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## NCEA LEVEL 3 BIOLOGY EXTERNALS



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Careful scaffolding and an emphasis on critical content and NCEA exam practice promote deeper understanding and develop the skills and knowledge required to achieve at this level.

#### Activity number

Activities are numbered to make navigation through the book easier.

#### Comprehensive, engaging diagrams

Engaging, high quality diagrams provide a visual focus whilst delivering important information in an accessible format.

#### **QR** Codes

Scan the QR code to directly interact with 3D models



**Direct questioning** A direct questioning style helps students easily identify what is being asked.

#### **129** The Evolution of Whales

Key Idea: The evolution of whales is well documented in the fossil record, with many transitional forms recording the shift from a terrestrial to an aquatic life. The evolution of modern whales from an ancestral land mammal is well documented in the fossil record. The fossil

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1. Why does the whale fossil record provide a good example of the evolutionary process?

2. Briefly describe the adaptations of whales for swimming that evolved over time



#### Key Idea

Each activity has a key idea summarising its primary focus. It helps students to understand where the activity's emphasis lies.

#### Content organisation

Logically organised content makes it easier for students to access and engage with the information.

#### Write-on answers

Students input their answers directly onto the page. This becomes their record of work and helps them when it is time to review for tests and exams.

#### Activity coding system

Tab codes indicate support via BIOZONE's Weblinks and identify connections between activities.

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#### Achievement Standard

3.3

## Responses to the external environment

#### Key terms

Common terms adaptive advantage environmental cue innate behaviour learned behaviour

#### Orientation in space

dispersal homing kinesis (*pl.* kineses) migration nastic response navigation phytohormone taxis (*pl.* taxes) tropism

#### Orientation in time

actogram annual rhythm biological clock biological rhythm circadian (daily) rhythm endogenous entrainment exogenous free running period lunar rhythm period (of rhythm) phase shift photoperiodism tidal rhythm zeitgeber

#### Species interactions

aggression agonistic behaviour altruism communication competition cooperative behaviour exploitation hierarchy kin selection mutualism reproductive behaviour social behaviour territory The short and long term responses of plants and animals to their external environment are adaptive, enabling organisms to maximise fitness in their ecological niche. Responses include orientation in space and time as well as responses to other organisms in their environment.

#### Achievement criteria and explanatory notes

Achievement criteria for achieved, merit, and excellence

- □ A Demonstrate understanding of the responses of plants and animals to their external environment: Describe plant and animal responses to their external environment, including the process(es) within each response and/or the adaptive advantage provided for the organism in relation to its ecological niche.
- M Demonstrate in-depth understanding of the responses of plants and animals to their external environment: Use biological ideas to explain how responses occur and why the responses provide an adaptive advantage for the organism in relation to its ecological niche.
- □ E Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of the responses of plants and animals to their external environment: Link biological ideas to explain why the responses provide an adaptive advantage for the organism in relation to its ecological niche. This may involve justifying, relating, evaluating, comparing, contrasting, and analysing the responses of plants and animals to their external environment.







Explanatory notes: Plant and animal responses	
Responses are selected from those relating to	humber
Orientation in space to include tropisms and nastic responses in plants, and taxes, kineses, homing, and migration in animals.	1-20
2 Orientation in time to include annual, daily, lunar and tidal rhythms.	25-34
<sup>3</sup> Interspecific relationships to include competition for resources, mutualism, and exploitation (herbivory, predation, and parasitism).	39-44
<sup>4</sup> Intraspecific relationships to include competition for resources, territoriality, hierarchical behaviour, cooperative interactions, and reproductive behaviour.	48-70
The external environment includes both biotic and abiotic factors	

- <sup>5</sup> Biotic factors are those arising from living things or their activities, e.g. competition.
- 6 Abiotic factors are factors in the physical environment, e.g. light-dark cycles.

