



Life Is Work

- Living cells require energy from outside sources
- Some animals, such as the giraffe, obtain energy by eating plants, and some animals feed on other organisms that eat plants



 Energy flows into an ecosystem as sunlight and leaves as heat

 Photosynthesis generates O₂ and organic molecules, which are used in cellular respiration

 Cells use chemical energy stored in organic molecules to generate ATP, which powers work

Figure 9.2 ECOSYSTEM CO₂ + H₂O

BioFlix: The Carbon Cycle

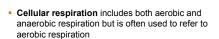


Concept 9.1: Catabolic pathways yield energy by oxidizing organic fuels

- Catabolic pathways release stored energy by breaking down complex molecules
- Electron transfer plays a major role in these pathways
- These processes are central to cellular respiration

Catabolic Pathways and Production of ATP

- The breakdown of organic molecules is exergonic
- Fermentation is a partial degradation of sugars that occurs without O2
- Aerobic respiration consumes organic molecules and O2 and yields ATP
- Anaerobic respiration is similar to aerobic respiration but consumes compounds other than O₂



· Although carbohydrates, fats, and proteins are all consumed as fuel, it is helpful to trace cellular respiration with the sugar glucose

 $C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6 O_2 \rightarrow 6 CO_2 + 6 H_2O + Energy (ATP + heat)$

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Redox Reactions: Oxidation and Reduction

- The transfer of electrons during chemical reactions releases energy stored in organic molecules
- This released energy is ultimately used to synthesize ATP

The Principle of Redox

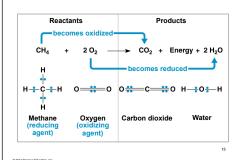
- Chemical reactions that transfer electrons between reactants are called oxidation-reduction reactions, or redox reactions
- In oxidation, a substance loses electrons, or is oxidized
- In reduction, a substance gains electrons, or is reduced (the amount of positive charge is reduced)

becomes reduced



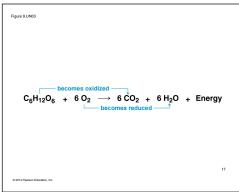
- The electron donor is called the reducing agent
- The electron receptor is called the oxidizing agent
- Some redox reactions do not transfer electrons but change the electron sharing in covalent bonds
- An example is the reaction between methane and O₂

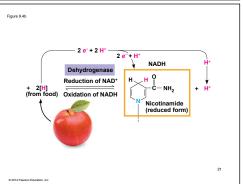
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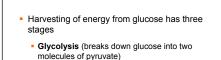


Oxidation of Organic Fuel Molecules During Cellular Respiration

 During cellular respiration, the fuel (such as glucose) is oxidized, and O2 is reduced



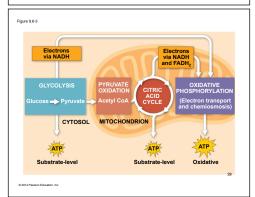




The Stages of Cellular Respiration: A Preview

- The citric acid cycle (completes the breakdown of glucose)
- Oxidative phosphorylation (accounts for most of the ATP synthesis)

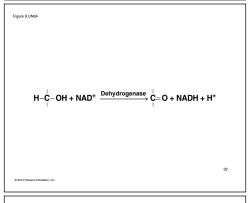
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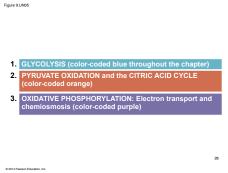


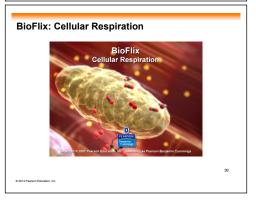
Stepwise Energy Harvest via NAD+ and the Electron Transport Chain

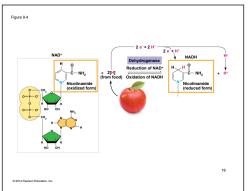
- In cellular respiration, glucose and other organic molecules are broken down in a series of steps
- Electrons from organic compounds are usually first transferred to NAD+, a coenzyme
- As an electron acceptor, NAD+ functions as an oxidizing agent during cellular respiration
- Each NADH (the reduced form of NAD+) represents stored energy that is tapped to synthesize ATP

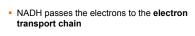
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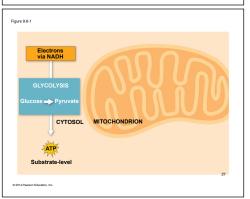






