

# 11-16 Science

## 5-year curriculum

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- Prepare in KS3 for success at GCSE.
- Support for all abilities.
- Built-in tracking and assessment.



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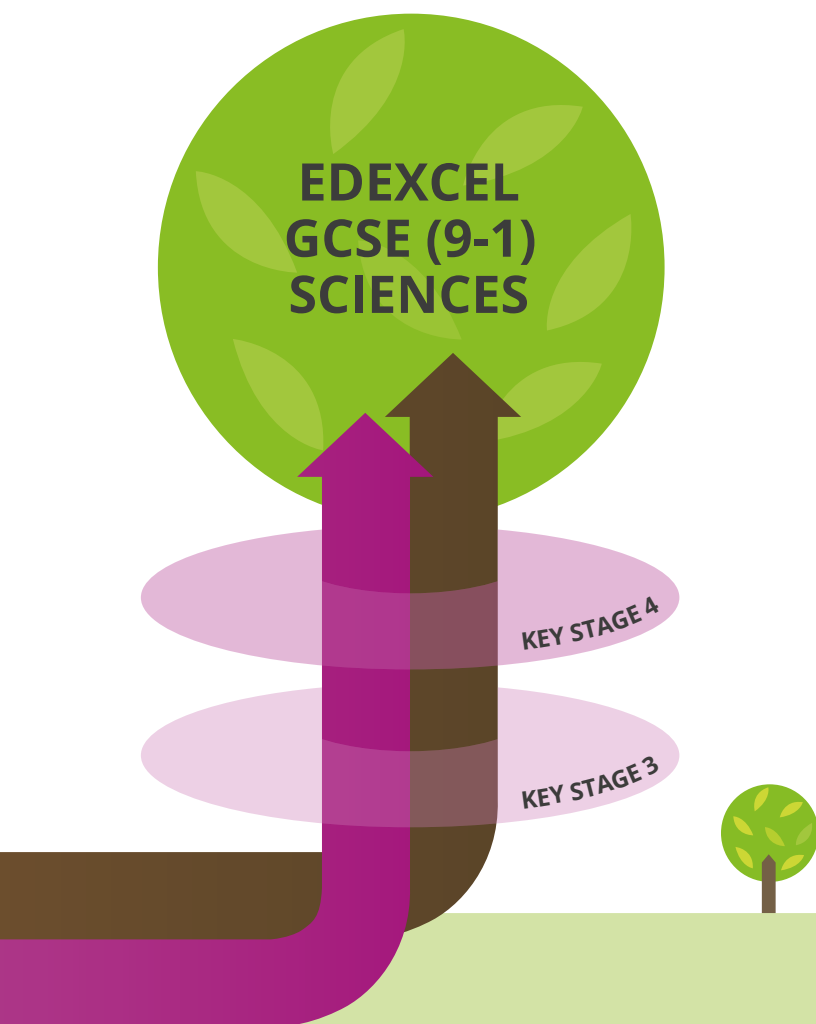
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## The best preparation for Edexcel GCSE from the start of KS3

- ➡ Our popular **KS3 course Exploring Science** gives your students the best start in Science with engaging topics presented in a relevant and accessible way. **Pages 8-11**
- ➡ **Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Combined and single science** courses build on the skills and knowledge taught in Exploring Science. **Pages 12-13**

## Support for all abilities

- ➡ The **Support Edition for Edexcel GCSE (9-1)** means you can co-teach GCSE (9-1) Combined Science and Entry Level Certificate to lower-ability students. **Pages 14-15**
- ➡ **Lab Books and Checklist Books** support core practicals and independent study. **Pages 16-18**

## Built in tracking and assessment

- ➡ **Pearson Progression Services** help you track and assess students' progress throughout KS3 and KS4. **Pages 6-7.**

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# Plan using our 5-year curriculum

## Schemes of work

Our KS3 and KS4 resources support the 5-year schemes of work for Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Sciences in one simple, inclusive and inspiring course.

These schemes of work provide routes through the curriculum that are suitable for you whether you are following a 2, 2.5 or 3-year KS4.

