

Investigating Osmosis – Lab Report

What is your name? _____

Title: Osmosis

Aim: To investigate osmosis using Irish potatoes

Materials: Irish Potato

Scalpel

Sugar

Water

Petri dish

Pins

Stopwatch

Procedure:

Instruction: Arrange these steps in the order they would be carried out in the laboratory.

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Some concentrated sugar solution was placed in one half of the potato and a pin was used to mark the level of the solution.

A small potato was cut in half and the centre of each half was removed to create cups

After two hours, the level of solution in the potato was marked using a second pin.

The potato was then placed in a petri dish half-filled with pure water.

Results:

Instruction: Complete the table below.

Table Showing the Change in level of Sugar Solution in Potato Cup

Change in solution level inside potato cups:	
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Discussion:

Instruction: Fill in the blanks with the following words:

Higher

dilute

concentrated

Lower

the potato cup

water

selectively-permeable membrane

the petri-dish

cell membranes

Osmosis is the movement of _____ particles from a _____ solution to a _____ solution across a _____. In this experiment, pure water is dilute because it has a _____ concentration of water particles than the sugar solution which has a _____ concentration of water particles. The water particles move from _____ to _____ across the _____ of the potato.

Conclusion:

Instruction: Complete this sentence.

Water moves into and out of potatoes by the process of _____.