Knowledge organiser for KS4 Biology Transport in Cells at Saint Ambrose College 2020+

What is covered in this unit?

Diffusion; oxygen and carbon dioxide as gas exchange; urea as a waste product; different factors affect rate of diffusion; surface area to volume ratio; adaptations for exchanging materials; specialised organisms; osmosis; rate of water uptake; percentage gain and loss of mass of plant tissue; active transport; absorption of mineral ions; absorption sugar molecules; differences between three processes

Key vocabulary

Diffusion - The net movement of particles from an area of high concentration to an area of low concentration

Osmosis - The movement of water from a dilute solution to a concentrated solution through a partially permeable membrane

Active Transport - Movement of particles against the concentration gradient, requires energy

Key facts-

Structure	Effect on Rate of Diffusion	Calculating % Change	Only active transport uses energy, 'active'.
Thin membrane e.g. alveoli	Faster – less distance for particles to travel	Percentage increase = actual increase × 100%	Diffusion and osmosis do not use energy, 'passive'.
Efficient blood supply (animals)	Maintains the concentration gradient.	original amount	Osmosis and Diffusion move particles form a high to low concentration.
Ventilation (in animals)	Maintains the concentration gradient.	Percentage decrease = decrease original amount × 100%	Active transport moves particles from a low to high concentration.

Possible homework tasks

Stretch & challenge (wider reading/independent work)

H/W: including project, Kerboodle, Kahoot, Exam Pro

Stretch: modelling tasks, Biological Science Review research, Oxford Uni