

Plant Hormones Ch. 39

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'You haven't much experience in plant conservation, have you Winthorpe?'



- I. Plant Hormones- A compound produced by one part of the plant
- Hormones- A compound produced in one area of an organism and has an affect on an another area.
- A. Plants grow toward the light
- 1. Phototropism- growth toward or away from the light
- 2. Shoot toward light= positive
- 3. Differential growth of cells on opposite side of shoot
- 4. Cells on opposite side elongate faster

Table 39.1 An Overview of Plant Hormones

Hormone	Where Produced or Found in Plant	Major Functions
Auxin (IAA)	Embryo of seed, meristems of apical buds, young leaves	Stimulates stem elongation (low concentration only), root growth, cell differentiation, and branching; regulates development of fruit; enhances apical dominance; functions in phototropism and gravitropism; promotes xylem differentiation; retards leaf abscission
Cytokinins	Synthesized in roots and transported to other organs	Affect root growth and differentiation; stimulate cell division and growth; stimulate germination; delay senescence
Gibberellins	Meristems of apical buds and roots, young leaves, embryo	Promote seed and bud germination, stem elongation, and leaf growth; stimulate flowering and development of fruit; affect root growth and differentiation
Brassinosteroids	Seeds, fruit, shoots, leaves, and floral buds	Inhibit root growth; retard leaf abscission; promote xylem differentiation
Absciscic acid	Leaves, stems, roots, green fruit	Inhibits growth; closes stomata during water stress; promotes seed dormancy
Ethylene	Tissues of ripening fruit, nodes of stems, aging leaves and flowers	Promotes fruit ripening, opposes some auxin effects; promotes or inhibits growth and development of roots, leaves, and flowers, depending on species

