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6A							
identify							
components							
of DNA, and							
describe							
how							
information	DNA						
for	<b>DNA (Deoxyribonucelic acid)</b> carries genetic information from parent cell (via mitosis) or						
specifying	egg and sperm cells (vis meiosis) to offspring; it is coiled inside the nucleus of eukaryotic cells; controls						
the traits of	a						
an	cell's activities (determines which proteins a cell makes) and specifies the organism's traits; structure						
organism is carried in	is						
the DNA;	2 strands twisted into a double helix with ladder- like connections between complementary nitrogen						
Readiness	bases.						
Standard							
Otariaara	Components of DNA						
	DNA is a polymer which is made of repeating units.						

- The units are called nucleotides
- Nucleotides contain 3 parts: a phosphate group, a 5 carbon sugar called deoxyribose, and a nitrogenous base.
- The phosphate and the sugar make up the backbone of the DNA molecule.
- Nitrogenous bases are Adenine, Guanine, Cytosine, and Thymine
- A always binds to T with 2 hydrogen bonds; C always binds to G with 3 hydrogen bonds

#### 4 Nitrogenous bases in DNA

### Adenine (A) = Thymine (T)

Cytosine (C) = Guanine (G)

It has a twisted ladder shape called a double helix

DNA is packaged in structures called **chromosomes**. Within chromosomes, DNA is organized into units called genes at are found at specific places on a chromosome. Genes hold the information for traits such

as blood type, eye color, hair color, etc

#### How is information for specifying traits carried in DNA?

 DNA carries genetic information in a sort of code based on the order of the 4 nitrogenous bases.

The order of the bases within a gene determines the product of the gene. The differences in the

base order of one organism are different from another organism.

- For cells to use the information in DNA, it must be decoded.
- DNA is decoded in a 2 step process.
  - 1. **Transcription** a strand of DNA is used as a template to make a strand of RNA, a single stranded nucleic acid (in the nucleus of the cell)
  - 2. **Translation**-the order of the nucleotides in RNA is decoded in a sequence of amino acids,

the building blocks of proteins. The amino acids are assembled into proteins in the cytoplasm.

**Proteins** have a role in shaping the traits of organisms. I.e. they may form structures in cells, act as catalyst in reactions (enzymes), transmits signals throughout the body (hormones) or help an organism fight invaders (antibodies)

6E identify and illustrate changes in DNA and evaluate the significance of

### **Changes in DNA- mutations**

**Mutation- A change to the structure or organization of DNA;** most likely to occur during DNA replication prior to mitosis; involves little or no effect on the organism, but can affect the cell and form cancer when mitosis does not stop. It can also be beneficial or helpful where it helps the organism to better survive within an environment.

### these changes; Readiness Standard

Only mutations that occur during meiosis can be passed on to offspring.

A gene mutation involves a change in a single gene.

A chromosomal mutation involves changes to the structure or organization of a chromosome.

#### I. What are the effects of gene mutations?

A gene mutation that changes one base pair if a gene is called a **point mutation**. There are 3 types: substitutions, insertions, and deletions.

1. **Substitutions**- one base pair is substituted or replaced with another base pair.

Ex: CUU changes to CUA

- 2. Insertion- a base pair is added to the gene. Ex: TACGCATGGAAA → TACAGCATGGAAA
- 3. **Deletion** a base pair is removed from the gene Ex: TACGTTT → TAGTTT (C has disappeared)

**The result is a useless protein.** Insertion and deletion mutations are known as **frameshift mutations** because they change the "reading frame" of codons.

#### II. What are the effects of chromosomal mutations?

Chromosomal mutations may change the structure of the chromosomes.

A **deletion** is the removal of part of a chromosome.

Ex: ABC DEF → AC DEF

A **duplication** is the addition of an extra copy of a section.

Ex: ABC DEF → ABBC DEF

Other chromosomal mutations change the position of genes along one or more chromosomes. In an **inversion**, a set of genes reverses its position on the chromosome.

Ex: ABC DEF → AED CBF

In a translocation, sets of genes exchange positions on 2 nonhomologous chromosomes.

Ex: ABC DEF → ABC JKLDEF

They may be lethal to offspring that inherit them.

6F
predict
possible
outcomes of
various
genetic
combinations
such as
monohybrid
crosses,
dihybrid
crosses and

#### **Outcomes of Genetic Combinations**

• Gregor Mendel worked with pea plants in the mid 1800s to learn the basic patterns of inheritance.

He proposed the idea that **units he called factors controlled traits.** Today, these factors are known

#### as genes.

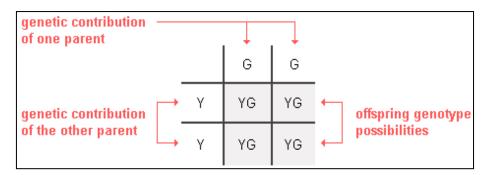
- Many organisms that reproduce sexually have 2 versions of every gene. One copy is included in each of the 2 gametes (sperm and egg cells). The two versions may not be the same or identical. Different forms of the gene are called **alleles**.
- Mendel concluded that when an organism has 2 different alleles for the same trait, only
  the <u>dominant allele</u> is expressed (<u>Principle of Dominance</u>). The allele that is not expressed is
  called recessive. Ex: In the gene Tt The T= dominant; t= recessive

### non-Mendelian inheritance; Readiness Standard

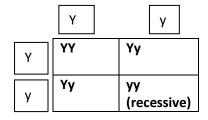
Phenotype – what the organism looks like

Genotype – the gene combination – either Homozygous (TT or tt) or Heterozygous (Tt)

How are genes inherited in Monohybrid crosses? (Punnett Square)



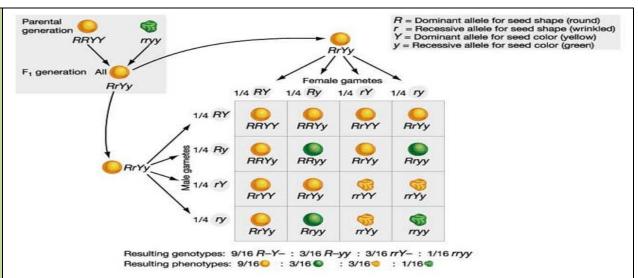
Monohybrid Cross – a cross of 2 organisms that are heterozygous for one trait. 4 Results are possible because of the **law of segregation-** 2 alleles separate or segregate during gamete formation. ½ will be dominant (Y) and ½ will be recessive (y)



Genotypic Ratio: 1 YY, 2 Yy, 1 yy or 1:2:1

**Phenotypic ratio:** 3 plants will be yellow peas to one plant with green peas It is predicted that 75% of the pea plants will be yellow. 25% of the pea plants in this punnett square will be green.

• **Dihybrid cross** – is the cross of 2 organisms that are hybrids for 2 traits. Notice **there are 16 possible combinations of genotypes** for the offspring. **The phenotypic ratio is 9:3:3:1.** 



The 16 genotypes are equally likely because the way one pair of genes separate does not influence how the other pair separates. The law of independent assortment states that the alleles for 2 traits such as pea color and pea shape, segregate independently of one another. The law applies to many pairs of traits. However, some traits are linked, meaning their alleles do not segregate independently.

### What are some Patterns of Inheritance?

Many traits are expressed or inherited in ways that differ, at least partially from Mendel's view.

- Incomplete dominance- some alleles are only partially dominant over recessive alleles. In snapdragon flowers, the allele for red flowers ® is partly dominant over the allele for white flowers (r). The heterozygous genotype (Rr) has pink flowers.
- **Codominance**-sometimes 2 alleles are expressed in heterozygous genotype. In chickens, the alleles for black feathers and white feathers are both expressed in the heterozygous genotype. These chickens have mixed black and white feathers.
- Multiple alleles- many genes have more than one allele. Human blood, for example, is affected by 3 alleles for the same gene. The alleles for type A and type B are codominant. The allele for type O blood is recessive to the alleles for Type A and Type B blood.
- **Polygenic traits**-many traits are determined by multiple genes. Height and skin color in humans are examples of polygenic traits.
- Maternal inheritance- chloroplasts and mitochondria both contain genes that are passed from generation to another only in egg cells. Your mitochondrial genes are the same genes found in your mother's mitochondria.

