Chapter 1: Introduction: Themes in the Study of Life

Begin your study of biology this year by reading Chapter 1. It will serve as a reminder about biological concepts that you may have learned in an earlier course and give you an overview of what you will study this year.

1. In the overview, Figure 1.3 recalls many of the properties of life. Label the seven properties illustrated here, and give a different example of each.

Concept 1.1 Themes connect the concepts of biology

2. What are emergent properties? Give two examples.

3. Life is organized on many scales. Figure 1.4 zooms you in from viewing Earth from space all the way to the level of molecules. As you study this figure, write in a brief definition of each level.

biosphere

ecosystem
community

population

organism

organs/organ systems

tissues

cells

organelles

molecules

4. Our study of biology will be organized around recurring themes. Make a list here of the themes that are presented, and give an example that illustrates each theme. Watch for these themes throughout your study this entire year. This will help you see the big picture and organize your thinking. (Go to the Summary of Key Concepts at the end of the chapter for a concise look at the themes.)

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5. As you read this section, you will be reminded of things you may have studied in an earlier course. Since this material will be presented in detail in future chapters, you will come back to these ideas, so don’t fret if some of the concepts presented are unfamiliar. However, to guide your study, define each of the terms in bold as you come to them.

- **eukaryotic cell**
- **prokaryotic cell**
- **DNA**
- **genes**
- **genome**
- **negative feedback/positive feedback**

**Concept 1.2 The Core Theme: Evolution accounts for the unity and diversity of life**

6. Life is organized into groups. Study Figure 1.14.

• Which level contains the greatest diversity of organism?

• The least?

• Write out the levels of organization in order.

• Most people use a mnemonic device to remember these levels. If you have one, write it here.
7. Taxonomy is the branch of biology that names and classifies organisms. Because of new molecular information, there have been many changes in placement of certain groups in recent years. Notice that all life is now organized in your text into 3 domains rather than the 5 kingdoms you may have learned earlier. Put the kingdoms mentioned in the text in the space above the proper domain names shown here.

Bacteria  Archaea  Eukarya

8. What two main points were articulated in Darwin’s *The Origin of Species*?

9. What did Darwin propose as the mechanism of evolution? Summarize this mechanism.

10. Study Figure 1.22, which shows an evolutionary “tree.” What is indicated by each twig? What do the branch points represent? Where did the “common ancestor” of the Galápagos finches originate?
Concept 1.3 Scientists use two main forms of inquiry in their study of nature

11. What are the two main types of scientific inquiry? Give an example of each.

12. What is data?

13. Distinguish between quantitative and qualitative data. Which type would be presented in a data chart and could be graphed? Which type is found in the field sketches made by Jane Goodall?

14. In science, how do we define hypothesis?

15. A scientific hypothesis has two important qualities. The first is that it is testable. What is the second?

16. Are scientific hypotheses proved? Explain your answer!

17. Look at Figure 1.24. Use it to write a hypothesis using the “If . . . then . . .” format.

18. What is a controlled experiment?

19. The text points out a common misconception about the term “controlled experiment”. In the snake mimicry experiment, what factors were held constant?

20. Why are supernatural explanations outside the bounds of science?
21. Explain what is meant by a scientific **theory** by giving the three ways your text separates a theory from a hypothesis or mere speculation.

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*Testing Your Knowledge: Self-Quiz Answers*

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Concept 2.1 Matter consists of chemical elements in pure form and in combinations called compounds

1. Define and give an example of the following terms:
   - matter
   - element
   - compound

2. What four elements make up 96% of all living matter?

3. What is the difference between an essential element and a trace element?
   - essential element
   - trace element

Concept 2.2 An element’s properties depend on the structure of its atoms

4. Sketch a model of an atom of helium, showing the electrons, protons, neutrons, and atomic nucleus.

5. What is the atomic number of helium? _________ Its atomic mass? _________

6. Here are some more terms that you should firmly grasp. Define each term.
   - neutron
   - proton
   - electron
   - atomic number
atomic mass

isotope

electron shells

energy

7. Consider this entry in the periodic table for carbon.

What is the atomic mass? _____ atomic number? ______

How many electrons does carbon have? _______ neutrons? _______

8. Which is the only subatomic particle that is directly involved in the chemical reactions between atoms?

9. What is potential energy?

10. Explain which has more potential energy in each pair:

   a. boy at the top of a slide/boy at the bottom

   b. electron in the first energy shell/ electron in the third energy shell

   c. water/glucose
11. What determines the chemical behavior of an atom?