- B. Coordination of growth and development - 5 major classes of hormones

- Auxins (IAA)
- Cytokinins
- Gibberellins (GA)
- Abscisic acid
- Ethylene

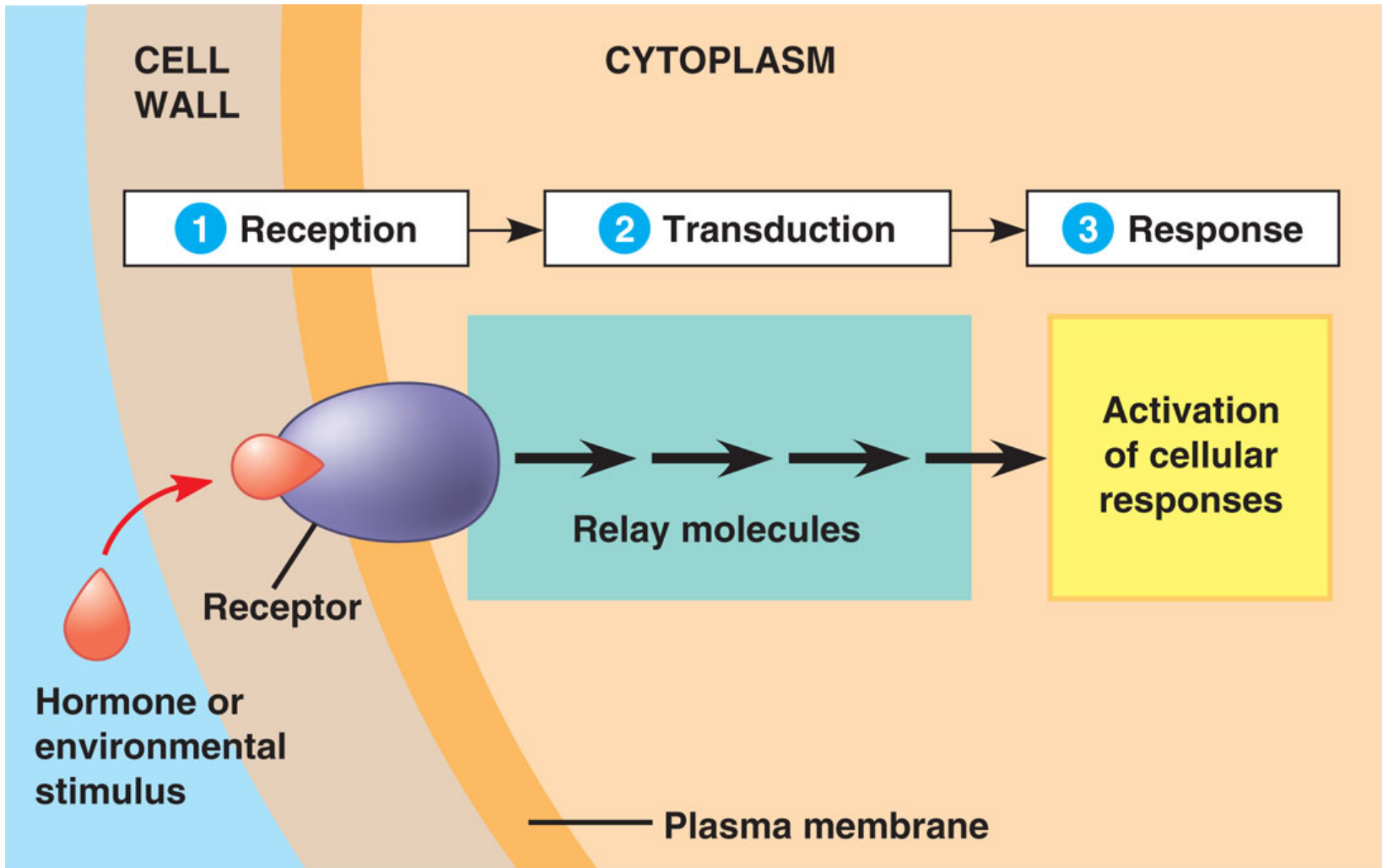
Auxin

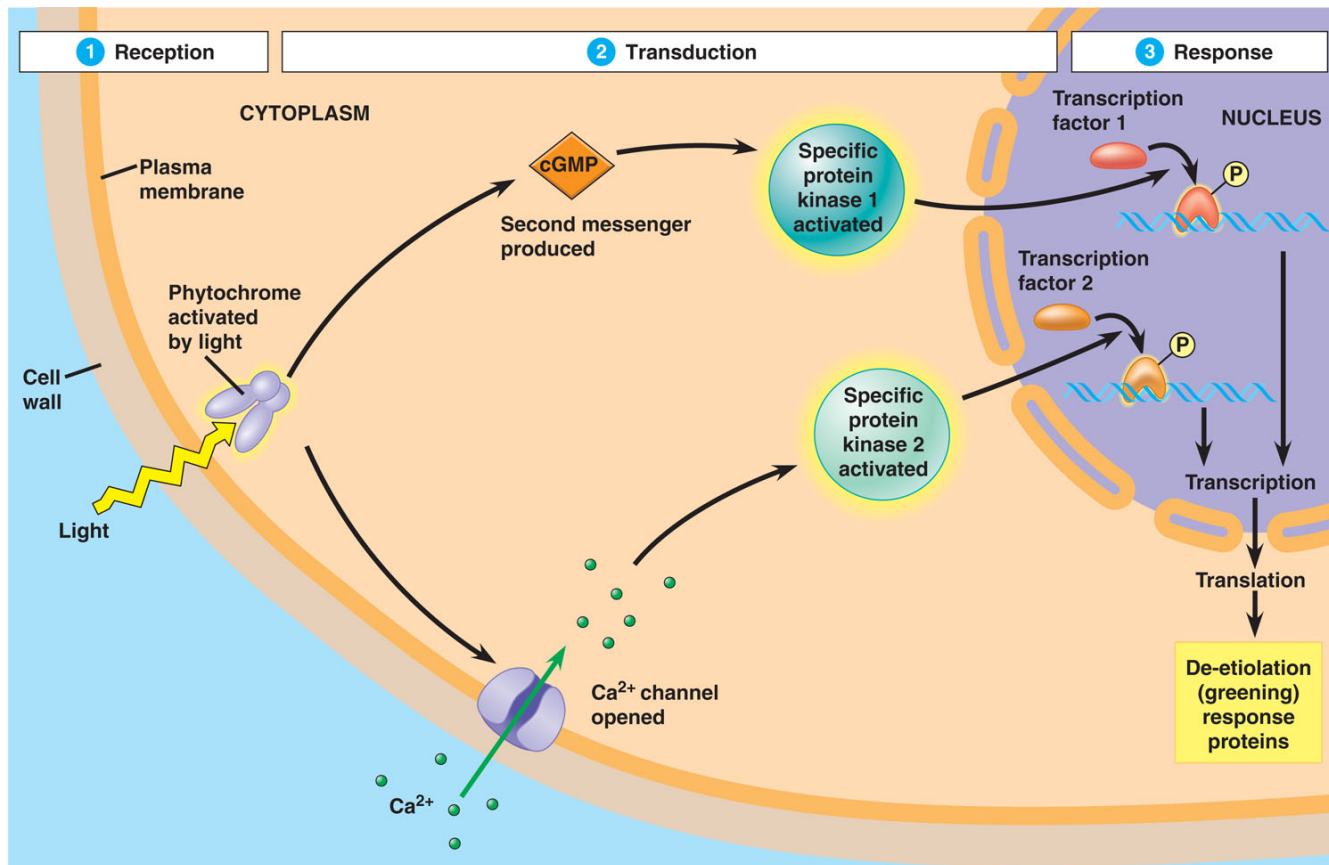


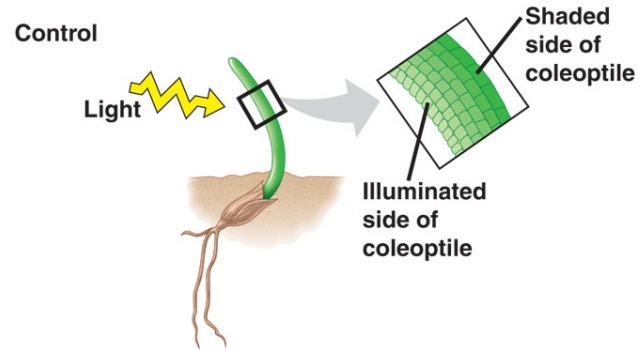
(a) Before exposure to light. A dark-grown potato has tall, spindly stems and nonexpanded leaves—morphological adaptations that enable the shoots to penetrate the soil. The roots are short, but there is little need for water absorption because little water is lost by the shoots.

(b) After a week's exposure to natural daylight. The potato plant begins to resemble a typical plant with broad green leaves, short sturdy stems, and long roots. This transformation begins with the reception of light by a specific pigment, phytochrome.

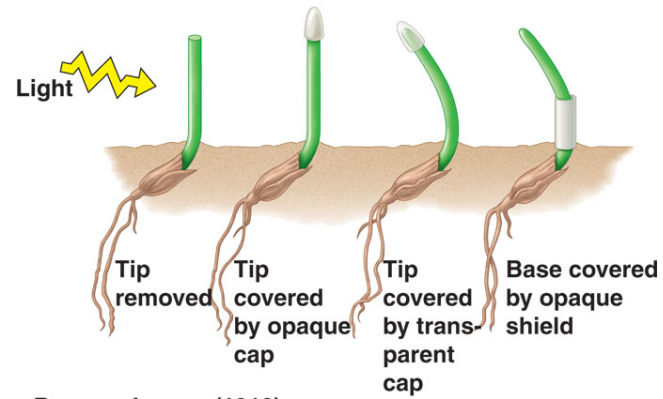
- 1. Auxin- promotes elongation of young shoots (Indoleacetic acid)
 - a. The major site of auxin production is **apical meristem**
 - b. Affects secondary cell growth by inducing **vascular cambium** and secondary xylem
 - c. Promotes fruit growth



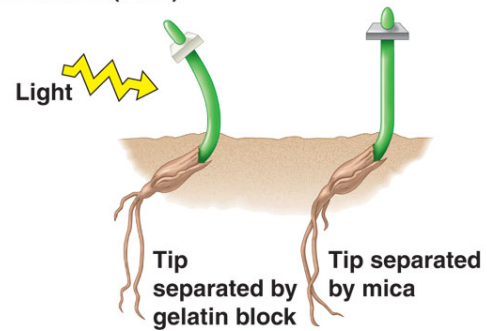


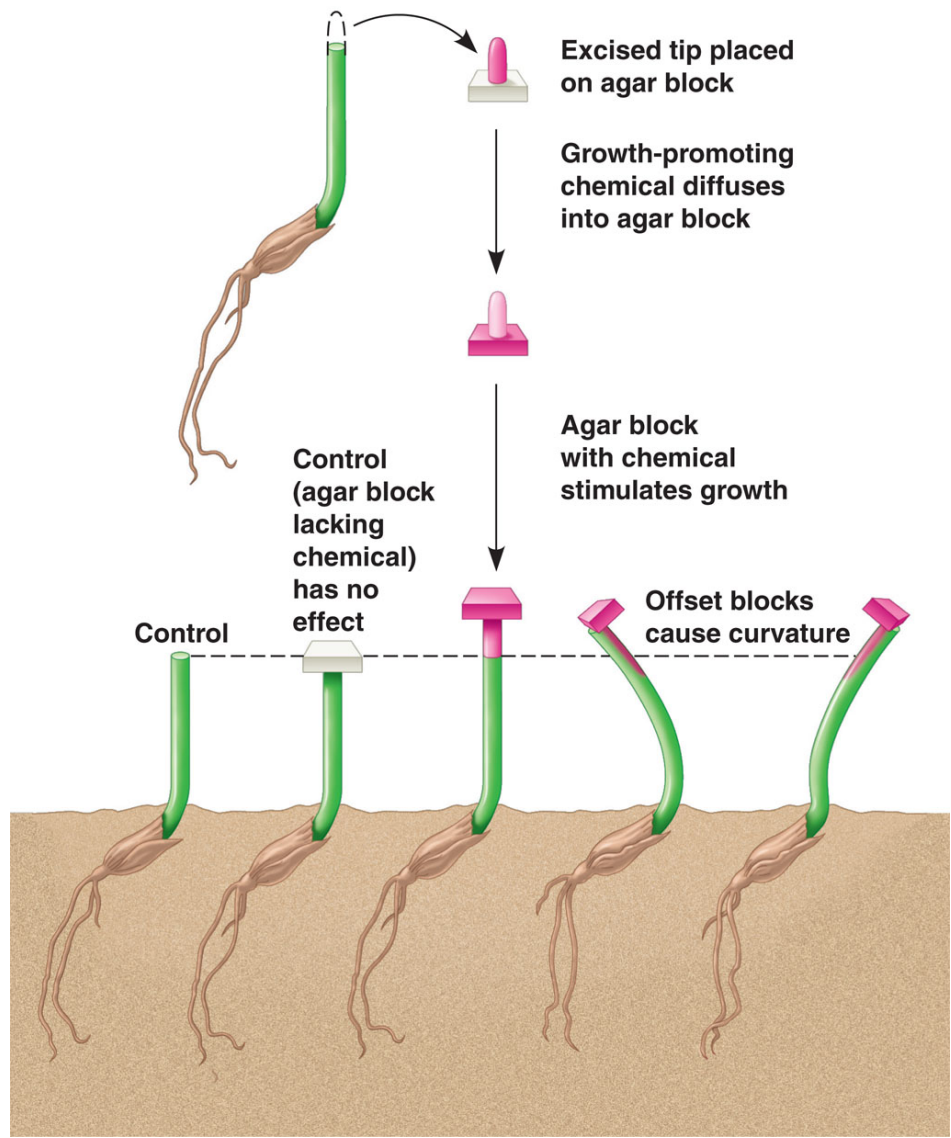


Darwin and Darwin (1880)



