

9.1 Cellular Respiration: An Overview

### **Chemical Energy and Food**

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Food provides living things with the **chemical building blocks** they need to grow and reproduce.

Food molecules contain **chemical energy** that is released when its chemical **bonds are broken**.

# **Chemical Energy and Food**

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- Cells use all sorts of molecules for food, including fats, proteins, and carbohydrates: energy stored in each molecule varies because their energy-storing bonds differ
- Cells break down food molecules gradually, and use the energy stored in the chemical bonds to produce compounds such as ATP that power the activities of the cell

# **Overview of Cellular Respiration**

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If oxygen is available, organisms can obtain energy from food by a process called **cellular respiration.** 

### Summary of cellular respiration: $6 O_2 + C_6 H_{12}O_6 \rightarrow 6 CO_2 + 6 H_2O + Energy$ Oxygen + Glucose $\rightarrow$ Carbon dioxide + Water + Energy

Chemical energy in food molecules (like glucose) has to be released gradually, otherwise most of the energy would be lost as **heat and light.** 

# **Stages of Cellular Respiration**

Three main stages:

Glycolysis

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• Small amount of energy

- Krebs cycle
  - Small amount of energy

- Electron transport chain
  - Majority of energy



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# **Oxygen and Energy**

Glycolysis is "anaerobic": does not require oxygen.

 Some single-celled organisms only use glycolysis as energy source...lower efficiency (less energy per glucose)



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# **Oxygen and Energy**

Pathways that require oxygen are "aerobic"

- Krebs cycle
- Electron transport chain



# **Stages of Cellular Respiration**

Three main stages:

Glycolysis

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- Small amount of energy
- No oxygen (anaerobic)
- In cytoplasm
- Krebs cycle
  - Small amount of energy
  - Oxygen required (aerobic)
  - In mitochondria

### Electron transport chain

- Majority of energy
- Oxygen required (aerobic)
- In mitochondria



# Comparing Photosynthesis and Cellular Respiration

- Photosynthesis and cellular respiration are **opposite processes**.
- Photosynthesis "deposits" energy, and cellular respiration "withdraws" energy.
- Inputs of one are the products of the other.



# Comparing Photosynthesis and Cellular Respiration

Photosynthesis occurs only in plants, algae, and some bacteria.

Cellular respiration is performed by most living things: plants, animals, fungi, protists, and most bacteria.





9.2 The Process of Cellular Respiration (6-3 Equivalent)

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# **Glycolysis Overview**

**Glycolysis** is the first stage of cellular respiration.

During glycolysis, **glucose is broken down into** 2 molecules of the 3-carbon molecule **pyruvic acid** (used in Krebs cycle).

ATP and NADH are produced as part of the process.



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### **ATP Production**

The cell **uses 2 ATP** to start glycolysis

Glycolysis then produces 4 ATP: net gain of 2 ATP for each glucose



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# **NADH Production**

During glycolysis:

- Electron carrier NAD+ accepts a pair of highenergy electrons and becomes NADH
- NADH carries high-energy electrons to electron transport chain to make more ATP
- 2 NADH molecules produced for every glucose



# The Advantages of Glycolysis

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### **Glycolysis produces ATP very quickly**

• Cell can adapt to increased energy needs

#### Glycolysis does not require oxygen

 Cell can still obtain energy when oxygen is unavailable

# **The Krebs Cycle Overview**

The **Krebs cycle** (also known as citric acid cycle) is the second stage of cellular respiration.

Pyruvic acid (from glycolysis) is broken down into carbon dioxide in a series of energyextracting reactions.



### **Structure of a Mitochondrion**

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How is the structure of a chloroplast similar? What are the 'equivalent' structures called?

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### **Citric Acid Production**

Pyruvic acid from glycolysis enters the **matrix**, the innermost compartment of the mitochondrion.



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# **Citric Acid Production**

Pyruvic acid in the matrix:

- NAD<sup>+</sup> accepts 2 highenergy electrons to form NADH
- One molecule of CO<sub>2</sub> is produced
- Remaining 2 carbon atoms react to form acetyl-CoA



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### **Citric Acid Production**

Acetyl-CoA combines with a 4-carbon molecule to produce citric acid (6-carbon molecule)



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## **Energy Extraction**

Citric acid is broken down to a 4-carbon compound, releasing two molecules of CO<sub>2</sub>.

# 4-carbon compound reused in cycle.



What similar process happens in the Calvin cycle (during photosynthesis)?