6B recognize that components that make up the genetic code are common to all organisms; Supporting Standard

#### **Parts of the Genetic Code**

How organisms inherit traits is one of the greatest achievements of modern biology.

Biologists know that the directions for inheritance are carried by a molecule called DNA or deoxyribonucleic acid. This genetic code, with a few minor variations, determines the inherited traits if every organism on Earth.

### What are the components of the Genetic Code?

DNA has 3 components- deoxyribose, one or more phosphate groups, and one of 4 nitrogenous bases-A, T, C, G

Proteins are made by the joining of amino acids into long chains called polypeptides. Each polypeptide contains a combination of any or all of the 20 different amino acids.

The properties of proteins are determined by the order in which different amino acids join together as polypeptides.

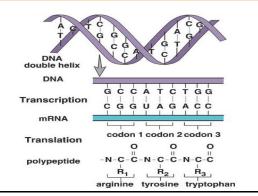
A **codon** consists of 3 consecutive bases that specify a single amino acid which is added to the polypeptide.

- DNA contains a triplet code
- Every three bases on DNA stands for ONE amino acid
- The genetic code is the "language' of codons that is common to nearly all organisms. It is the "language" of mRNA instructions. Each three-letter unit on mRNA is called a codon.
- Most amino acids have more than one codon!
- There are 20 amino acids with a possible 64 different triplets
- The code is nearly universal among living organisms

First Base	Second Base				Third
	U	C	A	G	Dase
U	UUU phenylalanine	UCU serine	UAU tyrosine	UGU cysteine	U
	UUC phenylalanine	UCC serine	UAC tyrosine	UGC cysteine	С
	UUA leucine	UCA serine	UAA	UGA stop	A
	UUG leucine	UCG serine	UAG stop	UGG tryptophan	G
C	CUU leucine	CCU proline	CAU histidine	CGU arginine	U
	CUC leucine	CCC	CAC histidine	CGC arginine	С
	CUA leucine	CCA proline	CAA glutamine	CGA arginine	A
	CUG leucine	CCG proline	CAG glutamine	CGG arginine	G
Α	AUU isoleucine	ACU threonine	AAU asparagine	AGU serine	U
	AUC isoleucine	ACC threonine	AAC asparagine	AGC serine	C
	AUA isoleucine	ACA threonine	AAA Iysine	AGA arginine	A
	AUG (start) methionine	ACG threonine	AAG lysine	AGG arginine	G
G	GUU valine	GCU alanine	GAU aspartate	GGU glycine	U
	GUC valine	GCC alanine	GAC aspartate	GGC glycine	С
	GUA valine	GCA alanine	GAA glutamate	GGA glycine	A
	GUG valine	GCG alanine	GAG glutamate	GGG glycine	G

6C explain the purpose and process of transcription and translation using models of DNA and RNA; Supporting Standard

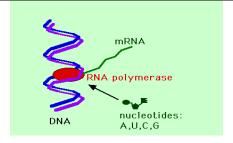
### **Transcription and Translation**



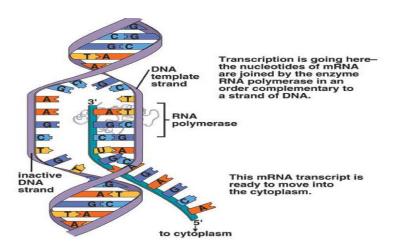
Explain what is happening in the diagram above and each labled part's purpose

### **Transcription**

<u>Transcription</u> – the process of making RNA from DNA; Purpose: To copy DNA's genetic information into messenger RNA; Occurs in the nucleus of the cell



#### A much closer look:

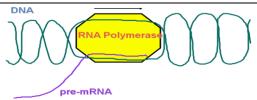


### How does the transcription process occur:

- 1. DNA strands temporarily unwind
- 2. Complementary RNA nucleotides pair up with one strand of DNA nucleotides
- 3. Messenger RNA (mRNA) carries specific protein synthesis instructions to ribosomes

What enzyme plays a role in transcription? The enzyme **RNA** polymerase;

- The RNA polymerase enzyme is found in the nucleus and separates the two DNA strands by breaking the hydrogen bonds between the bases;
- It then moves along one of the DNA strands and links RNA nucleotides together



Example) TACGGAC (template DNA strand)
AUGCCUG (RNA built)

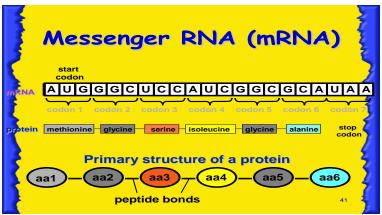
#### Question:

What would be the complementary RNA strand for the following DNA sequence? DNA 5'-GCGTATG-3'

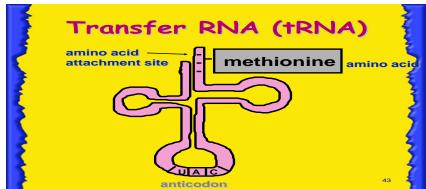
#### RNA plays an important part in making protein

3 Types of RNA have a role in protein synthesis

1) <u>mRNA</u> – messenger-blueprint for how to build protein; Carries the information for a specific protein; Made up of 500 to 1000 nucleotides long; Sequence of 3 bases called codon; AUG – methionine or start codon; UAA, UAG, or UGA – stop codons



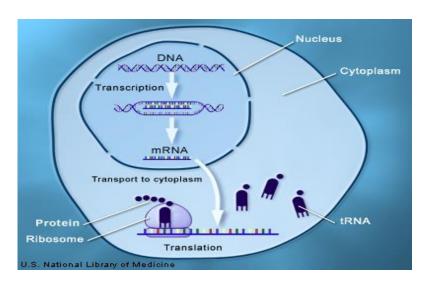
2) <u>tRNA</u> – transfer - carries amino acids to ribosome; Made up of 75 to 80 nucleotides long; Picks up the appropriate amino acid floating in the cytoplasm; Transports amino acids to the mRNA; Have anticodons that are complementary to mRNA codons; Recognizes the appropriate codons on the mRNA and bonds to them with H-bonds



3) <u>rRNA</u> – ribosomal – makes up a ribosome; Made up of rRNA is 100 to 3000 nucleotides long; Made inside the nucleus of a cell; Associates with proteins to form ribosomes



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<u>Translation</u> – the process of building a protein by matching codons in mRNA to anticodons
of tRNA (use codon chart); Occurs within a cell's ribosomes in the cytoplasm

### Synthesis of proteins in the cytoplasm

· Involves the following: mRNA (codons), tRNA (anticodons), ribosomes, and amino acids

How Translation (How a protein is made from mRNA) occurs:

1. tRNA (transfer RNA matches codons to amino acids which then join together to form a protein chain.

<u>Stop codon</u>- codon that terminates the translation process; releases amino acids

6D Recognize that gene

### **Gene Expression as a Regulated Process**

During transcription, an active gene is transcribed into mRNA. Then, during translation, mRNA is

expression is a regulated process; Supporting Standard

translated into a protein. All of these steps- from the start of transcription to the assembly of a protein are controlled and regulated by the process of **gene expression**.

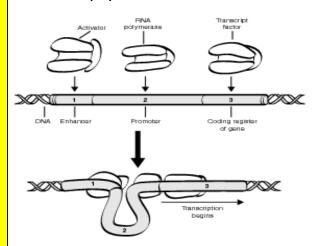
When cells divide during mitosis or binary fission, each daughter cell receives a complete copy of the organism's DNA.

In multicellular organisms, cells have the same genetic information regardless of their location or function. If all cells have the same DNA, why do muscle cells function differently from skin cells? This is because of **gene expression.** 

**Regulation of gene expression** (or **gene regulation**) includes the processes that <u>cells</u> and <u>viruses</u> use to regulate the way that the information in <u>genes</u> is turned into <u>gene products</u>

### How is gene expression regulated in prokaryotes?

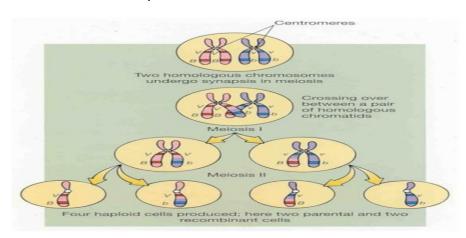
- Prokaryotic DNA contains operons- groups of genes that are regulated together. Operons are located next to two regulatory regions of DNA- promoter and an operator.
- RNA polymerase



How is gene expression regulated in eukaryotes?