Boysen-Jensen (1913)





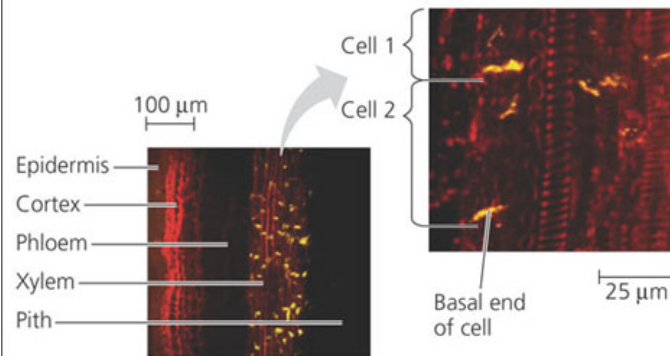
Flourescent tag used to show auxin location in a plant

EXPERIMENT

To investigate how auxin is transported unidirectionally, researchers designed an experiment to identify the location of the auxin transport protein. They used a greenish-yellow fluorescent molecule to label antibodies that bind to the auxin transport protein. They applied the antibodies to longitudinally sectioned *Arabidopsis* stems.

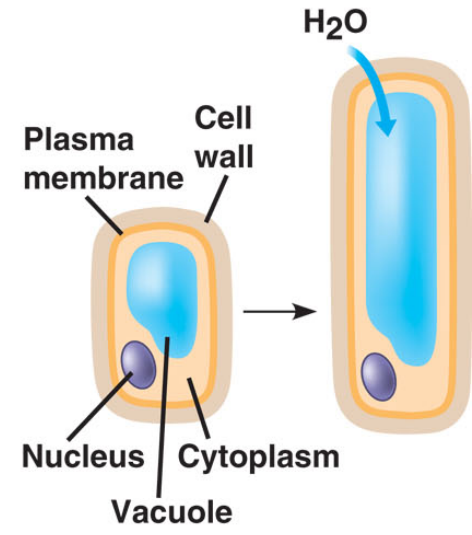
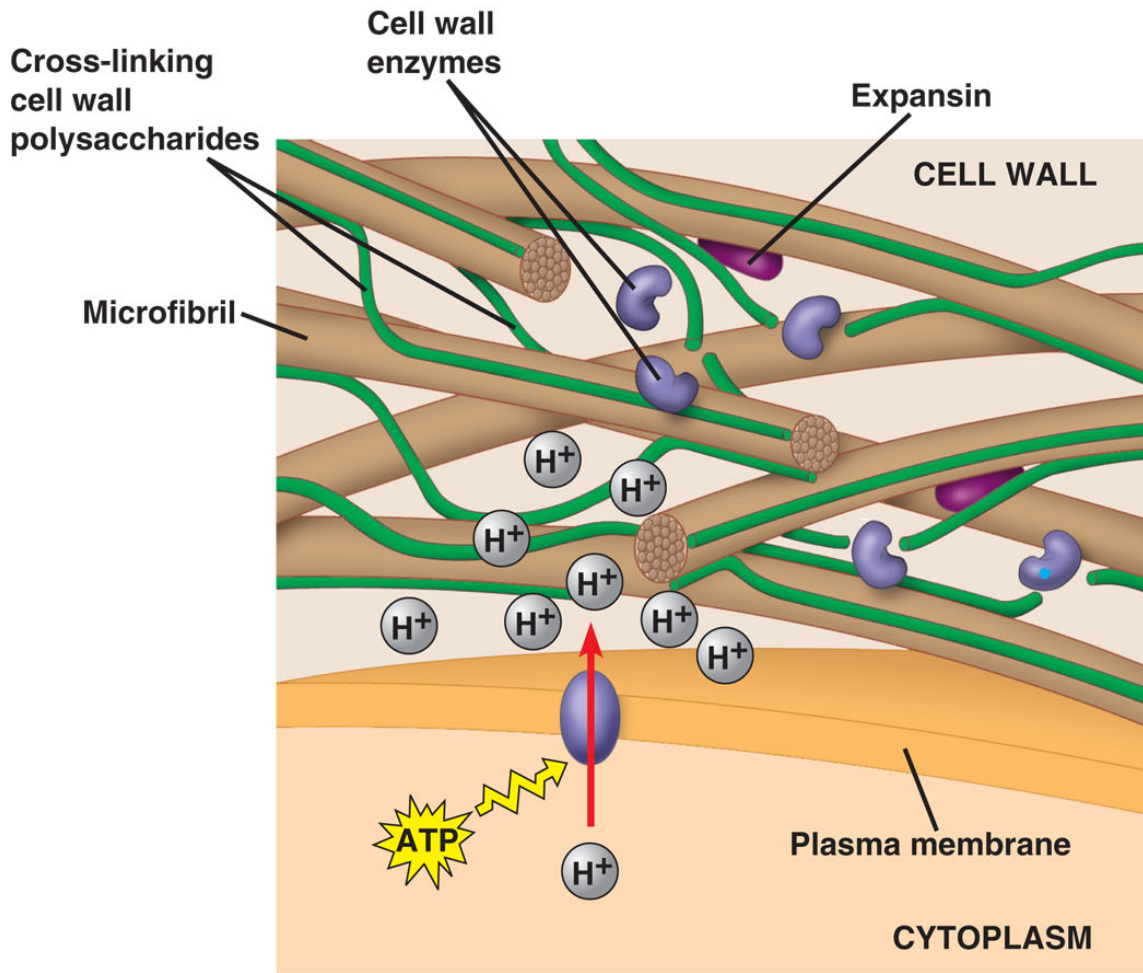
RESULTS

The left micrograph shows that the auxin transport protein is not found in all tissues of the stem, but only in the xylem parenchyma. In the right micrograph, a higher magnification reveals that the auxin transport protein is primarily localized to the basal end of the cells.



