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THE VOCABULARY NEEDED FOR BIOLOGY STUDENTS Introduction

The language that students of Biology need differ from the language that students of General English or student from other departments use when writing. This is a list of the common words all Biology students must know .

1- Genetics :

- *** DNA** : The genetic material used to code for certain physical characteristics .
- **Mutation :** A change in a living thing that causes a new kind of a thing .
- **Heredity** : The transfer of traits from one generation to the next .
- Chromosme : The part of the cellular structure in which genes are located .

2- Animals :

- Adaptation : The ability of an animal or human to respond to a change in its environment in order to survive .
- **Carnivore :** An animal or human that eats strictly meat , no plants .
- Herbivore : An animal or human that eats strictly plants, no meat .
- **Omnivore :** An animal or human that eats both plants and animals .

3-Helpful Prefixes and Suffixes :

Aqua : water : aquamarine , ...

Bi : meaning two or twice : bipods , ...

Bio : meaning life : Biology,...

Hemo: meaning blood : hemoglobin ,...

4- Reading some mathematical symbols and expressions :

- + plus
- minus
- \times time / multiplied by
- \div divided by
- \approx approximately
- \equiv identical to
- \neq not equivalent to
- > greater than
- \geq greater than or equals to
- < less than
- \leq less than or equals to

References :

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