Biology, 5-year scheme of work for 2.5-year Combined Science GCSE

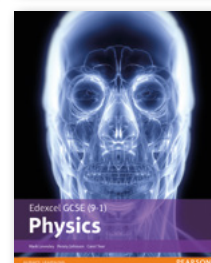
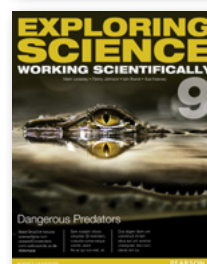
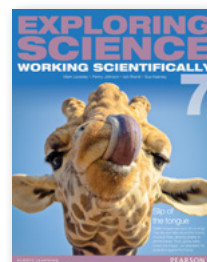
**KS3**

Learning objectives	Exemplar teaching activities	Differentiation	Resources	Maths skills	Practical skills
<b>Lesson 7Aa: Life processes</b> Developing: • Identify things as being alive or not. • Recall the life processes: movement, respiration, growth, reproduction, response to stimuli. Securing: • State the life processes. • Use diagrams to show the life processes. Excelling: • Identify the life processes in a diagram. • Compare the life processes of different organisms.	<b>Starter:</b> Sorting items Students sort items into 'living' and 'non-living'. <b>Exploring:</b> Life processes in seedlings	Exploring: Life processes in seedlings	Resources from 7Aa Exploring	n/a	Simple practical to see whether germinating

Biology, 5-year scheme of work for 2.5-year Combined Science GCSE

Specification points	Exemplar teaching activities	Differentiation	Maths skills	Practicals
<b>B4 Natural selection and genetic modification</b> <b>Lesson CB4a: Human evolution (1 hour)</b> • B4.4: Describe the evidence for human evolution, based on fossils, including: a) Ardipithecus from 4.4 million years ago b) Lucy from 3.2 million years ago c) Leakey's discovery of fossils from 1.6 million years ago • B4.5: Describe the evidence for human evolution based on stone tools, including: a) the development of stone tools over time b) how these can be dated from their environment	<b>Starter</b> Ask students to think about how humans or other animals might evolve in the future. They could draw a labelled picture to show how humans might change and give a reason why they might evolve in that way. <b>Exploring</b> Show an 'evolutionary tree' for humans. Research and create fact cards about the human-like organisms shown, which includes a picture of each species. <b>Explaining</b> Demonstrate how fossils form using a narrow glass or plastic tank/beaker, plastic skeleton/small stones, and sand of different colours to build up layers to model the way the sedimentary layers build up.	<b>Exploring</b> Support: Give students guidance on which websites to use. Stretch: Ask students to work in a group and each member of a group to choose a different species to study, then create a poster using the cards. <b>Explaining</b> Support: Sort a list of human-like species, in order of the layers in which they would be found. Stretch: Challenge students to use the model to explain why scientists date the rock in a layer where stone tools are found rather than the rocks that the stone tools are made of.	• Recognise and use expressions in decimal form • Recognise and use expressions in standard form • Use ratios, fractions and percentages • Translate information between graphical and numeric form	n/a

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## Course Planner

Our free editable Excel course planner helps you plan your teaching. It covers a number of different approaches for teaching Combined Science and separate sciences over 2, 2.5 or 3 years to suit your requirements.

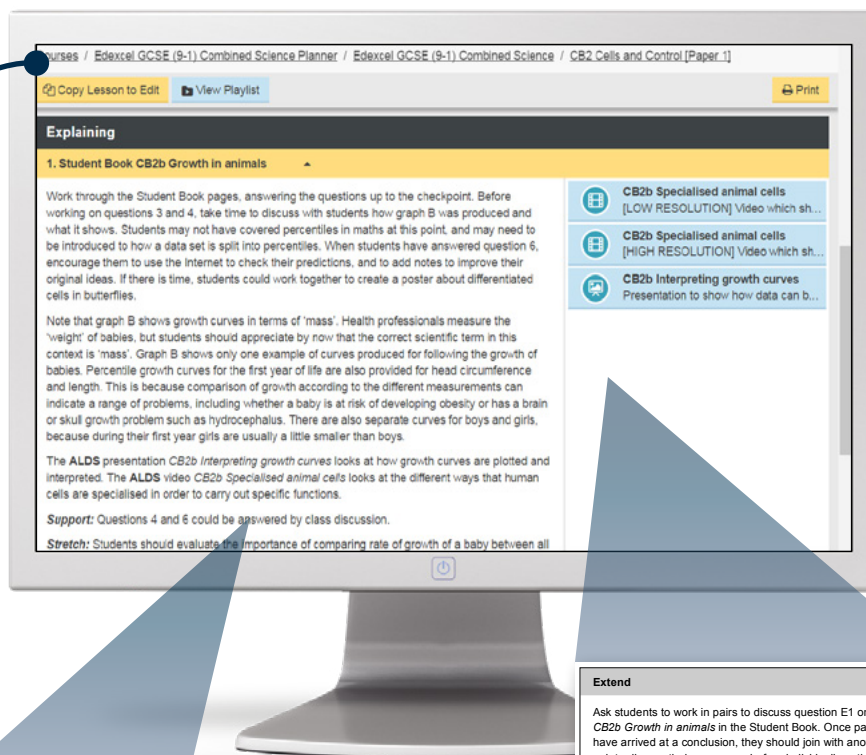
You can download the schemes of work and course planners from: [qualifications.pearson.com/SciPlanner](https://qualifications.pearson.com/SciPlanner)



# The ActiveLearn Digital Service Planner

Our ActiveLearn Digital Service Planner provides detailed lesson plans for each topic in the schemes of work. It also links directly to the relevant resources. It allows you to choose from four pre-populated differentiated routes through the course covering 2, 2.5 and 3-year schemes of work.

