

Academic Vocabulary

CONTENT BUILDER FOR THE PLC

SCIENCE
BIOLOGY

Cell Structure and Function

B.4 Science concepts. The student knows that cells are the basic structures of all living things with specialized parts that perform specific functions and that viruses are different from cells.

B.4(B) investigate and explain cellular processes, including homeostasis, energy conversions, transport of molecules, and synthesis of new molecules

B.4(C) compare the structures of viruses to cells, describe viral reproduction, and describe the role of viruses in causing diseases such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and influenza

important words for concept development					
standard	words new to grade level			previously introduced words	
B.4(B)	active transport*	endo and exocytosis	nucleic acids	animal cell	mitochondria*
	ADP (adenosine diphosphate)	endoplasmic reticulum	osmosis	carbohydrates	molecules
	aerobic cellular respiration*	energy conversion*	osmotic balance	cell membrane	nucleolus*
	anaerobic cellular respiration	facilitated diffusion	passive transport	cell wall	nucleus
	ATP (adenine triphosphate)*	homeostasis	permeability	cell, cellular	organelle*
	chemosynthesis	hydrolysis	permeability	chloroplast	photosynthesis
	concentration gradient	hypertonic	semi-permeable	cytoplasm	plant cell
		hypotonic	synthesis*	endoplasmic reticulum*	plasma membrane*
		isotonic	vesicle	flagella	plastid*
		metabolism		golgi apparatus *	proteins
B.4(C)	antibiotic	human	pathogen prion*	cell*	
	bacteriophage	immunodeficiency	retrovirus*	disease	
	capsid*	virus (HIV)*	RNA Viruses	host	
	chicken pox*	immune cells*	rubella*	immune system	
	DNA viruses*	influenza	small pox*	infect*	
	genetic material*	lysogenic cycle*	t-cell*	reproductive cycle*	
	hepatitis C	lytic cycle*	vaccine	toxin	
	herpes*	measles	viral reproduction*		
	hosts*	mumps	viral structure		
		passive immunity	virus*		

other words related to the content

cellular process*
concentration gradient*
glucose molecule*

ion*
machinery*
nonliving*

mechanism*
phosphate bond*

projections*
symptoms*

Organism Growth and Cell Differentiation

B.5 Science concepts. The student knows how an organism grows and the importance of cell differentiation.

B.5(A) describe the stages of the cell cycle, including deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) replication and mitosis, and the importance of the cell cycle to the growth of organisms

important words for concept development			
standard	words new to grade level		previously introduced words
B.5(A)	adenine	G1 stage/phase*	cellular process*
	anaphase*	G2 stage/phase*	chromosomes
	binary fission	guanine	deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA)*
	cancer	interphase*	muscle cells
	cell cycle*	M stage/phase*	mutation
	cell differentiation	metaphase*	nucleus
	centriole*	mitosis*	organelle
	centromere*	nucleotide	
	chromatid*	prophase*	
	chromosome*	RNA	
	cytokinesis*	S stage/phase*	
	cytosine	somatic cells	
	daughter cell*	telophase	
	diploid*	thymine	
	DNA replication*	transcription*	
		uracil	

other words related to the content

complimentary strand
disruptions
double helix

environmental factors
epithelium cells
gene

phase*
poles (of a cell)*
specialized cells

stage*
translation

Mechanisms of Genetics

B.6 Science concepts. The student knows the mechanisms of genetics, including the role of nucleic acids and the principles of Mendelian Genetics.

B.6(A) identify components of DNA, and describe how information for specifying the traits of an organism is carried in the DNA

B.6(E) identify and illustrate changes in DNA and evaluate the significance of these changes

B.6(F) predict possible outcomes of various genetic combinations such as monohybrid crosses, dihybrid crosses and non-Mendelian inheritance

important words for concept development			
standard	words new to grade level		previously introduced words
B.6(A)	adenines* amino acid cytosine double helix* genetic code* guanine hydrogen bond*	nitrogenous base* nucleotide* phosphates* polypeptide chain thymine thymine* uracil	chromosomes* deoxyribose* DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid)* protein traits*
B.6(E)	anticodon* base sequence* cystic fibrosis deletion mutation deletion mutation* DNA triplet* duplication mutation frameshift mutation* gamete* gene mutation insertion mutation*	inversion mutation messenger RNA non-disjunction peptide bond point mutation ribosomal RNA RNA polymerase sickle cell anemia substitution mutation* transcription translocation	adenine chromosome* cytosine DNA* genetic change* guanine mutation* thymine transfer translation uracil
B.6(F)	allele* codominance dihybrid crosses* dominance* incomplete dominance law of independent assortment	law of segregation monohybrid crosses non-Mendelian inheritance principle of dominance punnett square* polygenetic traits	cross* gene* genotype* genotypic ratio* Gregor Mendel* heterozygous* homozygous* inherited traits offspring* outcome* phenoytpe recessive*

other words related to the content

characteristics*	genetic combinations	mitosis	sequence*
complementary nucleotide*	meiosis	model (process)*	structure*
DNA molecule*			

