

OCR (A) Biology GCSE

B1.2 - What happens in cells?

Flashcards

Describe the structure of DNA

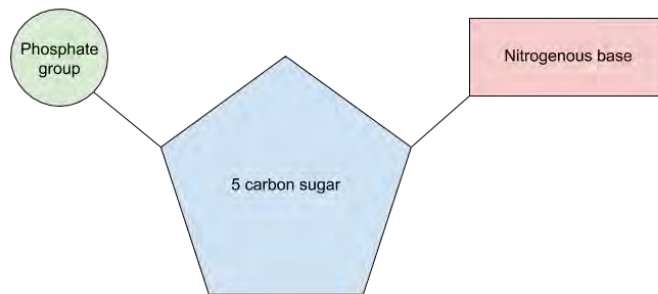
Describe the structure of DNA

- It is a polymer made of many nucleotide monomers
- It is made of 2 strands in the shape of a double helix

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A nucleotide contains a 5 carbon sugar, phosphate group and nitrogenous base



Name the 4 bases in DNA

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Adenine (A), Thymine (T), Cytosine (C)
and Guanine (G)

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Adenine pairs with Thymine (A with T)

Cytosine pairs with Guanine (C with G)

Describe transcription (Higher)

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- 1) DNA unzipped
- 2) Complementary mRNA nucleotides bind and are joined together
- 3) mRNA detaches and leaves the nucleus

Describe translation (Higher)

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- 1) mRNA travels to a ribosome
- 2) Carrier molecules carry amino acids to the ribosome based on the mRNA sequence
- 3) The amino acids are joined together

How does the sequence of DNA affect
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DNA is a triplet code where 3 bases code for one amino acid and the order of amino acids determine the protein produced

What are enzymes?

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Enzymes are biological catalysts that speed up the rate of metabolic reactions

Describe the structure of enzymes

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Enzymes are proteins that contain an active site that fits a specific substrate

Describe the lock and key hypothesis

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A substrate that fits the specific active site of the enzyme binds, a reaction occurs (catalysed by the enzyme) and then the products are released

State 4 factors that affect enzyme function

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- Temperature
- pH
- Substrate concentration
- Enzyme concentration

Describe the effect of temperature on the rate of an enzyme-controlled reaction

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- As the temperature increases, so does the rate of reaction
- Once the temperature exceeds the optimum, the enzyme denatures and the rate of reaction decreases