6G recognize
the
significance of
meiosis to
sexual
reproduction;
and
Supporting
Standard

### **Significance of Meoisis to Sexual Reproduction**



- Meiosis cell division that creates 4 haploid cells called gametes aka reduction division
- Meiosis involves 2 divisions Meiosis I and Meiosis II

### Meiosis I has some special events:

- In Prophase I homologous chromosomes pair up and crossing over occurs. This recombination increases genetic variation for the species
- Metaphase I Pairs line up
- Anaphase I pairs are separated

### Meiosis II is similar to mitosis

6H describe how techniques

### DNA Technology to study the genomes of organisms

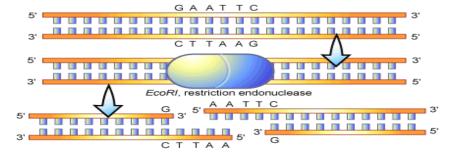
**Genomes-** is the set of genetic information that an organism carries in its DNA.

such as DNA fingerprinting, genetic modifications, and chromosomal analysis are used to study the genomes of organisms. Supporting Standard

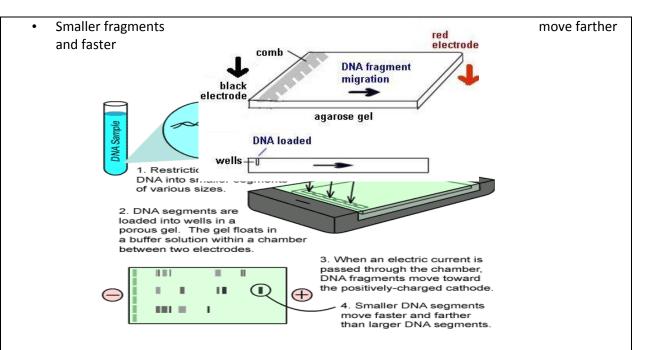
### How can DNA fingerprinting be used to study a genome?

<u>DNA fingerprinting</u> is a technique that compares specific sections of 2 or more DNA samples. The technique is used for a wide variety of purposes including forensics, studying the migration of animals and determining evolutionary relationships.

- Useful in determining if a particular person was at a crime scene. Every person's genome
  contains sections of repeated DNA sequences between genes. What varies from person to
  person is the number of times these sequences are repeated. When the sections are
  compared, the results can show, with a high level of certainty whether DNA samples came
  from the same person.
- A. DNA Extraction- the opening of cells to separate/isolate DNA from other cell parts
- Chemical treatments (some type of detergent with an enzyme) cause cells and nuclei to burst
- The DNA is inherently sticky, and can be pulled out of the mixture
- This is called "spooling" DNA
- **B. DNA Cutting-** large DNA molecules are cut into smaller fragments using restriction enzymes. These enzymes recognize and cut DNA at specific sequences.
- Restriction enzymes cut DNA at specific sequences; Useful to divide DNA into manageable fragments



- **C. Separating DNA** DNA fragments can be separated and analyzed using gel electrophoresis. This process allows scientists to compare genomes of different organisms, separate genes, and create DNA "fingerprints"
- A. Electrophoresis- how the DNA is analyzed
- DNA can be separated based on size and charge
- The phosphate groups are negatively charged
- DNA is placed in a gel and electricity is run through
- Negative DNA moves toward the positive end



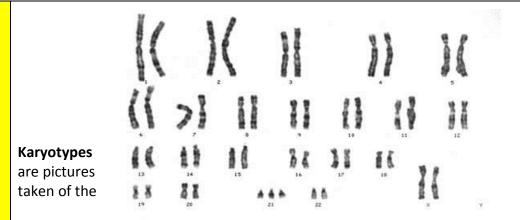
- 4) **Sequencing DNA** this process allows scientists to determine the sequence of N-bases in DNA.
- **5) Recombinant DNA** scientists can cut DNA from two sources with the same restriction enzyme and combine them. This is used in genetic engineering. This process has been used to create human proteins used to treat disease, create pest-resistant crops, and for many other purposes.
- **6) Copying DNA** polymerase chain reaction (PCR) has been developed that makes many copies of a small amount of DNA.

### How Can a Chromosomal Analysis be used to Study a Genome?

<u>Chromosomal analysis</u> is the detailed study of all of the chromosomes of a cell. It can identify some genetic abnormalities and predict the likelihood of diseases.

**Karyotyping-** a visual display of all of the chromosomes in an organism's genome, arranged by decreasing size. To produce a karyotype, a researcher photographs chromosomes in a cell during mitosis and then arranges the photographs by size. Karyotypes can reveal genetic abnormalities in an individual, such as an extra chromosome or a chromosome that is missing.

Ex: A Human Karyotype

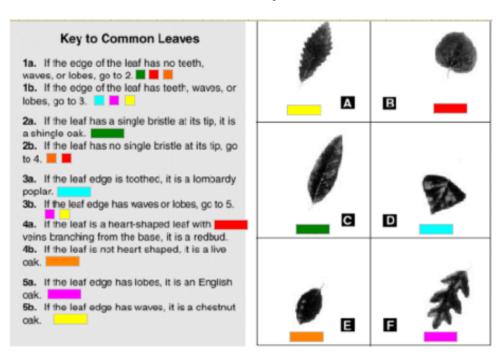


chromosomes at metaphase. They are cut out and matched with their identical chromosome. Two copies of each chromosome should be present. This karyotype shows a mutation. One of the sex chromosomes is missing. Also #21 has 3 chromosomes. This person most likely has **Trisonomy 21 or Down's Syndrome**.

Categ	ory 3: Biological Evolution and Classification					
STAAR -10 Questions						
TEK	Key Ideas					
(RS)- will be tested						
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(SS)- may be tested						
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7A	<b>Evidence of Common Ancestry Among Groups</b>					
	(Theory that all organisms are descended from the same ancestor)					
analyze and	I. Fossil record					
evaluate how	A variety of organisms that have existed at different times, including very simple, ancient species and the eventual arrival					
evidence of	of more varied and complex species					
common ancestry	II. Biogeography Geographic distribution of organisms (species that live in the same area are more closely related, but related species can					
among groups is	also be found living far apart)					
provided by the	III. Homologies					
fossil record,	A. Anatomical Homologies					
biogeography, and	Structural similarities (like bones in a bird's wing and the human arm) that serve a different purpose for each species.					
homologies,	<ul> <li>Molecular Homologies</li> <li>Molecular similarities among organisms (the genomes for humans and chimpanzees are about 99% identical)</li> </ul>					
including	C. Developmental Homologies					
anatomical,	Embryonic similarities among certain organisms show how some organisms develop in common ways (vertebrate embryos					
molecular, and	have gill pouches that later develop into gills or Eustachian tubes)					

developmental	
B.7.E analyze	Evolution is the process through which species change over time.
and evaluate the relationship of natural selection to adaptation and to the development of diversity in and among species	<ul> <li>Natural Selection is a theory proposed by Charles Darwin that explains how evolution occurs. It proposes that those individuals in a population that are better adapted to their environment are more likely to survive and reproduce.</li> <li>Inherited variations are differences in traits of individuals of the same species.</li> <li>Adaptation is a trait that increases an organism's chances of survival in its environment, such as white fur increasing an organism's chances of survival in a snow- covered environment.</li> </ul>
B.8.B categorize	How do scientists categorize organisms?
organisms using a	Scientists may use several ways to categorize organisms. It depends if they are looking at a group of organisms or an individual organism. They may use the following:
classification	Cladogram- a diagram that shows relationships among groups of organisms
system based on	Dichotomous key- determine the identity of a single organism
similarities and	What is a cladogram?
differences shared	<ul> <li>A cladogram is used to show the evolutionary relationships among species. They show how members of a group change over time, giving rise to new groups.</li> </ul>
among groups	In a cladogram, more closely related groups are appear closer together while more distantly related groups are farther away.      Barbara Grant G
	What is a dichotomous key?
	<b>Dichotomous Key</b> - a tool that allows the user to determine the identity of items by their characteristics, such as insects, leaves, trees, mammals, reptiles and others.
	Follow the clues in a <b>dichotomous</b> key to identify the organism!

