

BIOLOGY 111

- ▶ **CHAPTER 4: Energy and Life**
- ▶ *Part 2 - Photosynthesis*

Energy and Life

Learning Outcomes

4.3 Describe the overall process of photosynthesis. (*Modules 4.3–4.6*)

4.4 Name the cellular structures and locations involved in photosynthesis. (*Module 4.3*)

4.5 Describe the two sets of reactions involved in photosynthesis, including the molecules that are used to bridge them. (*Modules 4.4–4.6*)



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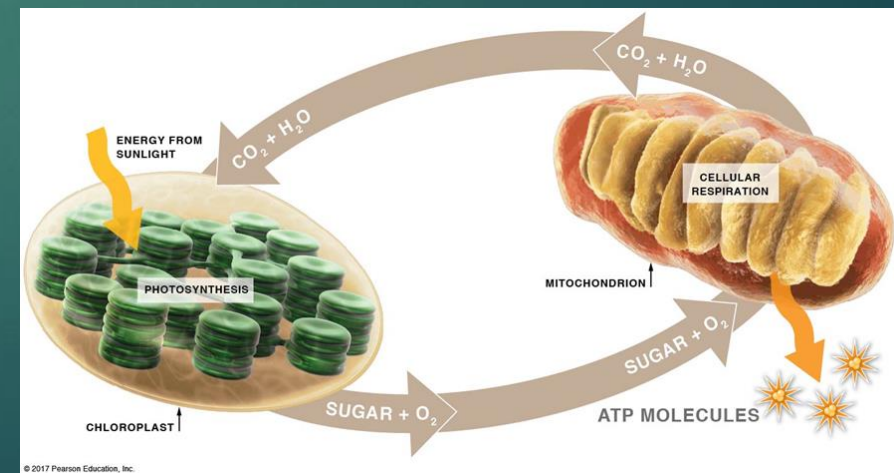
