

Key Terms

Evolution	The change in the heritable characteristics of biological populations over successive generations
Natural Selection	the process through which populations of living organisms adapt and change.

Criteria Necessary for Natural Selection to Occur

- Genetic variation in the population
- Overproduction of offspring
- Struggle for existence
- Differential survival and reproduction

What Causes Evolution? Selective Pressures

- Predation
- Disease
- Food and Space Availability
- Mate choice via Sexual Selection
- Physical conditions such as salinity and temperature



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