

Population growth key terms

Carrying capacity (K)

Demographic transition: Moving between patterns of growth: high birth and death rates to high birth and low death rates, to low birth and death rates

Density-dependent factors: Limited resources limit population growth: food, space, mates, etc.

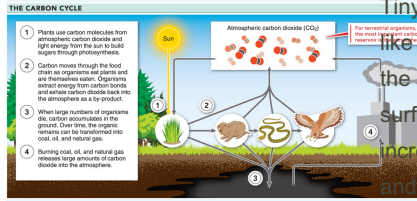
Density-independent factors: Indiscriminate forces that limit population: floods, earthquakes, fires, and other weather or geology-based calamities.

Exponential growth: $r * N$

Logistic growth: $r * N ((K - N) / K)$

Maximum sustainable yield: Half the carrying capacity ($K / 2$)

Carbon Cycle



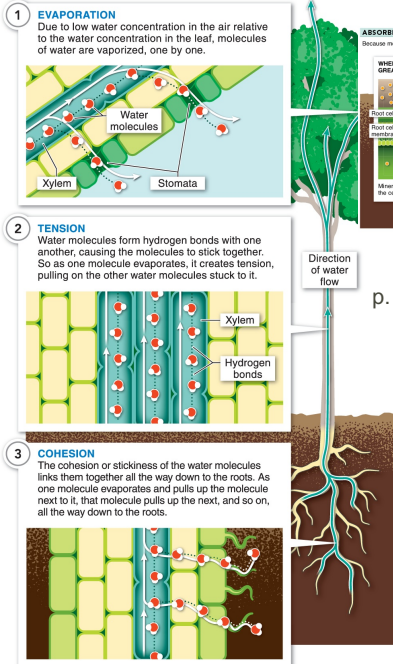
Mycorrhizae

Tiny, thread-like fungi trap water like a sponge and hold it around the roots. The fungi's huge surface area dramatically increases the amount of water and minerals that can be absorbed. In exchange, they receive sugars, amino acids, and vitamins from the plant.

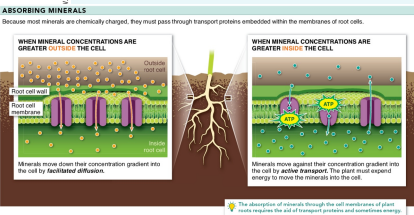
How water moves through plants

WATER TRANSPORT

Plants use a cohesion-tension mechanism to transport water and dissolved minerals from the roots and circulate them throughout the plant.



Chemical transport



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Moving heavy fluid—water and nutrients—around a plant could be energetically expensive. However, the cohesion of water molecules allows evaporation to do this work, and the fluids are “pulled” through the plant, from roots to leaves.

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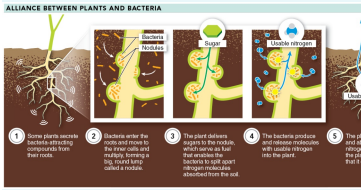


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Plants and Bacteria



Energy Transfer

ENERGY PYRAMID

"The 10% rule": only about 10% of the biomass from each trophic level is converted into biomass in the next trophic level.

TERTIARY CONSUMERS

SECONDARY CONSUMERS

10% converted to biomass

PRIMARY CONSUMERS

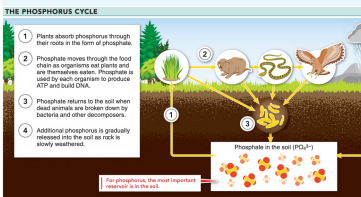
10% converted to biomass

PRODUCERS

10% converted to biomass

Inefficiencies in the transfer of energy from one trophic level next explain why there are so many more plants than animals

Phosphorous Cycle



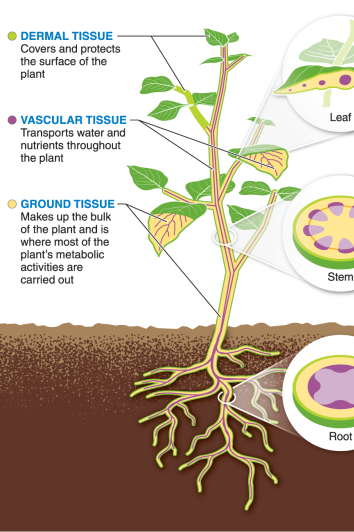
Plant tissue types

TYPES OF TISSUE IN VASCULAR PLANTS

DERMAL TISSUE
Covers and protects the surface of the plant

VASCULAR TISSUE
Transports water and nutrients throughout the plant

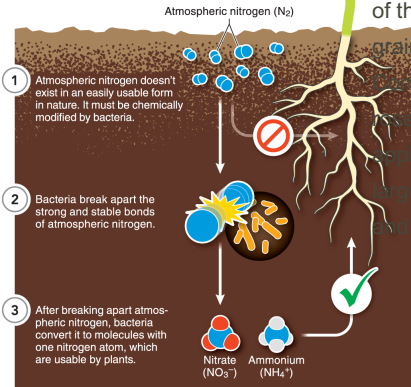
GROUND TISSUE
Makes up the bulk of the plant and is where most of the plant's metabolic activities are carried out