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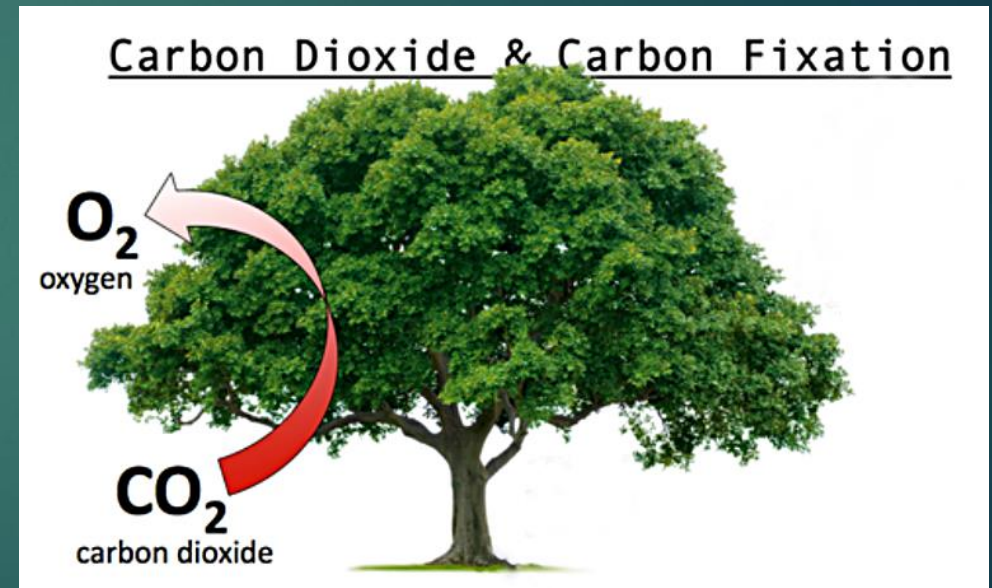
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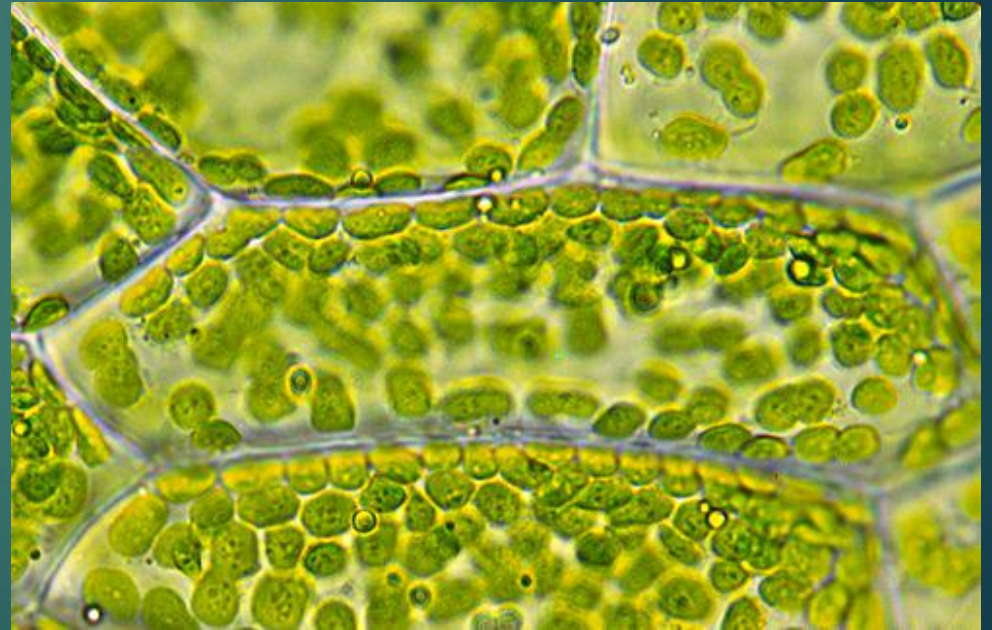
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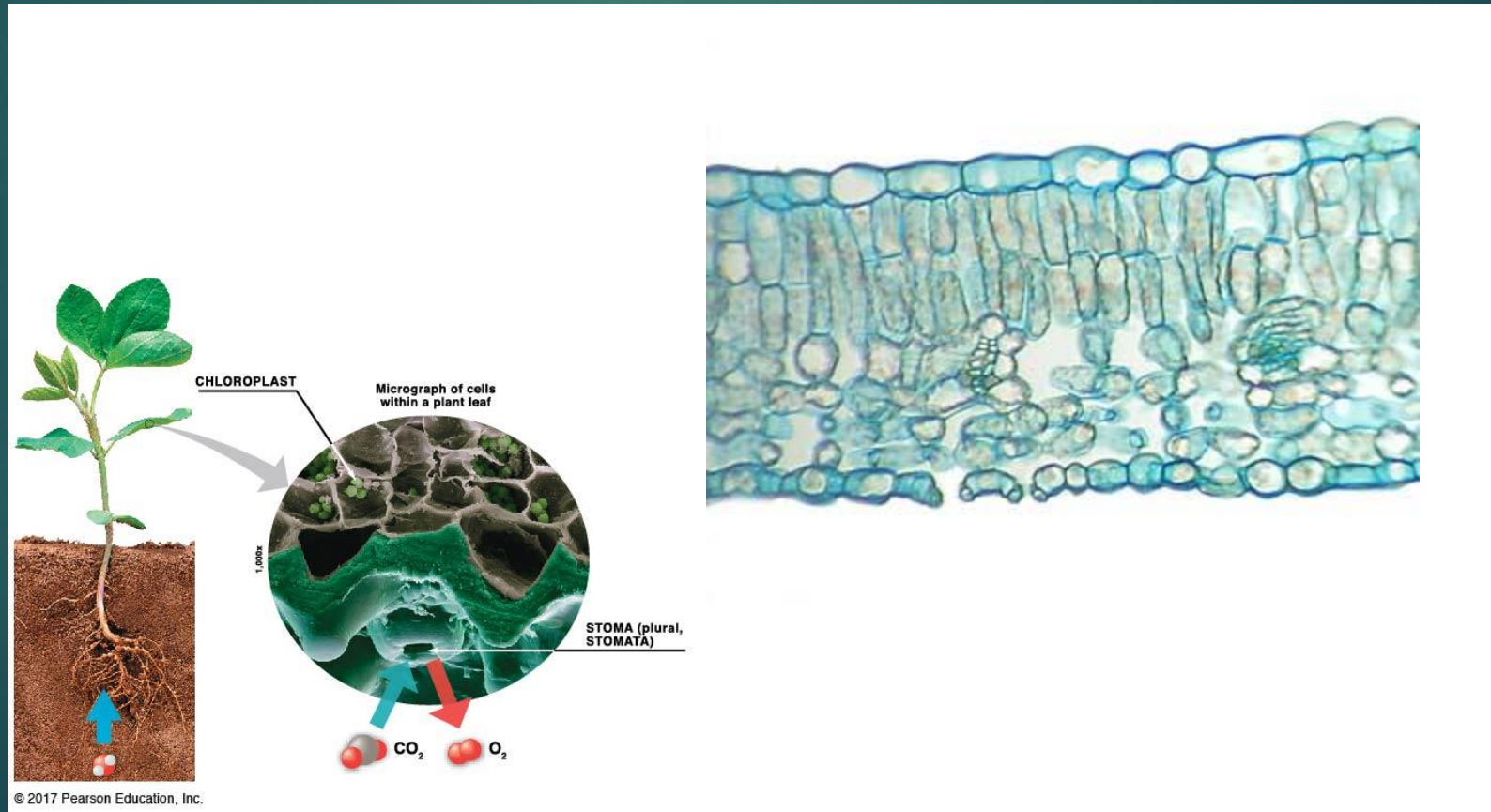
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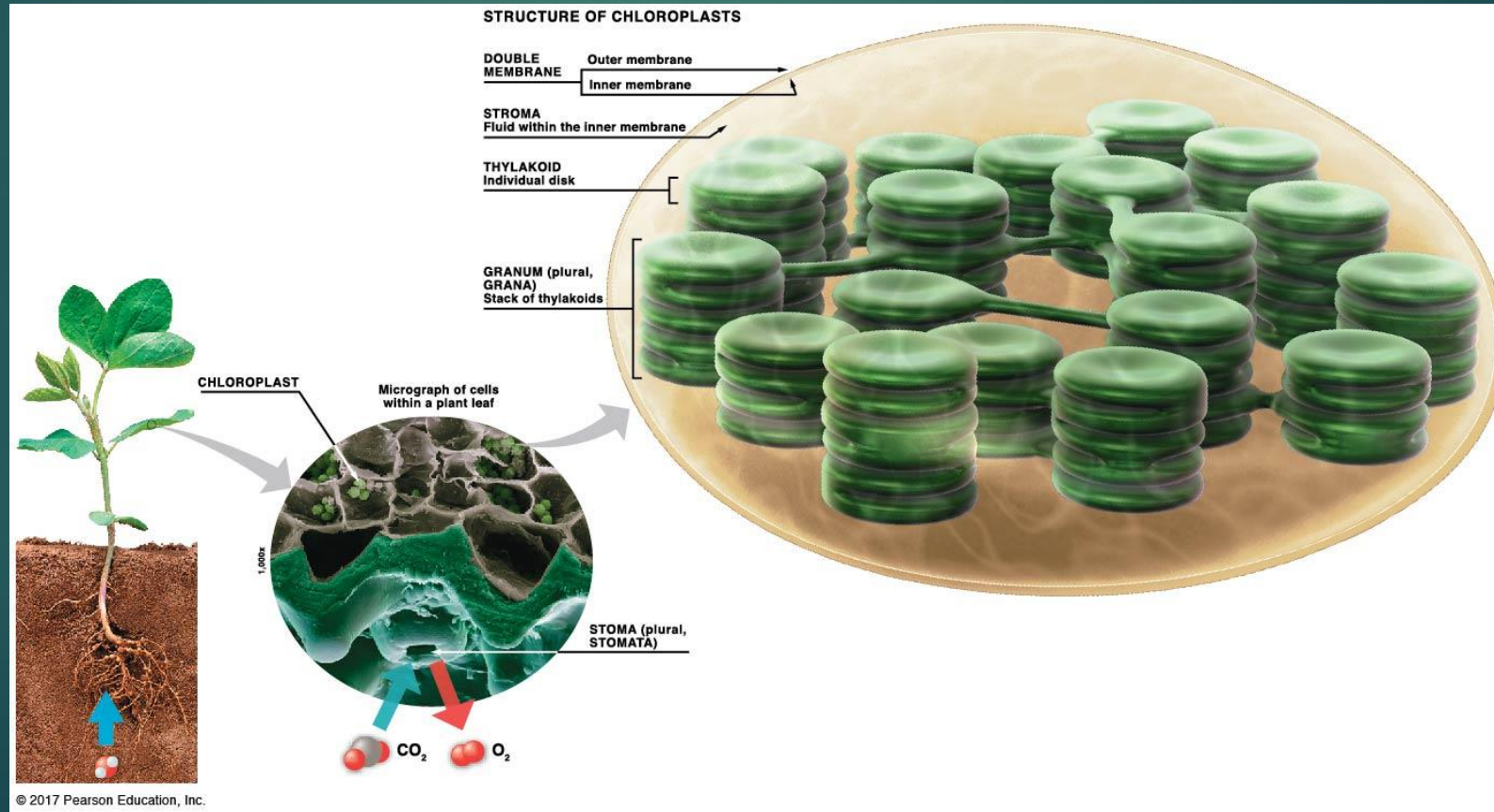
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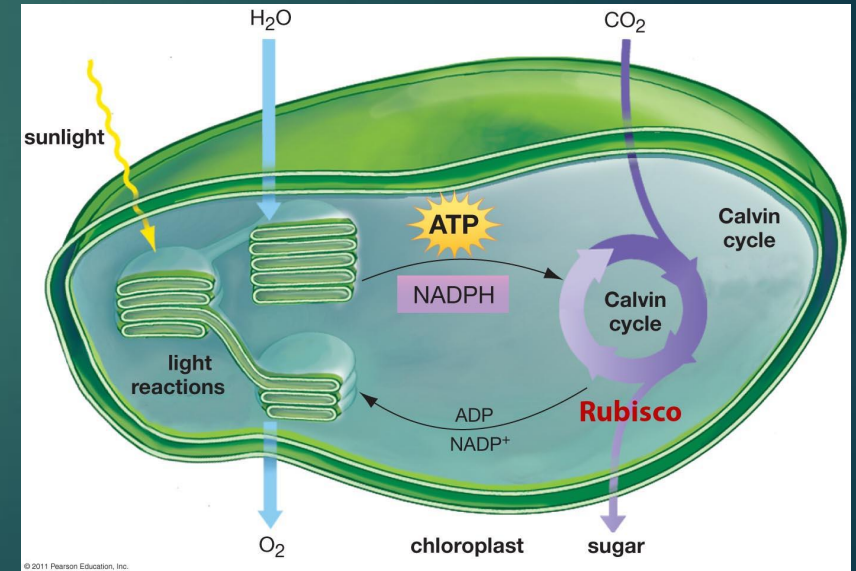
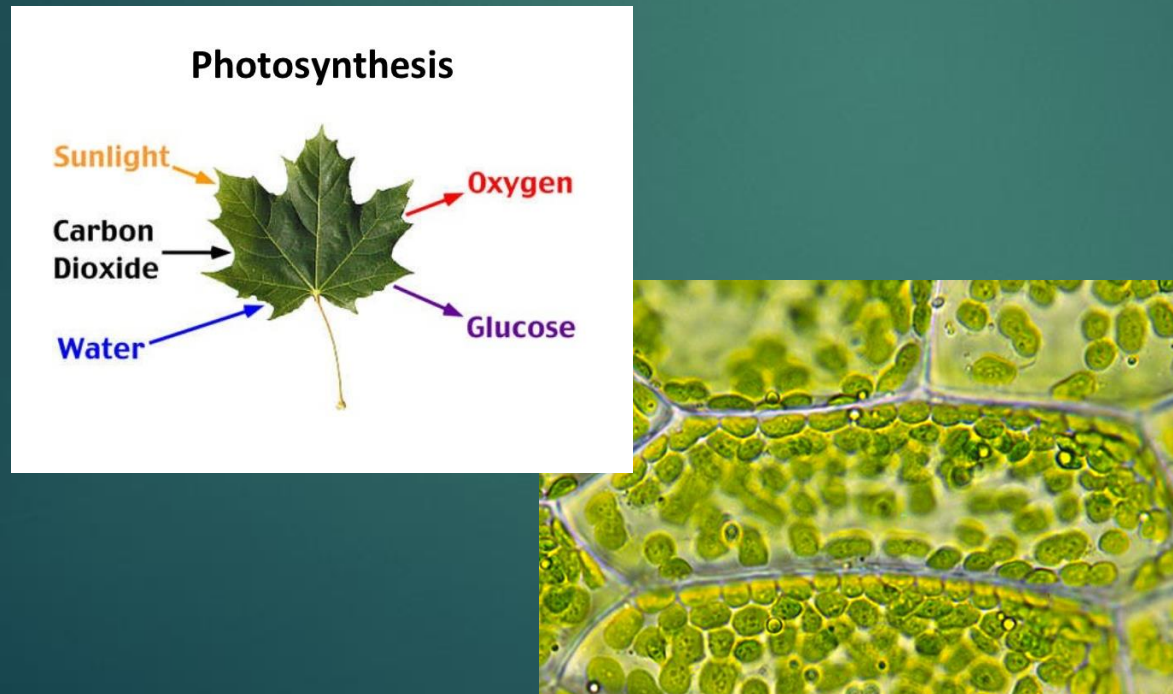
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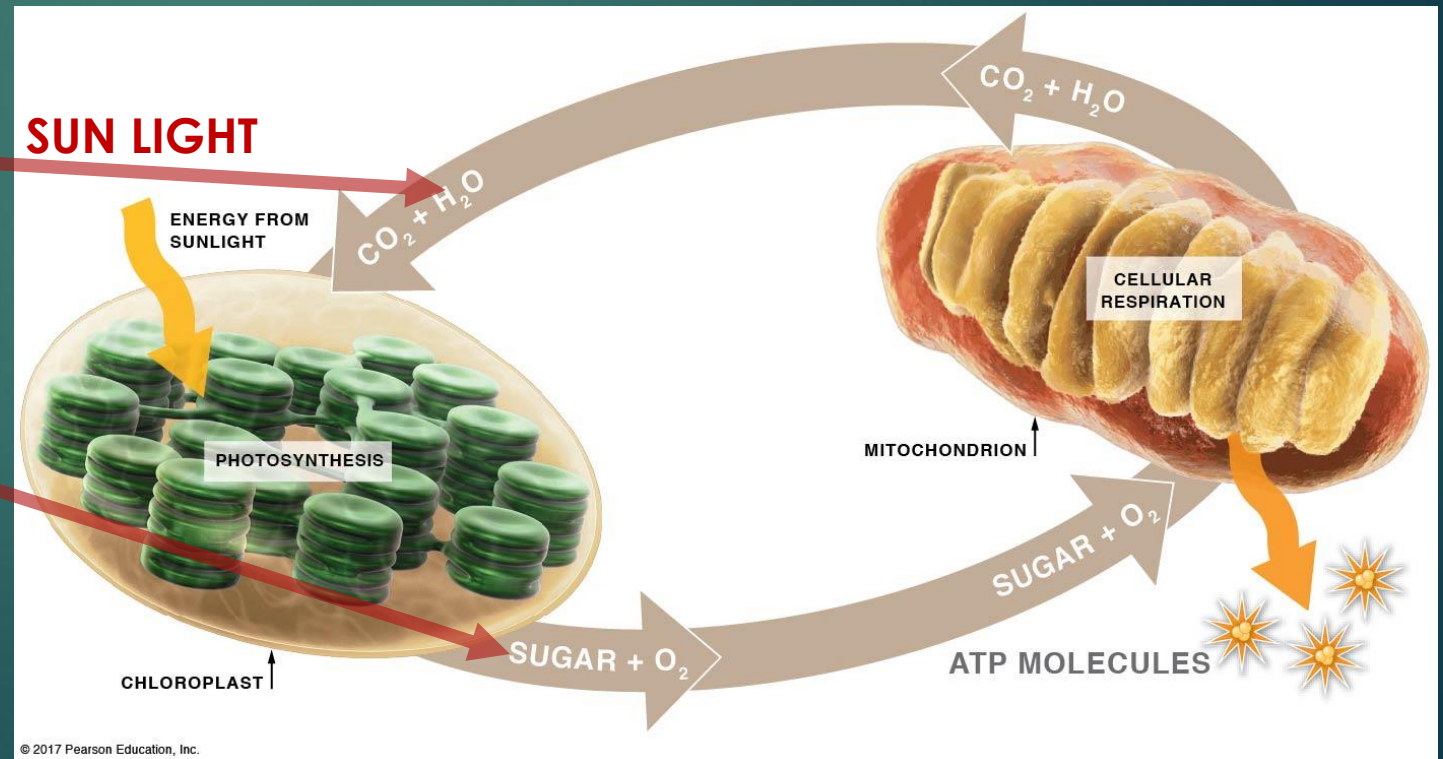