12. Here is an electron distribution diagram for sodium:
   a. How many valence electrons does it have? ______ Circle the valence electron(s).
   b. How many protons does it have? ______

Concept 2.3 The formation and function of molecules depend on chemical bonding between atoms


14. Now, refer back to your definition of a compound and fill in the following chart:

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15. What type of bond is seen in O₂? Explain what this means.

16. What is meant by electronegativity?

17. Explain the difference between a nonpolar covalent bond and a polar covalent bond.
18. Make an electron distribution diagram of water. Which element is most electronegative? Why is water considered a *polar* molecule? Label the regions that are more positive or more negative. (This is a very important concept. Spend some time with this one!)

19. Another bond type is the *ionic bond*. Explain what is happening in the figure below (2.14):

![Ionic Bond Diagram](image)

20. What two elements are involved above?

21. Define *anion* and *cation*. In the preceding example, which is the anion?

22. What is a *hydrogen bond*? Indicate where the hydrogen bond occurs in this figure.

![Hydrogen Bond Diagram](image)

23. Explain *van der Waals interactions*. Though they represent very weak attractions, when these interactions are numerous they can stick a gecko to the ceiling!
24. Here is a list of the types of bonds and interactions discussed in this section. Place them in order from the strongest to the weakest: hydrogen bonds, van der Waals interactions, covalent bonds, ionic bonds.

**STRONG**

**WEAK**

25. Use morphine and endorphins as examples to explain why molecular shape is crucial in biology.

**Concept 2.4 Chemical reactions make and break chemical bonds**

26. Write the chemical shorthand equation for photosynthesis. Label the *reactants* and the *products*.

27. For the equation you just wrote, how many molecules of carbon dioxide are there? ____

   How many molecules of glucose? ________ How many elements in glucose? ________

28. What is meant by *dynamic equilibrium*? Does this imply equal concentrations of each reactant and product?

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Chapter 3: Water and the Fitness of the Environment

**Concept 3.1 The polarity of water molecules results in hydrogen bonding**

1. Study the water molecules at the right. On the central molecule, label oxygen (O) and hydrogen (H).

2. What is a polar molecule? Why is water considered polar?

3. Now, add + and – signs to indicate the charged regions of each molecule. Then, indicate the hydrogen bonds.

4. Explain hydrogen bonding. How many hydrogen bonds can a single water molecule form?

**Concept 3.2 Four emergent properties of water contribute to Earth’s fitness for life**

Hydrogen bonding accounts for the unique properties of water. Let’s look at several.

**Cohesion**

5. Distinguish between cohesion and adhesion.

6. What is demonstrated when you see beads of water on a waxed car hood?

7. Which property explains the ability of a water strider to walk on water?

**Moderation of Temperature**

8. The calorie is a unit of heat. Define calorie.

9. Water has high specific heat. What does this mean? How does water’s specific heat compare to alcohol’s?

10. Explain how hydrogen bonding contributes to water’s high specific heat.
11. Summarize how water’s high specific heat contributes to the moderation of temperature. How is this property important to life?

12. Define evaporation. What is heat of vaporization? Explain at least three effects of this property on living organisms.

**Expansion upon Freezing**

13. Ice floats! So what? Consider what would happen if ponds and other bodies of water accumulated ice at the bottom. Describe why this property of water is important.

14. Now, explain why ice floats. Why is 4°C the critical temperature in this story?

**Solvent of Life**

15. Review and define these terms:
   - solvent
   - solution
   - solute

16. Consider coffee to which you have added sugar. Which is the solvent? The solute?

17. Explain why water is such a fine solvent.

18. Define hydrophobic and hydrophilic.

19. You already know that some materials, such as olive oil, will not dissolve in water. In fact, oil will float on top of water. Explain this property in terms of hydrogen bonding.
20. Now, let’s do a little work that will enable you to prepare solutions. Read the section on solute concentrations carefully, and show the calculations here for preparing a 1-molar solution of sucrose. Steps to help you do this follow. The first step is done for you. Fill in the rest.

