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2.1 SUPPLYING THE CELL

Diffusion

The net spreading out of particles from a high concentration to a lower concentration (down their concentration gradient)

Factors that affect diffusion rate

Membrane surface area

Concentration gradient

Temperature

Substances

Glucose

Water

Oxygen

Active Transport

Against concentration gradient

Requires energy from respiration

e.g. absorption of ions in plant roots

e.g. absorption of sugar in the small intestine

Osmosis

Both passive processes

Plant

In hypertonic solution - plant cell becomes turgid

Animal

In hypotonic solution - animal cell will become shrivelled

In hypertonic solution - animal cell will burst

Water potential

Tendency of water to move from one area to another

The net movement of water molecules from a region of high concentration to a region of low concentration through a partially permeable membrane

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