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Photosynthesis: Following electrons and energy

A. Photosynthesis starts with low energy electrons and ends with high energy electrons

1. Low energy electrons come from **water**
2. High energy electrons end up in **sugars** (like glucose)



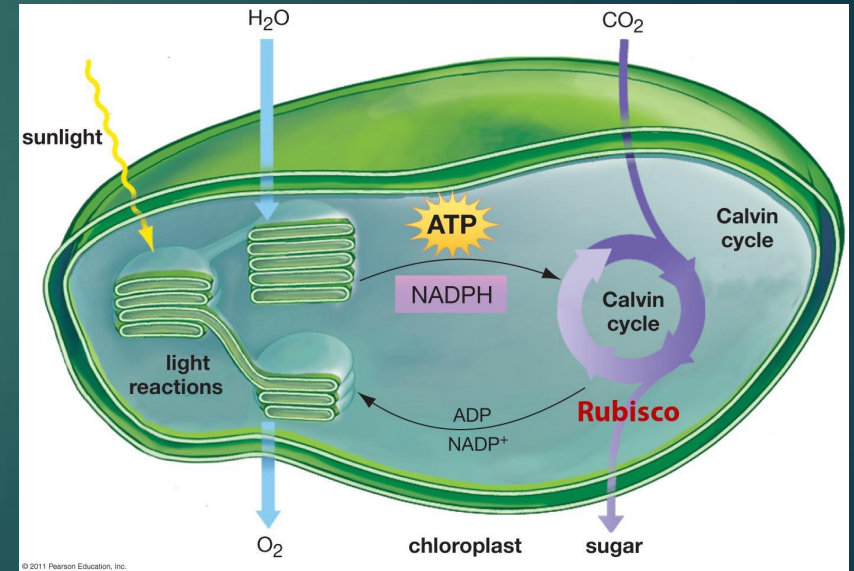
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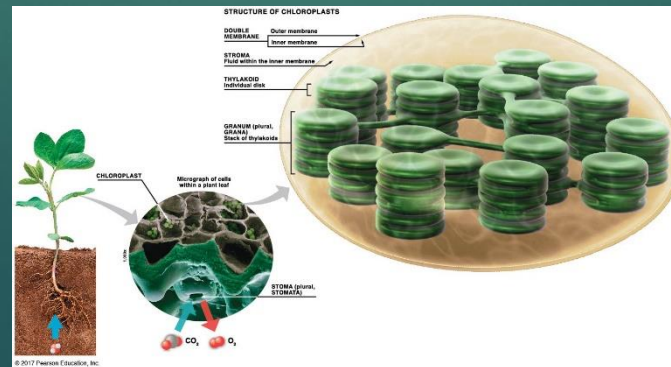
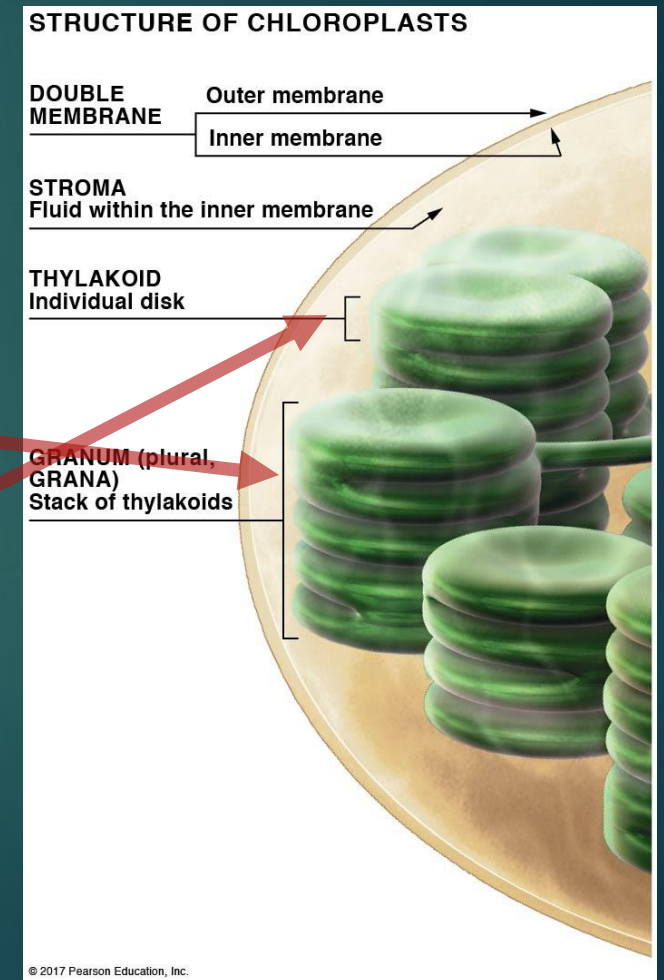
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- Each individual disk in a grana is a **thylakoid**.



