Gummy Bears and Osmosis

1. Background: Yesterday, we set up three gummy bear treatments. One was kept dry. A second was placed in water. A third was placed in 10% sucrose solution.

2. Collecting Data

A. Visual Observations: (Note: you'll have to observe another group's bear to see all three treatments). How do the three gummy bears look different? Indicate which one was in which liquid.

B. Numerical Data. Carefully pour off all water before weighing. Zero the scale each time.

	А	В	С	D
	Individual data (mass in grams)	Total class data for gummies (mass in grams)	# of gummies	Average class data (Total mass/# gummies)
Dry Gummy Bear				
Gummy Bear in 10% sucrose solution				
Gummy Bear in tap water				



3. Osmosis

A. What is osmosis?	The diffusion of water.		
B. How does water	• Water diffuses just like everything else, from more concentrated (more H ₂ O molecules)		
diffuse?	to less concentrated (fewer H ₂ O molecules).		
C. Review:	• In a solution, the liquid that does the dissolving is the <i>solvent</i> .		
Solutions, solvents,	Solutions, solvents, • The most common solvent on earth is water		
and solutes	The thing that gets dissolved is the <i>solute</i> .		

4. Checking Understand	ng: a) If you mix up some powdered lemonade, the water is the _	, and
the lemonade mix is the	In a cola drink, the sugar is the	, and the water is

the b) All molecules diffuse from ______ concentration to ______ concentration.

KEY POINT: Understanding osmosis is always about comparing two solutions separated by a membrane.

5. Important terms: Hypertonic & Hypotonic

A. What is a	• A solution that has a higher concentration of solute than the solution on the other side of the
<u>hyper</u> tonic	membrane.
solution?	Think: less water, more solute.
B. What is a	• A solution that has a lower concentration of solute than the solution on the other side of the
<u>hypo</u> tonic	membrane.
solution?	Think: more water, less solute.

6. Practice. In all problems, the two solutions have the same volume. Use hypertonic or hypotonic as vour answers.

- 1. Solution A has 10 drops of food coloring. Solution B is pure water. Solution A is ______ to solution B. Solution B is ______ to solution A.
- 2. Solution X has 3 drops of ink. Solution Y has 8 drops of ink. Solution X is to solution Y. Solution Y is _____ to solution X.
- 3. I've made a solution with sugar dissolved in water. If I want to make the solution more hypotonic, I add more ______, I add more sugar. 4. Solution K is 90% water, 10% solute. Solution L is 100% water. Solution K is ______ to
- solution L. Solution L is to solution K.

7. Back to our gummy bears

- a. When we put our gummy bears into water, the gummy bear was to the water outside of it.
- b. You can also say, the water was ______ to the gummy bear.
- c. Because of that, the water flowed from the _____ into the _____, causing it to expand and gain mass.
- d. The gummy bear in the 10% sucrose solution was in a _____ hypotonic environment than the gummy bear in pure water. As a result, the gummy bear gained _____ mass than the gummy bear in pure water.

8. Use the terms hypotonic and hypertonic to describe what's happening in side A and side B. The dots represent SOLUTE.

CELL A CELL B	a. Cell A isto the surrounding solution.
H ₁ O Cell Membrane Cell O CELL CELL	 b. The solution outside CELL A is to the solution inside the cell. c. As a result, water will flow CELL A. d. Cell B is to the surrounding solution. e. The solution outside CELL B is to the solution inside the cell. f. As a result, water will flow CELL B.

9. The most important idea: Water always flows from

to

10. PULLING IT ALL TOGETHER: What happened in our gummy bear lab? Explain a) how we set up the lab, b) the change in mass in the gummy bears, and 3) why this occurred. Use the terms hypotonic and/or hypertonic in your response

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Language	Your response
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11. More Checking understanding:

- a. The diffusion of water is called

12. Reinforcement: In terms of osmosis, how does water flow across membranes?

13. Isotonic Solutions

What is an isotonic	• A solution that has the same concentration of solute as the solution on the other side of the membrane.
solution?	Think: equal concentration of water on both sides
	• Result: no <i>overall</i> movement of solute or solvent (though molecules are moving back and forth)

14. More Checking Understanding

 Osmosis is the ______ of water.
 Two solutions are separated by a membrane. The side that has more solute dissolved in it is the side.