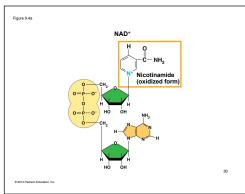
- Unlike an uncontrolled reaction, the electron transport chain passes electrons in a series of steps instead of one explosive reaction
- O₂ pulls electrons down the chain in an energyyielding tumble
- The energy yielded is used to regenerate ATP

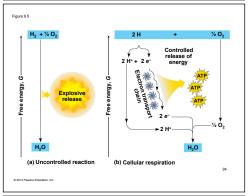
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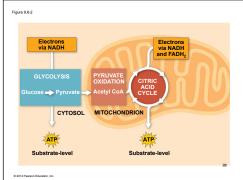


 The process that generates most of the ATP is called oxidative phosphorylation because it is powered by redox reactions

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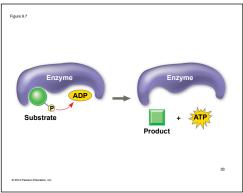


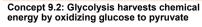




- Oxidative phosphorylation accounts for almost 90% of the ATP generated by cellular respiration
- A smaller amount of ATP is formed in glycolysis and the citric acid cycle by substrate-level phosphorylation
- For each molecule of glucose degraded to CO₂ and water by respiration, the cell makes up to 32 molecules of ATP

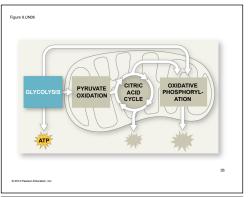
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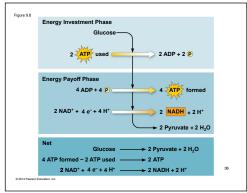


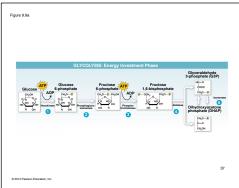


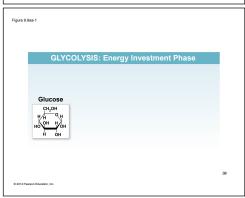
- Glycolysis ("sugar splitting") breaks down glucose into two molecules of pyruvate
- Glycolysis occurs in the cytoplasm and has two major phases
 - Energy investment phase
 - Energy payoff phase
- Glycolysis occurs whether or not O₂ is present

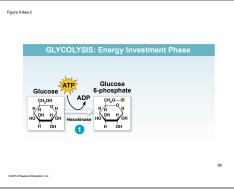
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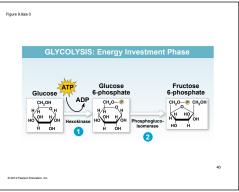


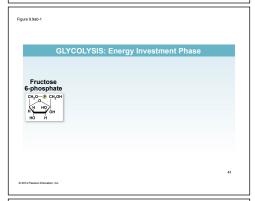


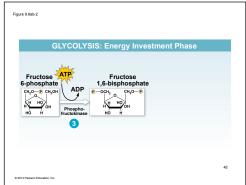


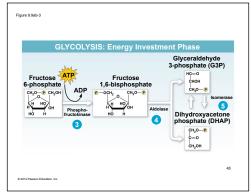


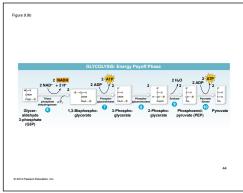


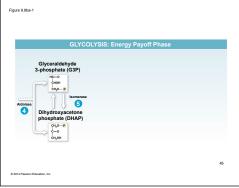


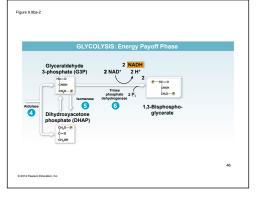


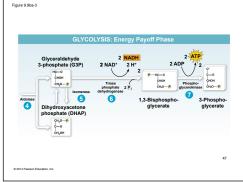


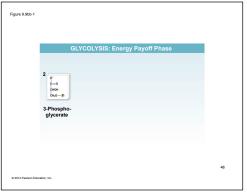


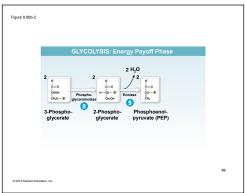


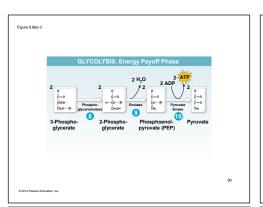


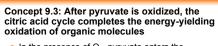












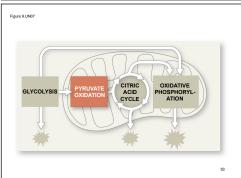
 In the presence of O₂, pyruvate enters the mitochondrion (in eukaryotic cells) where the oxidation of glucose is completed