Links to all the resources available in the course.



## Lesson Plan

<p><b>Extend</b></p> <p>Ask students to work in pairs to discuss question E1 on <i>CB2b Growth in animals</i> in the Student Book. Once pairs have arrived at a conclusion, they should join with another pair to discuss their responses before individually noting down their ideas. Students could complete Worksheet CB2b.3 collaboratively in their pairs prior to answering question E1. This will support them in answering question E1.</p>	<p><b>Worksheet CB2b.3 Extend</b> CB2b.3 Growth in animals - E...</p>
<p><b>Reflect</b></p> <p>Ask students to answer the exam-style question at the bottom of <i>CB2b Growth in animals</i> in the Student Book.</p>	
<p><b>Homework</b></p>	
<p><b>Homework 1</b></p> <p>Worksheet CB2b.4 is suitable for homework and contains straightforward questions about this topic.</p> <p><b>Support:</b> Go through the graph in question 3 with students before they complete the sheet, to ensure that they understand how to interpret it.</p>	
<p><b>Homework 2</b></p> <p>Worksheet CB2b.5 is suitable for homework and contains more challenging questions about this topic.</p> <p><b>Stretch:</b> Students complete the Extra challenge question at the end of the sheet.</p>	
<p><b>Worksheet CB2b.4 Homewo...</b> CB2b.4 Specialised human ce...</p>	
<p><b>Worksheet CB2b.5 Homewo...</b> CB2b.5 Growth in space - Ho...</p>	

Export your lesson plan as a PDF, print it out or add it to your ActiveTeach playlist.

## Playlist

CB2b Growth in animals		Copy to Edit
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CB2b Progression Check - CB2b - Progression Check		
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# Pearson Progression Services

Helping you to track and assess progress throughout Science Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4.

## Progression Scale and Map

Our **Science Progression Scale** is a reliable, easy-to-use tool to track students' progress over Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4. It comprises of 12 Steps ranging from low (1) to high (12) challenge. We anticipate that the average student will enter Year 7 working at the 3rd or 4th step. The expectation is that a student will make one Step of progress a year.



The **Science Progression Map** builds on the Scale, breaking down the curriculum with clear progress descriptors, any prior knowledge required and boosters for additional challenge. This provides you with a more detailed view of how learning progresses across each of the 12 steps.

Find out more about our Progression Scale and Map at:

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## Assessments

We have created a range of **Science assessments** aligned to our Progression Scale and tied to the Edexcel schemes of work, which can be used to assess students' understanding, skills and knowledge.

	Key Stage 3	Key Stage 4
Baseline tests*	✓	✓
End of unit tests	✓	✓
End of year tests	✓	✓



Each assessment has an accompanying markbook to help you track progress and quickly identify problems. Coming soon, our new online reporting tool offers visual data analysis to help predict future performance. For more information, visit

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## Indicative Grades

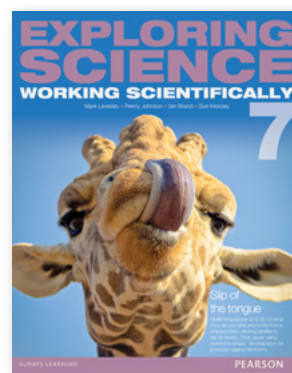
You have told us that mapping the Steps from the Pearson Progression Maps to indicative grades will make it simpler for you to accumulate the evidence to formulate your own grade predictions, apply any interventions and track student progress. Our initial mapping of steps to grades for GCSE Sciences 2016 is available to view online now: [www.pearsonschools.co.uk/SciProg](http://www.pearsonschools.co.uk/SciProg)

# KS3 resources – Exploring Science

## The best preparation for studying GCSE Science

Exploring Science: Working Scientifically provides **simple, inclusive and inspiring** resources to support you and your students in Key Stage 3.

