

Overview: Life Is Work

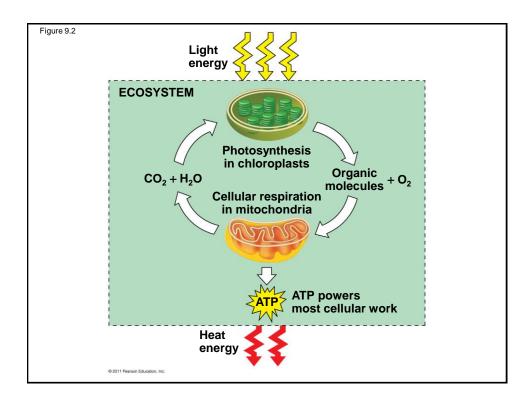
- Living cells require energy from outside sources
- Some animals, such as the giant panda, obtain energy by eating plants, and some animals feed on other organisms that eat plants

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- Energy flows into an ecosystem as sunlight and leaves as heat
- Photosynthesis generates O₂ and organic molecules, which are used in cellular respiration
- Cells use chemical energy stored in organic molecules to regenerate ATP, which powers work

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Concept 9.1: Catabolic pathways yield energy by oxidizing organic fuels

- The breakdown of organic molecules is exergonic
- Fermentation is a partial degradation of sugars that occurs without O₂
- Aerobic respiration consumes organic molecules and O₂ and yields ATP
- Anaerobic respiration is similar to aerobic respiration but consumes compounds other than O₂

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- Cellular respiration includes both aerobic and anaerobic respiration but is often used to refer to aerobic respiration
- Although carbohydrates, fats, and proteins are all consumed as fuel, it is helpful to trace cellular respiration with the sugar glucose:

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C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6O_2 \rightarrow 6CO_2 + 6H_2O + Energy (ATP + heat)
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Redox Reactions: Oxidation and Reduction

- The transfer of electrons during chemical reactions releases energy stored in organic molecules
- This released energy is ultimately used to synthesize ATP

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The Principle of Redox

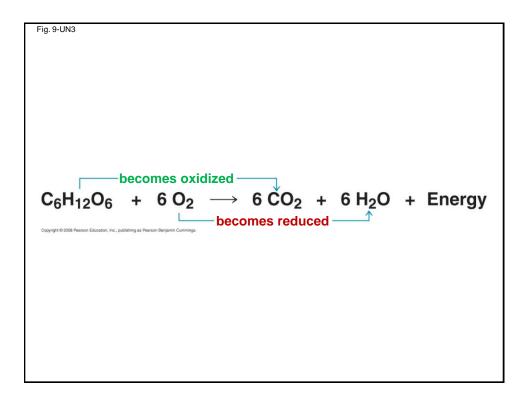
- Chemical reactions that transfer electrons between reactants are called oxidationreduction reactions, or redox reactions
- In oxidation, a substance loses electrons, or is oxidized
- In reduction, a substance gains electrons, or is reduced (the amount of positive charge is reduced)

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Oxidation of Organic Fuel Molecules During Cellular Respiration

 During cellular respiration, the fuel (such as glucose) is oxidized, and O₂ is reduced:

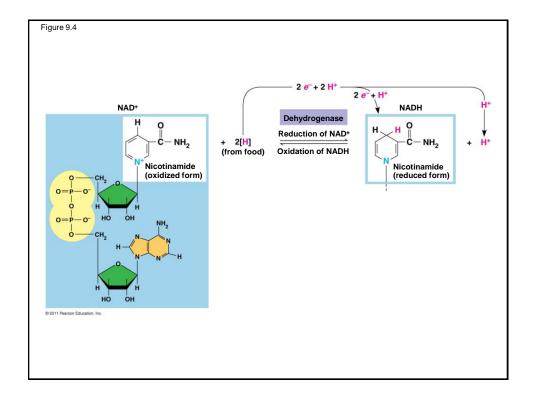
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Stepwise Energy Harvest via NAD+ and the Electron Transport Chain

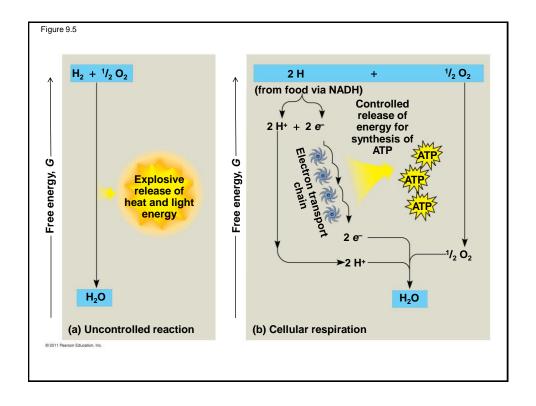
- In cellular respiration, glucose and other organic molecules are broken down in a series of steps
- Electrons from organic compounds are usually first transferred to NAD+, a coenzyme
- As an electron acceptor, NAD+ functions as an oxidizing agent during cellular respiration
- Each NADH (the reduced form of NAD+)
 represents stored energy that is tapped to
 synthesize ATP

