Plants 9.1

Transport in plants







- is formed by covalent bond between O and H
- covalent sharing is unequal (oxygen is stronger) creating + pole and - pole
- the poles results in hydrogen bonds (attraction of O- and H+ between water molecules
- a weaker intermolecular bond then ionic bonds but still significant in larger numbers

- Solvent properties- many polar molecules are dissolve by water
 - water clumps and shells around polar substance (weaken polar bonds)
 - cytoplasm of plant cells consists of mostly water with dissolved polar substances

cytoplasm the gel-like fluid that fills the cell





Na+ CI+ $C_6H_{12}O_6$ K+ NO₃+ H+ HCO₃proteins PO₄ ³⁻



- Thermal properties
 - High specific heat capacity
 - hydrogen bonds restrict water motion... higher energy is need to raise water temperature
 - this allow it to regulate temperature changes
 - High latent heat of vaporization
 - to evaporate, heat must added to vaporize
 - causes a cooling effect on the surface
 - eg. transpiration in plants , sweating in animals



- cohesive property ability to stick together
- useful for water transport in plants,
 - water sucked through vessels at low pressure
 - molecules stick together with suction forces
 - water can be pulled up through the tallest trees





Share two facts you learned from the video



- Adhesive property ability to stick to other polar molecules
- used in leaves water adheres to cellulose that make up plant cell walls
 - if water evaporates from cell walls of leaves, adhesion cause water to be drawn from vessels called xylem
 - keeps walls moist so they can absorb CO2





Transpiration

PLANTS: Gas exchange in leaves

Carbon dioxide enters, while water and oxygen exit, through a leaf's stomata.



LEAVES can perform gas exchange

-Using air holes called stomata (singular = stoma)

 A pair of guard cells open and close the stoma

Transpiration

- Photosynthesis involves gas exchange along with the use of water and sunlight
- CO2 is taken in as a raw material/O2 is a waste gas
- CO2 intake is essential and occurs through pores called stomata
- Stomata limit water loss (transpiration) by guard cells (pairs) that open and closes during gas exchange
- most land plants contain stomata





Leaf Cross section



Vascular Tissue Structure



mature young xylem xylem



Vascular Tissue Structure

- Xylem- water transport vessels
 - long continuous tube with thickened cell walls of cellulose
 - lined with the polymer of lignin
 - rigid
- formed by cells end to end- when mature, they're non living.
- water moves along passively
- lower pressure inside then in the atmosphere
- cohesion exist between water molecules and adhesion to xylem
- these keep a continuous stream moving up the plant





Tension in Leaf Cell Walls Maintains Transpiration

- evaporated water is replaced by nearest available sources by adhesion
- leaf vein xylem is the water replacement source
- **adhesion** generates a pulling force to draw water from xylem
- results in a pressure drop —> creating a pulling force
- this pulling force transmits down xylem to roots (this pulls water upwards)
- This transpirational-pull is enough to pull water up to the top of the highest trees





LOOKING at plant leaf cross section

-> view on low or medium power

—> find stomata, spongy mesophyll, palisade mesophyll, leaf vein, epidermis, air space for gas exchange

-> calculate estimate size and calculate magnification

Looking at lettuce leaf

-> make a wet mount, View on high power

- -> find stomata , guard cells (2) epidermis, stoma
- -> calculate estimate size and calculate magnification

Looking at Lettuce stock Cross section

-> make a wet mount

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- -> find vascular tissue and Draw and label
- -> calculate estimate size and calculate magnification



- Roots have higher minerals and ion concentrations compare to soil (100x or more)
- Gradient created by active transport
- This creates a water gradient with higher concentration in soil compared to cells
- water moves down the gradient (high to low) OSMOSIS







some plants use fungi to aid ion absorption (mycorrhizal fungi)

- with some ions such as phosphates and nitrates, fungi might interact with roots to aid absorption of ions trapped or inaccessible
- fungi benefit from plants which supply sugars





• Homework assignment

1. Do a web search/ read about Xerophytes (cactus) and water uptake strategies (pg 409-410)

read about examples *Ammophila arenaria, Gymnocalycium baldianum* **and** *Euphorbia obesa*

2. Do a web search/ read about plants that live in salty soils (Halophytes) How do they get enough fresh water?