- ➔ Following the Edexcel 5-year Scheme of Work for GCSE (9-1) Sciences.
- ➔ Building the required skills in literacy, mathematics and practicals.
- ➔ With built-in progression from Pearson Progression Services, with baseline, end-of-unit and end-of-year assessments .



### Exploring Science: Working Scientifically course components

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
ActiveLearn Digital Service	<b>Teaching Service part of ActiveTeach Digital Service</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Front-of-class Teaching Resources</li> <li>• Activity Pack</li> <li>• Assessment Support Pack</li> <li>• Teacher and Technician Planning Pack</li> <li>• Planner</li> </ul>		
	<b>Homework, Practice and Support part of ActiveLearn Digital Service</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interactive Homework tests</li> <li>• Sample answers</li> <li>• Automarked activities</li> <li>• Detailed feedback on each student's progress</li> <li>• 100+ Learning aids.</li> </ul>		
Print and Online			

Student books are available in print or as an ActiveBook subscription. The Teacher and Technician Planning Pack, The Activity Pack and the Assessment Support Packs are available in print or downloadable online.



Informed by literacy experts, **Exploring Science** helps students gradually build up science literacy skills. These skills are then met again in increasingly specific exam contexts before practising writing long answers in Year 9.

# LITERACY & COMMUNICATION

**1** How do you start and finish all sentences?

**2** What are the subjects and verbs in the following simple sentences?

**3** a) The rilo protect the lungs.  
b) Muscles move bones.

**4** Rearrange the words below to make two simple sentences.

a) pumps heart blood the  
oxygen need you all

**5** Common subordinating conjunctions used to make complex sentences

**Complex sentences**

A subordinate clause gives extra information about the main clause. When linked to a main clause a subordinate clause forms a **complex sentence**. Subordinate clauses can be placed in different positions in the sentence. In the following examples, the subordinate clauses are shown in *italic type*.

*Muscle cells get shorter and fatter as they contract.*  
*As they contract,* muscle cells get shorter and fatter.  
*Muscles cells, as they contract,* get shorter and fatter.

To join the clauses together, you use identifying main clauses.

**6** Read the sentences below. Identify the main clause, subordinate clause and subordinating conjunction in each sentence.

A) Blood from the capillaries enters the veins, which carry it back to the heart.

B) When the capillaries, so that nutrients and oxygen can get to the cells in all the tissues in the body have very little wall.

C) Within the diaphragm, and rib-muscles contract, you inhale.

**Slang**

Scientists need to explain their work to people all over the world and so they must use both grammatically correct sentences as well as words that all English speakers understand. You may use words in school in ways that give them different meanings from usual. You may also use new, made-up words. You should avoid using words in these ways when writing scientific reports.

**1** can +

**2** write using a variety of appropriate sentence types

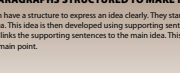
**3** use subordinating conjunctions.

**4**

## STRUCTURING PARAGRAPHS

### 8Bd HOW ARE PARAGRAPHS STRUCTURED TO MAKE IDEAS CLEAR?

Paragraphs often have a structure to express an idea clearly. They start with a short topic sentence, which states a main idea. This idea is then developed using supporting sentences. At the end is a summary sentence, which links the supporting sentences to the main idea. This structure allows a reader quickly to understand the main point.




There are many ways to remove the red flesh from Coffea arabica and make the coffee beans dry in the sun. However, the most common method is to soak the beans in water and ferment them. This method produces a higher quality product. The next step is to roast the beans. The final step is to grind the beans. The choice of process depends on the available resources and marketing money.

**A** | the parts of a paragraph


**B** | The fruits of Coffea arabica are red when ripe.

## LITERACY & COMMUNICATION



There are other ways you can use to order supporting sentences in a paragraph:

- adding information, e.g. 'another', 'in addition', 'moreover'
- time, e.g. 'first', 'next', 'finally'
- cause and effect, e.g. 'as a result', 'therefore', 'if'.



## LONG ANSWERS

### 9Lb HOW DO YOU WRITE 'LONG ANSWERS' TO EXAM QUESTIONS?

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To get full marks on these questions you need to


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- write your answer clearly and concisely
- use correct scientific words
- use correct spelling, punctuation and grammar (correct spelling of scientific words is particularly important).

Extract A is a real question from a GCSE exam paper:


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1d



1d



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## 9Lb

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lid



oxygen gas

lid



solid copper

The oxygen exerts a pressure on the lid of its container. The copper does not exert a pressure on the lid of its container.

Explain, using particle theory, why the oxygen exerts a pressure on the lid but the copper does not.