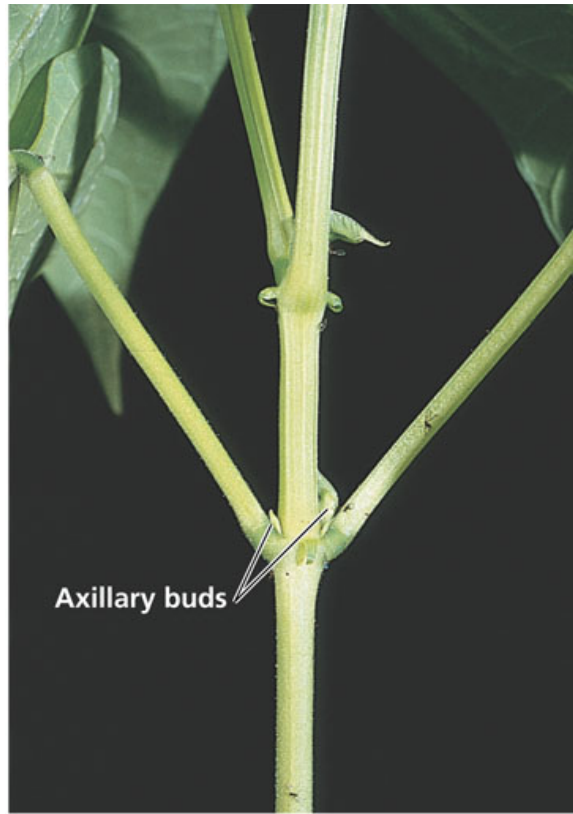
CONCLUSION

The results support the hypothesis that concentration of the auxin transport protein at the basal ends of cells is responsible for polar transport of auxin.



- 2. Cytokinins - stimulates cytokinesis
 - a. Cell division and **cytokinesis**
 - 1. Moves in xylem sap
 - 2. Stimulates **RNA** and protein **synthesis**
 - 3. Works in conjunction with **auxin**
 - b. Apical dominance
 - 1. cytokinins and auxin are antagonistic- auxin from terminal bud causes shoot to **lengthen**.
 - 2. Cytokinins from roots stimulate **axillary** bud
 - 3. Auxin stimulates lateral root **formation** cytokinins restrain it.
 - c. Anti-**aging** - slows leaf deterioration

Plant b has apical bud removed so axillary buds grow



(a) Intact plant

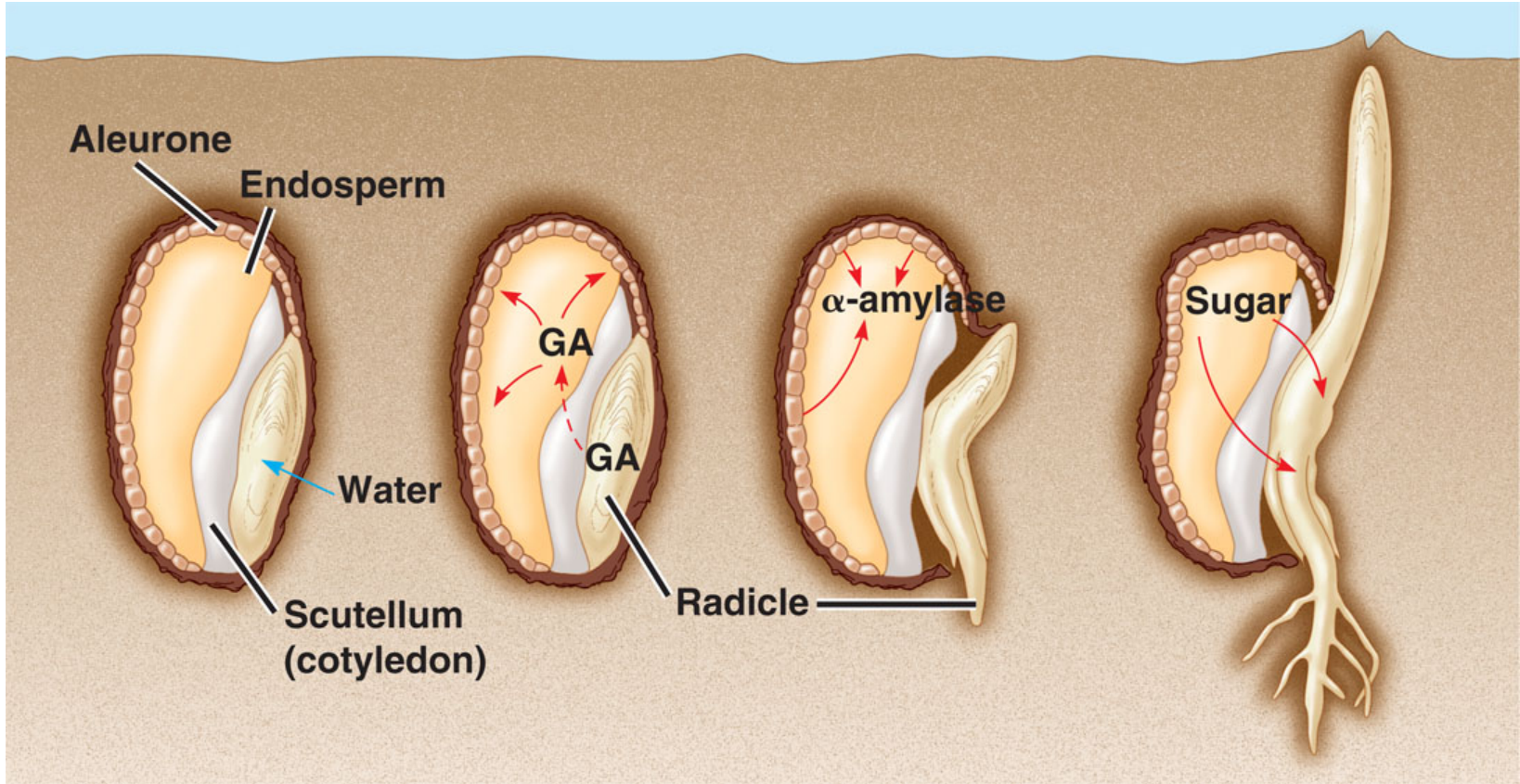


(b) Plant with apical bud removed

- 3. Giberellins- 80 different kinds
 - a. Stem **elongation**- produced in the roots and young leaves
 - 1. stimulate cell division, growth of leaves
 - 2. causes bolting- rapid growth of **floral** stems
 - b. Fruit growth- controlled by Giberellins and auxin
 - 1. Grapes are sprayed to grow bigger
 - c. Germination- signals seeds to break **dormancy**