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- NADH passes the electrons to the electron transport chain
- Unlike an uncontrolled reaction, the electron transport chain passes electrons in a series of steps instead of one explosive reaction
- O₂ pulls electrons down the chain in an energy-yielding tumble
- The energy yielded is used to regenerate ATP

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The Stages of Cellular Respiration: A Preview

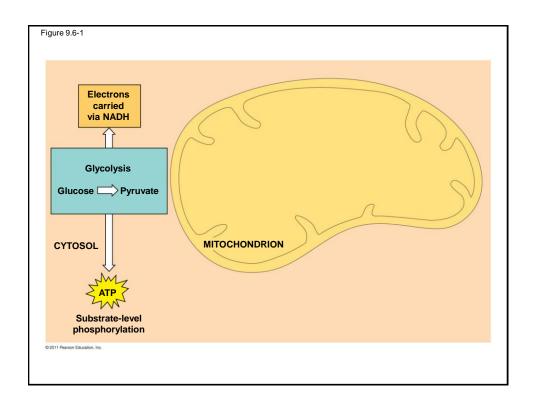
- Cellular respiration has three stages:
 - Glycolysis (breaks down <u>glucose into two</u> molecules of pyruvate)
 - The citric acid cycle (completes the breakdown of glucose)
 - Oxidative phosphorylation (accounts for most of the ATP synthesis)

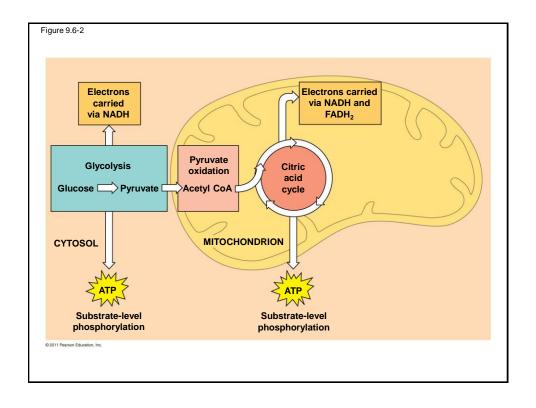
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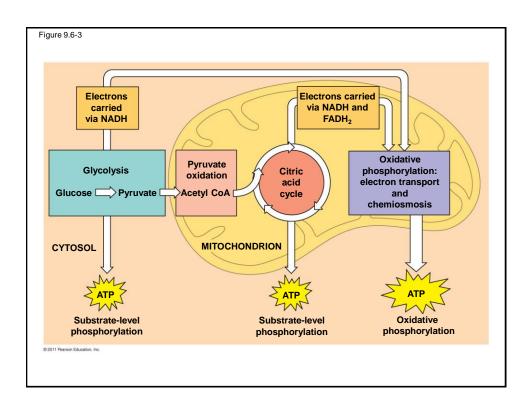
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- 1. Glycolysis (color-coded teal throughout the chapter)
- 2. Pyruvate oxidation and the citric acid cycle (color-coded salmon)
- 3. Oxidative phosphorylation: electron transport and chemiosmosis (color-coded violet)

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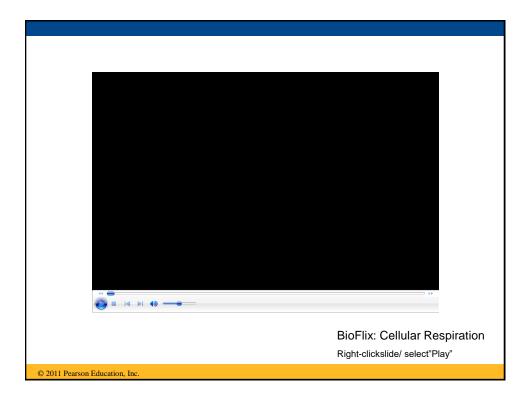