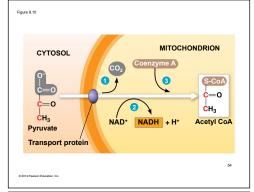
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Oxidation of Pyruvate to Acetyl CoA

- Before the citric acid cycle can begin, pyruvate must be converted to acetyl Coenzyme A (acetyl CoA), which links glycolysis to the citric acid cycle
- This step is carried out by a multienzyme complex that catalyses three reactions

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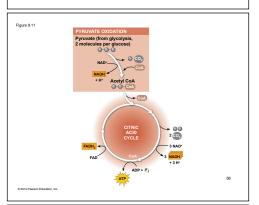


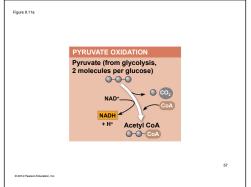


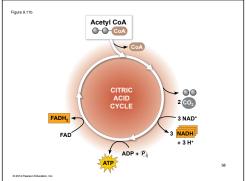


- The citric acid cycle, also called the Krebs cycle, completes the break down of pyruvate to CO₂
- The cycle oxidizes organic fuel derived from pyruvate, generating 1 ATP, 3 NADH, and 1 FADH₂ per turn

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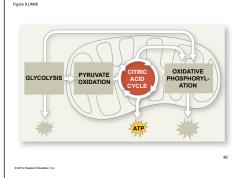


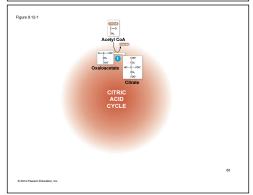


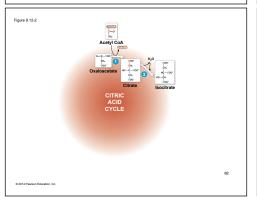


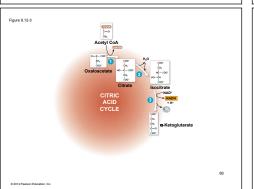
- The citric acid cycle has eight steps, each catalyzed by a specific enzyme
- The acetyl group of acetyl CoA joins the cycle by combining with oxaloacetate, forming citrate
- The next seven steps decompose the citrate back to oxaloacetate, making the process a cycle
- The NADH and FADH₂ produced by the cycle relay electrons extracted from food to the electron transport chain

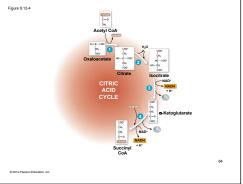
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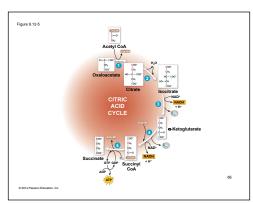


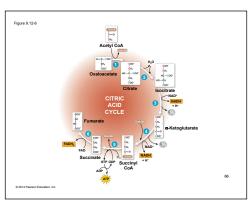


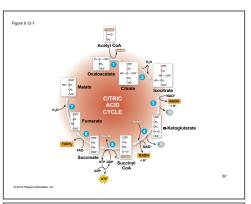


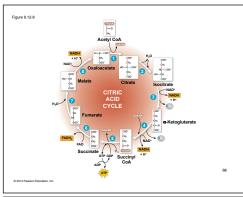


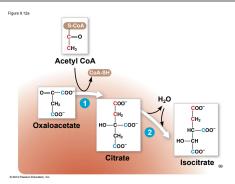


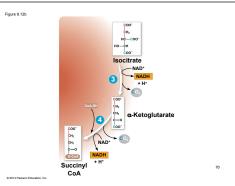


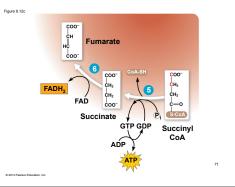


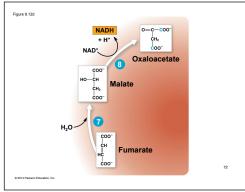












Concept 9.4: During oxidative phosphorylation, chemiosmosis couples electron transport to ATP synthesis

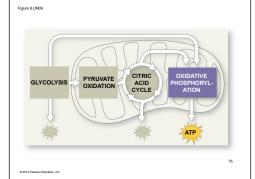
- Following glycolysis and the citric acid cycle, NADH and FADH₂ account for most of the energy extracted from food
- These two electron carriers donate electrons to the electron transport chain, which powers ATP synthesis via oxidative phosphorylation

