Diffusion



Learning Outcomes

- Diffusion is the movement of molecules from a high concentration to a low concentration down a concentration gradient until evenly spread.
- 2. Diffusion takes place through the cell membrane because it is selectively permeable.
- 3. Diffusion does not require energy to take place.



gradient until they are evenly spread out

Importance of Diffusion

- Diffusion of molecules takes place in plant cells, animal cells and in unicellular organisms.
- Substances a cell needs diffuse into the cell
- Substances a cell doesn't want diffuse out of the cell



Importance of Diffusion

In multicellular organisms

Animals:

Dissolved food and oxygen oves from the bloodstream into respiring cells. Waste products move from the cells into the Bloodstream

Plants:

Carbon Dioxide needed for Photosynthesis diffuses into the plant

In Unicellular organism

- Useful substances like Oxygen and dissolved food can enter it
- Waste substances
 like Carbon Dioxide
 can leave it





Movement through Membranes

- <u>Title</u>: Making a "Model Cell" using Visking Tubing to Investigate the Diffusion of Molecules
- <u>Aim</u>: To investigate the movement of starch and glucose across a selectively permeable cell membrane

<u>Collect</u>

- Boiling Tube and a test tube
- Boiling Tube Rack
- 20 ml Starch/glucose Solution
- 20 ml Water
- Syringe
- Dropper
- 1 length (20cm) of visking tubing
- Iodine to test for starch
- Benedicts solution to test for glucose

Now watch Mrs Wrightson...

<u>First</u> – leave half a page for your method write up

Copy - <u>Results</u>

Substance	Present in surrounding water at start	Present in surrounding water after 30 mins
Starch		
Glucose		



Method





- Rinse the bags under running water and dry with a paper towel before you weigh them
- Test surrounding water for starch and glucose first

Variables kept constant for a valid set of results

- Time (30mins)
- Temperature (room temp)
- Volume of solutions in each bag
- Concentration of sucrose solution
- Volume of solutions in boiling tubes
- Length of visking tubing





Osmosis is the movement of molecules from a water concentration to a _____ water concentration, through a s_____p m_____ until evenly s____

Solutions of Different Concentrations

- Solutions can have different concentrations. The concentration inside a cell may not be equal to the liquid surrounding it. When we compare the differing solutions we use the following words;
- 1. <u>Hypotonic</u> This describes solutions that have the higher water concentration.
- 2. <u>Isotonic</u> This describes solutions that are of equal concentration.
- <u>Hypertonic</u> This describes solutions that have the lower water concentration.



RED BLOOD CELLS (animal)







Activity

Collect 'Osmosis in animal cells' and Osmosis in plant cells' sheet

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Title: Osmosis through living tissue

<u>Aim</u>: To investigate the movement of water through potato tissue in different concentrations of solutions

Method:



<u>Results</u>:

Conditions	Initial Weight (g)	Final Weight (g)	Change in Weight (g)	Percentage change in Weight (%)
A: Water				
B: 5% S.Solution				
C: 25% S.Solution				
D: Air				

Analysis of results:

- In experiment A their was a percentage (increase/decrease/stayed the same) in the weight of potato.
- In experiment B their was a percentage (increase/decrease/stayed the same) in the weight of potato.
- In experiment C their was a percentage (increase/decrease/stayed the same) in the weight of potato.
- In experiment D their was a percentage (increase/decrease/stayed the same) in the weight of potato.

<u>Conclusion</u>:

- This experiment concludes that water does move from an area of high water concentration to an area of low water concentration through a selectively permeable membrane.
- In experiment A, the water moved from a ____outside the potato to a ____ inside the potato by osmosis. The potato tissue is said to be turgid.
- In experiment B, ...
- In experiment C, ...
 - In experiment D, ...



Osmosis Experiment

<u>To determine the Isotonic point in</u> <u>potato tissue</u>



Viewing Plasmolysis in Plant tissue

<u>Aim</u>: To prepare a slide containing red onion epidermis bathed in a concentrated sucrose solution.

<u>Method</u>:



<u>Results</u>: Draw what you see

<u>Conclusion</u>:

When placed in a hypertonic solution, plant cells loose water by osmosis and become plasmolysed