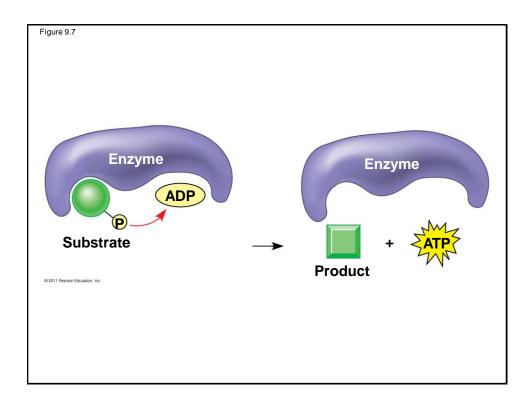
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- The process that generates most of the ATP is called oxidative phosphorylation.
- Oxidative phosphorylation accounts for almost 90% of the ATP generated by cellular respiration
- A smaller amount of ATP is formed in glycolysis and the citric acid cycle by substrate-level phosphorylation
- For each molecule of glucose degraded to CO₂ and water by respiration, the cell makes up to 32 molecules of ATP

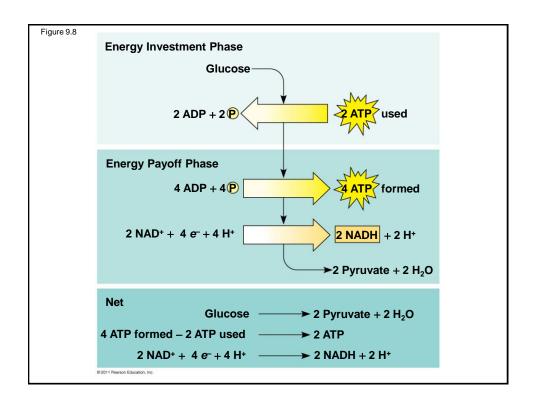
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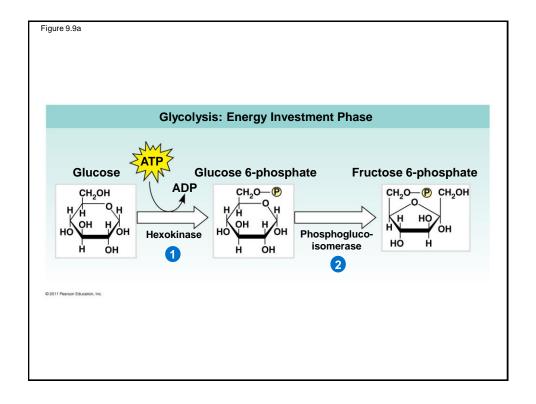


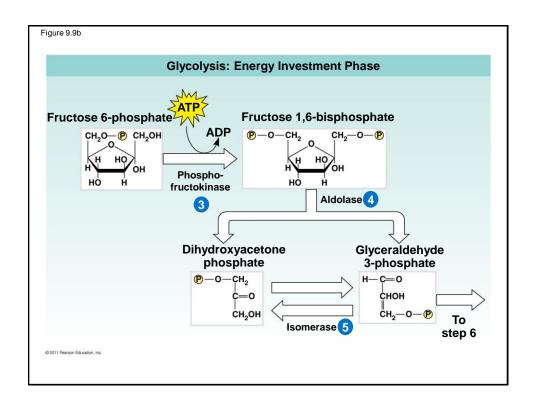
Concept 9.2: Glycolysis harvests chemical energy by oxidizing glucose to pyruvate

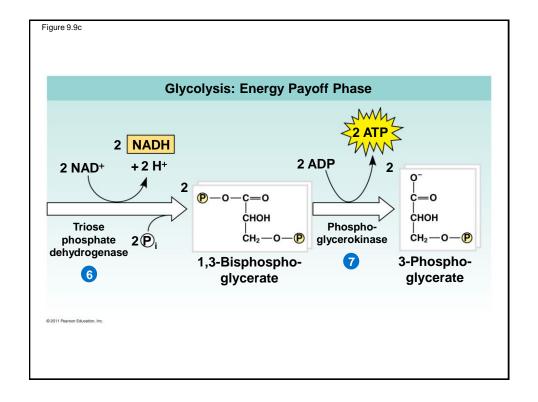
- Glycolysis ("splitting of sugar") breaks down glucose into two molecules of pyruvate
- Glycolysis occurs in the cytoplasm and has two major phases:
 - Energy investment phase
 - Energy payoff phase

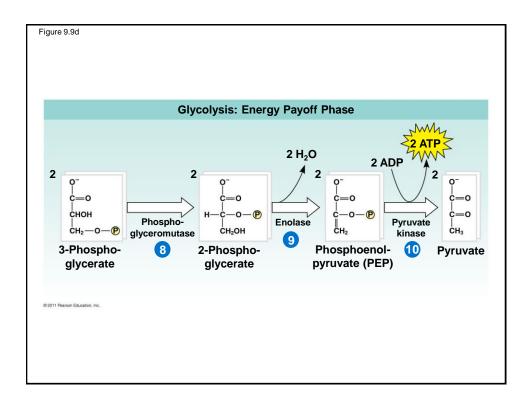
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Concept 9.3: The citric acid cycle completes the energy-yielding oxidation of organic molecules