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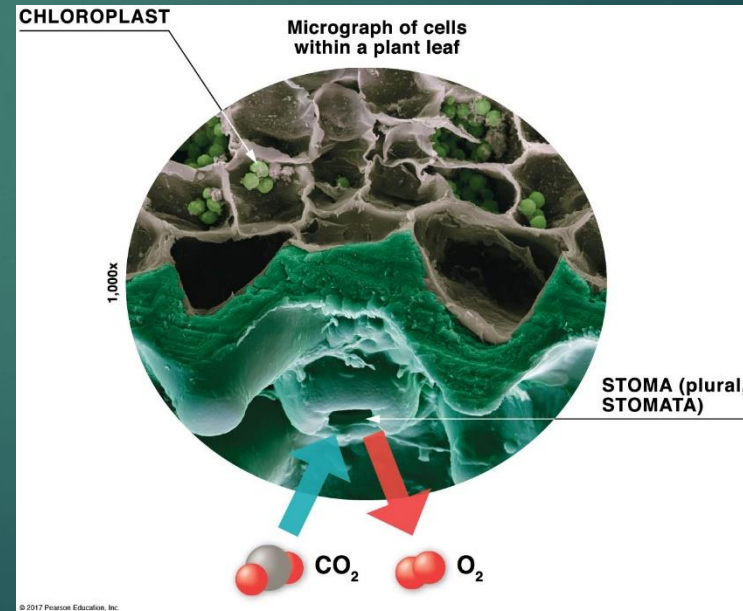


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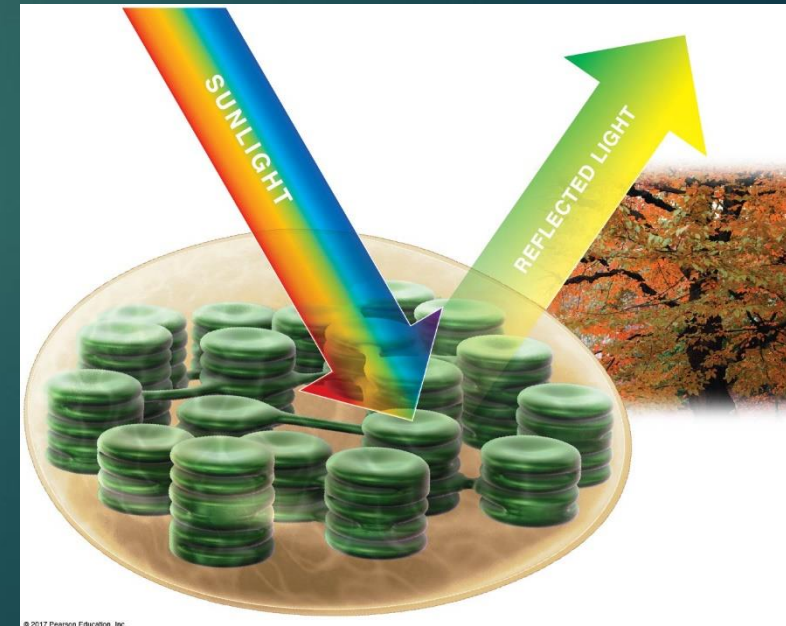
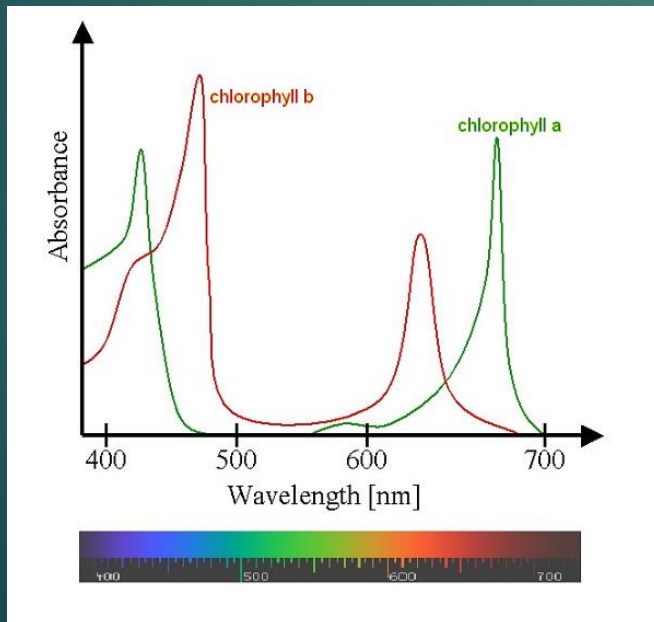


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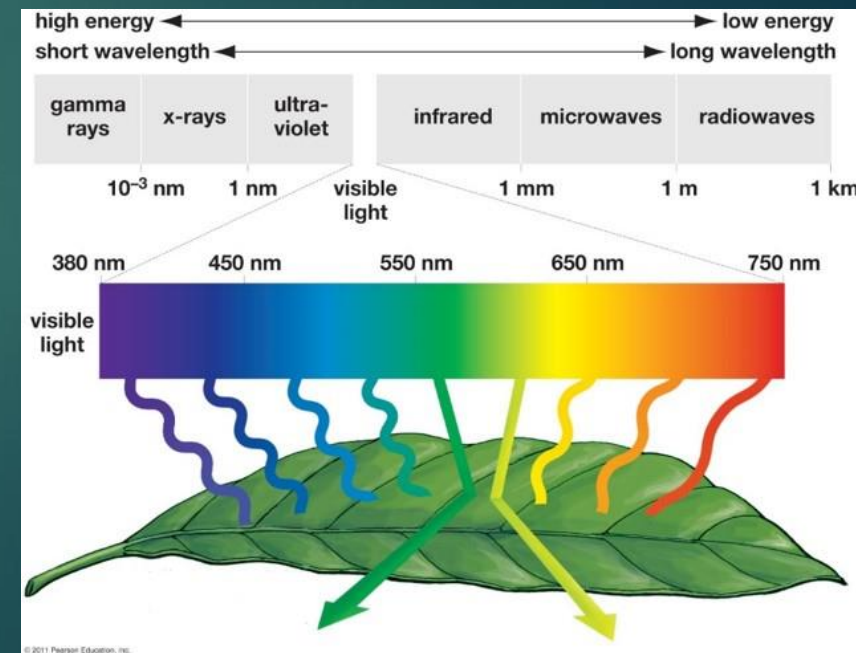


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 - a. Reflected light is not absorbed for use in photosynthesis



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CORE IDEA: The overall process of photosynthesis is broken down into two main stages: (1) The light Reactions capture the energy in sunlight and store it as chemical energy, and (2) The Calvin Cycle uses that chemical energy to produce sugar.