### **Dichotomous Key for Leaves**



### 7B

analyze and evaluate scientific explanations concerning any data of sudden appearance, stasis, and sequential nature of groups in the fossil record

Scientists established a **fossil record** that reveals that evolution can proceed slowly with gradual changes in spurts with sudden changes. Organisms represent living fossils because they look very much like their ancestors that lived long ago.

- The fossil record is a timeline that shows how life has evolved in Earth. It is organized according to the age of the fossil and their similarities.
- Gradualism is the process of evolution in which a species changes very slowly over a very long period
- Punctuated equilibrium is the process of evolution where a species experiences little or no change for long periods, followed by sudden change

A living fossil is a species that shows little or no change since its ancestor first appeared on Earth

#### 7C

analyze and evaluate how natural selection produces change in populations, not individuals

#### What is Natural Selection?

A population is a group of individuals of the same species who interbreed. Individuals in a population have varying traits. For ex: some dogs may have a sharper sense of smell than other dogs and can hunt better than other dogs (ex: blood hounds vs. poodles)

A variation that makes an organism more successful in its environment is called **adaptation.** Meiosis creates variation among individuals which causes consequences at the population level

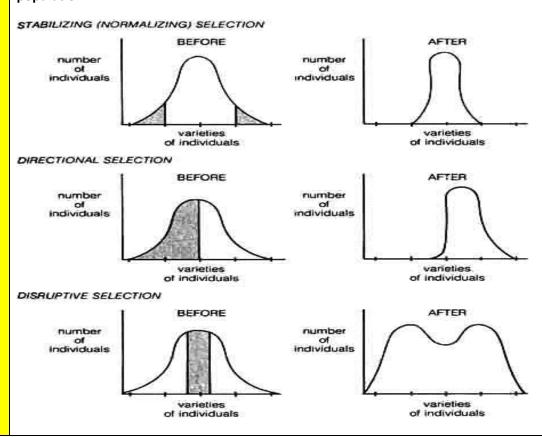
Individuals with adaptations that help them survive and reproduce in their environment have high **fitness**. **Fitness** refers to an organism's ability to survive and reproduce in its environment.

Although individual variation is the root of natural selection, populations evolve by natural selection.

**Natural selection** is a process in which organisms with adaptations best suited to their environment leave more offspring than other organisms. Because these organisms produce more offspring, their genetic variations become more prevalent in a population and the population changes or evolves.

### How does natural selection produce changes in populations and not individuals?

Natural selection can occur in a variety of ways. Natural selection on trait controlled by a single gene with two alleles can cause one allele to increase and the other to decrease. Polygenic traits are more complicated. Natural selection on polygenic traits that can occur as <u>directional selection</u>, <u>stabilizing selection</u>, or <u>disruptive selection</u>. Each of these ways causes a distinct change to a population.



Natural Selection on Polygenic traits				
Directional selection	Occurs when individuals with a particular phenotype (physical feature			
	you see) have an advantage in their environment.			
	Often a single gene controls the trait.			
	Ex: A birds with larger beak sizes are more successful at surviving ihan			
	birds with small or medium sized beaks.			
Stabilizing selection	Occurs when extremes in phenotypes gives individuals in the			
	population a disadvantage. Often these traits are polygenic- controlled			
	by multiple genes.			
	Ex: Body size of an organism. For most organisms, extremely large or			
	extremely small body types are not favorable for survival.			
Disruptive selection	Occurs when extreme phenotypes for a trait are adaptive.			
	Ex: If bird beaks of an intermediate size are a disadvantage for survival,			
	birds with small or large beaks are more likely to survive.			
	If the pressure in natural selection lasts long enough, birds will have			
	beaks that are large or small.			

B.7.D analyze and evaluate how the elements of natural selection, including inherited variation, the potential of a population to produce more offspring than can survive, and a finite supply of environmental resources, result in differential reproductive success

### What causes inherited variation among individuals in a population?

- Inherited variation refers to the genetic differences among individuals in a population, such as a
  body size or fur color. Can be caused by mutations in DNA that affect the way genes are expressed.
  Other causes include crossing- over and the independent assortment of chromosomes that occur
  during meiosis. Variations can be introduced when individuals migrate from one population to
  another and mate.
- 2 components of inherited variation are genotype and phenotype.
- Knowing the frequency of alleles and phenotypes in a population is important for understanding how natural selection could affect the evolution of a population.

### What contributions to differential reproductive success?

Natural selection is caused by an environmental stressor for which specific phenotypes have a fitness advantage. Over time, the individuals with those adaptive phenotypes survive and

	reproduce, which mak	es the allele responsible for the phenotype more common in the population.
		Environmental resources
		Environmental resources
		nose many challenges. Resources are scarce and predators and competitors are nisms will die before they reproduce.
		otypes can give some individuals a fitness advantage. <b>Fitness</b> refers to an rvive, attract a mate, and reproduce within a particular environment.
	success. Natural select	umber of offspring produced by 2 phenotypes is called <b>differential reproductive</b> ion is the process by which traits become more or less common in a population due tive success. There are several elements of natural selection.
	Inherited variation	Inherited traits that are favored – ie. Black mice that survive in an environment because they can camouflage better than brown mice- continues while the least favored trait declines. Mice with the black fur will have a better chance of surviving and passing on their alleles. If the environment changes, the relative fitness of individuals can change.
	Producing more	Most populations produce far more offspring than can survive in any given
	offspring than can	environment due to resource constraints.
	survive	When populations produce many more offspring than can survive, the likelihood increases that some offspring will reach reproductive age. The ones that do reproduce likely have phenotypes gave them an advantage within that environment over those that did not survive or reproduce.
	Limited supply of	In any environment, organisms compete for for limited resources- space, food,
	environmental	and shelter.
	resources	When resources become scarce, such as a drought, then competition increases.
		Populations often decline, and the individuals with advantageous traits for survival are most likely to live and reproduce.
7.F analyze and		Other Evolutionary Mechanisms
evaluate the effects	Genetic drift	Change in the gene pool caused by chance; tends to decrease a species' genetic variation
of other	Gene flow	Example: Flood kills 95% of a worm population  Change in gene pool caused by movement of organisms into (increase genetic variation)

or out of (decrease genetic variation) the population

Change in gene pool caused by movement of organisms into (increase genetic variation)

Gene flow

evolutionary

mechanisms,

including genetic drift, gene flow,	Mutation	Change in the genetic pool caused by insertion, deletion, or substitution in DNA sequence of gamete cell; tends to increase genetic variation
mutation, and recombination	Recombination	Sexually reproducing species have increased genetic variation because of gene crossover events during meiosis

# B.7.G analyze and evaluate scientific explanations concerning the complexity of the cell

### **Complexity of the Cell**

### What do scientists think ancient cells were like?

- No one knows when the first cells lived on Earth. Microscopic fossils that look like bacteria may have been on rock for 3.5 billion year. These ancient fossils may have been ancestors of prokaryotes.
- The first cells lived on Earth when its atmosphere lacked oxygen. They were similar to prokaryotes who live in extreme environments.
- Over time, cellular processes such as photosynthesis and cellular respiration developed.
   Photosynthetic bacteria were the first organisms to perform photosynthesis about 2.2 billion years ago.

# What are some scientific explanations for how the complexity of cells changed over time?

The oldest known fossils of eukaryotes are 2.1 billion years old and resemble green algae. Theories were proposed to explain this phenomenon.

**Endosymbiotic theory**- some organelles in eukaryotic cells formed from symbiotic relationships between early prokaryotes and eukaryotes.

Endosymbiosis- is a process in which one organism lives inside another organism to the benefit of both. According to the **endosymbiotic theory**, free- living aerobic bacteria became endosymbionts inside larger, anaerobic cells. Over time, they evolved into the organelles that are now observed as mitochondria. In another endosymbiotic process, free- living photosynthetic bacteria become chloroplasts. Lynn Margolis proposed this theory.