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# **Energy Extraction**

Energy released by the breaking and rearranging of carbon bonds is captured as ATP, NADH, and FADH<sub>2</sub> (see following slides)



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# **Energy Extraction**

- For each turn of the cycle, one ADP molecule is converted into ATP
- ATP can directly power the cell's activities



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# **Energy Extraction**

- The electron carriers NAD<sup>+</sup> and FAD each accept pairs of highenergy electrons to form NADH and FADH<sub>2</sub>
- NADH and FADH<sub>2</sub>
  used in the electron transport chain (to generate ATP)



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# **Energy Extraction**

Book-keeping note:

Recall that each molecule of glucose results in 2 molecules of pyruvic acid. Each molecule of glucose results in two complete "turns" of the Krebs cycle.

For each glucose molecule, 6 **CO**<sub>2</sub> molecules, **2 ATP** molecules, **8 NADH** molecules, and **2 FADH**<sub>2</sub> molecules are produced.



### **Electron Transport**

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NADH and FADH<sub>2</sub> pass their high-energy electrons to electron carrier proteins in the electron transport chain.



### **Electron Transport**

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Energy generated by the electron transport chain is used to move H+ ions against a concentration gradient across the inner mitochondrial membrane and into the intermembrane space.



### **Electron Transport**

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At the end of the electron transport chain, the electrons combine with H<sup>+</sup> ions and oxygen to form water.



# **ATP Production**

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H+ ions pass back across the mitochondrial membrane through the ATP synthase, causing the ATP synthase molecule to spin. With each rotation, the ATP synthase attaches a phosphate to ADP to produce ATP.



Compare and contrast the cellular respiration electron transport chain (ETC) with the photosynthesis ETCs.

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# **Energy Totals**

Aerobic cellular respiration produces **36 ATP molecules** from a single glucose molecule.

This is only 36% efficient: 64% of total energy stored in glucose is released as **heat.** 



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# **Energy Totals**

Other molecules can be used for energy:

- Complex carbohydrates broken down into simple sugars that undergo glycolysis, etc.
- Lipids and proteins broken down into molecules that enter cellular respiration at certain points



# Practice =)

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Find supporting documents on my website.

- Worksheet questions #13-27
- Construct an inputs and outputs chart/diagram for each of the 3 stages in cellular respiration
- Compare and contrast photosynthesis and cellular respiration, using the guiding questions.



9.3 Fermentation (6-4 Equivalent)

### **Fermentation**

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**Fermentation** is a process by which energy can be released from food molecules in the **absence of oxygen**.

Fermentation occurs in the cytoplasm of cells.



### **Fermentation**

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Under anaerobic conditions, fermentation follows glycolysis.

During fermentation, cells **convert NADH produced by glycolysis back into the electron carrier NAD+**, which allows glycolysis to continue producing ATP.



### **Alcoholic Fermentation**

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Yeast and a few other microorganisms use **alcoholic fermentation** that **produces ethyl alcohol and carbon dioxide**.

This process is used to produce alcoholic beverages and causes bread dough to rise.



# **Alcoholic Fermentation**

Chemical equation:

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Pyruvic acid + NADH  $\rightarrow$  Alcohol + CO<sub>2</sub> + NAD<sup>+</sup>



### **Lactic Acid Fermentation**

Most organisms, including humans, carry out fermentation using a chemical reaction that converts **pyruvic acid to lactic acid**.

Chemical equation:

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Pyruvic acid + NADH  $\rightarrow$  Lactic acid + NAD<sup>+</sup>



# **Energy and Exercise**

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- Bow does the body produce ATP during different stages of exercise?
- For short, quick bursts of energy, the body uses ATP already in muscles as well as ATP made by lactic acid fermentation.
- For exercise longer than about 90 seconds, cellular respiration is the only way to continue generating a supply of ATP.

# **Quick Energy**

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Cells normally contain small amounts of ATP produced during cellular respiration, enough for **a few seconds** of intense activity.

Lactic acid fermentation can supply enough ATP to last about 90 seconds.

However, extra oxygen is required to get rid of the lactic acid produced.

Following **intense exercise**, a person will huff and puff for several minutes in order to pay back the built-up "**oxygen debt**" and clear the lactic acid from the body.

# **Long-Term Energy**

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For intense exercise lasting longer than 90 seconds, cellular respiration is required to continue production of ATP.

Cellular respiration releases energy more slowly than fermentation does.

The **body stores energy** in the form of the carbohydrate **glycogen**.

These glycogen stores are enough to last for **15 to 20 minutes of activity**.

After that, the body begins to break down other stored molecules, including fats, for energy.



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Hibernating animals, such as a brown bear, rely on stored fat for energy when they sleep through the winter.