## What you need to know for this Achievement Standard













#### Orientation in space

Activities 1-24

By the end of this section you should be able to:

- Distinguish between taxes and kineses and identify them as innate responses.
- □ Describe examples of taxes, the environmental cue involved in each case, and the adaptive advantage of the behaviour in relation to the organism's niche.
- □ Describe examples of kineses, the environmental cue involved in each case, and the adaptive advantage of the behaviour in relation to the organism's niche.
- □ Describe migratory behaviour, including at least one example from New Zealand. Explain the adaptive advantage of migration, despite its costs. Distinguish migration from dispersal.
- □ Describe examples of homing behaviour and distinguish it from migration. Explain the adaptive advantage of the behaviour and its dependence on environmental cues.
- □ Using examples, explain how navigation is involved in migratory and homing behaviour.
- Explain how social insects communicate directional information to enable others to locate resources. Identify the mechanisms involved and the adaptive advantage of the behaviour.

#### Orientation in time

Activities 25-38

By the end of this section you should be able to:

- □ Describe and explain how plant and animal behaviours are linked to natural environmental rhythms that occur with a predictable frequency. Define the term biological rhythm.
- □ Describe and explain the characteristics of daily, tidal, lunar, and annual rhythms. Explain how an organism's biological rhythms provide an adaptive advantage in its ecological niche.
- □ Describe and explain the two mechanisms underlying biological rhythms: the endogenous biological clock and the external zeitgeber (environmental cue).
- □ Describe and explain diurnal, nocturnal, and crepuscular activity patterns in animals with circadian rhythms. Explain the adaptive value of these activity patterns in each case.
- □ Interpret actograms recording the circadian rhythms of animals. Demonstrate an understanding of the free running period, phase shift, and entrainment.
- □ Explain photoperiodism in plants, including the role of phytochrome in measuring daylength by resetting the biological clock (entrainment). Distinguish between long-day and short-day plants.

#### Interspecific relationships

Activities 39-47

#### By the end of this section you should be able to:

- □ Describe and explain species interactions, including mutualism, exploitation (herbivory, predation, parasitism), and competition for resources. Identify the adaptive advantages of the relationship to one or both of the parties involved.
- □ Explain the evolutionary consequences of interspecific competition (niche differentiation).

#### Intraspecific relationships

Activities 48-73

#### By the end of this section you should be able to:

- □ Distinguish different types of animal organisation, solitary, or groups with or without a social structure. Describe the adaptive advantage of group and social behaviours.
- □ Describe how animals communicate. Interpret ethograms and record animal behaviour using an appropriate system to identify the type of behaviour and its intensity.
- Describe examples of cooperative behaviour and explain its adaptive advantage.
- Describe intraspecific competition for resources, the behaviours associated with it (e.g. agonistic behaviour), and its consequences (hierarchies, territories, home ranges).
- □ Explain the role of territories and hierarchies in allocating resources and reducing aggression.
- □ Describe reproductive behaviours in animals and explain their adaptive advantage, including reference to courtship behaviours, mating systems, and parental care.

3 Kineses

**Key Idea:** Kineses are innate locomotory behaviours involving non-directional movements in response to external stimuli. A **kinesis** (*pl.* kineses) is a non-directional response to a stimulus in which the speed of movement or the rate of turning is proportional to the stimulus intensity. Kineses do not

#### Kinesis in woodlice

Woodlice are commonly found living in damp conditions under logs or bark. Many of the behavioural responses of woodlice are concerned with retaining moisture. Unlike most other terrestrial arthropods, they lack a waterproof cuticle, so water can diffuse through the exoskeleton, making them vulnerable to drying out. When exposed to low humidity, high temperatures, or high light levels, woodlice show a kinesis response to return them to their preferred, high humidity environment.



#### Investigating kinesis in woodlice

#### Experiment 1

To investigate the effect of a light-dark regime on the orthokinetic behaviour of woodlice.

#### Method

A petri dish was laid out with 1 cm x 1 cm squares. The investigation was carried out at room temperature (about 21°C). A woodlouse was placed in the petri dish under constant light. The number of squares the woodlouse passed over in five minutes was recorded. This was repeated four times. The woodlouse was then placed in constant dark and the number of squares it passed over in five minutes recorded. Again, this was repeated four times. The results are shown below.