Grapes on the right treated with gibberellins

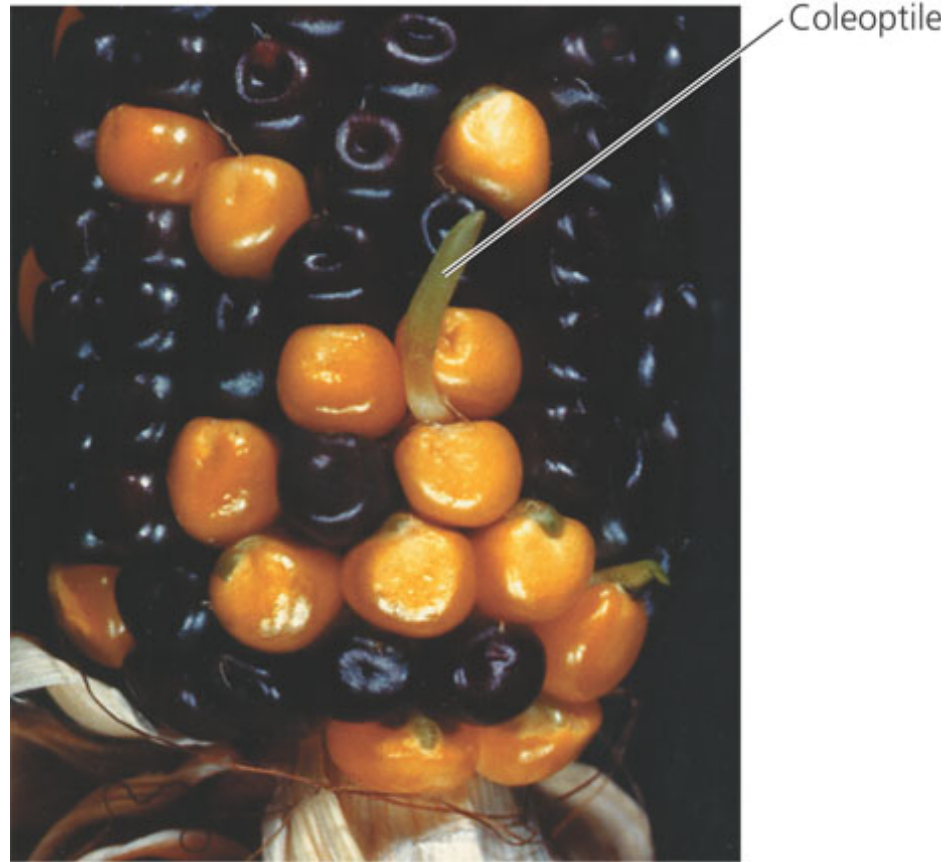




- 4. First isolated from *Brassic* pollen in 1979, brassinosteroids are steroids chemically similar to cholesterol and the sex hormones of animals.
 - a. Brassinosteroids induce cell **elongation** and division in the stem
 - b. They also retard leaf **abscission** and promote xylem differentiation

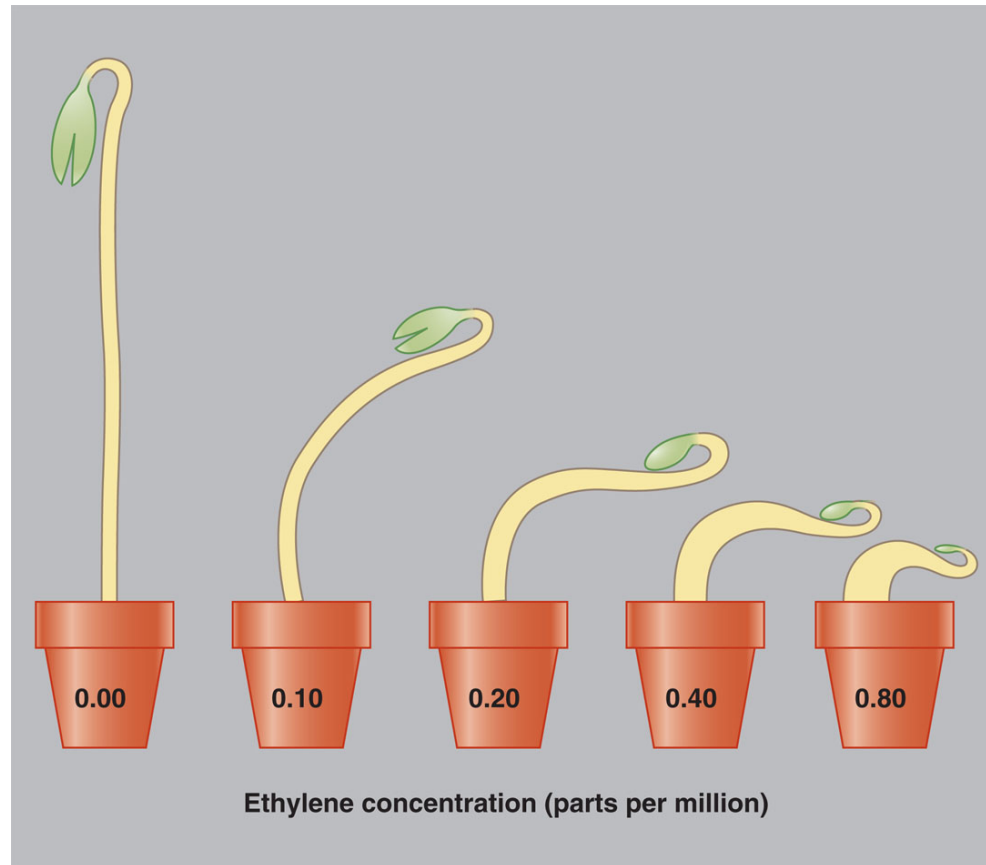
- 5. Abscisic Acid- helps prepare plants for **winter** by suspending growth
 - a. inhibits cell division in vascular cambium
 - b. onset of seed **dormancy**
 - c. stress hormone - closes **stomata**









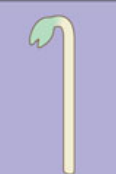



Without abscisic acid the mutant corn seed sprouts



- 6. Ethylene- Gaseous hormone- induced by high **auxin**, inhibits growth
- a. Senescence- **aging**, fruit ripening and leaf abscission
- b. fruit ripening- aging cells release more **ethylene**
 - 1. spreads from fruit to **fruit**
 - 2. Leaves lose **pigment**
- c. Leaf abscission- prevents **desiccation**
 - 1. leaf nutrients are sent to storage
 - 2. short days and cool temperature

The triple response to an obstacle induces ethylene production



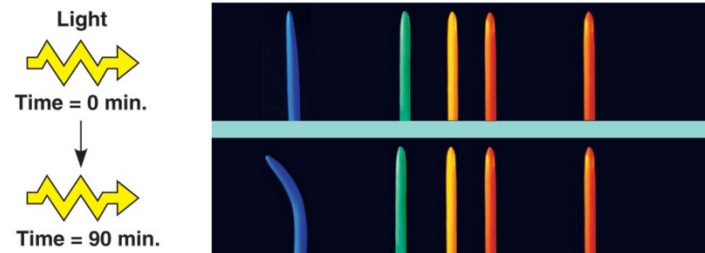
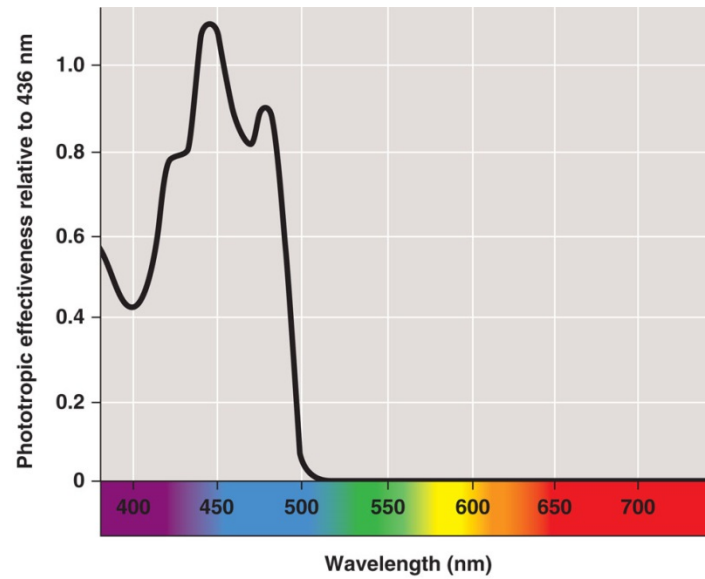
	Control	Ethylene added	Ethylene synthesis inhibitor
Wild-type			
Ethylene insensitive (<i>ein</i>)			
Ethylene overproducing (<i>eto</i>)			
Constitutive triple response (<i>ctr</i>)			

