

B2.2 Knowledge Organiser

## Respiration

- 1. Respiration is a chemical reaction that gives out heat (**exothermic**)
- 2. All living things respire.
- 3. Respiration is carried out in all cells continuously.
- 4. The purpose of respiration is to release energy for organisms to use.
- 5. Living things need energy for movement, keeping warm and for other chemical reactions to build molecules
- 6. Aerobic means 'requiring oxygen'
- 7. The word equation for aerobic respiration is:

#### Glucose + oxygen $\rightarrow$ carbon dioxide + water

### **Respiration and exercise**

- 8. During exercise, cells require a greater rate of respiration to provide more energy for movement
- Heart rate, breathing rate and breathing volume all increase during exercise to meet the increase demand for the reactants during respiration.

### Anaerobic respiration

- 10. Anaerobic means 'without oxygen'
- Anaerobic respiration takes place without oxygen and releases less energy than aerobic respiration
- 12. During intense exercise, if there is not enough oxygen then anaerobic respiration takes place
- 13. Aerobic respiration uses oxygen and releases more energy than anaerobic respiration
- 14. Anaerobic respiration in muscle cells causes a build-up of lactic acid which results in an oxygen debt
- 15. After a long period of intense exercise, muscles become fatigued and cannot contract normally

16. The word equation for anaerobic respiration is:

Glucose → lactic acid (in animal muscles)

- 17. Anaerobic respiration in yeast cells is called fermentation and is used to make bread and alcoholic drinks
- 18. The word equation for fermentation is: Glucose → ethanol + carbon dioxide (in yeast)

# Photosynthesis

- 19. Plants and algae make their own food using a process called photosynthesis.
- 20. Almost all life on Earth depends on photosynthetic organisms
- 21. Light provides the energy needed for photosynthesis
- 22. Water and carbon dioxide are the reactants required for photosynthesis.
- 23. Plants make **carbohydrates** in their leaves by photosynthesis and gain mineral nutrients and water from the soil via their roots.
- 24. The products of photosynthesis are oxygen and glucose.
- 25. The word equation for photosynthesis is:

### carbon dioxide + water $\rightarrow$ glucose + oxygen

- 26. Plants use glucose for energy by the process of respiration.
- 27. Photosynthesis maintains levels of oxygen in the atmosphere.
- 28. Leaves are the primary site of photosynthesis in plants.
- 29. Chloroplasts in plant cells contain a green pigment called **chlorophyll** which uses the energy in light for photosynthesis.
- 30. Leaves have a number of adaptations which allow them to carry out photosynthesis effectively.



- 31. Plant roots are adapted in order to allow water to be absorbed for photosynthesis.
- 32. Water leaves the plant via the **stomata** on the underside of leaves.



- 33. **Epidermis** thin and transparent to allow more light to pass through leaf to get to chloroplasts
- 34. **Palisade mesophyll** site of photosynthesis and contains lots of chloroplasts to absorb max sunlight
- 35. **Spongy mesophyll** contains lots of air spaces to increase surface area and

allow carbon dioxide and oxygen to diffuse easily

- 36. Stomata holes in the leaf to allow carbon dioxide to diffuse in and oxygen to diffuse out
- 37. **Guard cells** to open and close the stomata to let substances in and out and to close it in order to prevent water loss
- 38. Plants require light, carbon dioxide and water for photosynthesis.
- 39. The xylem and phloem are **transport vessels** that arrive into the leaf carrying useful substances.
- 40. **Xylem** transport **water** from **roots to leaves** and the wall is strengthened with **cellulose** and **lignin**
- 41. Phloem transport water and glucose in a two way system.
- 42. Some plants are **non-photosynthetic**, which means they cannot carry out photosynthesis
- 43. Non-photosynthetic plants tend to be **parasitic**, growing in/on/around other plants so they can obtain the food they need. For example, the Indian pipe plant eats mushrooms.