**Steps to prepare a solution:**

a. Write the molecular formula. \( \text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_{11} \)

b. Use your periodic table to calculate the mass of each element. Multiply by the number of atoms of the element. (For example, O has a mass of 16. Therefore one mole of O has a mass of 16 x 11 = 176 g/mole.)

c. Add the masses of each element in the molecule.

d. Add this mass of the compound to water to bring it to a volume of 1 liter. This makes 1 liter of a 1-M (1 molar) solution.

21. Can you prepare 1 liter of a 0.5-molar glucose solution? Show your work here.

22. Define molarity.

**Concept 3.3 Acidic and basic conditions affect living organisms**

23. What two ions form when water dissociates?

You should have answered “hydronium (H_3O^+) and hydroxide ions (OH–)” in the preceding question. However, by convention, we will represent the hydronium ion as H^+.

24. What is the concentration of each ion in pure water at 25°C?

25. Water has a pH of 7. \( pH \) is defined as the negative log of the hydrogen ion concentration \([H^+]\). Can you now see how water is assigned a pH of 7?

26. To go a step further, the product of H^+ and OH– concentrations is constant at \( 10^{-14} \).

\[ [H^+][OH^-] = 10^{-14}. \]
Water, which is neutral with a pH of 7, has an equal number of H+ and OH– ions. Now, define **acid**  

**base**

27. Because the pH scale is logarithmic, each numerical change represents a 10X change in ion concentration.

a. So, how many times more acidic is a pH of 3 compared to a pH of 5?

b. How many times more basic is a pH of 12 compared to a pH of 8?

c. Explain difference between a pH of 8 and a pH of 12 in terms of H+ concentration.

28. On the pH chart, label pH 1–14. Label **neutral, acid, base**. Indicate the locations of pure water, urine, gastric juice, and bleach.

29. Even a slight change in pH can be harmful! How do **buffers** moderate pH change?

30. Exercise will result in the production of CO2, which will acidify the blood. Explain the buffering system that minimizes blood pH changes.

31. **Acid precipitation** is increasing. Explain its sources.

32. Discuss how CO2 emissions affect marine life and ecosystems.

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Chapter 5: The Structure and Function of Large Biological Molecules

Concept 5.1 Macromolecules are polymers, built from monomers

1. The large molecules of all living things fall into just four main classes. Name them.

2. Circle the three classes that are called macromolecules. Define macromolecule.

3. What is a polymer? a monomer?

4. Monomers are connected in what type of reaction? What occurs in this reaction?

5. Large molecules (polymers) are converted to monomers in what type of reaction?

6. The root words of hydrolysis will be used many times to form other words you will learn this year. What does each root word mean?
   hydro–
   lysis

7. Consider the following reaction:

   \[ \text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6 + \text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6 \rightarrow \text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_{11} \]

   a. The equation is not balanced; it is missing a molecule of water. Write it in on the correct side of the equation.

   b. So, what kind of reaction is this?

   c. Is C_6H_{12}O_6 (glucose) a monomer, or a polymer?

   d. To summarize, when two monomers are joined, a molecule of _________ is always removed.
Concept 5.2 Carbohydrates serve as fuel and building material

8. Let’s look at carbohydrates, which include sugars and starches. First, what are the monomers of all carbohydrates?

9. Most monosaccharides are some multiple of (CH₂O). For example, ribose is a 5-carbon sugar with the formula C₅H₁₀O₅. It is a pentose sugar. (From the root *penta-* meaning 5.) What is the formula of a hexose sugar?

10. Here are the three hexose sugars. Label each of them. Notice that all sugars have the same two functional groups. Name them:

   C=O ___________________
   —OH ___________________

11. What is the difference between an *aldehyde sugar* and a *ketone sugar*?

12. So, as a quick review, all of these sugars have the same chemical formula: C₆H₁₂O₆. What term did you learn in Chapter 3 for compounds that have the same molecular formulas but different structural formulas?
13. Here is the abbreviated ring structure of glucose. Where are all the carbons?