Think about a sensible order for your ideas and think about words that you can use to signify time or location (for example: at first, eventually, inside). This will help you to write a coherent paragraph. As you are comparing two situations, try to use some words that signal a comparison (for example: whereas, while, but).

**1** The answer to the exam question needs to say how the particles in a solid behave compared to the particles in a gas. Make notes like the ones in extract B to describe how particles behave in a solid.

# LITERACY & COMMUNICATION

Examiners use a 'mark scheme' to make sure that all answers to the question are marked in the same way. Extract C shows the mark scheme for this question.

Extract C	Content
1 or 2 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a limited explanation e.g. particles in the copper do not touch the lid / particles in the oxygen do touch the lid</li> <li>simple language without many scientific words</li> <li>poor spelling and grammar</li> </ul>
3 or 4 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a simple explanation e.g. particles in a gas can move freely and collide with the lid</li> <li>clear explanation with some appropriate scientific words</li> <li>spelling and grammar mostly correct but there are some mistakes</li> </ul>
5 or 6 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a detailed explanation e.g. particles in a gas can move freely and collide with the lid but particles in a solid vibrate about fixed positions so cannot reach the lid</li> <li>clearly written with good use of scientific terminology</li> <li>excellent spelling, punctuation and grammar</li> </ul>

An answer that just lay out these requirements would get 5 marks. An answer that met them all would get 6 marks.

**Extract D**

*Particles in the gas are more at the top, and long ones the lid. The particles in the copper don't move at all.*

**2** Extract D shows one student's answer to this question. Explain which row of the mark scheme applies to this answer for:

- the scientific content of their answer
- their use of scientific words and their spelling and grammar.

**3** Look at extract D again.

- Is the first sentence in their answer scientifically correct? If not, why not?
- Is the second sentence in their answer scientifically correct? If not, why not?
- Re-write the answer so that it will get 5 or 6 marks.

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**I can ...**

- write clear and concise answers to 'long answer' exam questions.

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# KS3 resources – Exploring Science

## Maths skills

The maths requirements of the new GCSE assessments are integrated right from the beginning of Year 7.

Language and teaching approaches are consistent with those from maths classes so they are familiar to students.

Terminology and concepts from the GCSE specification are introduced early at KS3, allowing students to become familiar with the application of maths within science.

### 71a FAIR COMPARISONS AND RATIOS

**HOW CAN YOU COMPARE THE ENERGY STORED IN DIFFERENT FOODS?**

You can compare the amount of energy stored in different foods by burning them. Photo 8 shows the kind of **apparatus** you need. The energy released by the burning food heats the water in the boiling tube. The higher the temperature of the water, the more energy the food released when it was burnt.

**A) Different foods contain different amounts of energy.**

**Method**

- Find the mass of a piece of food.
- Carefully put the food on a pin (which has its other end in a piece of cork).
- Put 10 cm<sup>3</sup> of water into a boiling tube. Record its temperature.
- Light the food using a Bunsen burner, and hold the burning food under the boiling tube. Make sure the flame is touching the boiling tube.
- When the food has finished burning, record the temperature of the water again.
- Let the food cool down, then carefully push what is left off the pin and find its mass. If there is no food left on the pin, write down 0 g for its mass.
- Repeat steps A to F for other foods.

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### 8Dc PIE CHARTS

**HOW ARE PIE CHARTS DRAWN AND WHY DO WE USE THEM?**

At the start of 1854, British troops went to fight in the Crimean War. Thousands started dying of cholera (although no one knew what caused this disease). In November, a nurse called Florence Nightingale arrived in the Crimea. She started cleaning up the filthy wards in the main hospital. About six months later, the drains were cleared. After these changes, the number of soldiers dying from diseases dropped dramatically.

**A) Florence Nightingale (1820-1910)**

Florence Nightingale became convinced that cleaning the hospital and clearing the drains had saved many lives. Back in the UK, she set about raising money for a nursing school. She thought that showing the data as diagrams would make it easier for people to understand how cleaning had helped. So she published leaflets with different sorts of diagrams. The money was raised and Florence Nightingale's school opened in 1860. Her teaching emphasised the importance of cleanliness. It soon became clear why cleanliness was so important, because scientists started to understand how microorganisms caused diseases and how they were spread by poor hygiene and dirty water.

