

WJEC England Biology GCSE

2.1 - Transport in cells

Flashcards

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Define diffusion



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The net movement of molecules from an area of high concentration to an area of low concentration down their concentration gradient



How does temperature affect the rate of diffusion?



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As the temperature increases, so does the rate of diffusion as the particles have more kinetic energy and move faster



How does the concentration gradient affect the rate of diffusion?



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The greater the concentration gradient (the difference between the two areas), the faster the rate of diffusion



How does the surface area of the membrane affect the rate of diffusion?



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As the surface area increases so does the rate of diffusion as there is more space for the particles to move through



Define osmosis



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The net movement of water molecules from a high water potential to a low water potential down their water potential gradient across a partially permeable membrane



Define active transport



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The movement of molecules from a low concentration to a high concentration against their concentration gradient using energy



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They have a small surface area to volume ratio and so the rate of diffusion alone would not be fast enough to transport substances around



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- O_2 is transported in for respiration
- CO_2 is transported out from respiration
- Dissolved food molecules from digestion
- Urea and waste products