# B.8.A define taxonomy and recognize the importance of a standardized taxonomic system to the scientific community

#### **Taxonomy**

**Taxonomy** is the study of the classification of organisms, enables the international scientific community to use a common system to identify, organize, and classify new and existing organisms or groups of organisms. Carolus Linneaus developed this system.

**Binomial nomenclature- "two word naming system"**; The first word is the organism's **genus** or the group at which it and other species belong. The second word is a **species**' name. A species is a group of organisms that can breed or reproduce with one another and produce fertile offspring. Ex: Humans are called *Homo sapiens*; <u>Binomial nomenclature</u>: system of naming an organism using its genus and species; write in italics and capitalize only the genus

#### LEVELS OF CLASSIFICATION:

Kingdom Phylum Class Order Family Genus Species (Largest) (Smallest)

To help you remember: Think of the following: (King Philip came Over For Grape Soda)

### **CLASSIFICATION OF HUMANS:**

- Kingdom Animalia (multicellular organisms that eat food)
- Phylum Chordata (dorsal hollow nerve cord, notochord, pharyngeal slits)
- Class Mammalia (hair, mammary glands, endothermy, four-chambered heart)
- Order *Primates* (nails, clavicle, orbits encircled with bone, enlarged cerebrum, opposable digits)
- Family Homidae (bipedal walk erect on two feet, advanced tool use)
- Genus *Homo* ("human" like)
- Species Homo sapiens

### Why is a standardized taxonomic system important to the scientific community?

It allows scientists to communicate precisely about a species they are studying. The use of common names causes far too much confusion. 2 names are much more precise by using only the genus and species. We immediately know the group and their characteristics.

Ex: camel - there are many species of camels.

A scientific name such as Camelus bactrianus is recognized all around the world as only one type of camel.

Before Linneau's taxonomic naming system, scientists would use scientific names in as many as seven words and a species had more than one scientific name. Ex: a wild rose would be labeled as *Rosa sylvestris inodora seu canina* 

B.8.C compare characteristics of taxonomic groups, including archaea, bacteria, protists, fungi, plants, and animals

### 6 Kingdoms of Classification

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Autotroph: organism that makes its own food Ex: plants

Heterotroph: organisms that depends on other organisms for food

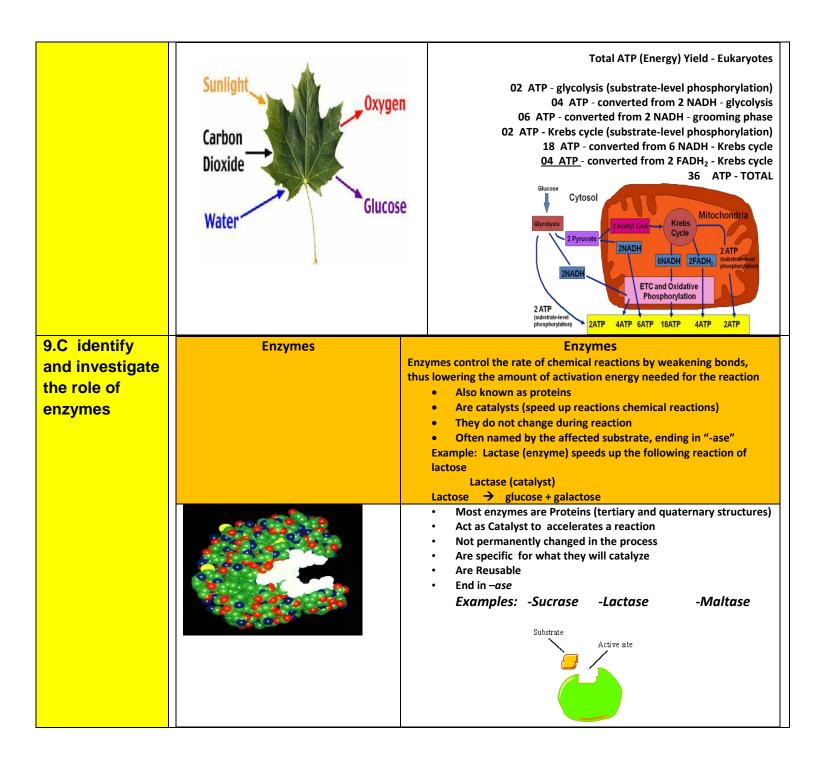
### 3 Domains are used to classify or group all organisms

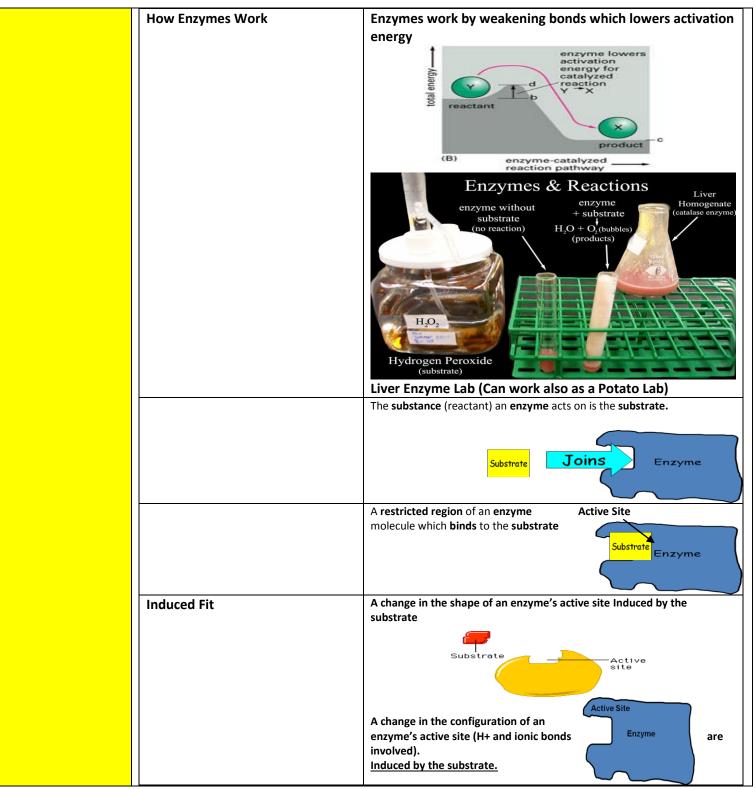
Domain	Description
Archae	Primitive unicellular eukaryotes; some autotrophs and some heterotrophs; some live in harsh or