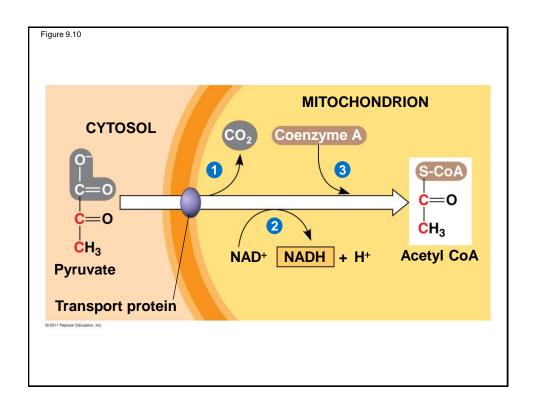
 In the presence of O₂, pyruvate enters the mitochondrion

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Oxidation of Pyruvate to Acetyl CoA

- Before the citric acid cycle can begin, pyruvate must be converted to acetyl Coenzyme A (acetyl CoA, abbreviated a S-CoA to emphasize it sulfur atom), which links glycolysis to the citric acid cycle
- This step is carried out by a multienzyme complex (The Pyruvate Dehydrogenase complex) that catalyses three reactions

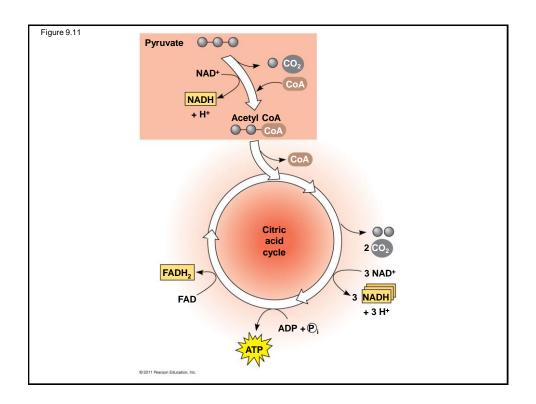
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The Citric Acid Cycle

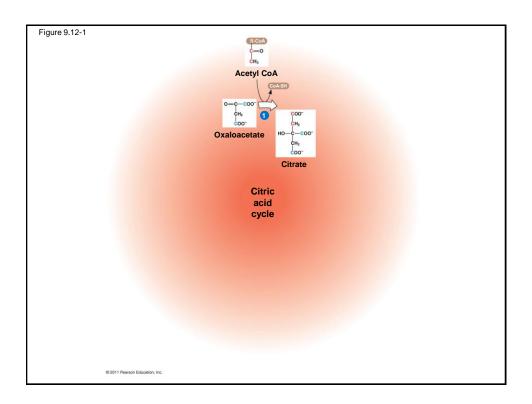
- The citric acid cycle, also called the Krebs cycle, takes place within the mitochondrial matrix
- The citric acid cycle has eight steps, each catalyzed by a specific enzyme
- The cycle oxidizes organic fuel derived from pyruvate, generating 1 ATP, 3 NADH, and 1 FADH₂ per turn (Each glucose makes 2 turns)

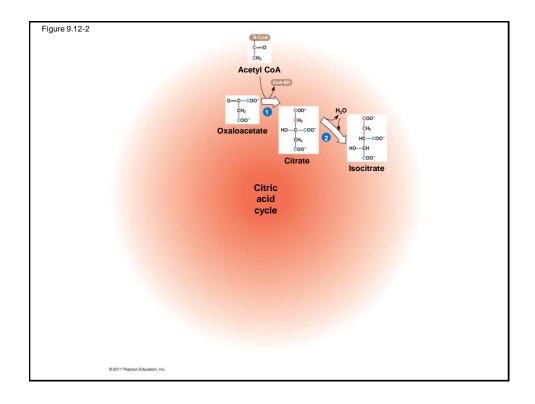
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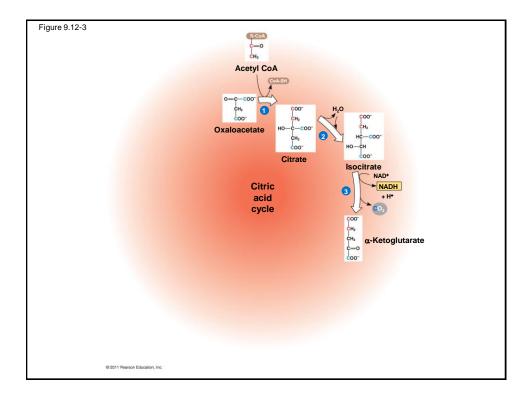