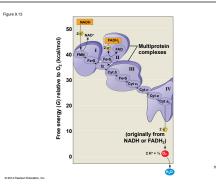
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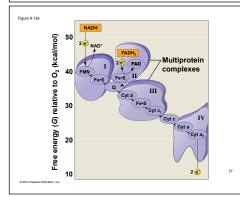
The Pathway of Electron Transport

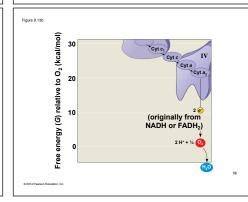
- The electron transport chain is in the inner membrane (cristae) of the mitochondrion
- Most of the chain's components are proteins, which exist in multiprotein complexes
- The carriers alternate reduced and oxidized states as they accept and donate electrons
- Electrons drop in free energy as they go down the chain and are finally passed to O₂, forming H₂O

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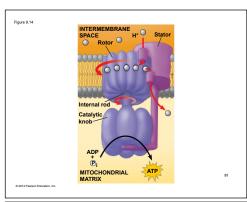
- Electrons are transferred from NADH or FADH₂ to the electron transport chain
- Electrons are passed through a number of proteins including cytochromes (each with an iron atom) to O₂
- The electron transport chain generates no ATP directly
- It breaks the large free-energy drop from food to O₂ into smaller steps that release energy in manageable amounts

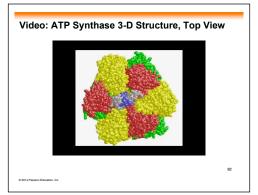
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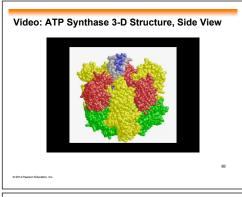
Chemiosmosis: The Energy-Coupling Mechanism

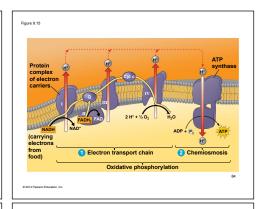
- Electron transfer in the electron transport chain causes proteins to pump H+ from the mitochondrial matrix to the intermembrane space
- H+ then moves back across the membrane, passing through the protein complex, ATP synthase
- ATP synthase uses the exergonic flow of H⁺ to drive phosphorylation of ATP
- This is an example of chemiosmosis, the use of energy in a H+ gradient to drive cellular work

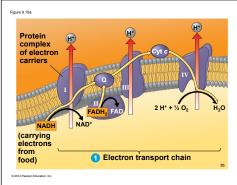
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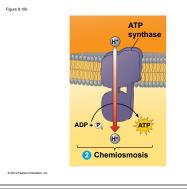












• The energy stored in a H+ gradient across a membrane couples the redox reactions of the electron transport chain to ATP synthesis

• The H+ gradient is referred to as a proton-motive force, emphasizing its capacity to do work

 About 34% of the energy in a glucose molecule is transferred to ATP during cellular respiration,

proton-motive force → ATP

making about 32 ATP There are several reasons why the number of ATP

An Accounting of ATP Production by Cellular

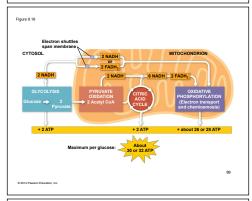
During cellular respiration, most energy flows in

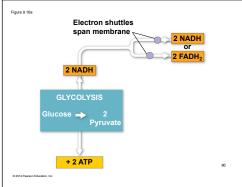
glucose \rightarrow NADH \rightarrow electron transport chain \rightarrow

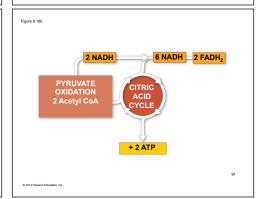
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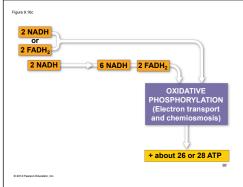
Respiration

this sequence:









Concept 9.5: Fermentation and anaerobic respiration enable cells to produce ATP without the use of oxygen

- Most cellular respiration requires O₂ to produce
- Without O₂, the electron transport chain will cease to operate
- In that case, glycolysis couples with anaerobic respiration or fermentation to produce ATP

- Anaerobic respiration uses an electron transport chain with a final electron acceptor other than O2, for example sulfate
- Fermentation uses substrate-level phosphorylation instead of an electron transport chain to generate