The change in balance of auxin and ethylene causes abscission



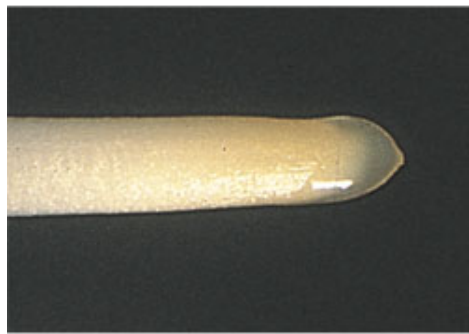
- II. Plant Movement
- A. Tropism- growth toward stimuli
- 1. Phototropism- see early note
- 2. Gravitropism- orientation of plant in response to gravity
- a. roots down, stems up
- 3. Thigmotropism- response to touch- may be increased ethylene

Phototropism

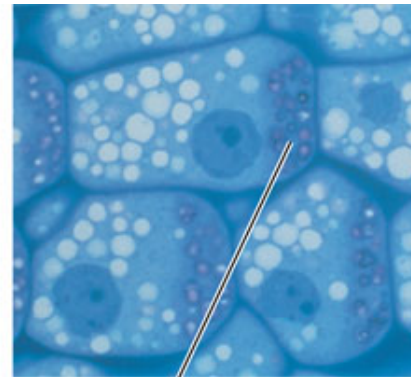


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Gravitropism



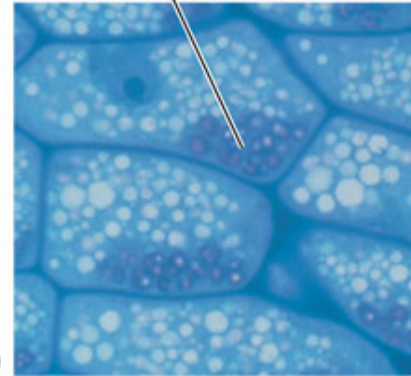
(a)



Statoliths



20 μm



(b)

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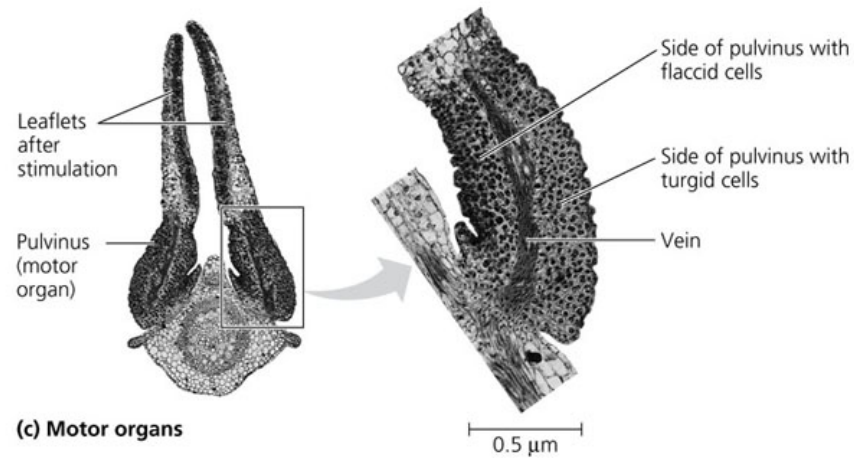
Thigmotropism



(a) Unstimulated



(b) Stimulated



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Far red light inhibits germination while red light enhances it

EXPERIMENT During the 1930s, USDA scientists briefly exposed batches of lettuce seeds to red light or far-red light to test the effects on germination. After the light exposure, the seeds were placed in the dark, and the results were compared with control seeds that were not exposed to light.

RESULTS The bar below each photo indicates the sequence of red-light exposure, far-red light exposure, and darkness. The germination rate increased greatly in groups of seeds that were last exposed to red light (left). Germination was inhibited in groups of seeds that were last exposed to far-red light (right).



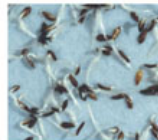
Dark (control)