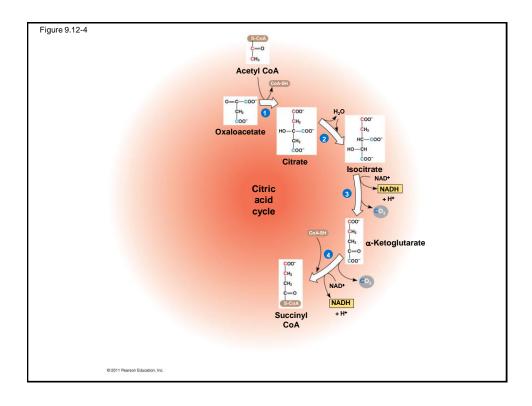
- In the first step, acetyl group of acetyl CoA joins the cycle by combining with oxaloacetate, forming citrate
- The next seven steps decompose the citrate back to oxaloacetate, making the process a cycle
- The NADH and FADH₂ produced by the cycle relay electrons extracted from food to the electron transport chain

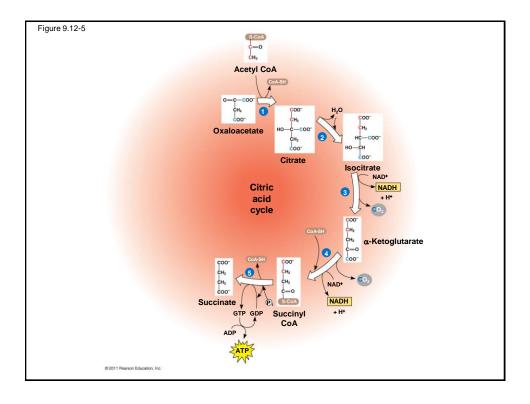
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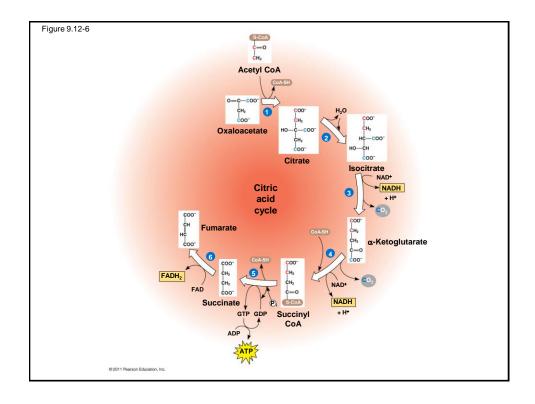


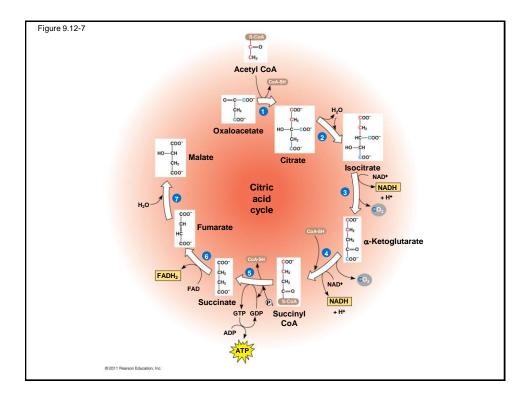


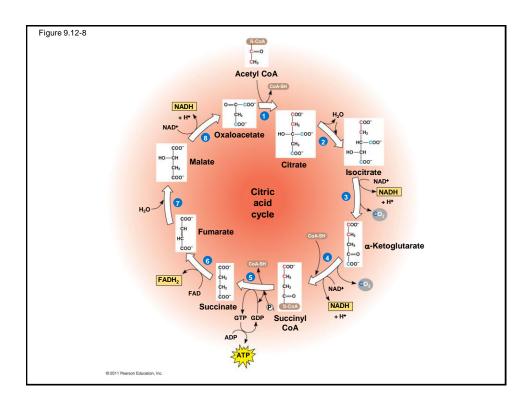












Class activity!

- Why Glucose is oxidized stepwise in a long process and not concentrated into few steps??
- What is the net ATP production in the first 2 steps –Glycolysis & Citric acid cycle? By which mechanism?
- What other forms of energy were produced?