Evolutionary Theory

- B.7 Science concepts.** The student knows evolutionary theory is a scientific explanation for the unity and diversity of life.
- B.7(A) analyze and evaluate how evidence of common ancestry among groups is provided by the fossil record, biogeography, and homologies, including anatomical, molecular, and developmental
 - B.7(E) analyze and evaluate the relationship of natural selection to adaptation and to the development of diversity in and among species

important words for concept development				
standard	words new to grade level		previously introduced words	
B.7(A)	anatomical homology	homology	ancestor*	genus*
	biogeography	molecular homology	descended*	native*
	developmental homology	phylogenetic*	DNA sequence*	offspring*
	genome map*	radioactive dating	evolution	species*
B.7(E)			fossil record	taxonomic*
	diversity		adapt, adaptation*	population*
	gene frequency*		competition*	predator*
	isolation		environment*	reproduce*
	natural selection		habitat*	species*
			offspring*	survive*

other words related to the content

artificial selection
 common ancestry*
 extinction

Taxonomy of Organisms

B.8 Science concepts. The student knows that taxonomy is a branching classification based on the shared characteristics of organisms and can change as new discoveries are made.

B.8(B) categorize organisms using a hierarchical classification system based on similarities and differences shared among groups

important words for concept development			
standard	words new to grade level	previously introduced words	
B.8(B)	hierarchical classification system	animals*	family
	taxonomic group*	archaea*	fungi*
		autotroph	genus
		bacteria*	heterotroph
		characteristics*	kingdom
		cladogram	order
		class	phylum
		classify*	plants
		dichotomous key*	protists
		domain	species*

other words related to the content

diversity

Molecules

B.9 Science concepts. The student knows the significance of various molecules involved in metabolic processes and energy conversions that occur in living organisms.

B.9(A) compare the structures and functions of different types of biomolecules, including carbohydrates, lipids, proteins, and nucleic acids

important words for concept development				
standard	words new to grade level		previously introduced words	
B.9(A)	amino acid*	lipid*	carbon*	oxygen
	biomolecule*	macromolecule	complex molecules	phosphorus*
	carbohydrate*	monomer	hydrogen	protein*
	catalyst	nucleic acids*	molecule*	simple organic molecules
	dehydration synthesis*	nucleotide	nitrogen*	
	enzyme	peptide bond*		
	fatty acid*	polymer*		

other words related to the content

energy*
function

inorganic
metabolize*

models (process)*
organic

structure*

Levels of Biological Systems

B.10 Science concepts. The student knows that biological systems are composed of multiple levels.

B.10(A) describe the interactions that occur among systems that perform the functions of regulation, nutrient absorption, reproduction, and defense from injury or illness in animals

B.10(B) describe the interactions that occur among systems that perform the functions of transport, reproduction, and response in plants

important words for concept development				
standard	words new to grade level		previously introduced words	
B.10(A)	feedback loop		circulatory system*	muscular system
	homeostasis		defense	nervous system
	immune system		digestive system	reproduction
	lymphatic system		endocrine system	reproductive system
	nutrient absorption		excretory system	respiratory system
	pathogen		illness	skeletal system
	regulation		integumentary system	systems [body]*
		interactions*		
B.10(B)	cuticle	phototropism*	cellular reproduction*	stem*
	geotropism*	pith	reproduction*	systems*
	guard cell*	stoma*	response*	transpiration
	mesophyll cell*	thigmotropism	roots*	transport*
	phloem	xylem*	shoot system*	

other words related to the content

digestive tract*
function*

human body [systems]*
Interactions

negative feedback mechanism
positive feedback mechanism

reflex arc
reflex response*

Balance of Biological Systems

B.11 Science concepts. The student knows that biological systems work to achieve and maintain balance.

important words for concept development		
standard	words new to grade level	previously introduced words
related vocabulary from supporting standards	feedback loops homeostasis negative feedback osmotic balance positive feedback	climate disease hormones pH temperature regulation

other words related to the content

Ecological Succession

B.11 Science concepts. The student knows that biological systems work to achieve and maintain balance.

B.11(D) describe how events and processes that occur during ecological succession can change populations and species diversity

important words for concept development			
standard	words new to grade level	previously introduced words	
B.11(D)	biomass ecosystem stability primary succession secondary succession symbiosis	competition ecological succession* human impact natural disaster	population diversity* populations* species diversity*

other words related to the content

biological competition*
 community*
 disturbance*
 ecosystem*
 succeed*

Organism Behavior

B.12 Science concepts. The student knows that interdependence and interactions occur within an environmental system.

B.12(A) interpret relationships, including predation, parasitism, commensalism, mutualism, and competition among organisms

B.12(C) analyze the flow of matter and energy through trophic levels using various models, including food chains, food webs, and ecological pyramids

B.12(F) describe how environmental change can impact ecosystem stability

important words for concept development			
standard	words new to grade level	previously introduced words	
B.12(A)	competition for resources symbiotic relationship	commensalism* parasitism*	predation mutualism*
B.12(C)	10% Energy Rule autotrophs (producers) detritivores* heterotrophs (consumers) trophic levels*	abiotic factor biotic factor carnivore consumer decomposer* ecological pyramids* energy pyramid*	flow of energy flow of matter food chains food webs* herbivore omnivore* producer
B.12(F)	biotic potential diversity-stability relationship dynamic equilibrium environmental resistance invasive species	ecosystem* ecosystem stability environmental changes impact*	nutrients* organisms* resilience resistance*

other words related to the content

carrying capacity
competitive*
diversity
environment*

heat*
limiting factors
marine ecosystem*
models (process)*

native species*
natural selection
predator*

prey
relationship*
species*