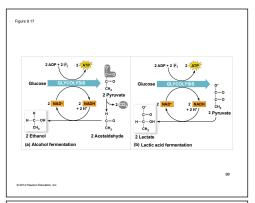
Types of Fermentation

- Fermentation consists of glycolysis plus reactions that regenerate NAD+, which can be reused by glycolysis
- Two common types are alcohol fermentation and lactic acid fermentation

Maximum per glucose:

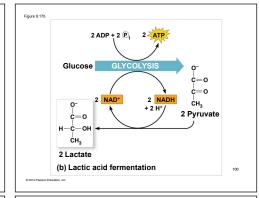
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- In alcohol fermentation, pyruvate is converted to ethanol in two steps
 - The first step releases CO2
 - The second step produces ethanol
- · Alcohol fermentation by yeast is used in brewing, winemaking, and baking

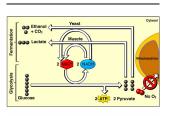


2 ADP + 2 P Glucose 2 Pyruvate CH3 ĊH. 2 Ethanol 2 Acetaldehyde (a) Alcohol fermentation

Comparing Fermentation with Anaerobic and



Animation: Fermentation Overview



- anaerobic respiration and cannot survive in the presence of O₂
- In a facultative anaerobe, pyruvate is a fork in the metabolic road that leads to two alternative catabolic routes

In lactic acid fermentation, pyruvate is reduced by NADH, forming lactate as an end product, with no release of CO2

- Lactic acid fermentation by some fungi and bacteria is used to make cheese and yogurt
- · Human muscle cells use lactic acid fermentation to generate ATP when O2 is scarce

Glycolysis

Aerobic cellular

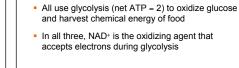
respiration

Glucose

CYTOSOL

No O₂ present

Fermentation



Aerobic Respiration

The processes have different mechanisms for

oxidizing NADH:

- In fermentation, an organic molecule (such as pyruvate or acetaldehyde) acts as a final electron acceptor
- In cellular respiration electrons are transferred to the electron transport chain
- Cellular respiration produces 32 ATP per glucose molecule; fermentation produces 2 ATP per glucose molecule

• Obligate anaerobes carry out fermentation or

 Yeast and many bacteria are facultative anaerobes, meaning that they can survive using either fermentation or cellular respiration

The Evolutionary Significance of Glycolysis

- Ancient prokaryotes are thought to have used glycolysis long before there was oxygen in the atmosphere
- Very little O₂ was available in the atmosphere until about 2.7 billion years ago, so early prokaryotes likely used only glycolysis to generate ATP
- Glycolysis is a very ancient process

Concept 9.6: Glycolysis and the citric acid cycle connect to many other metabolic pathways

Gycolysis and the citric acid cycle are major intersections to various catabolic and anabolic pathways

Proteins

Figure 9.19-2

The Versatility of Catabolism

- Catabolic pathways funnel electrons from many kinds of organic molecules into cellular respiration
- Glycolysis accepts a wide range of carbohydrates
- Proteins must be digested to amino acids; amino groups can feed glycolysis or the citric acid cycle

Figure 9.18

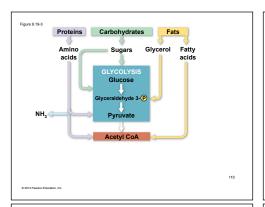
 Fats are digested to glycerol (used in glycolysis) and fatty acids (used in generating acetyl CoA)

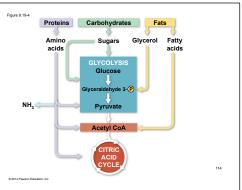
 Fatty acids are broken down by beta oxidation and yield acetyl CoA

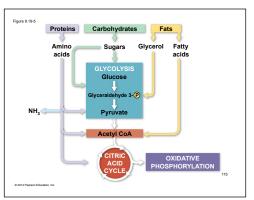
 An oxidized gram of fat produces more than twice as much ATP as an oxidized gram of carbohydrate

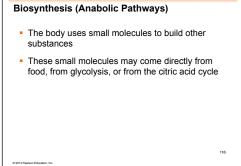


Glycerol Fatty











- Feedback inhibition is the most common mechanism for metabolic control
- If ATP concentration begins to drop, respiration speeds up; when there is plenty of ATP, respiration slows down
- Control of catabolism is based mainly on regulating the activity of enzymes at strategic points in the catabolic pathway

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