Concept 9.4: During oxidative phosphorylation, chemiosmosis couples electron transport to ATP synthesis

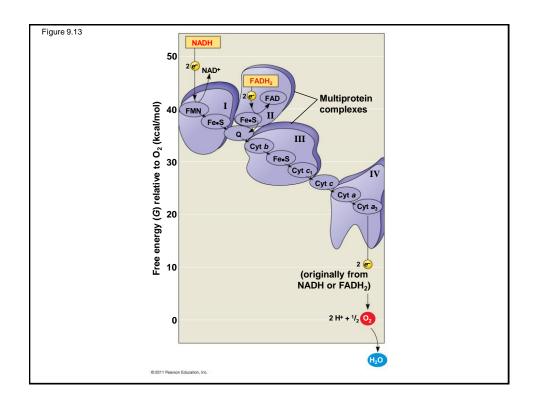
- Following glycolysis and the citric acid cycle, NADH and FADH₂ account for most of the energy extracted from food
- These two electron carriers donate electrons to the electron transport chain, which powers ATP synthesis via oxidative phosphorylation

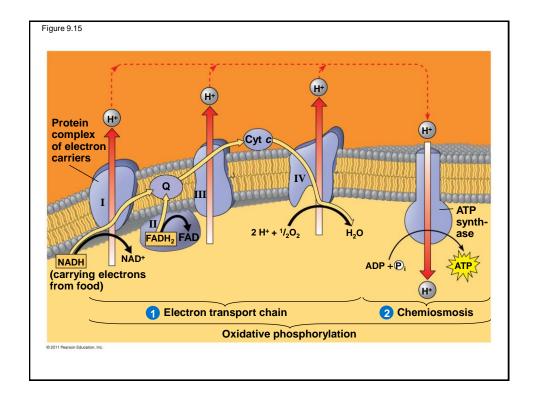
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The Pathway of Electron Transport

- The electron transport chain is in the cristae of the mitochondrion
- Most of the chain's components are proteins, which exist in multiprotein complexes
- The electron transport chain generates no ATP
- Electrons drop in free energy as they go down the chain and are finally passed to O₂, forming H₂O

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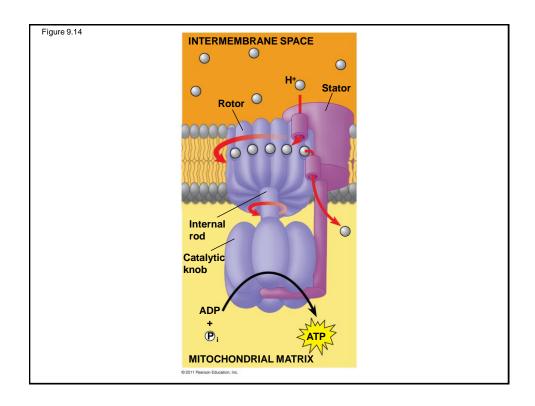
- Electrons are transferred from NADH or FADH₂
 to the electron transport chain
- Electrons are passed through a number of proteins including cytochromes (each with an iron atom) to O₂
- The <u>electron transport chain generates no</u> ATP directly
- It breaks the large free-energy drop from food to O₂ into smaller steps that release energy in manageable amounts

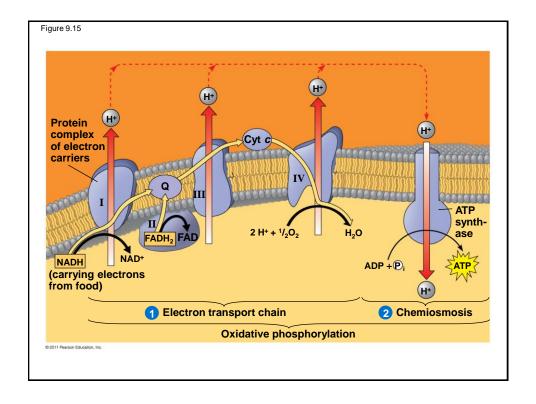
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Chemiosmosis: The Energy-Coupling Mechanism

- Electron transfer in the electron transport chain causes proteins to pump H⁺ from the mitochondrial matrix to the intermembrane space
- H+ then moves back across the membrane, passing through channels in ATP synthase
- ATP synthase uses the exergonic flow of H⁺ to drive phosphorylation of ATP
- This is an example of chemiosmosis, the use of energy in a H⁺ gradient to drive cellular work

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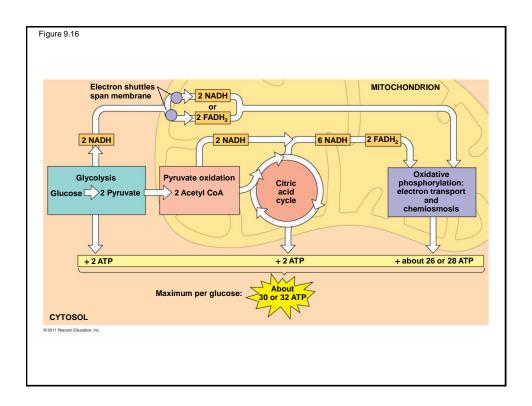
- The energy stored in a H⁺ gradient across a membrane couples the redox reactions of the electron transport chain to ATP synthesis
- The H⁺ gradient is referred to as a protonmotive force, emphasizing its capacity to do work