Pay attention to the numbering system. This will be important as we progress in our study. Circle the number 3 carbon. Put a square around the number 5 carbon.

14. Let’s look at our reaction in question 7 again: \( \text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6 + \text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6 \rightarrow \text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_{11} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \)

Notice that two monomers are joined to make a polymer. Since the monomers are monosaccharides, the polymer is a disaccharide. Three disaccharides are important to us with the formula \( \text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_{11} \). Name them below and fill out the chart.

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15. Have you noticed that all the sugars end in –ose? This root word means ______________.

16. What is a glycosidic linkage?

17. Here is a molecule of starch, which shows 1–4 glycosidic linkages. Translate and explain this terminology in terms of carbon numbering.
18. There are two categories of polysaccharides. Name them and give examples.

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19. Why can you not digest cellulose? What organisms can?

20. Let’s review some key points about the carbohydrates. Each prompt below describes a unique carbohydrate. Name the correct carbohydrate for each.

   a. Has 1–4 B glucose linkages
   b. Is a storage polysaccharide produced by vertebrates; stored in your liver
   c. Two monomers of this form maltose
   d. Glucose + ________ form sucrose
   e. Monosaccharide commonly called “fruit sugar”
   f. “Milk sugar”
   g. Structural polysaccharide that gives cockroaches their crunch
   h. Malt sugar; used to brew beer
   i. Structural polysaccharide that comprises plant cell walls

**Concept 5.3 Lipids are a diverse group of hydrophobic molecules**

21. Lipids include fats, waxes, oils, phospholipids, and steroids. What characteristic do all lipids share?

22. What are the building blocks of fats? Label them on this figure.
23. If a fat is composed of 3 fatty acids and 1 glycerol molecule, how many water molecules will be removed to form it? Again, what is this process called?

24. On the figure with question 22, label the ester linkages.

25. Draw a fatty acid chain that is 8 carbons long and is unsaturated. Circle the element in your chain that makes it unsaturated, and explain what this means.

26. Name two saturated fats.

27. Name two unsaturated fats.

28. Why are many unsaturated fats liquid at room temperature?

29. What is a trans fat? Why should you limit them in your diet?

30. List four important functions of fats.

31. Here is a figure that shows the structure of a phospholipid. Label the sketch to show the phosphate group, the glycerol, and the fatty acid chains. Also indicate the region that is hydrophobic and the region that is hydrophilic.

32. Why is the “tail” hydrophobic?
33. Which of the two fatty acid chains in the figure with question 31 is unsaturated? Label it. How do you know it is unsaturated?

34. To summarize, a phospholipid has a glycerol attached to a phosphate group and two fatty acid chains. The head is hydrophilic, and the tail is hydrophobic. Now, sketch the phospholipid bilayer structure of a plasma membrane. Label the hydrophilic heads, hydrophobic tails, and location of water.

35. Study your sketch. Why are the tails all located in the interior?

36. Some people refer to this structure as three hexagons and a doghouse. What is it?

37. What are other examples of steroids?

**Concept 5.4 Proteins have many structures, resulting in a wide range of functions**

38. Table 5.1 is loaded with important information. Select any five types of proteins and summarize each type here.

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39. *Enzymes* are an important type of protein. They will be studied in Chapter 8. For now, use this sketch to review what you know about enzymes. Label the *active site*, the *substrate*, and the *products*. Show what happens to water.

40. Is this reaction dehydration synthesis or hydrolysis?

41. The monomers of proteins are *amino acids*. Sketch an amino acid here. Label the *alpha* or *central carbon*, *amino group*, *carboxyl group*, and *R group*.

42. What is represented by *R*? How many are there?
43. Study the figure. See if you can understand why some R groups are nonpolar, some polar, and others electrically charged (acidic or basic). If you were given an R group, could you place it in the correct group? Work on the R groups until you can see common elements in each category.

44. Define these terms:

- **dipeptide**

- **polypeptide**

- **peptide bond**

Label each of these terms on the diagrams.
45. There are four levels of protein structure. Refer to Figure 5.21, and summarize each level in the following table.

