

Pre-Reading

Read over the chapter outline to identify the main concepts of this section and to set a purpose for reading.



CHAPTER OUTLINE

Biology and the Living World

- 1.1 The Diversity of Life
- 1.2 Properties of Life
- 1.3 The Organization of Life
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The Scientific Process

- 1.5 The Nature of Science
- 1.6 Science in Action: A Case Study
- 1.7 Stages of a Scientific Investigation

Using Science to Make Decisions

- 1.8 Theory and Certainty

HIGHLIGHTS

Figure Numbers

These indicate visuals, graphics, charts and/or diagrams that support the text. (Ex: Fig. 1.1 is the first figure in the chapter)



Figure 1.1 Scientists at work.

These atmospheric scientists are collecting ice cores in the Antarctic in an attempt to understand climatic change.

The men trudging through the snow in figure 1.1 are scientists working in Antarctica. In 1985, the scientist Joseph Farman was part of a team of such scientists studying the earth's atmosphere over Antarctica. While not a biologist, his work has had a profound influence on biologists throughout the world, for he discovered the "ozone hole." We look at his work later in this chapter. The important focus on now, as we begin our journey into the science of biology, is how interrelated all of science is. Biology, the study of life, is part of an even larger and richer tapestry. As we learn about how the world influences life, and how the many creatures with which we share the earth influence each other, the better we can understand the world in which we live. The science of biology is tied to this larger vision. It provides knowledge about the living world of which we are a part, while bombarding us with questions like those asked by Joseph Farman.

1.5 The Nature of Science

Deductive Reasoning

Science is a particular way of investigating the natural world. In all investigations are scientific. Scientists want to know how to get to the bottom of things. They do not conduct a scientific investigation without a plan. They use a map to determine a route. They apply a "map" of accepted knowledge to the problem. **Deductive reasoning.** Deductive reasoning of mathematics, philosophy, psychology, and physics. Deductive reasoning is also the way a coroner uses deductive reasoning to make general principles as the basis for these decisions.

Inductive Reasoning

Where do general principles come from? Religious and ethical principles often have a religious foundation; political principles reflect social systems. Some general principles, however, are not derived from religion or politics but from observation of the physical world around us. If you drop an apple, it will fall, whether or not you wish it to and despite any laws you may pass forbidding it to do so.³ Science is devoted to discovering the general principles that govern the operation of the physical world.⁴

How do scientists discover such general principles? Scientists are, above all, observers: they look at the world to understand how it works. It is from their observations that scientists determine the general principles that govern our physical world.

Scientists determine general principles by careful experimentation. This is called **inductive reasoning**. Inductive reasoning first became popular about 1600. It was popularized by Newton, Francis Bacon, and other scientists. Inductive reasoning is based on observations and from the results infer how the world operates. The experiment is simple. Newton's experiment consisted simply of dropping an apple from his hand and watching it fall. Observation is the stuff of science. From observations, each no more complicated than the fall of an apple, Newton inferred a general principle: all objects fall toward the center of the earth. This is a possible explanation, or **hypothesis**, for the observations. Like Newton, scientists today

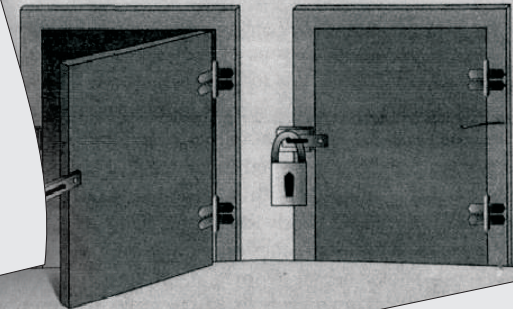
formulate hypotheses, and observations are the materials on which they build them.

1.5 Science uses inductive reasoning to infer general principles from detailed observation.

Chapter and Section Headings

Before reading the entire section, read all of the headings to become familiar with the topics to be learned. Turn the headings into questions.

DEDUCTIVE REASONING

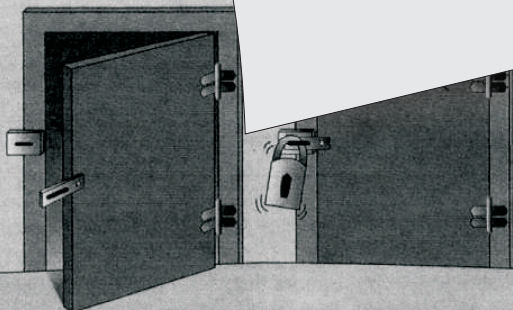


Because lions are behind the left doors. Therefore, deduce that the lion is behind the (locked) door. Open the right door.

