

High School Science Virtual Learning

Applied Biological Science Fungi & Life Cycle April 20, 2020



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Objective/Learning Target:

Students will be able to define what a Fungus is and describe its life cycle.



Let's Get Started:

Go to the following website and read over microbes.

What are Microbes?

1. What is a microbe?

2. What is a fungus? What is their function? List 2 examples



Let's Get Started: Answers

1. Bell ringer 1 Answer

-A microbe, or "microscopic organism," is a living thing that is too small to be seen with the naked eye. We need to use a microscope to see them.

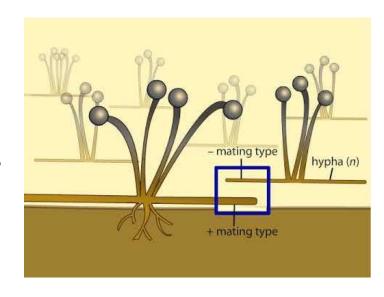
2. Bell ringer 2 Answer

-Fungi are single-celled or multicellular organisms with nuclei and with cell walls made of chitin. Fungi are important decomposers in most ecosystems. Familiar fungi include yeasts, molds, and mushrooms.



Lesson Activity:

Directions: Using the video and link to microbiology society, take notes on Fungi and their life cycle.



Link(s): Introduction to Fungi



Practice

You will use the notes you took, the video, and the link to answer the following questions.



Practice Questions

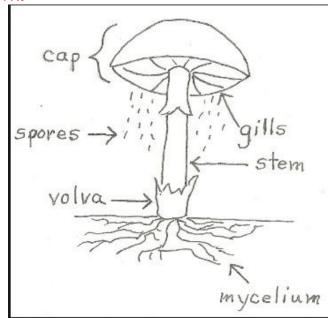
- 1. Name two ecological roles of fungi.
- 2. What are two fungi food sources?
- 3. Name and describe two fungal diseases.
- 4. Explain why it is hard to find fossil records in layers of rock.
- 5. Where was the oldest fungal fossil found, and how old is it?
- 6. Draw and label a diagram of a mushroom. Include cap, gills, stem, mycelium, spores, and volva.



Answer Key

Once you have completed the practice questions check with the work.

- 1. Two ecological roles include breaking down dead organic material, and many vascular plants could not grow without fungi that inhabit their roots and supply essential nutrients.
- 2. Two fungi food sources include mushrooms like morels and bread.
- 3. Two fungal diseases include ringworm and athlete's food.
- 4. It is typically hard to find fungi in the fossil record because their fossils tend to be microscopic.
- 5. Chytrid-like forms from the Vendian Period found in north Russia.
- 6. Picture to right:





More Practice

You will use the information from the activity on slide 3 to answer the following questions.



More Practice Questions

Click on the links below for more practice on understanding Fungi.

The Fungus Files

Anatomical Anagrams



Additional Practice/Resources

Watch the video on Parasitic Fungi.

Video on Parasitic Fungi