#### Experiment 2

To investigate the effect of a light-dark regime on the kilinokinetic behaviour of woodlice.

#### Method

The woodlouse was again placed in the petri dish under constant light. The experiment was carried out at room temperature as in experiment 1. The number of turns the woodlouse performed in five minutes was recorded. This was repeated four times. The woodlouse was then placed in constant dark. Again the number of turns performed in five minutes was recorded. This was also carried out four times. The results are shown below.

Results

	Number of turns		
Trial	Light	Dark	
1	80	10	
2	165	20	
3	110	122	
4	90	55	
Mean			

#### **Results**

	Number of squares crossed		
Trial	Light	Dark	
1	122	15	
2	206	68	
3	103	57	
4	70	59	
Mean			

© 2022 **BIOZONE** International **ISBN: 978-1-99-101407-8** Photocopying Prohibited involve orientation directly to the stimulus and are typical of many invertebrates and protozoa. Two main types of kineses can be identified. In an **orthokinesis**, the rate of **movement** is dependent on the stimulus intensity. In a **klinokinesis**, the rate of **turning** is related to the stimulus intensity.



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In a circular chamber, lice make relatively few turns at their preferred temperature of 30°C, but many random turns at 35°C. This response enables the lice to increase their chances of finding favourable conditions and remaining in them once found.

1. Use the graph on woodlice at the top of the previous page to answer the following questions:

(a) At which relative humidities do the following occur:

- i. Largest number of turnings per hour:
- ii. Highest speed of movement:
- iii. Largest percentage of time at rest:
- (b) Explain the significance of these movements: \_\_\_\_
- (c) What is the preferred range of relative humidity for the woodlice?
- 2. (a) Complete the results tables on the previous page by calculating the mean for each of the experiments.
  - (b) Which regime (light or dark) does the woodlice appear to prefer? \_\_\_\_
  - (c) Explain your reasoning:
  - (d) Explain how increasing the number of turns or the speed of movement increases a woodlice's likelihood of survival when in a unfavourable environment.

3. (a) Identify the preferred temperature of a body louse: \_\_\_\_\_

- (b) The response of the body louse is a klinokinesis / orthokinesis (delete one)
- (c) Contrast the movements of the body louse when within and when outside its preferred temperature environment:

## 65 Home Ranges in Karearea

Key Idea: The size of a home range depends on the resource density. Home ranges are larger when resources are scarce.



Home ranges of four adult male NZ falcons in the Kaingaroa Forest during the 2005 breeding season (August-March). Forest composition (age of pine stands) is shown in the key. During the breeding season, the entire home range is defended, making it like a large territory.

Defended areas reduce competition



The New Zealand falcon or **karearea** is New Zealand's only endemic bird of prey. It catches its prey (mainly small birds) on the wing and rarely eats carrion (dead animals). It is aggressive and territorial, but is vulnerable to introduced predators because it nests on the ground in a simple scrape in the soil.

Research (Seaton, 2007) showed that the reproductive success of NZ falcons is much higher in commercial pine forests with a mix of different aged stands than in native forest. Moreover, territories in pine forests are much smaller than in native forest. This might seem surprising, but the pine forest habitat supports a large number of small bird species as prey.

#### Summary facts

- The home range size of falcons in the Kaingaroa pine forest (9 km<sup>2</sup>) is much smaller than the 75 km<sup>2</sup> recorded for native forest.
- Prey availability is enhanced in pine plantations by high densities of prey congregating along pine stand edges.
- Falcons made the most successful hunting attempts along pine stand edges between stands less than 4 years old and more than 20 years old.
- Prey availability is also high in open stands where prey is more vulnerable to attack.
- Stands less than four years old made up the largest proportion of the falcon home ranges. Old stands provide necessary cover from which to launch attacks over the more open younger stands.
- 1. Explain how the defence of home ranges by the karearea could reduce competition for resources: \_
- 2. What evidence is there to suggest that pine forest habitat might be more suitable for karearea than native forest:
- 3. Look at the map of home ranges above.
  - (a) What habitat feature do all the home ranges have in common that is important to karearea?
  - (b) Where do the karearea prefer to nest? Can you suggest why?