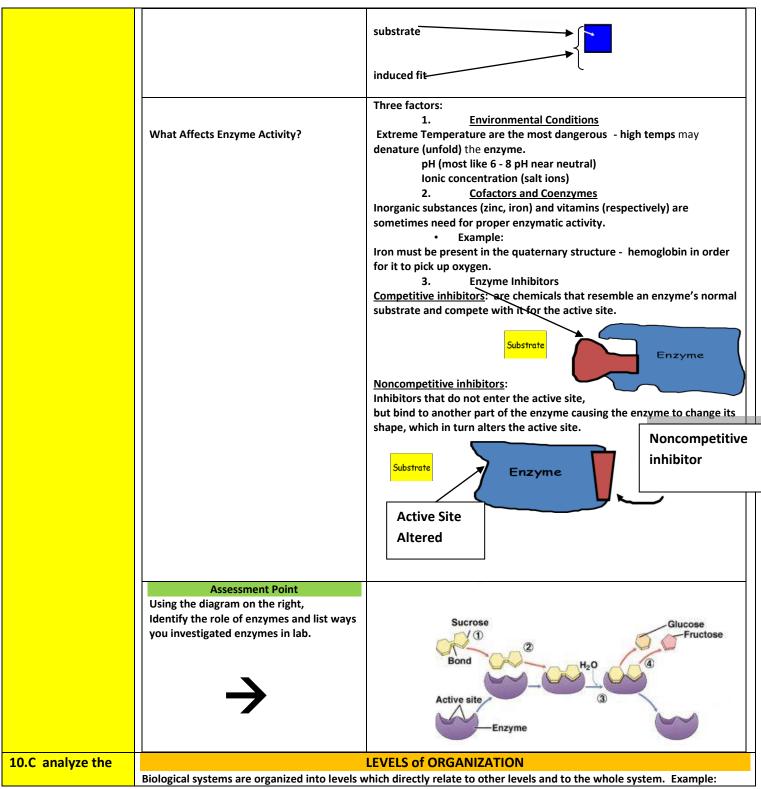
	extreme conditio	ns				
	Kingdom	1113	Archae	bacteria		
			Prokaryote			
	Cell structures		Cell walls without peptidoglycan			
	# of cells		Unicellular			
	Nutrition			oph or heterotrophy	ı	
	Reproduction			al by binary fission	1	
	Metabolism		Asexua			
	Examples				pacteria), halophiles (s	alt loving bacteria- Ex:
				Methanogens (gas loving bacteria), halophiles (salt loving bacteria- Ex: Dead Sea)		
Bacteria	Unicellular proka	ryotes; s	ome autotrophs, but most are heterotrophs; typically bacteria			
	Kingdom		Eubact			,
	Cell type		Prokary			
	Cell structures			Ills with peptidoglyc	an	
	# of cells		Unicell			
	Nutrition		Autotro	oph or heterotrophy	/	
	Reproduction		Animal			
	Metabolism		Aerobi	c or anaerobic		
	Examples		Strepto	ococcus, Escherichia	coli (E. coli)	
Eukarya	Eukaryotes; wide	variety				
	Kingdom	Protist	а	Fungi	Plantae	Animalia
	Cell type	EUKAR'	YOTE	EUKARYOTE	EUKARYOTE	EUKARYOTE
	Cell	Some:	cell	Cell walls of	Cell walls of	No cell walls or
	structures	walls o	f	chitin	cellulose;	chloroplasts
	cellulos		se;		chloroplasts	
		Some:	cilia			
	# of cells	Most		Most	Most multicellular;	multicellular
		unicellu	ular;	multicellular;	some green algae	
		some		some unicellular	unicellular	
		colonia	11;			
		some multice	Mular			
	Nutrition	Autotro		heterotroph	Autotroph	Heterotroph
	Nutrition	heterot		песегостори	Autotroph	Петегопорп
	Reproduction	Asexua		Asexual or	Asexual or sexual	Usually sexual
		sexual	-	sexual		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	Metabolism	Most a	re	Anaerobic or	Aerobic	Aerobic
		aerobio		aerobic		
	Examples	Amoeb	a,	Mushrooms,	Mosses, ferns,	Sponges, worms,
		parame		yeast - Candida	flowering plants	insects, fishes,
		slime, r		albicans (yeast		mammals
		giant ke	eln	infection); Tinea		
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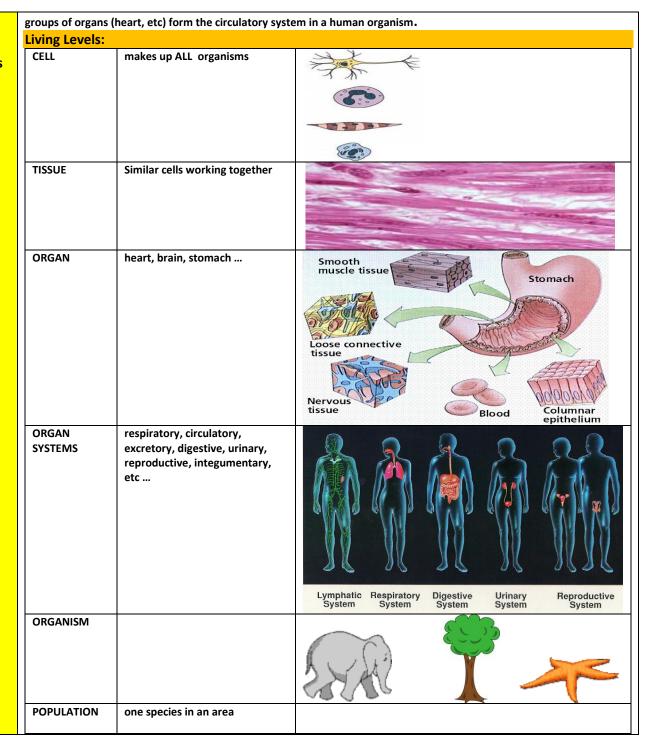
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TEK (RS)- will be tested (65%) (SS)- may be tested (35%)	Key Ideas				
10.A describe the	An animal's organ system	is interact to perfo	orm many functions.		
interactions that occur among systems that perform the functions of regulation, nutrient	Regulation  Nutrient Absorption	The endocrine syste them to the skeleta Food is broken dow and chemically by w	em makes certain hormones. Blood in the circulatory system carries I system to control the amount of calcium released from bones. In in the stomach mechanically by the muscular system (churns food) water, acid, and enzymes in the digestive system; nutrients are then		
absorption, reproduction, and	Reproduction		in the circulatory system produced in the endocrine system control ovulation in a female's n		
defense from injury or illness in animals	Defense	Mucus in the lungs traps a virus in the respiratory system. T-cells in the immune so destroy virus- infected cells. Nerves in the nervous system sense pain from a fire skin			
10.B describe the	A plant's	organ system and	d parts interact to perform many functions.		
interactions that	Function		Example of interactions		
occur among systems that	Transport	<ul> <li>The root system uptakes water.</li> <li>Xylem vessels transport water to the leaves in the shoot system.</li> <li>Phloem vessels transport sugars and nutrients throughout the plant.</li> <li>The reproductive organs in a flower are the pistil (female) and the stam (male).</li> <li>A seed is a mature, pollinated ovule (fertilized egg).</li> <li>Hormones in a plant's root system help trigger the growth of a seed in t shoot system.</li> </ul>			
perform the functions of transport, reproduction, and	Reproduction				
response in plants	Response	produced in the sho	plant does not receive enough light, a hormone that causes growth is not system's leaves. It is transported to the darker side. As the dark at bends toward the light.		
9.B compare the reactants and products of photosynthesis	Photosynthe Process by which green plant organisms make sugars (like release oxygen using light en dioxide and water	ts and some other glucose) and ergy, carbon	Cellular respiration  Energy releasing process that occurs in the mitochondria of eukaryotic cells and requires oxygen; energy is produced in the form of the molecule adenosine triphosphate (ATP) which is then used for the organism's metabolic processes (like growth or maintenance)		
and cellular respiration in terms of	6CO₂ + 6H₂O → C₀H₁₂O₀ + 6O₂ Carbon dioxide + water makes (with light energy added from the sun) glucose and oxygen  Reactants: 6CO₂ + 6H₂O (with light energy from the sun)		$C_6H_{12}O_6+6O_2\rightarrow 6CO2+6H_2O+energy \\ (glucose) \qquad (ATP) \\$ Glucose (sugar) + oxygen gas makes water and carbon dioxide and energy		
energy and matter			Reactants: $C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6O_2$		
	Products: <b>C</b> <sub>6</sub> <b>H</b> <sub>12</sub> <b>O</b> <sub>6</sub> + 6 <b>O</b> <sub>2</sub>		Products: 6CO2 + 6H <sub>2</sub> O + energy (ATP)		

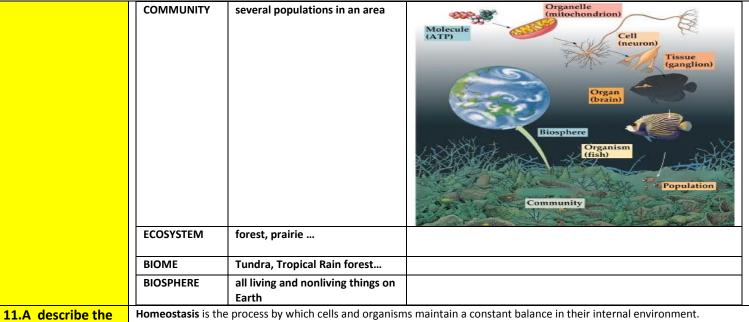






levels of
organization in
biological systems
and relate the
levels to each
other and to the
whole system





role of internal feedback mechanisms in the maintenance of homeostasis

An internal **feedback mechanism** is a self-regulating process, like a chemical reaction, that can help maintain homeostasis. It is a system that operates to keep the internal conditions of an organism within a certain range despite changes that occur in its external environment.