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46. Label each of the levels of protein structure on this figure.
47. Enzymes are globular proteins that exhibit at least tertiary structure. On this figure, identify and explain each interaction that folds this portion.

48. Do you remember when, in Chapter 4, we said, “Change the structure, change the function”? Explain how that principle applies to sickle-cell disease. Why is the structure changed?

49. Besides mutation, which changes the primary structure of a protein, protein structure can be changed by denaturation. Define denaturation, and give at least three ways a protein may become denatured.

50. Chaperone proteins or chaperonins assist in the proper folding of proteins. Annotate this figure to explain the process.
Concept 5.5 Nucleic acids store and transmit hereditary information

DNA and RNA will be the core topics of Chapter 17. For now, you should just review the general functions and know the components.

51. The flow of genetic information is from DNA \(\rightarrow\) RNA \(\rightarrow\) protein. Use this figure to explain the process. Label the nucleus, DNA, mRNA, ribosome, and amino acids.

52. The components of a nucleic acid are a sugar, a nitrogenous base, and a phosphate group. Label each on the figure below.

53. You may recall that early in this chapter we looked at the numbering system for the carbons of a sugar. Label the end of the strand on the left side of the figure below that has the number 5 sugar 5' and the other end of the chain 3'.

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54. Notice that there are five nitrogen bases. Which four are found in DNA?

55. Which four are found in RNA?

56. How do ribose and deoxyribose sugars differ?

57. To summarize, what are the three components of a nucleotide?

58. Here is a model of DNA, which was proposed by James Watson and Francis Crick. What is this shape called?

59. Why are the strands said to be antiparallel?

60. What two molecules make up the “uprights”?
61. What molecules make up the rungs?

62. For the two nucleotides of DNA below, provide the complementary base.
   A  —
   C  —

63. In a DNA double helix, a region along one DNA strand has this sequence of nitrogenous bases:
   5'-T A G G C C T-3'

   Write the complementary strand. Indicate the 5' and 3' ends of the new strand.

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Chapter 4: Carbon and the Molecular Diversity of Life

Concept 4.1 Organic chemistry is the study of carbon compounds

1. Study this figure of Stanley Miller’s experiment to simulate conditions thought to have existed on the early Earth. Explain the elements of this experiment, using arrows to indicate what occurs in various parts of the apparatus.

2. What was collected in the sample for chemical analysis? What was concluded from the results of this experiment?

Concept 4.2 Carbon atoms can form diverse molecules by bonding to four other atoms

3. Make an electron distribution diagram of carbon. It is essential that you know the answers to these questions:
   a. How many valence electrons does carbon have?
   b. How many bonds can carbon form?
   b. What type of bonds does it form with other elements?

4. Carbon chains form skeletons. List here the types of skeletons that can be formed.

5. What is a hydrocarbon? Name two. Are hydrocarbons hydrophobic or hydrophilic?
6. In Chapter 2 you learned what an *isotope* is. Since students often confuse this word with *isomer*, please define each term here and give an example.

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7. Use this figure to identify the three types of isomers. For each type, give a key character and an example.

8. Give one example of enantiomers that vary in their pharmacological effect.

**Concept 4.3 A small number of chemical groups are key to the functioning of biological molecules**

9. Here is an idea that will recur throughout your study of the function of molecules: Change the structure, change the function. You see this in enantiomers, you will see it in proteins and enzymes, and now we are going to look at testosterone and estradiol. Notice how similar these two molecules are, and yet you know what a vastly different effect each has. Label each molecule in the sketch below, and circle the differences.

10. Define *functional group*. 
11. There are seven functional groups. Complete the following chart.

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12. You will need to master the chart and the information in it. Using the functional groups above, see if you can answer the following prompts:

a. –NH₂
b. Can form cross-links that stabilize protein structure
c. Key component of ATP
d. Can affect gene expression
e. CH₃
f. Is always polar
g. Determines the two groups of sugars
h. Has acidic properties
i. –COOH
j. Acts as a base
k. Circle and identify three functional groups in the molecule shown above.

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**Testing Your Knowledge: Self-Quiz Answers**

Now you should be ready to test your knowledge. Place your answers here:

1. ______ 2. ______ 3. ______ 4. ______ 5. ______ 6. ______ 7. ______