3. Solution A is 94 % water, 6% solutes. Solution B is 80% water, 20% solutions. Solution A is ______ to solution B.

4. If two solutions are both 45% water, we'd say that they were ______ to one another.

15. Use arrows to show the direction of water movement into or out of each cell (which is 98% water). The % of water outside the cell is listed below the cell. Examine each diagram, and then complete the table.

98% WATER 0 95% WATER	98% WATER 98% WATER	100% WATER
The cell is to its	The cell is to its	The cell is to
environment.	environment.	its environment.
The outside solution is	The outside solution is to	The outside solution is
to the cell.	the cell.	to the cell.
Water will flow the cell.	Water will flow and the cell	Water will flow the
	and its environment at the rate.	cell.

16. More applications

A. A red blood cell is placed in a solution. The first picture shows the cell expanding. The second shows it remaining the same. The third shows it shriveling up. Was the solution isotonic, hypotonic, or hypertonic?

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solution	solution	solution
The cell must have been	The cell must have been	The cell must have been
to its	to its	to its environment
environment because water is	environment because water	because water water is flowing
flowing	water is flowing	

B. A plant cell, with a cell wall, is placed in a solution. The first picture shows the cell expanding. The second shows it remaining the same. The third shows it shriveling up. Was the solution isotonic, hypotonic, or hypertonic?



17. Yet more checking for understanding

	a. isotonic	b. hypertonic	c. hypotonic
a)	Solution with a lo	ower solute concentra	ation than the one on the other side of the membrane.
b)	Solution in which	the solute concentra	ation is the same as the other side of the membrane
C)	Condition plant of	ells require so that th	ney don't wilt.
d)	Condition that ar	nimal cells require so	that they don't shrink or burst.
e)	This solution will	cause red blood cell	s to burst
f)	In this solution, a	a plant cell wilts as it I	oses water
g)	A solution with a	higher solute concer	ntration than the one on the other side of the membrane.
h)	A solution with a	higher concentration	of water than the one on the other side of the membrane.
i)	A solution with a	higher concentration	of dissolved materials than the one on the other side of the
	membrane.		

TEACHER'S GUIDE

1) Set up

a) Get a class set of beakers or cups.

b) Make a solution of 10% sucrose

c) Have water available.

2) The day before the analysis, each lab group does the following

a) In the first cup, one gummy bear gets taped to the outside the cup. The cup is filled with water. The second gummy bear gets placed in the water.

b) In the second cup, A gummy bear gets taped to the outside of the cup. The cup is filled with 10% sucrose solution. Another gummy bear is placed inside the 10% sucrose.c) Let these sit overnight.

3) The gummy bear in water will gain a huge amount of mass and volume. I have the students weigh individually, and then we record the total mass of all the gummies (dry, in water, in 10% sucrose) and average them. That's what we graph.

4) For the underlying science, it's all explained in my Osmosis Music Video: www.sciencemusicvideos.com/osmosis.

5)Target language performance for 1# 10

What happened in our gummy bear lab? Explain a) how we set up the lab, b) the change in mass in the gummy bears, and 3) explain why this occurred. Use the terms *hypotonic* and/or *hypertonic* in your response.

In our gummy bear lab, we placed gummy bears in two solutions. One was pure water, and one was 10% sucrose. After 24 hours, **we observed that** the gummy bear in pure water gained the most mass. The gummy bear in 10% sucrose gained less mass, and the dry gummy bear stayed the same.

Why did this happen? The gummy bear in pure water was in an extremely hypotonic environment. **Consequently**, water flowed from the hypotonic water to the hypertonic gummy bear, **causing it to** gain mass as it took up water. The 10% sucrose solution was also hypotonic to the gummy bear, but less so. **As a result**, less water flowed into the gummy bear, and it gained less mass.