

Examples Of Evolution (p. 288 – 292)

~~peppered moths~~
~~survival~~
~~selection~~

I. Natural Selection At Work

1. The basic mechanisms of evolutionary change cannot be observed in nature?

Circle One :

True

False

(Ex.) - Peppered Moths

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2. What is the main factor that dictates the direction of evolution?

Environmental Changes

Rabbits: white vs. dark fur

3. What will humans evolve into in the future? (Read question 2 again.)

- Depends on how the environment changes
 (Back Pain → still evolving? / Cancers → Fiel, EMFs)

4. List the four factors that govern natural selection.

Adaptations
 (Necessity-based)

One vs.
 Many

1. All populations have genetic variation.
 (Key for survival) → Cheetahs

2. Environment presents challenges to successful reproduction.
 (Need to survive to reproduce; vice versa)

3. More offspring produced than environment can support.
 (Leads to competition) → Insects, Trees

4. Organisms better-suited for their environment produce more offspring
 ("Survival of the fittest")

Cough,
 Fever,
 Sputum,
 Night
 Sweats,
 Weight
 Loss

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CANCER?

5. How is the infectious disease, tuberculosis, an example of natural selection occurring?
 - In the 1950's antibiotics (isoniazid + rifampin)
 effectively wiped-out the disease until resistant
 strains re-emerged in the late 1980's.

6. What was the difference of the 9 bird species observed by Darwin on the Galapagos?

Bill sizes + shapes

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7. What did Darwin suggest was the cause of these differences?

- Finches were able utilize different forms of
 food sources based on beak styles.

(Darwin = longer, more massive beaks → successful)

II. Formation Of New Species

1. Define the term speciation.

Speciation – process by which new species form

2. How does divergence lead to speciation?

Eventually leads to incompatibility when mating.

- An accumulation of differences within a species leads to different ways of survival.

3. What can happen to a species if it is isolated and exposed to selective pressures for a long period of time?

The species can develop into subspecies.

III. Reproductive Isolation Mechanisms (Not in the book.)

1. Define each of the following isolation mechanisms and give an example of each mechanism occurring in nature.

1. Geographic Isolation – populations separated by geographic barriers (rivers, mountains, bodies of water)

Example : Spruce Knob Salamanders

2. Behavioral Isolation – populations are capable of interbreeding but have differences in courtship rituals

Example : Hawaiian Drosophila

3. Temporal Isolation – populations with differences in timing of reproduction

Example : Wild Lettuce (Spring vs. Summer)

4. Ecological Isolation – populations in which no suitable habitat exists for a hybrid

Example : Grassland vs. Chaparral Oaks

5. Mechanical Isolation – populations in which structural differences prevent breeding

Example : Mouse vs. Elephant

6. Post-zygotic Mechanisms – inability to propagate a species due to sterility

Example : Horse x Donkey = Mule



Monozygous Twins