Red Dark



Red Far-red Dark



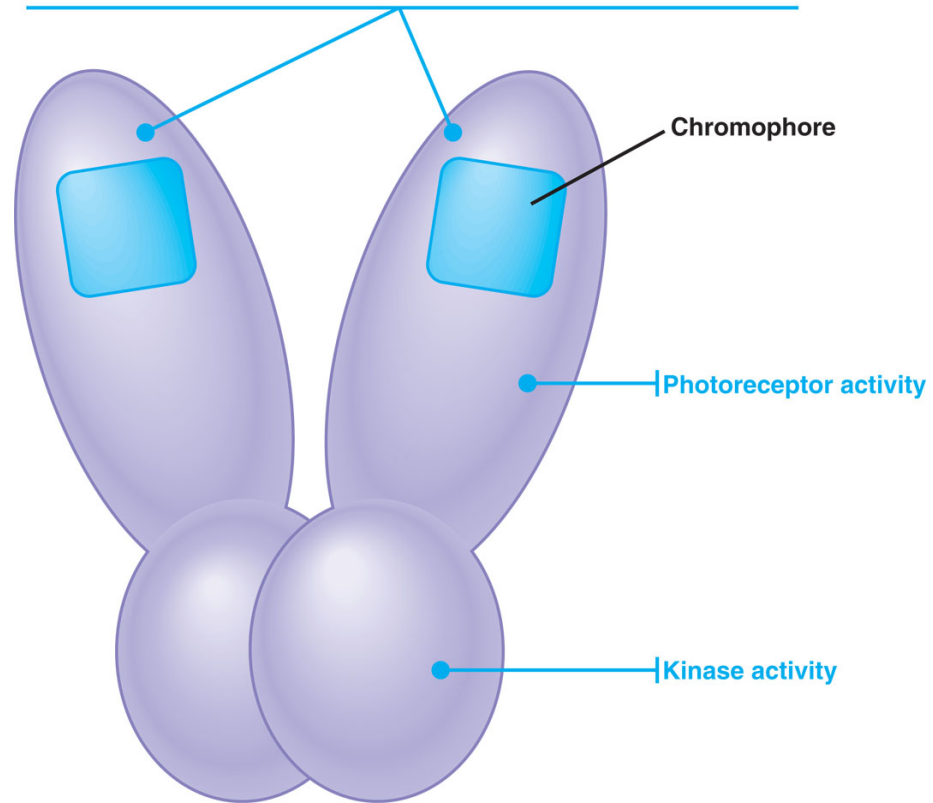
Red Far-red Red Dark

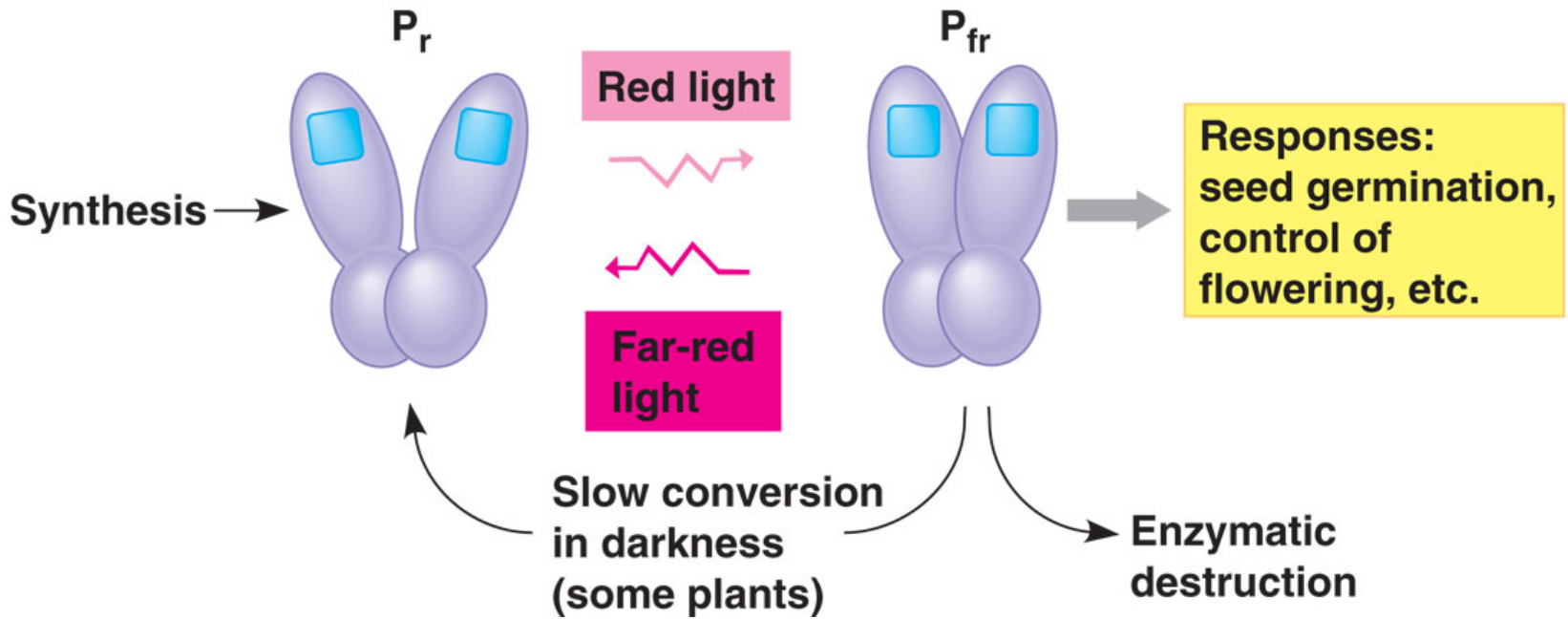


Red Far-red Red Far-red

CONCLUSION Red light stimulated germination, and far-red light inhibited germination. The final exposure was the determining factor. The effects of red and far-red light were reversible.

A phytochrome consists of two identical proteins joined to form one functional molecule. Each of these proteins has two domains.





