

Edexcel Biology IGCSE

5.b-5.c - Selective Breeding and Genetic Modification

Flashcards



Describe how selective breeding is
carried out
(Higher)



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- Organisms with the desired traits are selected
- These organisms are bred together
- This process is repeated until the offspring have the desired characteristics



What is genetic engineering?



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Altering the genome of an organism.



How are new genes introduced into an organism?



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- The organisms genes are cut using restriction enzymes to create sticky ends
- The DNA from a bacterium is also cut to produce sticky ends
- The gene is inserted into the bacterium and joined together by DNA ligase enzymes



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- The plants are resistant to herbicides and disease
- The plants grow bigger and more quickly
- The plants can grow in harsher environments and without the need to continue to top up nutrients frequently



What is a transgenic organism?



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An organism that contains foreign DNA.

