

OCR (A) Biology GCSE

B5.2 - Natural selection and evolution

Flashcards

What is phylogenetics?

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The study of evolutionary relationships

Give 3 advancements that have
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- Developments in microscopy
- Developments in biochemistry
- New DNA evidence

Describe the process of natural selection

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- Populations are naturally varied due to random genetic mutations
- Some of these mutations provide a selective advantage
- These organisms survive and reproduce, passing on the successful genes

Define evolution

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Evolution is a change in the genetic makeup of a population over time due to natural selection

Give 2 pieces of evidence for evolution

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- Fossils
- Antibiotic resistance

Describe how antibiotic resistance arises

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- A random genetic mutation causes a bacterium to become resistant to the antibiotic
- When the antibiotic is used, all the bacteria that do not have the mutation are killed
- The population containing just the resistant bacteria then begins to grow

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- A population is split where members of the population are isolated
- The environments become different and so natural selection will occur differently
- The two groups will become different enough that they cannot breed to produce fertile offspring anymore

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- Most people still believed God created all the life on earth
- There was insufficient evidence to support his theory