4. On a separate page, discuss how you might manage a forest to enhance the conservation of karearea?



#### **Yellowhead Territories** 66

Key Idea: Territories can be occupied by cooperating individuals, which help to support a breeding pair.

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Bush



Yellowhead Mohoua ochrocephala

Yellowheads are endemic to New Zealand and are highly territorial in their behaviour. They are **cooperative breeders**, forming breeding groups that occupy a single territory each. Each group contains a primary pair that breed, and secondary birds that act as nesting helpers. Secondaries do not take part in breeding but provide additional food for the clutch. The diagrams on the right show the changes in locations of yellowhead territories and their occupants in a Fiordland beech forest (at Knobs Flat) over a four year period. The yellowheads occupied all available space and had fairly exclusive territories in which they almost always remained and did almost all their feeding. The letters and numbers are the codes for banded birds.





Obscured bush margin

Key

Codes for banded birds using X as an example

- Member of primary pair Х
- (X) Secondary non-breeding bird
- Fledgling (juvenile) Х



- 1. Give the approximate dimensions of an 'average' territory (see scale on diagram):
- 2. Compare the home range of the yellowhead with its territory: \_

3. Secondary birds do not breed. What is the adaptive advantage to them of remaining in the territory of the primary bird?

4. What is the likely cause of bird **N** reducing its territory by about a half in 1987-1988? \_\_\_\_



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**127** Transitional Fossils

**Key Idea**: Transitional fossils show intermediate states between two different, but related, groups. They provide important links in the fossil record

Transitional fossils are fossils with a mixture of features found in two different, but related, groups. Transitional fossils provide important links in the fossil record and provide evidence to support how one group may have given rise to the other by evolutionary processes. Important examples of transitional fossils include horses, whales, and *Archaeopteryx* and other non-avian feathered dinosaurs (below). *Archaeopteryx* was a transitional form between non-avian dinosaurs and birds. *Archaeopteryx* was crow-sized (50 cm length) and lived about 150 million years ago. It is regarded as the first primitive bird and had a number of birdlike (avian) features, including feathers. However, it also had many non-avian features, which it shared with theropod dinosaurs of the time.

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#### The Evolution of Whales 29

Key Idea: The evolution of whales is well documented in the fossil record, with many transitional forms recording the shift from a terrestrial to an aquatic life.

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record of whales includes many transitional forms, which has enabled scientists to develop an excellent model of whale evolution. The evolution of the whales (below) shows a gradual accumulation of adaptive features that have equipped them for life in the open ocean.



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#### 50 mya Pakicetus

Pakicetus was a transitional species between carnivorous land mammals and the earliest true whales. It was mainly land dwelling, but foraged for food in water. It had four, long limbs. Its eyes were near the top of the head and its nostrils were at the end of the snout. It had external ears, but they showed features of both terrestrial mammals and fully aquatic mammals.

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#### Balaena (recent whale ancestor)

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1. Why does the whale fossil record provide a good example of the evolutionary process?

2. Briefly describe the adaptations of whales for swimming that evolved over time:





## **141** NCEA Style Question: Evidence for Evolution

In 2004, a fossil of an unknown vertebrate was discovered in northern Canada and subsequently called *Tiktaalik roseae*. The *Tiktaalik* fossil was quite well preserved and many interesting features could be identified. These are shown on the photograph of the fossil below.



1. Use the information above to place *Tiktaalik* on the time line of vertebrate evolution. Discuss the evidence for your decision.