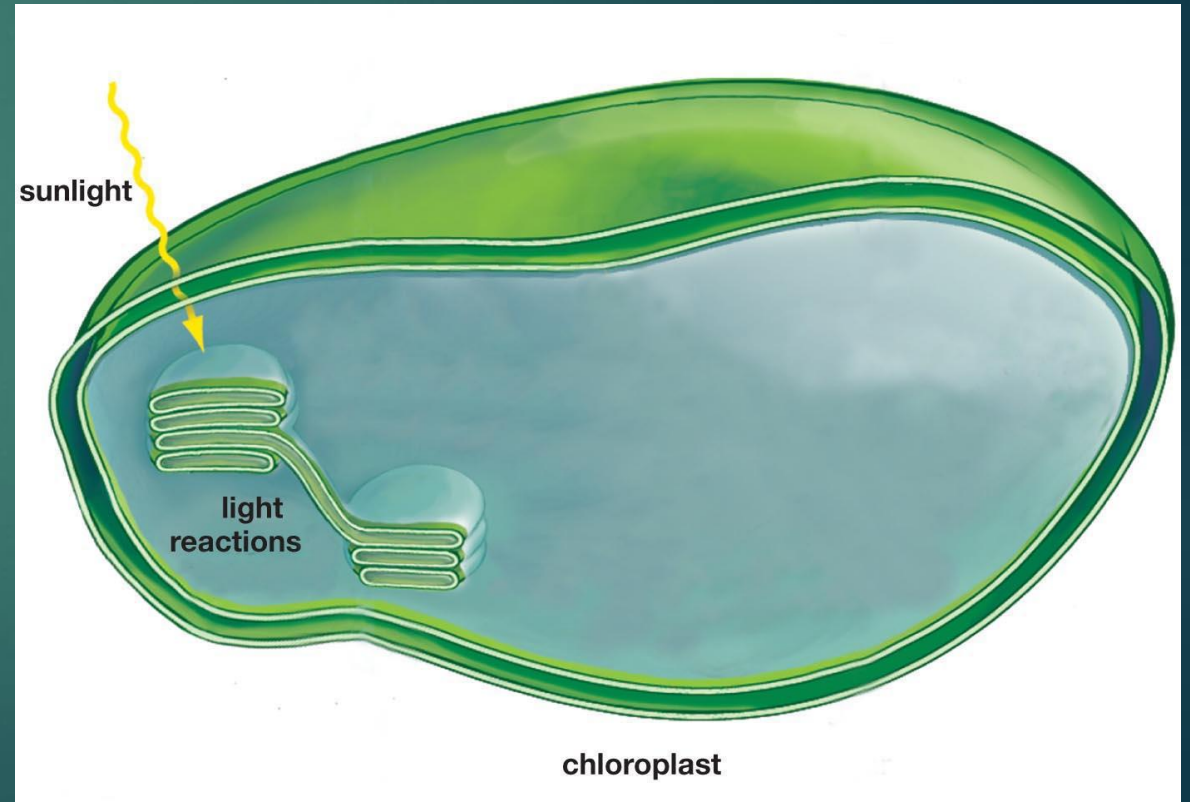
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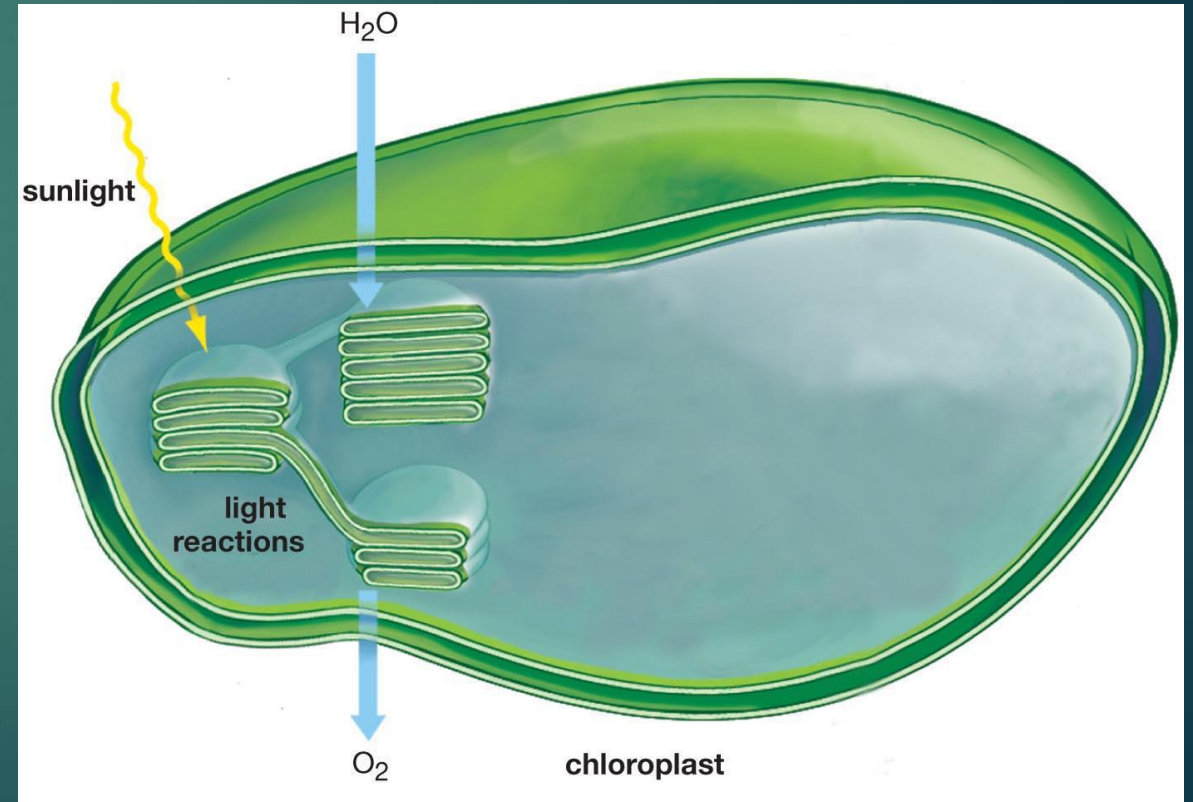


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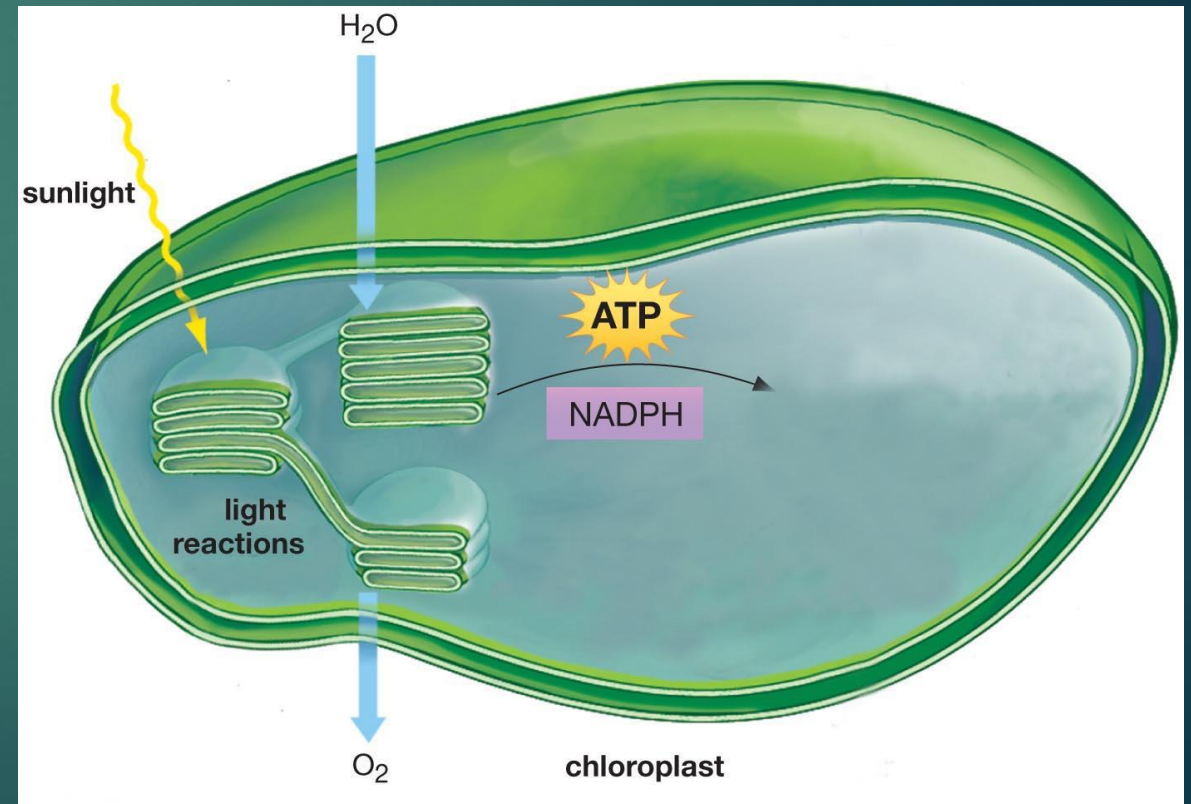


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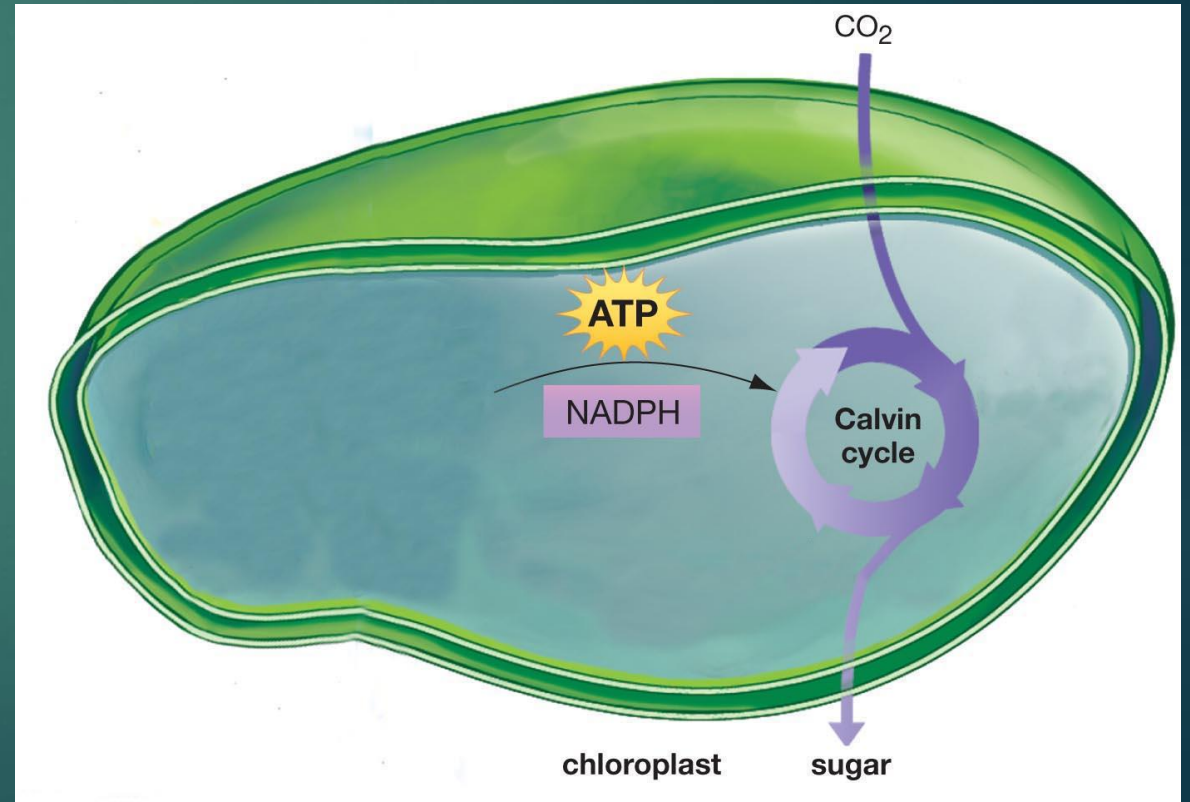