**B) This is Florence Nightingale's most famous diagram. Like a pie chart, it uses area to show the contributions made by different factors. It shows that deaths from diseases were much lower in the second year of the war (left-hand chart) than in the first, after changes at the hospital.**

**C) (Deaths in the three months before Florence Nightingale arrived and in the same period the following year)**

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### WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY

**Table C shows the results of an investigation. The student has used the masses of food at the beginning and end to work out the mass of each food burnt, and has also calculated the change in temperature.**

Food used	Mass of food burnt (g)	Temperature rise (°C)
bread	2.0	4.0
cheese	4.0	16.0
cornflakes	4.0	14.0
crackers	1.0	4.5

**1) a) Look at tables C and D. Write down the foods in order of the temperature rise, starting with the lowest (bread).**  
**b) Now write down the foods in order of the temperature rise per gram of food.**  
**c) Which list is the best comparison of the amounts of energy stored in the different foods? Explain your answer.**

**Ratios**

Ratios can help us to compare the energy stored by different foods. The investigation shows that 1 g of bread raises the temperature of the water by 2 °C, and 1 g of cheese raises it by 4 °C. We can write these numbers as a ratio like this:

$$\frac{\text{temperature rise for 1 g bread (°C)}}{\text{temperature rise for 1 g cheese (°C)}} = \frac{2}{4}$$

**2) a) It is easier to understand the ratio if we divide both sides by the smallest number needed to make one side become 1.**

$$\frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

**3) We can make a fair comparison of the results by working out the temperature rise for each gram (g) of food burnt. We do this by dividing the temperature difference by the mass of food. Table D shows the results of this calculation.**

Food used	Temperature rise per gram of food (°C/g)
bread	2.0
cheese	4.0
cornflakes	3.5
crackers	4.5

**4) The student also tested diet crispbread in the investigation. The temperature rise per gram was 1.0 °C. What is the ratio of the temperature rise caused by the crispbread compared with:**  
**a) the bread b) the cheese?**

**5) A student says 'I would get the same energy from eating 50 g of bread or 25 g of cheese.' Is the student correct? Explain your answer.**

**6) Pears store 175 kJ of energy per 100 g of fruit, and bananas store 250 kJ per 100 g. Calculate the ratio of the energy stored in the two kinds of fruit.**

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## Worked example

A 2000 kg car accelerates from 10 m/s to 25 m/s in 10 seconds. What resultant force produced this acceleration?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{force} &= \frac{mv - mu}{t} \\ &= \frac{2000 \text{ kg} \times 25 \text{ m/s} - 2000 \text{ kg} \times 10 \text{ m/s}}{10 \text{ s}} \\ &= \frac{50\,000 \text{ kg m/s} - 20\,000 \text{ kg m/s}}{10 \text{ s}} \\ &= 3000 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

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Equation practice 2

You will not be expected to recall the formula linking force, mass and change in momentum in your examination. However you will be expected to be able to change the subject of the formula and to use the correct units.

The following formula links force, mass and change in momentum.

$$F = \frac{(mv - mu)}{t}$$

- The table shows the time it takes for a 2000 kg car to accelerate in different situations. Calculate the force needed for each acceleration in the table.
- A cyclist decelerates from 12 m/s to 2 m/s in 4 seconds. The total mass of the cyclist and her bike is 70 kg. Calculate the braking force.
- The momentum of a car changes by 4000 kg m/s over 5 seconds. Calculate the size of the force that caused this change.

	Initial velocity (m/s)	Final velocity (m/s)	Time (s)	Force (N)
a	0	15	7.5	
b	10	20	5	
c	5	30	25	
d	25	10	3	

# Core Practical skills

For GCSE, students need to be able to complete a series of core practicals and answer exam questions.

## 7Ac MICROSCOPES

**HOW IS A LIGHT MICROSCOPE USED TO EXAMINE A SPECIMEN?**

To find out what is wrong with an organ, doctors do tests. Some tests involve taking a small piece of tissue (a biopsy) from an organ and looking at it under a light microscope. Microscopes make things appear bigger; they magnify things. The Method below shows how to use a light microscope.

**Method**

- Place the **smallest objective lens** (the lowest magnification) over the hole in the stage. Turn the **coarse focusing wheel** to make the gap between the objective lens and the stage as small as possible.
- Place the **slide** under the clips on the stage. The slide contains the **specimen** (the thing you want to look at). Then adjust the light source so that light goes up through the hole.
- Look through the **eyepiece lens**. Turn the coarse focusing wheel slowly until what you see is in focus (clear and sharp).
- To see a **bigger image**, place the next largest objective lens over your specimen.
- Use the **fine focusing wheel** to get your image in focus again. Do not use the coarse focusing wheel since you can break the slide and damage the objective lens. If you can't see your specimen clearly go back to a lower magnification.