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An Accounting of ATP Production by Cellular Respiration

- During cellular respiration, most energy flows in this sequence:
 - glucose \rightarrow NADH \rightarrow electron transport chain \rightarrow proton-motive force \rightarrow ATP
- About 34% of the energy in a glucose molecule is transferred to ATP during cellular respiration, making about 32 ATP
- There are several reasons why the number of ATP is not known exactly

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Class activity!

- Why is the number of ATP produced per Glucose molecule is not known exactly?
 >> 30-32 ATPs per Glucose molecule
- How efficient is the oxidation of glucose compared to automobiles??

Concept 9.5: Fermentation and anaerobic respiration enable cells to produce ATP without the use of oxygen

- Most cellular respiration requires O₂ to produce ATP
- Glycolysis can produce ATP with or without O₂ (in aerobic or anaerobic conditions)
- In the absence of O₂, <u>glycolysis</u> couples with <u>fermentation</u> or anaerobic respiration to produce ATP

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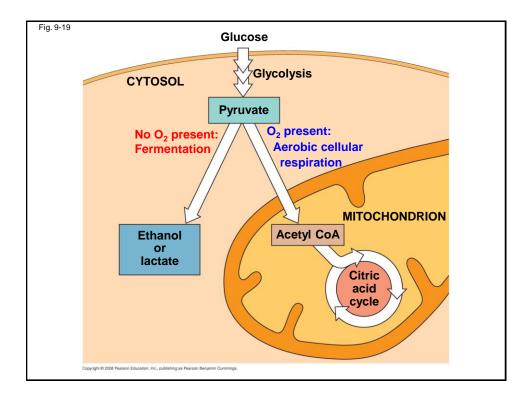
- Anaerobic respiration uses an electron transport chain with a final electron acceptor other than O₂, for example sulfate
- Fermentation uses substrate-level phosphorylation instead of an electron transport chain to generate ATP

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Types of Fermentation

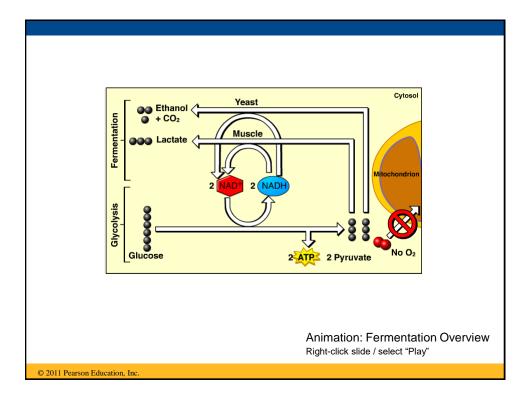
- Fermentation consists of glycolysis plus reactions that regenerate NAD+, which can be reused by glycolysis
- Two common types are alcohol fermentation and lactic acid fermentation

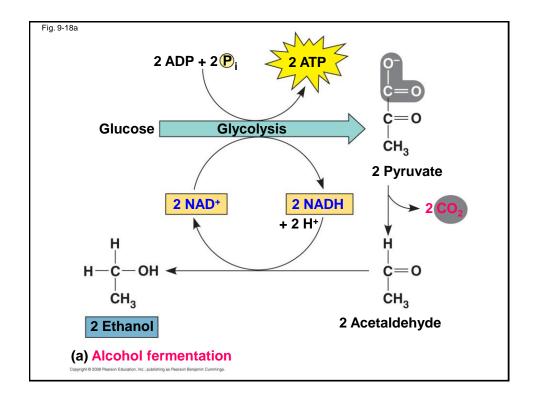
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- In alcohol fermentation, pyruvate is converted to ethanol in two steps, with the first releasing CO₂
- Alcohol fermentation by yeast is used in brewing, winemaking, and baking