Figures and Visuals

Graphic information that is used to explain and clarify what is written in the text.

INDUCTIVE REASONING



Growling indicates the presence of a lion behind the right door. Therefore, infer that the lion is behind the right (growly) door. Open the left door.

Figure 1.11 Deductive and inductive reasoning.

A deduction is a conclusion drawn from general principles. An inference is a conclusion drawn from specific observations. In this hypothetical example, a gladiator is forced to choose between two doors in a coliseum. Behind one of the doors is a deadly lion; behind the other door is freedom. How can the gladiator make the choice? He can use either deductive or inductive reasoning.

Concept Statement

After reading the section, take note of the one-sentence summary to review the main idea.

Bolded Words

Definitions for the key vocabulary words will be located within the text usually directly before the bolded word. The definition can also be found in the glossary.



HIGHLIGHTS

BIOLOGY AND THE LIVING WORLD



Key Terms

- kingdoms 4
- natural selection 8
- artificial selection 8

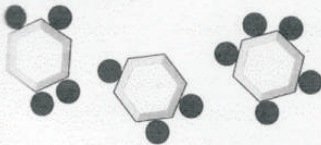
Key Concepts

- All living things share eight fundamental properties:
 - complexity*
 - movement*
 - response to stimulation*
 - cellular organization*
 - metabolism*
 - homeostasis*
 - reproduction*
 - heredity*
- There are many ways to study biology. Five general themes often used to organize the study of biology are
 - evolution*
 - the flow of energy*
 - cooperation*
 - structure determines function*
 - homeostasis*

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THE SCIENTIFIC PROCESS



- The discovery of how CFCs are reducing levels of ozone in the atmosphere is a good example of science in action.
- The scientific process is founded on careful observation.
- In a control experiment, only one variable is allowed to change.
- Scientific progress is made by rejecting hypotheses that are inconsistent with observation.

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- The acceptance of a hypothesis is always provisional.
- Well-tested hypotheses are often combined into general statements called theories.
- There is no surefire way to do science and no foolproof "method."
- One of the most creative aspects of scientific investigation is the formulation of novel hypotheses.

CONCEPT REVIEW

- Metabolism refers to an organism's ability to
 - reproduce.
 - use energy.
 - pass on genes.
 - move.
- Key terms for homeostasis are
 - external environment, stable.
 - internal environment, unstable.
 - internal environment, stable.
 - external environment, unstable.
- Select the smallest level of organization among the following.
 - cell
 - organ
 - organ system
 - tissue
- The change in a species through time is
 - cooperation.
 - evolution.
 - homeostasis.
 - metabolism.
- Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) are used in
 - foaming agents.
 - air conditioners.
 - aerosols.
 - all of the above.
- One of the main functions of the earth's ozone layer is to
 - prevent global warming.
 - filter out ultraviolet rays.
 - absorb pollution.
 - all of the above.
- The 3% drop in ozone concentration that has already occurred worldwide has led to an estimated increase in skin cancers of
 - 1%.
 - 10%.
 - 20%.
- A guess in a scientific process is called a(n)
 - hypothesis.
 - observation.
 - prediction.
 - test.
- A collection of hypotheses that have been repeatedly tested without rejection is called a(n)
 - control.
 - observation.
 - test.
 - theory.
- Factors that influence a process in a scientific study are
 - controls.
 - tests.
 - theories.
 - variables.
- List the six kingdoms of life.
- List the five fundamental properties that are shared by all living organisms on earth and that are not exhibited by nonliving things.
- _____ is the complex linear molecule responsible for heredity.
- A _____ is a tiny living compartment covered with a membrane.
- At each level of organization, _____ determines function.
- In the _____ air over Antarctica, CFCs adhere to crystals and catalyze a reaction that destroys _____.
- Any good scientific investigation begins with a _____.
- A _____ variable is _____.

Chapter Review

Read over the concept review questions **before** reading the lesson to set a purpose for your reading. **After** reading, reread the vocabulary and answer the questions to check your understanding.