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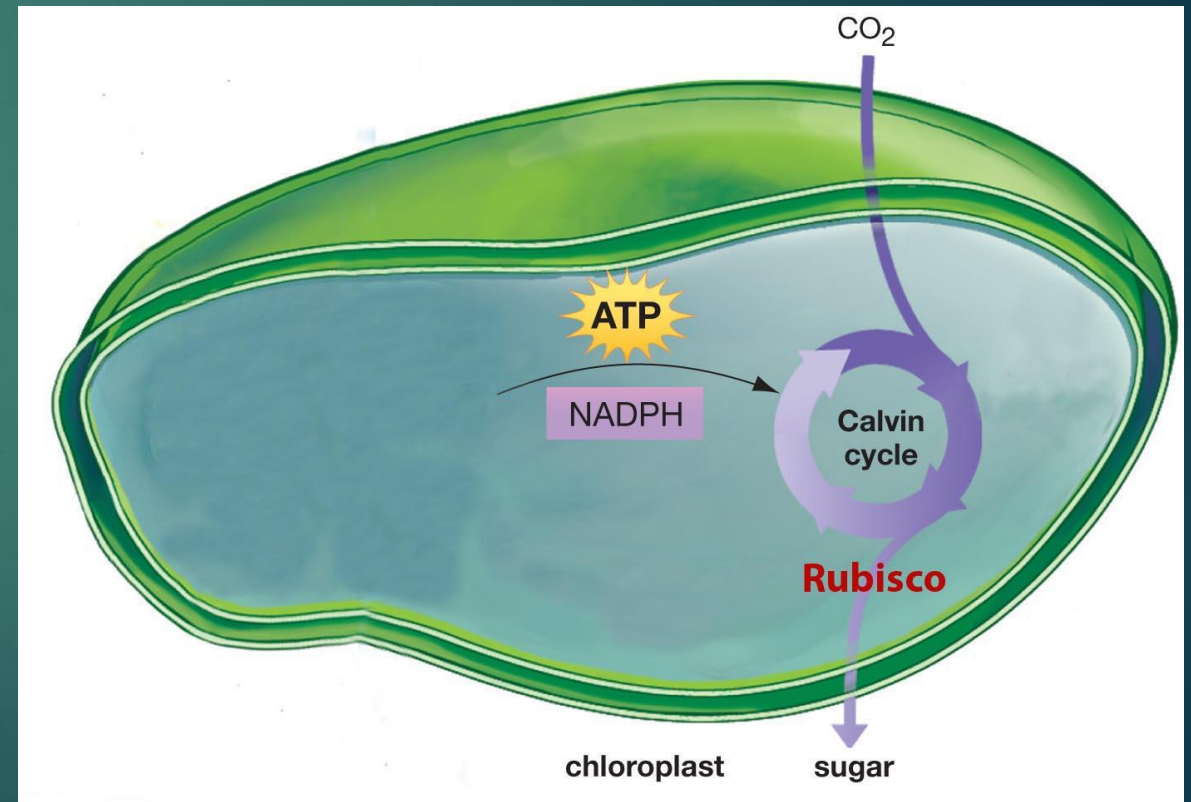


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4. This occurs in the **stroma**, the fluid inside the chloroplast.



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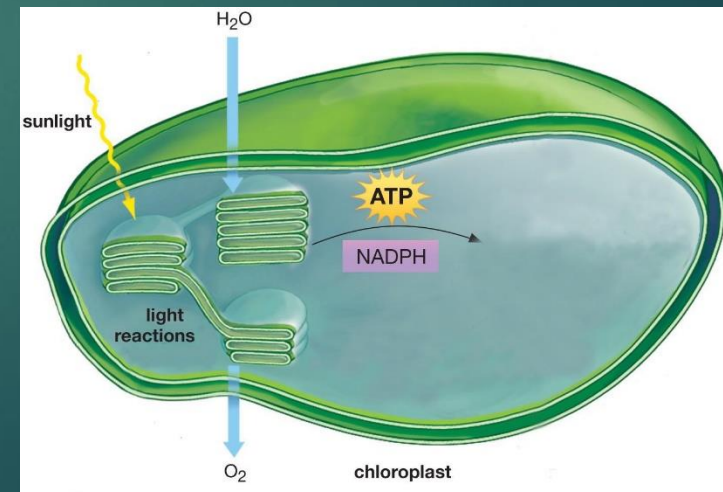
CORE IDEA: Sunlight drives the light reactions of photosynthesis by exciting electrons. As the excited electrons return to their original state, released energy is stored in the high-energy molecules of ATP and NADPH, which are later used by the Calvin cycle to produce sugar.

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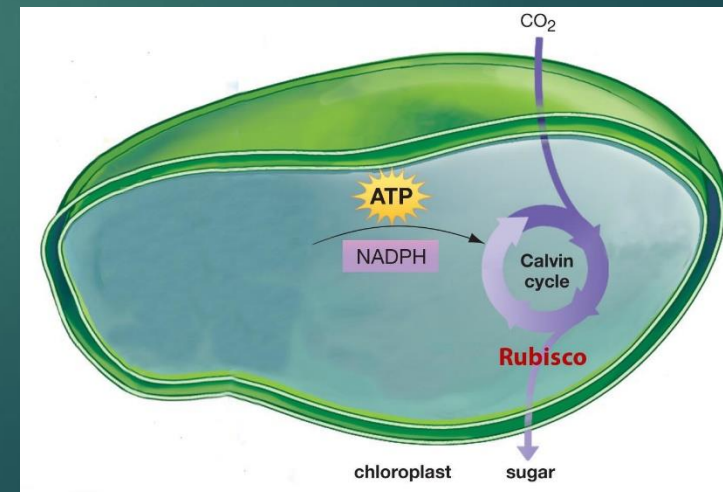
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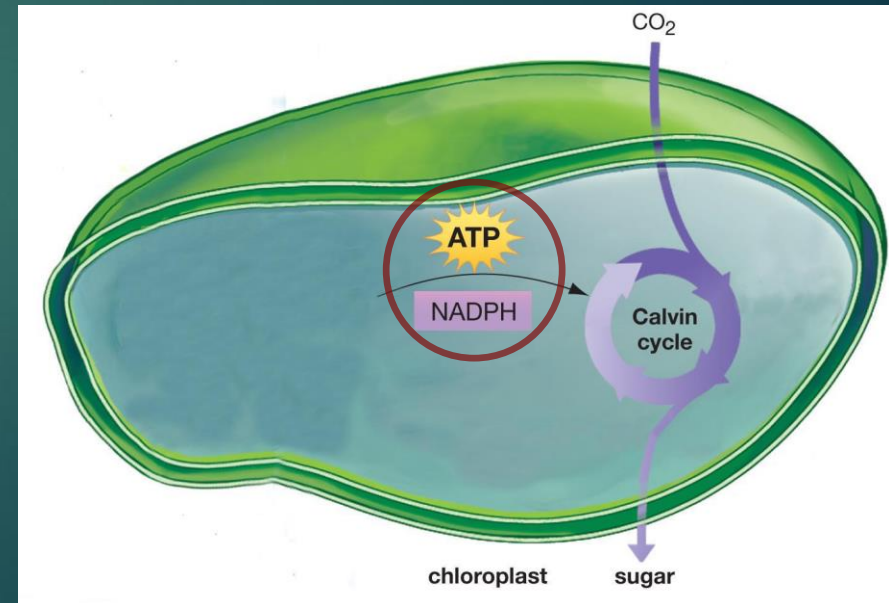
CORE IDEA: The Calvin cycle uses high-energy molecules (provided by the light reactions) and CO₂ (from the air) to construct sugars, the ultimate product of photosynthesis. These sugars can then be used in a variety of ways by the plant.