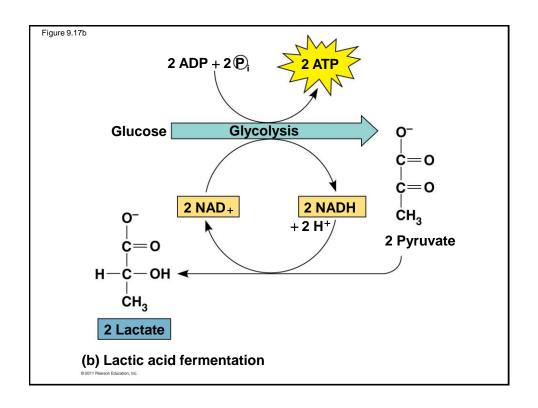
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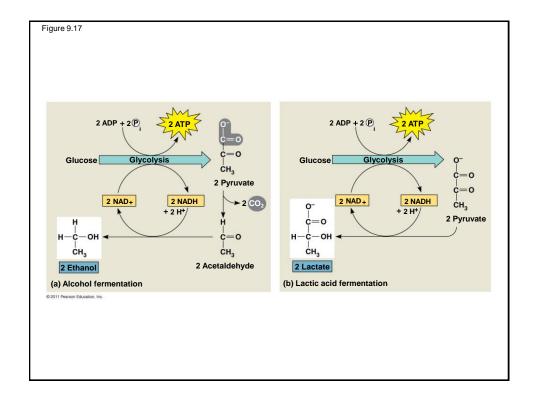




- In lactic acid fermentation, pyruvate is reduced to NADH, forming lactate as an end product, with no release of CO₂
- Lactic acid fermentation by some fungi and bacteria is used to make cheese and yogurt
- Human muscle cells use lactic acid fermentation to generate ATP when O₂ is scarce

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Concept 9.6: Glycolysis and the citric acid cycle connect to many other metabolic pathways

 Gycolysis and the citric acid cycle are major intersections to various catabolic and anabolic pathways

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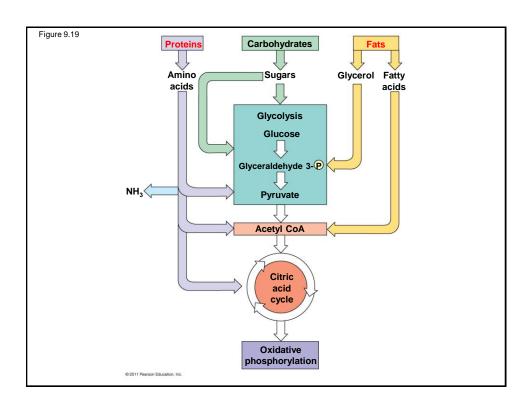
The Versatility of Catabolism

- Catabolic pathways funnel electrons from many kinds of organic molecules into cellular respiration
- Glycolysis accepts a wide range of carbohydrates
- Proteins must be digested to amino acids; amino groups can feed glycolysis or the citric acid cycle

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- Fats are digested to glycerol (used in glycolysis) and fatty acids (used in generating acetyl CoA)
- Fatty acids are broken down by beta oxidation and yield acetyl CoA
- An oxidized gram of fat produces more than twice as much ATP as an oxidized gram of carbohydrate

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Biosynthesis (Anabolic Pathways)

- The body uses small molecules to build other substances
- These small molecules may come directly from food, from glycolysis, or from the citric acid cycle
- Humans can make more than half of the 20 amino acids by modifying compounds siphoned away from citric acid cycle
- Glucose can be synthesized from pyruvate
- Fats can be synthesized from Acetyl-CoA

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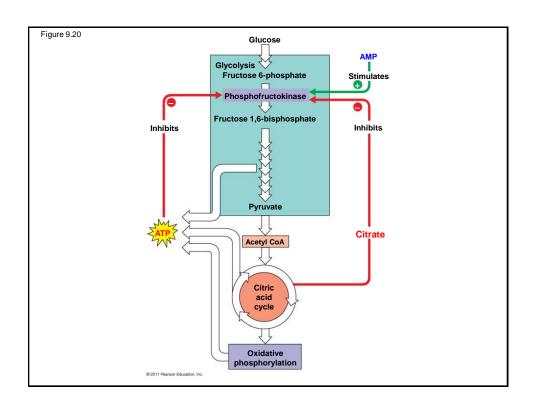
Metabolism

 Metabolism is remarkably versatile and adaptable!!

Regulation of Cellular Respiration via Feedback Mechanisms

- Feedback inhibition is the most common mechanism for control
- If ATP concentration begins to drop, respiration speeds up; when there is plenty of ATP, respiration slows down
- Control of catabolism is based mainly on regulating the activity of enzymes at strategic points in the catabolic pathway

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Class activity!

- What makes fats a much better fuel than carbohydrates??
- Under what circumstances might your body synthesize fat molecules?

Class activity!

- What will happen in a muscle cell that has used up its supply of oxygen and ATP?
- During intense exercise, can a muscle cell use fat as a concentrated source of chemical energy? Explain?