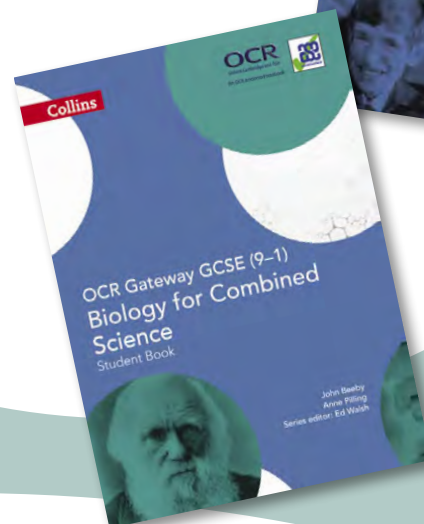
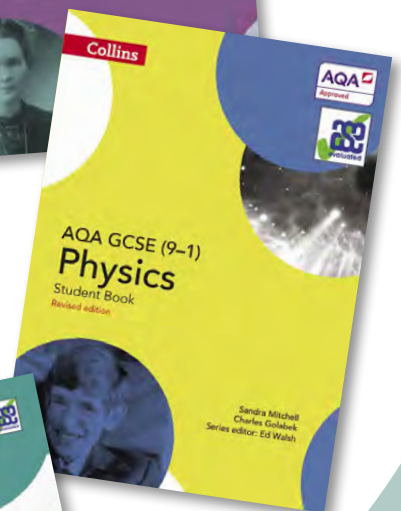
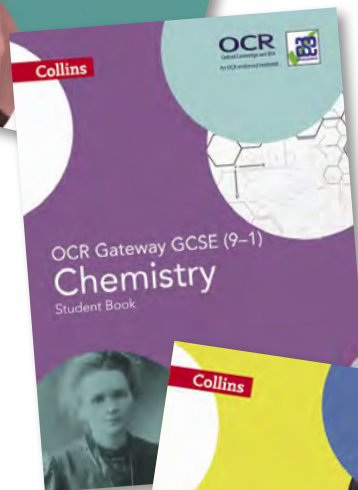
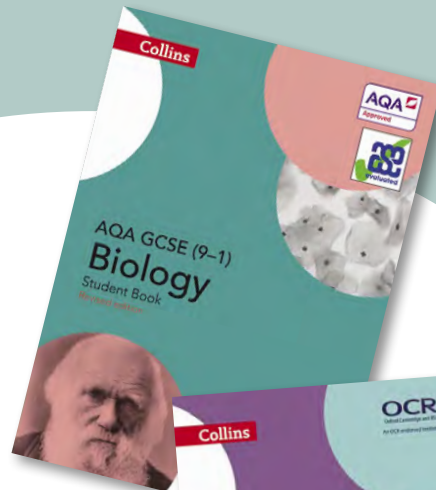


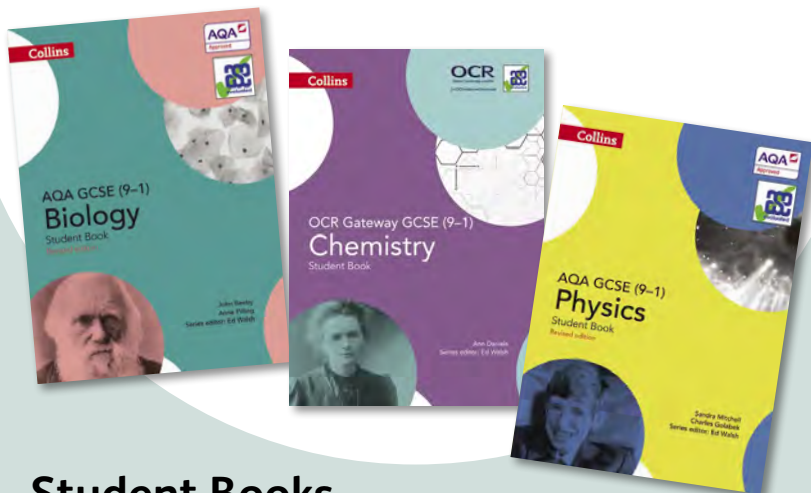
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### Biology

## Genetic engineering

#### Learning objectives:

- give examples of how plant crops have been genetically engineered to improve products and describe how fungus cells are engineered to produce human insulin.
- describe the process of genetic engineering

#### KEY WORDS

genetic engineering  
GM crops  
vector

Genetic engineering involves taking specific genes from one organism and introducing them into the genome of another. Scientists can now, more or less, transfer genes from any organism, including plants, animals, bacteria or viruses.

#### Producing human insulin

Patients with Type 1 diabetes need regular injections of the hormone insulin. Since the early 1920s, insulin was extracted from the pancreas of pigs or cattle. But these types of insulin differ *slightly* from human insulin in the amino acids they contain. They had some side effects.

With **genetic engineering** it became possible to genetically engineer the bacterium, *Escherichia coli*, and the fungus, yeast, to produce 'human' insulin. This is *identical* to the insulin produced by the human body.

Yeast produces a more complete version of the insulin molecule. Less processing is required, so this method is often preferred.

#### 1 What is genetic engineering?

- 2 Name two organisms that can be genetically engineered to produce insulin.