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Nitrogen Fixing

NITROGEN FIXATION



Nitrogen is the most common element in our atmosphere, but it is in a form not easily used by plants without the help of nitrogen-fixing bacteria.

Monocots v Eudicots

MONOCOTS	EUDICOTS
SEEDS Embryos have one cotyledon	SEEDS Embryos have two cotyledons
LEAVES Generally have parallel veins	LEAVES Generally have branching veins
STEMS Vascular tissue is arranged in randomly scattered bundles	STEMS Vascular tissue is arranged in an orderly ring
FLOWERS Flower parts typically occur in multiples of three	FLOWERS Flower parts typically occur in multiples of four or five
ROOTS Generally have fibrous roots	ROOTS Generally have a taproot

Some common monocots are palm trees, orchids, lilies, and all of the grasses, including most grains used in food products. Common eudicots include roses, daisies, coffee, potatoes, tomatoes, strawberries, and most deciduous trees, including maples and oaks.

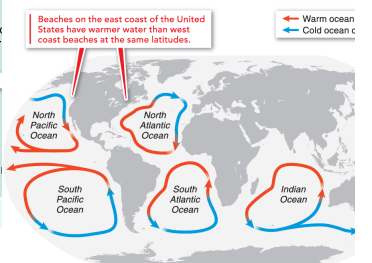
Soil contains:

- Minerals- 50% (in the form of weathered rock particles ranging in size from sand, silt, and clay)
- Water and air- 45-50% (fills space in-between particles)
- Organic materials- 1-5% (Humus- decomposed or partially decomposed bits of carbon-containing plants or animals)

Ocean Currents

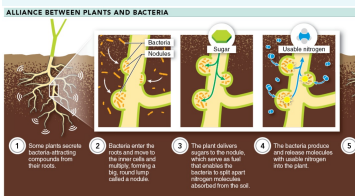
OCEAN CIRCULATION PATTERNS

There are several large, circular patterns of flowing water in the oceans due to forces, including wind, the earth's rotation, the gravitational pull of the moon, and salt concentration.



Think: Red to blue, wet for you. Blue to red, dry ahead.

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Plants require...

REQUIREMENTS FOR PLANT NUTRITION



SUNLIGHT
Provides energy to build molecules of sugar



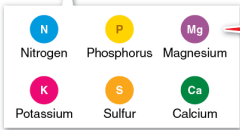
WATER
Essential to nearly every chemical reaction within a plant



AIR
Provides a source of carbon dioxide, from which carbon can be recovered and used in the construction of sugar



SOIL
Although soil itself is not necessary, it typically contains the minerals essential for building new cells and assembling them into new tissues



These six minerals are required in relatively large amounts for plant growth and metabolism.

Plants technically do not require soil, as hydroponic gardening is a possibility. They do require these other nutrients in trace amounts, however: chlorine, iron, boron, manganese, zinc, copper, and molybdenum.

Q & A

Why is it so much colder at the poles than at the equator?

The curvature of the Earth causes sunlight exposure to spread out over further swaths as it gets closer to the poles.

Q & A (cont)

Why is there so much more biodiversity along the equator?

1. The concentration of sunlight provides a lot of energy
2. Warm air holds more moisture than cold air, which increases the water circulating near the equator, and causes deserts around 30 degree latitude.

Which holds more heat: air or water?

Water holds 10,000 times as much heat as air, meaning it takes more energy and temperature change to heat water, and air temperature fluctuates more easily.

What is the rain shadow effect?

Water travels from the ocean over land through warm air. As the air moves up over mountains, the temperature drops, forcing the moisture out as precipitation. A rain shadow is left when the air drops back down behind the mountain and warms again, creating more arid climates with little annual rainfall.

Q & A (cont)

How do ocean currents work?

Ocean currents warm slowly as they travel through warmer areas and cool slowly as they travel through cooler climates. The currents travel in large, circular motions warming cooler land with warm currents and cooling warmer land with cool currents.