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Both of the lenses in a light microscope do some magnifying. How much a lens magnifies is written on its side (e.g. x10). To work out the total magnification of both lenses working together, we use this formula:

total magnification = magnification of eyepiece lens × magnification of objective lens

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## Preparing a specimen

The specimen on a microscope slide needs to be thin so that light can pass through it. A thin, glass **cover slip** is put on the specimen to keep it flat, hold it in place and stop it drying out. The Method below shows how to prepare a slide of onion tissue.

**Method**

- Take a slide and place a drop of water in the centre. The water may contain a **stain** to make the specimen show up better.
- Use some forceps to peel off the middle layer of a piece of onion.
- Place your onion skin onto the drop of water on your slide.
- Use some forceps to lower a cover slip onto your specimen. If you do this carefully and slowly you will not get air bubbles trapped under the cover slip.

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**Why does a specimen need to be thin?**

**20** Why do we use cover slips?

**21** Suggest the names of two plant and two animal tissues you could examine using a light microscope.

**22** Plan an investigation to examine rhubarb stem tissue in detail.

**23** Jake sets up a microscope but only sees darkness when looking into the eyepiece lens. What might be wrong? Write down as many things as you can think of.

**24** How many types of lenses are found in a light microscope?

**25** Write down some rules of your own for:

- using a microscope safely
- taking care of a microscope.

**26** What part of a microscope makes the image clearer?

**27** What is a specimen?

**28** Never point a microscope mirror at the Sun. This can permanently damage your eyesight.

**29** Wear eye protection when carrying out this method. Slides and cover slips are made of this glass. Be very careful when using them.

**30** I can ...

- describe how to prepare a microscope slide
- describe how to use a light microscope to examine a specimen.

## 8Ec FAIR TESTING

**WHY ARE FAIR TESTS CARRIED OUT?**

A **variable** is any factor that can change and have different values. In an experiment you are usually interested in two variables:

- the **independent variable**, for which you choose the values
- the **dependent variable**, which varies as the independent variable changes and is the variable you are measuring.

**1** In the experiment shown in photo A, which is the independent variable and which is the dependent variable? Explain your answer.

**2** Two variables in this experiment are the volume of fuel burnt and the time it takes for all the fuel to burn.

In many experiments, you want to test the effect of a single variable on another, that is, you want to find out how the independent variable affects the dependent variable. So, you do not want any other variables affecting the dependent variable. It is important to control these other variables as far as possible, and so they are called **control variables**.

Controlling variables is also very important in industry. MMT is a substance added to petrol to reduce pollution. Scientists found the best way of making MMT by changing the amount of one reactant and measuring how much MMT was produced. They also discovered that it was important to control the temperature during this reaction. In 2007, in Florida, USA, something went wrong with an MMT factory cooling system. The temperature rise caused an explosion that spread debris up to a mile away.

**3** Look at photo A.

- One variable that should be controlled is the type of fuel. Explain how using different fuels might affect the dependent variable.
- Describe one other variable that should be controlled in this experiment and what effect it might have if it was not controlled properly.

**4** In the experiments to find the best way to make MMT:

- which was the independent variable
- which was the dependent variable
- which variable was not controlled properly and caused the explosion?

**5** The remains of the MMT laboratory

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## WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY

**Planning a fair test**

A **fair test** is an experiment in which all the control variables are controlled. This means that these variables do not change, and so cannot affect the dependent variable.

When you plan an experiment, you first identify the independent and dependent variables. Then you must identify all the other variables that could affect the dependent variable. Finally, you need to plan how to control these other variables.

The Method below describes how to carry out an experiment using the equipment in photo C.

**Method**

- Place one tea light on a heat-resistant mat and another tea light on a block on a heat-resistant mat.
- Measure the height between the surface and the base of the wick of both tea lights and record the values.
- Light both tea lights and cover them both immediately with heat-resistant glass containers. Start the stopwatch.
- Measure the time taken for each flame to go out and record the values.

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You usually record results from experiments in a table (see D). It is a convention that the independent variable goes in the left-hand column.

**6** Identify the independent and dependent variables in the experiment described in the Method above.

**7** Use your answer to question 4 to state the question this experiment is set up to answer.

**8** Suggest at least two other things that could vary in this experiment and affect the dependent variable.

- Explain your answer to part a.
- Describe how you could control each of the variables you identified in part a.

**9** Don't forget the control!

Independent variable	Don't forget the control!	Dependent variable
Height of wick (cm)		Length of time it burned (s)
1		
2		
3		
4		

**10** I can ...

Identify control variables in an experiment and describe how to control them. Explain why it is important to carry out a fair test.