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## **142** KEY TERMS AND IDEAS: Evidence for Evolution

1. Test your vocabulary by matching each term to its definition, as identified by its preceding letter code.

fos	sil	A The science determining the relative order of past events, withor determining their absolute age.	ut necessarily		
fossil record		The fossilised remains of organisms that illustrate an evolutionary transition. They possess both primitive and derived characteristics.			
homologous structure		A structure that has lost its ancestral function but has been retained through evolution in a much reduced form.			
phylogenetic tree		The preserved remains or traces of a past organism.			
relative dating		The sum total of current paleontological knowledge. It is all the fossils that have existed throughout life's history, whether they have been found or not.			
transitional fossil		Structures in different but related species that are derived from the same ancestral structure but now serve different purposes, e.g. wings in birds and fins in whales.			
ves	tigial structure	G The evolutionary history or genealogy of a group of organisms r showing descent of new species from the ancestral one.	epresented as a 'tree'		
2.	The diagram right shows to of birds based on DNA sir (a) Place an X next to the (b) How many years ago o	evolutionary relationship of a group rities: DNA difference score 10 5 0 t common ancestor of all the birds: storks diverge from vultures?	amingo		
	(c) What are the most clo	related birds?SI	noebill		
(d) What is the difference in DNA (score i: Storks and vultures:		NA (score) between:	elican		
			ork		
	ii: Ibises and shoebills				

(e) Which of the birds is the least related to vultures?\_

(f) How long ago did ibises and vultures share a common ancestor?

3. (a) The diagrams right show the forelimbs of a whale, bird, and human. Shade the diagram to indicate which bones are homologous. Use the same colour to indicate the equivalent bones in each limb.

(b) What does the homology of these bones indicate?



50 40 30 20 10

Millions of years ago



New World

vulture

0

Bird

Whale

## **156** Analysis of Lucy's Skeleton

## **Key Idea**: The skeleton of *Australopithecus afarensis* shows both advanced and primitive features.

The reconstruction of Lucy (*Australopithecus afarensis*), below, shows the skeletal features of an early bipedal hominin. Lucy still possessed ape-like features but she was a fully-bipedal hominin with all the adaptations associated

with bipedal locomotion. Although there is no doubt that Lucy was habitually bipedal, a number of skeletal features suggest that tree climbing was still an important part of this hominin's niche, perhaps associated with escape, security, or foraging. *A. afarensis* is an important because she shows transitional stages between earlier apes and modern humans.



1. When she was discovered, Lucy was labelled "the missing link" by media, highlighting the fact her skeleton showed both ape-like and human-like features. Describe the features that show Lucy was habitually bipedal and contrast these with features that show her ape ancestry:



## Homo ergaster

Larger brained than previous Homo species, with volumes of 850 to 1000 cm<sup>3</sup>. Previously considered to be part of Homo erectus, but now thought to be a separate species. Homo ergaster refers to what used to be called early African forms of Homo erectus, existing 1.8 to 1.4 mya. Earliest hominin with human-like body proportions. A nearly complete skeleton of a 9 year old boy was 1.6 m tall (estimated 1.8 m and 60 kg adult size).



Artist's reconstruction



Weight:

Geographic distribution:

m

Height:

Additional notes:

KMN-ER 3733 skull from Koobi Fora region to the east of Lake Turkana, Kenya

## Homo georgicus

Fossils found in Dmanisi, Georgia in 2002 were originally classified as H. ergaster, but size differences have since lead to the new classification Homo georgicus. The fossils, which include four skulls and several jaw bones have been dated at 1.8 mya. The small size (1.5 m tall and ~50 kg) and cranial capacity (600-780 cm<sup>3</sup>) of the fossils place H. georgicus as a descendent of H. habilis and predecessor of *H. erectus*. Tooth-wear patterns indicate an omnivorous diet. They may have been the earliest hominin to venture out of Africa, some 800,000 years before H. erectus. This finding challenges the theories that hominins required a large brain and advanced tool making skills to be able to migrate out of Africa.



Geographic distribution:

#### Additional notes:

H. georgicus exhibited strong sexual dimorphism; the males were considerably larger than the females. This is guite a primitive trait, and not observed to the same degree in later more modern hominins such as Homo neanderthalensis.



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D2700 (skull), and D2735 (lower jaw) of Homo georgicus from Dmanisi, Georgia kg

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