Mechanism	Response to Stimulus	Example
Negative feedback	Decreases effect	A human that becomes too hot will
		cool himself by dilating vessels and
		sweating
Positive feedback	Increases effect	Ethylene is produced when apples
		ripen, which stimulates production of
		more ethylene, causing more apples
		to ripen

# **Objective 5: Interdependence within Environmental Systems** TEK **Key Ideas** (RS)- will be tested (65%) (SS)- may be tested (35%) 11.D describe **Ecological Succession** how events and Succession is natural, gradual changes in the types of species that live in an area; can be primary or secondary; The gradual replacement of one plant community by another through natural processes over time processes that **Primary Succession** Primary succession is the development of a community in an area where no living things previously existed. occur during Begins in a place without any soil ecological Sides of volcanoes Landslides succession can Flooding change II. Starts with the arrival of living things such as lichens that do not need soil to survive Called PIONEER SPECIES populations and species diversity (Readiness Lichens Standard)

- Soil starts to form as lichens and the forces of weather and erosion help break down rocks into smaller pieces
- When lichens die, they decompose, adding small amounts of organic matter to the rock to make soil



Simple plants like mosses and ferns can grow in the new soil



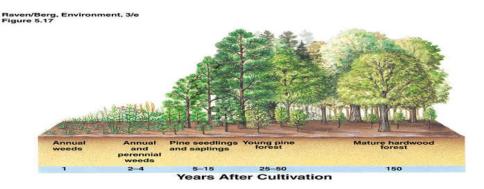


- The simple plants die, adding more organic material (nutrients to the soil)
- The soil layer thickens, and grasses, wildflowers, and other plants begin to take over
- Insects, small birds, and mammals have begun to move into the area
- What was once bare rock, now supports a variety of life
- These plants die, and they add more nutrients to the soil
- Shrubs and trees can survive now

#### **Secondary Succession**

Secondary succession is the replacement of one type of community by another in an area where an existing community was destroyed or removed

- Begins in a place that already has soil and was once the home of living organisms
- Occurs faster and has different pioneer species than primary succession



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Example: after forest fires

#### **Climax Community**

A stable group of plants and animals that is the end result of the succession process

- Does not always mean big trees
  - **Grasses in prairies**
  - -Cacti in deserts

### **B.12.A** interpret relationships, including predation,

#### Relationships

- Symbiosis is a relationship in which two different organisms have a close association with each other.
- Mutualism is a symbiotic relationship in which both organisms benefit.

### parasitism, commensalism, mutualism, and competition among organisms (RS)

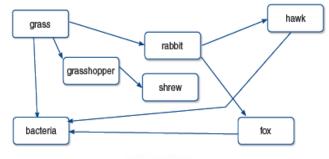
- <u>Commensalism</u> is a symbiotic relationship in which one organism benefits while the other organism is not
  affected in any way.
- Parasitism is symbolic relationship in which one organism benefits while the other is harmed
- Predation involves an organism known as a predator that eats part or all of another organism known as its prey.
- <u>Competition</u> occurs when two or more individuals or populations compete for the same resource, such as shelter or food
- A pathogen is a virus, bacterium, or any organism that causes a disease.

B.12.C analyze the flow of matter and energy through trophic levels using various models, including food chains, food webs, and ecological pyramids (RS)

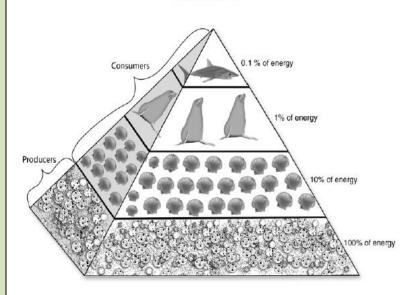
#### Flow of Matter and Energy through Trophic Levels

Trophic level – the level at which energy is flowing through an ecosystem

#### **Terrestrial Food Web**



**Energy Pyramid** 



12.F describe how environmental change can impact ecosystem stability

### **Environmental Change Impacting Ecosystem Stability**

Change in the environment, caused by nature or humans, can affect the stability of an ecosystem in positive or negative ways. Environmental changes can help sustain diverse and abundant populations over a long period of time or they can diminish or destroy populations.

**Example A** 

Example B

(RS)	A volcanic eruption kills a community's populations of organisms. The area's ecosystem is destroyed.	Leaking sewage systems release sewage into a river, causing excessive weed and algae growth and reducing fish populations. Humans repair leaks and reintroduce fish species. As a result, the ecosystem recovers.			
11.B investigate	Response to	External Factors			
and analyze how	•	to external factors like changes in the environment or other			
organisms,	organisms. If an entire species is unable to respond to change, it could face extinction.				
populations, and	Example: A fire destroys all of the grass in a food chain				
communities					
respond to external	Mountain lion	hawk			
factors (Supporting Standard)	deer	rabbit mouse			
	trees	grass			
		alternative food sources. The population survives.  s. They leave to look for grass in a new community. If they swill die.			
11.C summarize	Role of Microorganisms				
the role of					
microorganisms in	Microorganisms: Tiny organisms (like bacteria or protists) that can only be s	seen in a microscope. They play a critical role in the			
both maintaining	maintenance and disruption of the health of both individu				
and disrupting the	Example: The bacteria E. coli is critical for the digestive pr	rocess in many warm- blooded organisms. Outside of the			
health of both	intestines, E.coli can sicken or kill certain organisms  Beneficial Roles of Bacteria	Harmful Roles of Bacteria			
organisms and	Decompose organic material	Spoil food			
ecosystems	Change nitrogen from one form to another in the nitrogen cycle	Produce harmful or damaging toxins			
	Have role in making drugs(like penicillin), foods(like	Cause of shortage of oxygen in lakes where blooms			
	yogurt and cheese), and vitamins  Help absorb nutrients in the human digestive system	Cause diseases			
12.B compare	What is genetic variation?	רמעטר עוטרמטרט (מעטר עוטרמטרט) אין			
variations and	Triat is generic fariation.				
adaptations of	Within a population, individuals differ from one another. Many of these differences are genetically				
organisms in different	based. Environmental factors can also lead to i	ndividual differences because they influence how			
ecosystems	genes are expressed.				
	Constitution is the difference in the genet	ypes within a population. Ex: Humans have			
	different eye and hair color, skin color, shape o	• •			

genetically identical, then all of them would be equally vulnerable to a change in the environment or disease. The entire population could die off due to a predator, a new competitor, or the arrival of a new disease which would put the species in danger.

#### What are adaptations?

An **adaptation** is a heritable trait that helps an organism survive in its environment. It may be a physical trait such as a beak size or shape or a behavioral trait such as how to protect itself or find food.

Some adaptations are specific to certain ecosystems. Ex: some insects camouflage themselves to fit in the environment. Ex: chameleon

How do variations and adaptations of organisms compare in different ecosystems?

Genetic variations tend to increase with the size of a population and the rate at which the species reproduces.

Certain patterns in the genetic variation and adaptations in populations exist.

Bacteria, the most numerous groups of species on Earth are also most genetically varied. In contrast, large mammals, like elephants, that have small populations that have much less genetic variations.

Some organisms in different ecosystems have similar adaptations. Ex: animals that graze grasslands such as zebras, buffalos, and llamas. They all haveflat teeth for grinding grass, a long and complex digestive system to break down grass, and sturdy hooves for walking and running.

• **Deciduous forest**- This biome has a wide range of temperatures and precipitation. The organisms that adapted to survive the seasonal weather changes.

To survive the winters, these animals often do not move much and some may hibernate or sleep. Other animals migrate to other places until warm weather returns to the forest.

Desert- In this biome, plants and animals have adaptations that help them conserve water.
 Ex: Leaves of a cacti

Also many animals are nocturnal animals and move only during the night because it is so hot in the desert. They also may have physical adaptations to keep cool. Ex: the long ears of rabbits and foxes.