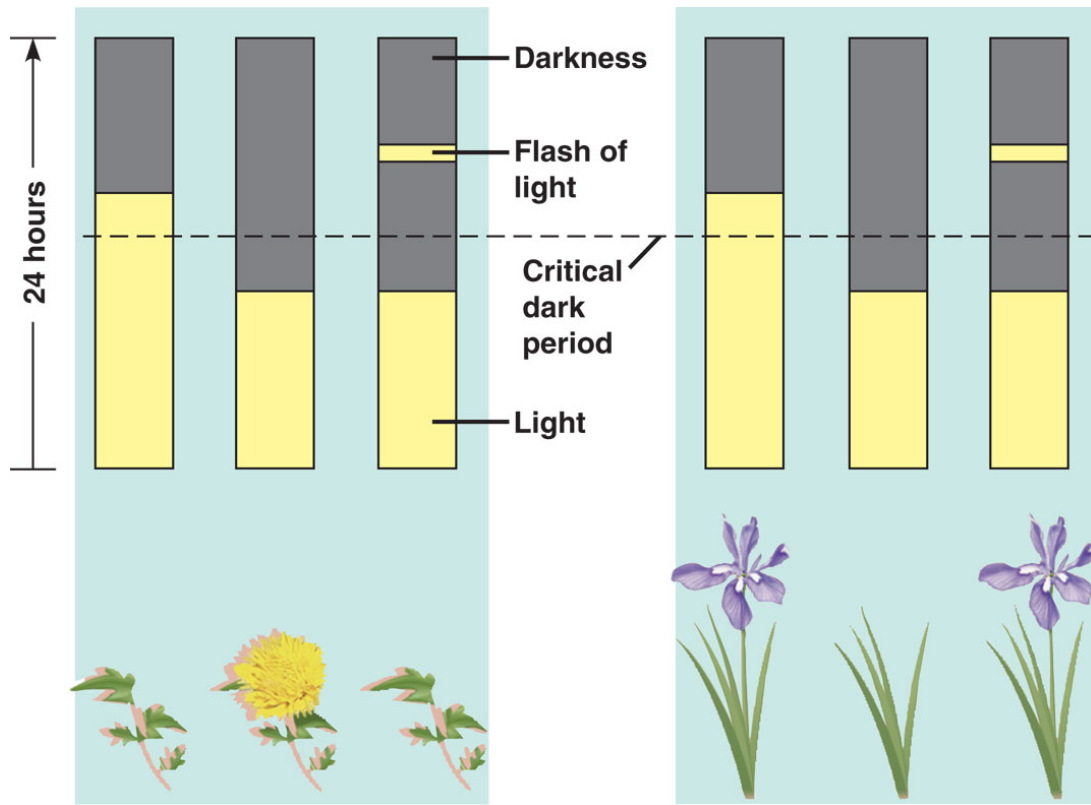
Sleep movements



Noon

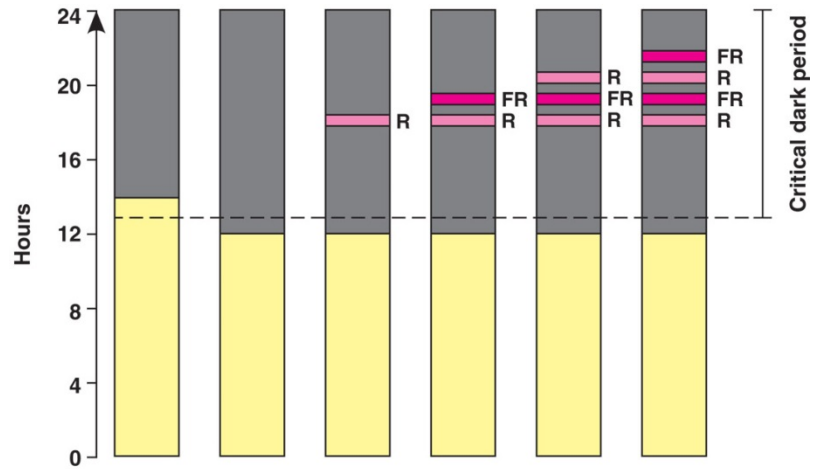


Midnight



(a) "Short-day" plants

(b) "Long-day" plants



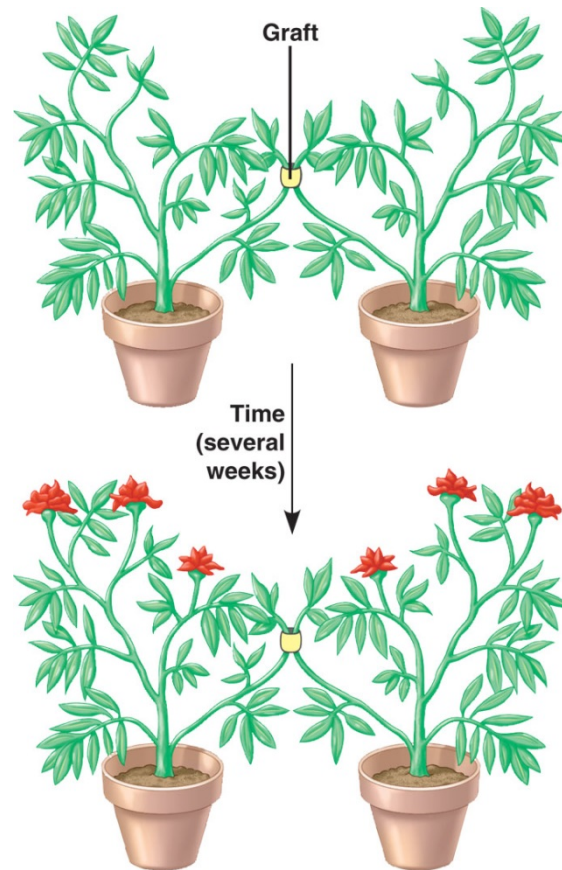
Short-day (long-night) plant

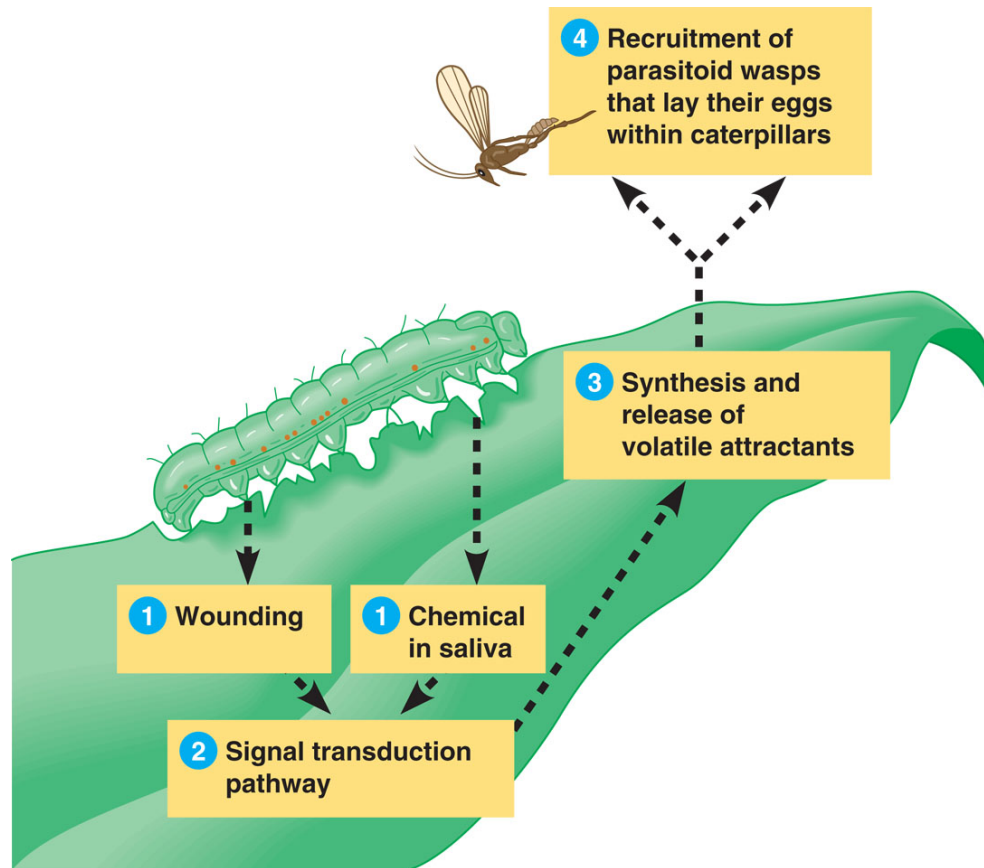


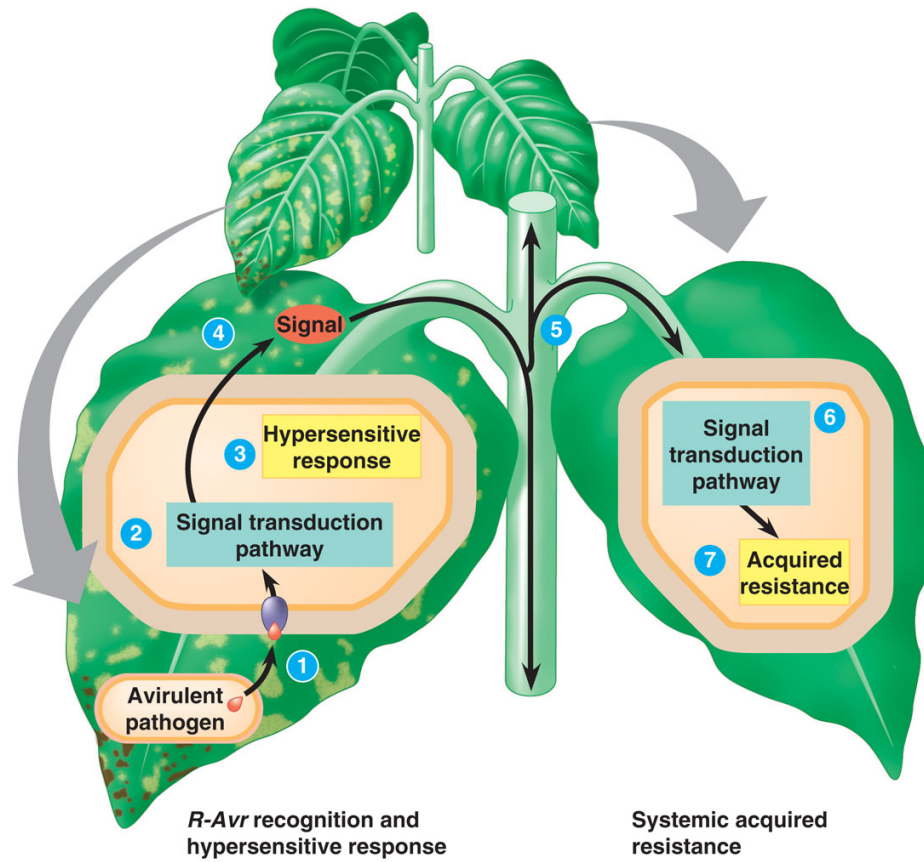
Long-day (short-night) plant

- III. Control of daily and Seasonal responses
- A. Biological clocks - **circadian** rhythms- plants have sleep movements and opening and closing of stomata.
 - 1. Circadian rhythm- physiological cycle (**24hrs**)
 - a. most are cued to dark and **light**
 - b. Once off it could take days to reset (**jet** lag)
- B. Photoperiodism- plants response to day **length**
 - 1. Photoperiodism and flowering- **control**
 - a. short- day= light **shorter** than critical period (late summer, fall, winter)
 - b. long-day= light period **longer** than a critical period (late spring/summer)
 - c. day-neutral= unaffected by day length.

Flowering signal (florigen)







examination

- Q1. 請說明光合作用色素之組成 (主要色素及輔助色素)，舉例說明植物適應光強及光質改變之色素變化 (25%)
- Q2. 說明質體 (plastid) 的演化過程 (25%)
- Q3. 說明Auxin (生長素) 之酸性生長 (25%)
- Q4. Ethylene 是一種氣態植物荷爾蒙，說明triple response (25%)