#### Genetically engineered plants

Genetic engineering has transformed crop production. Genes from many organisms, often not even plants, are cut out of their chromosomes and inserted into the cells of crop plants. Such crop plants and other organisms are called genetically modified, **GM crops** or GM organisms (GMOs).

Plants have been engineered to be resistant to disease, and to increase yields, such as producing bigger, better fruit. Several types of crop plant have been produced that are resistant to diseases caused by viruses.

In the wet summer of 2012, potato plants became exposed to the potato blight fungus. In 2014 British scientists produced a GM potato that is resistant to potato blight. Genes from two wild relatives of the potato were inserted into the Desiree potato variety.



Figure 7.39 Human insulin production in India. This photograph shows the purification process

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### Chemistry

#### End of chapter questions

##### Getting started

- 1 Which one of the following statements about catalysts is true?
  - a They increase the amount of product formed.
  - b Large quantities of catalyst are needed.
  - c Catalysts are changed at the end of reaction.
  - d They increase the rate of reaction.
- 2 How does rate change during a chemical reaction?
  - a Increases then decreases to zero.
  - b Decreases to zero.
  - c Stays the same.
  - d Increases from zero.
- 3 Write down three factors that can be changed to make a reaction go faster.
- 4 The top is left off of a fizzy drink bottle. Explain why the carbon dioxide gas cannot reach equilibrium with dissolved carbon dioxide.
- 5 Magnesium reacts with hydrochloric acid solution. Explain why the rate increases when the concentration of hydrochloric acid increases.
- 6 Acid is added to sodium carbonate in a flask and left on a digital balance. Explain why the mass of flask and contents goes down.
- 7 A student was expecting to make 2.8 g of a chemical, but instead made 2.2g. Calculate the percentage yield.

##### Going further

- 8 One of the characteristics of an equilibrium is that it has to be a closed system. Give two other characteristics.
- 9 Nitrogen and oxygen gases react together to form nitrogen(II) oxide. Explain why increasing the pressure increases the rate of this reaction.
- 10 Hydrogen peroxide solution decomposes into oxygen and water. Suggest two ways that the rate of reaction can be followed experimentally.
- 11 Put these reactions in order of their atom economy by looking at their equations only, the desired product is in bold:
  - i  $Zn + 2HCl \rightarrow ZnCl_2 + H_2$
  - ii  $Zn + 2HCl \rightarrow ZnCl_2 + H_2$
  - iii  $2Mg + O_2 \rightarrow 2MgO$
- 12 Check your answer by calculating the atom economy for each reaction. [Zn = 65, H = 1, Cl = 35.5, Mg = 24, O = 16]
- 13 The activation energy for a reaction was measured with and without a catalyst. The values were 72 kJ/mol and 55 kJ/mol. Explain which value was the value for the catalysed reaction.

##### More challenging

- 14 Explain why the combustion of natural gas in a Bunsen burner cannot reach equilibrium.
- 15 In industry, there is a high risk of an explosion from flour, coal and other types of combustible dust. Suggest why.

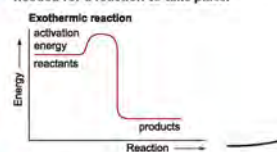
#### Worked example

##### 1 Explain how catalysts work.

They speed up a reaction because they lower the

##### 2 Draw the equation symbol used to show a r

##### 3 Draw an energy profile to show the activation energy needed for a reaction to take place.



##### 4 Explain how increasing temperature increases reaction.

The particles move faster so hit each other mo

##### 5 Look at the table. Fill in the missing number pattern shown by this reaction at equilibrium. What percentage of product probably formed at what the owner of the factory making this

Temperature in °C	100	200
% reactants at equilibrium	22	37
% products at equilibrium	78	63

The higher the temperature the less products are so the owner should do this at a low temperature



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Figure 7.40 Pesticides are sprayed over crops to protect them from diseases. Disease resistant GM plants don't need the pesticides.

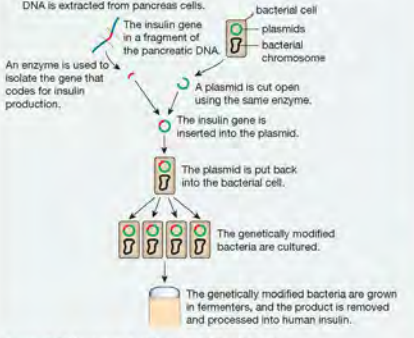
- 3 Give two reasons for the genetic modification of plant crops.
- 4 What types of organism cause disease in plants?

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**The genetic engineering technique**

Enzymes are used to remove the required gene, or genes, from the organism that carries the gene(s).

The gene is transferred, using a **vector**, to the organism that is to be modified. The vector is often a plasmid. The gene is inserted and sealed into the plasmid DNA using another enzyme. Bacteria have plasmids, and so do some eukaryotes, such as yeast. Viruses may also be used as vectors, including tobacco mosaic virus. Viruses that have had other genes modified, so that they are not infective, have been used in vaccine production.



**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Genes for human insulin were cloned and transferred to *E. coli* in 1978. The first drug produced using genetic engineering was human insulin.

**KEY INFORMATION**  
Remember: if genes are transferred to plants, this needs to be at an early stage of their development. Older organisms have too many cells that would need to be modified.

Figure 7.41 Insulin production using *Escherichia coli*

- 5 How is the required gene removed from the donor organism?
- 6 How is the gene transferred to the organism that is to be genetically modified?

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