• **Coral reef**- In this biome, the reef is formed from the skeletons of coral animals. These are found in shallow, tropical waters. A healthy coral reef is home to a large variety of animals

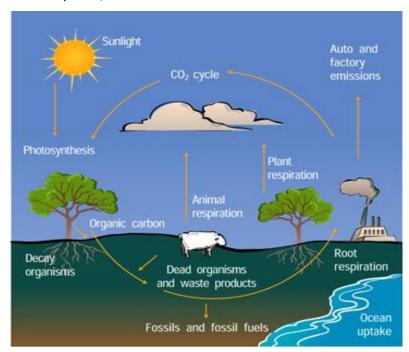
	including corals, anemones, fish, and shellfish. These organisms are adapted to warm, relatively shallow salt water.
12.D recognize that long-term survival of species is dependent	How is the long term survival of species affected by their resource base?  The long term survival of organisms depends on the resources supplied by their environment.
on changing resource bases that are limited	<b>Resources</b> are necessities for sustaining life- food, water, air, space. These help organisms survive and reproduce.
	In any environment, most resources are limited and their availability can change over time. Without enough resources, the species may die out or become <b>extinct</b> .
	Population size is influenced by the following factors-  • Competition  • Predation
	<ul><li>Parasitism and disease</li><li>Drought and other climate extremes</li></ul>
	Human disturbances
	What can change the resource bases of an environment?
	A sudden change to the environment can cause a rapid extinction of many species.  Ex: dinosaurs
	During a mass <b>extinction</b> , large number of species become extinct and whole ecosystems collapse.  What currently affects the resource bases of species?
	Resource bases have been changing drastically since the Industrial Revolution. All over the world, land that was once used for wildlife is now used for farms, ranches, cities, and houses.
	Fresh water is diverted from wildlife habitats to areas where people grow cops and for homes and factories.
	As these resources are used for other purposes, fewer resources are available for wildlife.
	<b>Pollution</b> affects resource bases. Ex: BP Horizon Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010. Oil residue will remain in the wetlands and coastline of the south for many years to come and will impact species that live there.
	Many species are now <b>endangered</b> - soon to be extinct. Ex: Florida panther of the Everglades in Florida and the giant panda of bamboo forests in China.
12.E describe the	Flow of Matter Through Cycles
flow of matter through the carbon	How does matter flow through the carbon cycle?
and nitrogen cycles	Carbon makes up less than 1% of the Earth's crust and atmosphere, but all living thingsdepend on carbon
and explain the	compounds.

consequences of disrupting these cycles

The carbon cycle is a process that moves carbon between the atmosphere, the Earth's surface, and living things. Carbon is recycled through respiration, photosynthesis, fuel combustion, decomposition; carbon can be atmospheric or dissolved, or can be found in organic compounds within the body

How does the carbon cycle works?

- In the atmosphere, carbon exists mostly as carbon dioxide. Carbon dioxide leaves the atmosphere when it dissolves in water or is taken up by plants for photosynthesis.
- It is released in the atmosphere during cellular respiration, geologic processes such as volcanic eruptions, and when fossil fuels or forests are burned.

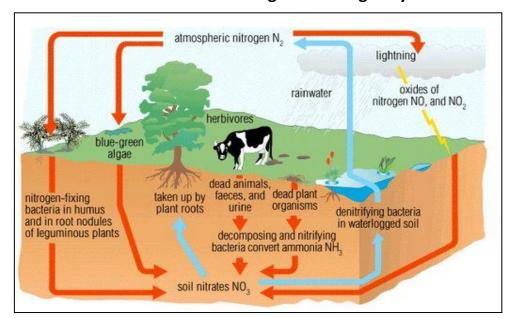


### What are some consequences of disruptions of the carbon cycle?

- Over the past 100 years, the levels of carbon dioxide in Earth's atmosphere have increased.
   Human activities such as the burning fossil fuels and forests are releasing carbon dioxide into the atmosphere at alarming rates and it is being released faster than it can be removed by natural processes.
- Increasing levels of carbon dioxide is a major contributing factor to the global climate change.
   Scientists say that increasing carbon dioxide which is a greenhouse gas that helps keep heat from leaving the atmosphere. The higher carbon dioxide levels are causing rising temperatures and climate change.

• The Greenhouse affect also affect the oceans. When CO<sub>2</sub> or carbon dioxide dissolves in water, carbonic acid forms which causes the water to become more acidic (acidification). This negatively affects marine organisms that have a low tolerance for changing pH levels.

### How does the flow of matter flow through the nitrogen cycle?



Nitrogen gas make up 78% of Earth's atmosphere. In the nitrogen cycle, nitrogen moves between the atmosphere, Earth's surface, and living things.

**Nitrogen Cycle** – producers take in nitrogen compounds in soil and pass to consumers that consume the producers; decomposers (bacteria) break down nitrogen compounds and release nitrogen gas to air or usable nitrogen so the soil. The nitrogen cycle involves the exchange of nitrogen between living things and their environment.

- Nitrogen gas is removed from the atmosphere by a process called nitrogen fixation.
   Nitrogen fixation is the process by which bacteria change nitrogen gas into a form that plants can use.
- Certain bacteria in the soil and water are able to fix nitrogen. Some of these bacteria live in the roots of certain plants. Lightning also fixes nitrogen.
- In the soil, a variety of bacteria convert fixed nitrogen from one form to another. The result is a mixture of nitrogen compounds, including nitrates, nitrites, and ammonia compounds. Plants take ammonia and make amino acids.

 Bacteria in the soil break down the remains of dead plants and animals, providing more fixed nitrogen to the soil. The actions of denitrifying bacteria return nitrogen to the atmosphere.

# What are some consequences of disruptions to the nitrogen cycle? One problem

- To increase plant growth, farmers and gardeners mix nitrogen containing fertilizer into the soil. The fertilizer runoff can affect the balance of nitrogen in bodies of water.
- In a process called **eutrophication**, nitrogen dissolves in the body of water and stimulates the growth of plants and algae.
- When plants and algae die, the bacterial populations that feed on dead matter boom.
   These bacteria consume so much oxygen from water that fish and other aquatic animals cannot survive.

### Another problem

• Acid precipitation can also disrupt the nitrogen cycle. **Acid precipitation** can lead to the death of plants and animals by altering the pH levels of soil and water. It can also cause harmful metals from pipes to enter drinking water.

**Process Standards (Underlying Processes and Mathematical Tools)** 

### **Process Standards (Underlying Processes and Mathematical Tools)**

- B.1.A demonstrate safe practices during laboratory and field investigations
- B.1.B demonstrate an understanding of the use and conservation of resources and the proper disposal or recycling of materials
- B.2.A know the definition of science and understand that it has limitations, as specified in chapter 112.34, subsection (b)(2) of 19 TAC
- B.2.B know that hypotheses are tentative and testable statements that must be capable of being supported or not supported by observational evidence. Hypotheses of durable explanatory power which have been tested over a wide variety of conditions are incorporated into theories
- B.2.C know scientific theories are based on natural and physical phenomena and are capable of being tested by multiple independent researchers. Unlike hypotheses, scientific theories are well-established and highly-reliable explanations, but they may be subject to change as new areas of science and new technologies are developed;
- B.2.D distinguish between scientific hypotheses and scientific theories
- B.2.E plan and implement descriptive, comparative, and experimental investigations, including asking questions, formulating testable hypotheses, and selecting equipment and technology
- B.2.F collect and organize qualitative and quantitative data and make measurements with accuracy and precision using tools such as calculators, spreadsheet software, data-collecting probes, computers, standard laboratory glassware, microscopes, various prepared slides, stereoscopes, metric rulers, electronic balances, gel electrophoresis apparatuses, micropipettors, hand lenses, Celsius thermometers, hot plates, lab notebooks or journals, timing devices, cameras, Petri dishes, lab incubators, dissection equipment, meter sticks, and models, diagrams, or samples of biological specimens or structures
- B.2.G analyze, evaluate, make inferences, and predict trends from data
- B.2.H communicate valid conclusions supported by the data through methods such as lab reports, labeled drawings, graphic organizers, journals, summaries, oral reports, and technology-based reports
- B.3.A in all fields of science, analyze, evaluate, and critique scientific explanations by using empirical evidence, logical reasoning, and experimental and observational testing, including examining all sides of

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scientific evidence of those scientific explanations, so as to encourage critical thinking by the student
B.3.B communicate and apply scientific information extracted from various sources such as current events,
news reports, published journal articles, and marketing materials
B.3.C draw inferences based on data related to promotional materials for products and services
B.3.D evaluate the impact of scientific research on society and the environment
B.3.E evaluate models according to their limitations in representing biological objects or events
B.3.F research and describe the history of biology and contributions of scientists