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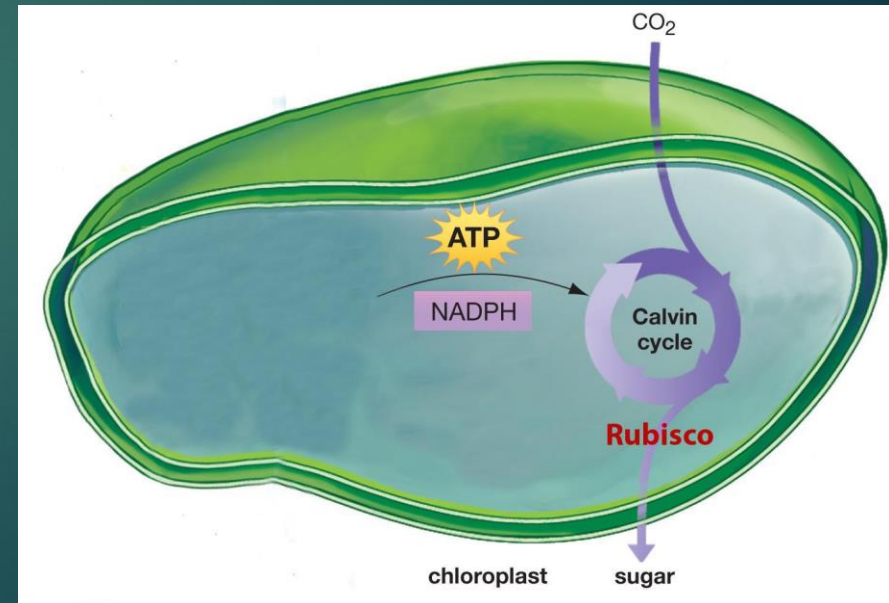
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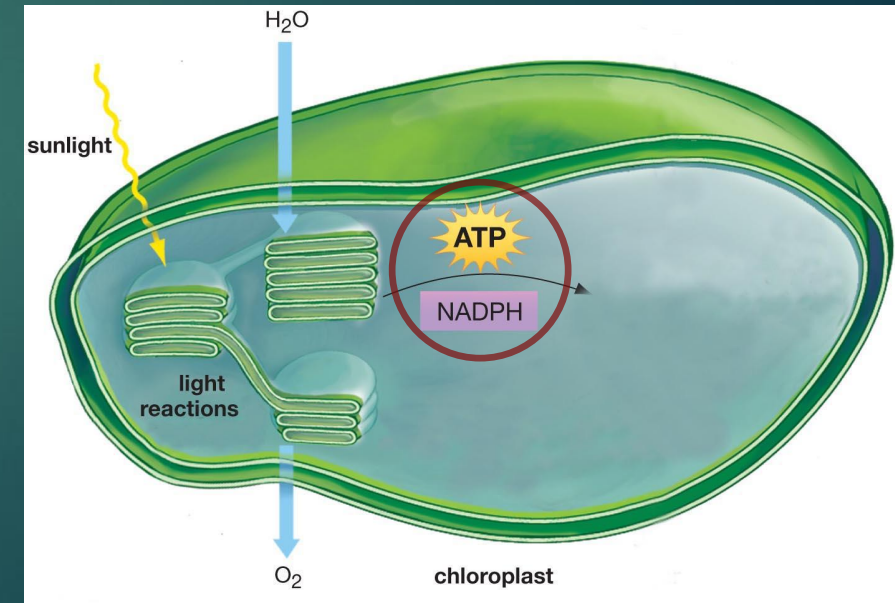
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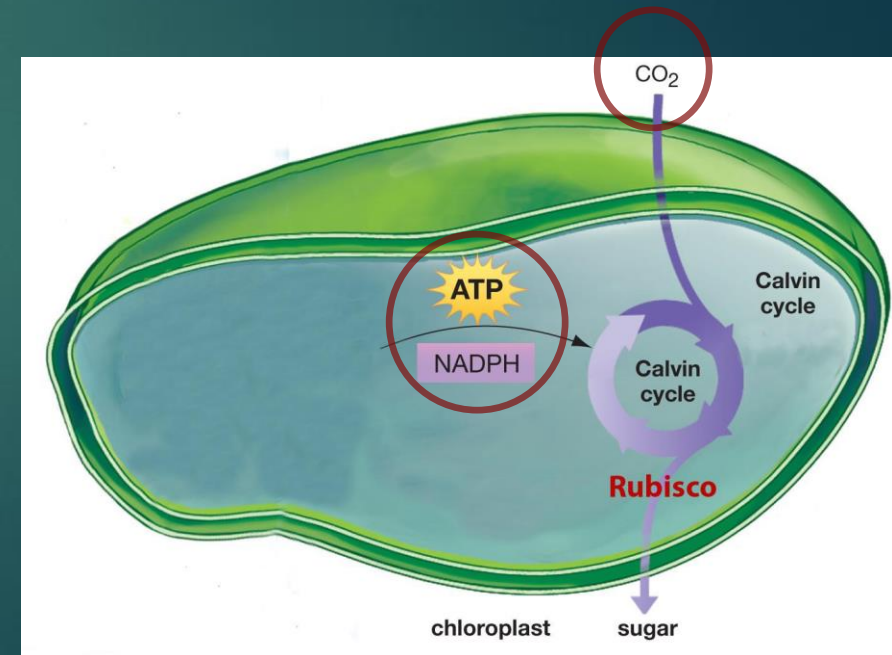
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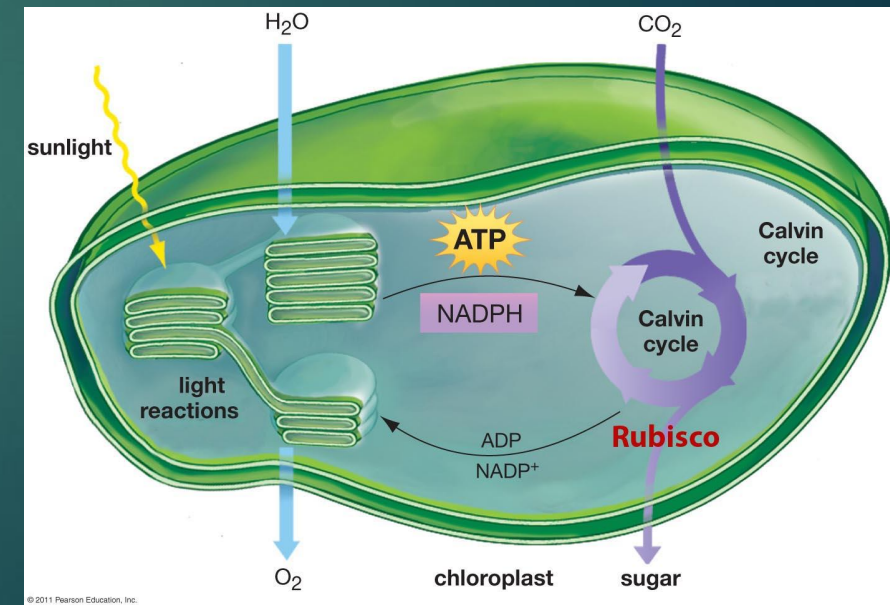
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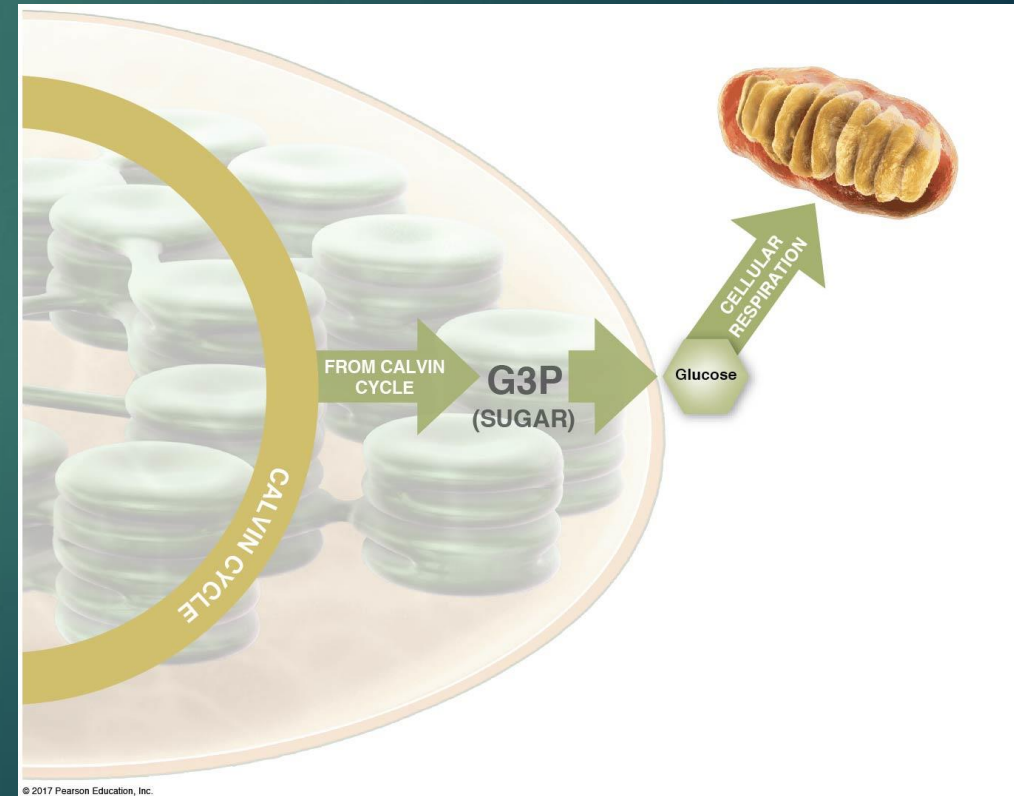


