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# Scientific Thinking

- (45039) > Science: collection of facts & process
- > Scientists = curious, ask q's, seek Ans
- > Power of Sci. = predict future behaviors
- > Scientists must be objective; no political/personal beliefs
- > Result & Conclusions derived from data; contrary to human brain's way of working
  - How do you know that is the true?

## \* Scientific Method

1. Observation
2. Formulate hypothesis
3. Devise testable prediction
4. Conduct critical exp.
5. Draw Conclusions & make revisions

- > Observation: looking for patterns
- > Hypothesis: proposed explanation
  - must provide alt. explanations
  - testable predictions must be possible

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- > Devise a testable prediction
  - Tests will show if your hyp = right/wrong
- > Conduct critical experiment
  - Most experiments have:
    - o Treatment: applied exp. condition of any kind
    - o Experimental Grp: exposure to particular treatment
    - o Control Group: not exposed to treatment
    - o Variables
  - Double-blind studies
  - Randomization
- > Conclusion
  - Make revisions

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- 8-21-12 > Statistics: allow us to differentiate b/w real/incorrect  
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- Confidence interval: how confident are we that we caught all possible var. avail.
  - Scientifically we should be @ 95% + positive of our results
- > Causation v. Correlation: simply b/c something is correlated doesn't mean it is the cause

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- one of the biggest q's of scientists
    - (e.g. if Irish pop. increases so does Global Warming)
  - Exp. Test: results can be used to revise hypotheses & explain the world more accurately

- > Repeatable experiments; increase confidence
- repeatability = validity

## (8-23-12) The Game of Biology - How to Win

- > Live forever (e.g. produce viable offspring)
- done thru passing on DNA
- > Somatic Cells: most cells of body
- chromosomes - long chains of DNA
- > Gametes
- sex cells (sperm & egg)
    - both have only 1 copy of ea chromosome
    - each gamete has 50% of your chro.
- > To win you need the 'Best mate'; hardwired behaviors
- 'Whoever controls the best territory gets the chicks!'
- > Sexual selection
- Women devote the most resources
  - Size shows having more calories, resources, etc. (men)

## > Selecting for Novelty

- Having a genetic distinction may become the one thing that allows your DNA to survive (e.g. genetic anomaly that might cause others to die)

## > FAT

- fat = 3x as much cal as an equal wt of sugar

- fat storage = energy = survival

◦ females need it to support fetus growth

◦ males need it for hunting/gathering

- Rubensque (Peter Paul Rubens)

## > Evolution ≠ directed process

- simply selects the traits most suited for current environment/conditions

## > Change in humans

- invention of agriculture

- genes are still in energy-storage mode

- too many calories available

◦ causing diabetes, HBP, etc

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- > Element: substance that can't be broken down into another substance
- > Atom: smallest substance that can't be broken down w/o losing its essential props
- > 25 elements in our body
  - 96%+ : Oxygen, Carbon, Hydrogen, Nitrogen

## Water

- > Cohesion & Adhesion; Large heat capacity; Low density as a solid; Good solvent
  - Cohesion/Adhesion:
    - Cohesion: sticking w/ like molecules
    - Adhesion: sticks to unlike molecules.
- \* Life depends on 2 chem reactions:
  - Photosynthesis: turning sun energy into energy for life
    - chloroplast: absorb
      - \* needs: light,  $H_2O$ ,  $CO_2$
      - \* out:  $O_2$  + Sugar

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- High heat capacity: takes more energy to heat water (than  $O_2$  or others)
- Low Density (as solid): floats unlike other substances; when solid is within itself (liquid)
  - B/c ice floats the water freezes at the top (not from the bottom up) essentially protecting life below
- A good solvent: allows chemicals to move throughout your body
  - dissolves chemicals to use/move chems.

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## Carbs

- > Carbs = primary fuel for organisms
  - Cellular Respiration
    - Mitochondria: energy factory; need  $O_2$  + Sugar

1  
glucose  
fructose  
galactose

2  
maltose  
sucrose  
lactose

- ATP = form of energy the body uses; created from  $O_2 + \text{Sugar}$ 
  - Output =  $CO_2$  and  $H_2O$
  - Can become glycogen (muscle/liver storage) or fat (fat storage)

> Carb-loading

- 1oz glycogen  $\approx$  4oz  $H_2O$  attached

Starches

>  $\geq$  100's glucose molecules joined

- glycogen = "animal starch"

> Non-digestible starches

- Chitin (e.g. lobster, hair, fingernails)

Cellulose (e.g. wood)

Lipids (fats/oils)

> Fats, Sterols, Phospholipids

- Fats = solid (room temp)

- Oil = liquid (room temp)

- Glycerol = head of fat  $\rightarrow$  Triglycerides

- Fatty Acids = Carbon tails

> Saturated fats (solid) have single bonds

> Unsaturated fats (liquid) have double bonds

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> Partially hydrogenated veg. oils

- "Trans fats"

- gives better shelf-life

> Unsaturated (cis)  $\hookleftarrow$

- $+ H_2 = \{$  (trans)

> Olestra: passes thru w/o being digested

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> Not all lipids = fats

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### > Sterols

- Cholesterol: important component of most cell membranes
  - cells naturally produce

### Proteins

#### > The building blocks of body

- Structural, Protective, Regulatory, Contractile, Transport

#### > 8/20 = essential AA's

- Complete proteins contain all 8 AA's; Incomplete prots. don't
- Complementary proteins (e.g. beans + rice); some AA's from 1 food and some from another to = complete (e.g. potatoes + milk)

#### > DNA dictates shape of proteins

- Proteins = shaped w/ AA's

\* ◦ Shape of protein = specific for specific job

#### > Proteins = for growth, repair, replacement

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### Enzymes

#### > Proteins that initiate/speed up chemical reactions

\* - Sugars end in -ose (e.g. lactose)

- Enzymes end in -ase (e.g. lactase)

◦ Lactase breaks up lactose into: glucose + galactose

#### > Misshapen proteins = incorrect AA sequence

- Active site disruptions

- PKU disease

- Lactose intolerant = enzymes not built right to breakdown lactose

#### > Enzymes can be used multi times

## Nucleic Acids (contain instructions on how to build & run the body)

> Nuc. Acids = macromolecules that store info

- DNA: determined by its sequence of bases (backbone)

- bases have AA's attached

- double helix: made up of phosphate backbones

> Example of DNA

CCCC TTAGG AACCC complementary strand = GGGG AAT CCTT GG

- because { A + T attach
- { C + G attach