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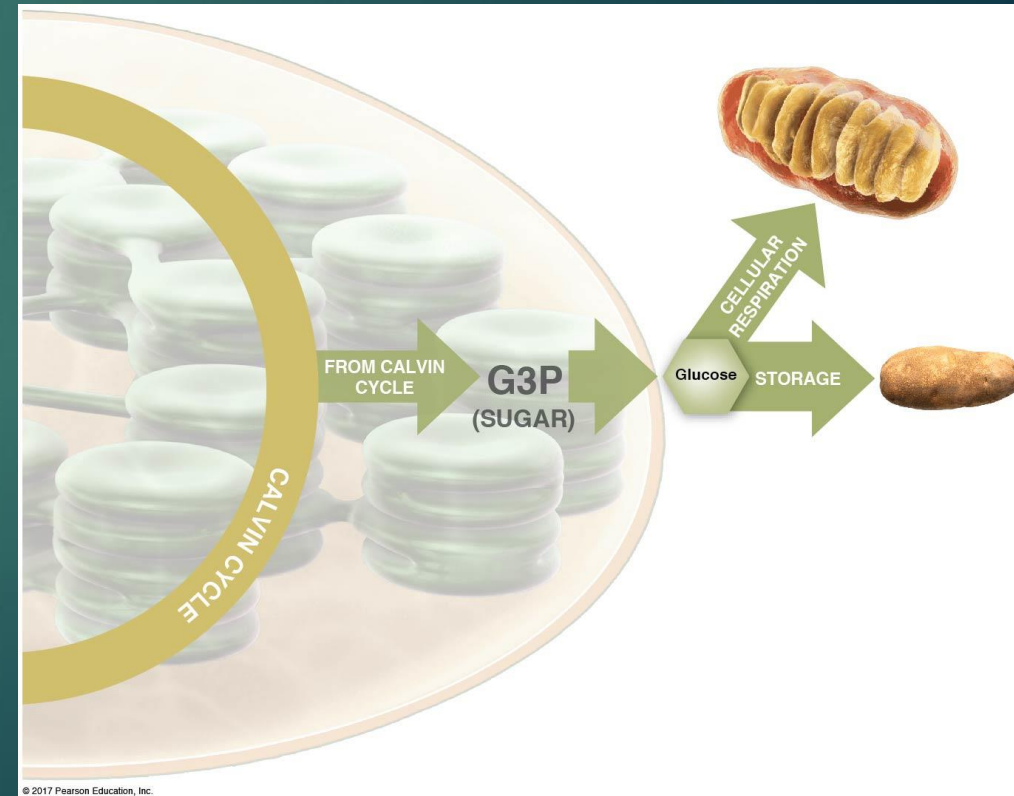


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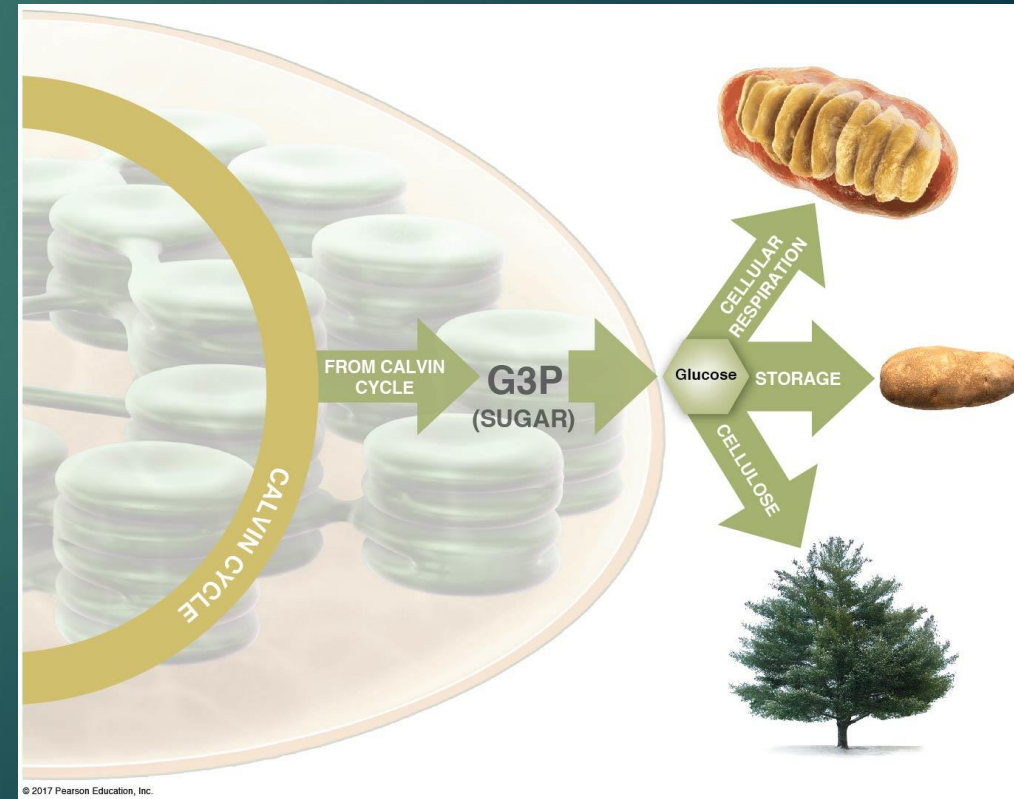


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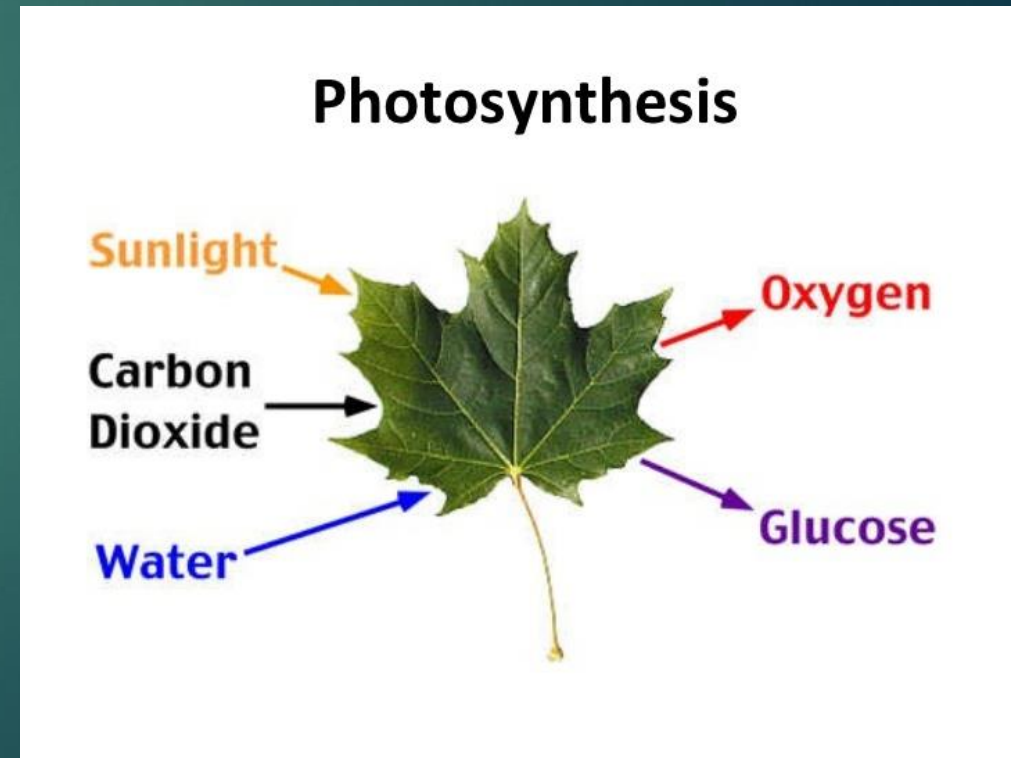


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