Exploring Science outlines to students the key principles around scientific methods such as fair testing and controlling variables. This prepares students for the types of skills and analysis they will need for core practical assessments. At GCSE the course covers the core practicals in depth and provides practice answering exam-style questions.

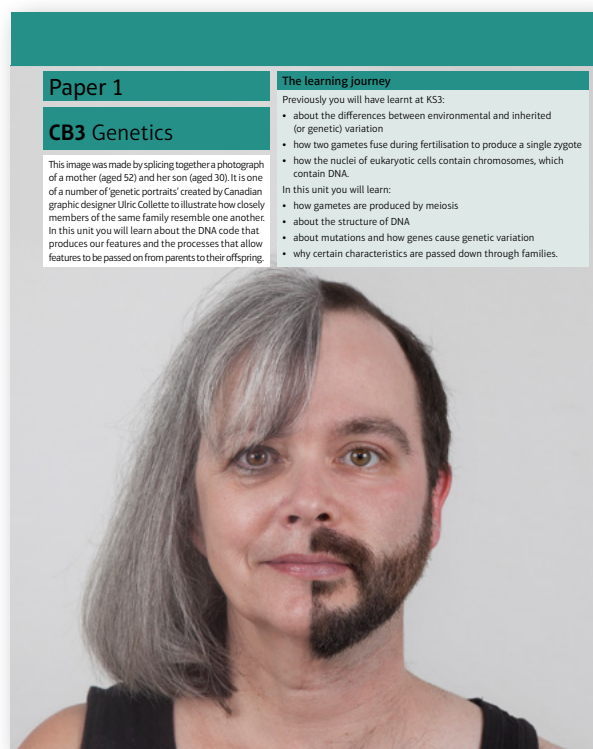
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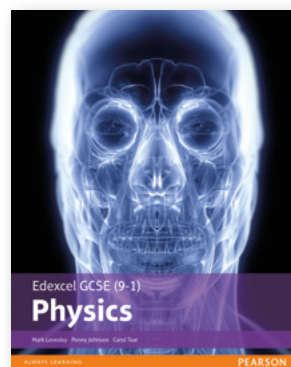
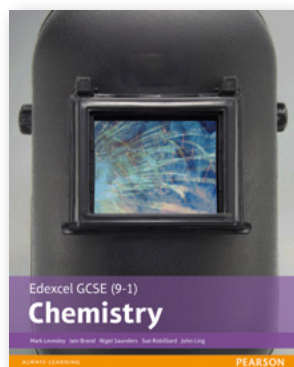
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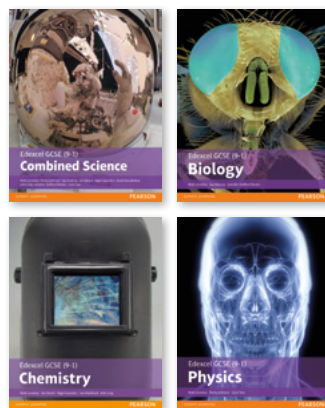
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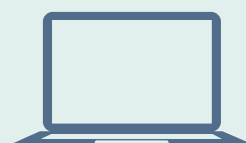
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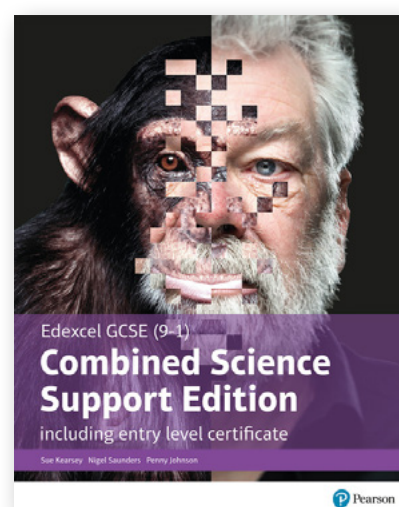
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**P1a Stopping distances**  
[ELC(P1A.1.3, P1A.14, P1A.15 (GCSE) P2.28, P2.29, P2.30]

**Learning Outcomes**

- What does stopping distance mean?
- What can affect a driver's reaction time?
- What affects the braking distance of a car?

**It can take a long time for a car to stop if a child suddenly runs into the road. The driver needs to react to seeing the child, and then put their foot on the brake. A car travelling at 30 mph travels 23 m while it is coming to a stop.**

**The thinking distance** is the distance the car travels while the driver is reacting.

**The braking distance** is the distance the car travels while the brakes are slowing it down.

**The overall stopping distance** = thinking distance + braking distance.

**A** Why is running into the road dangerous?

driver sees the child    driver presses the brake pedal    car stops

thinking distance (12 m)    braking distance (24 m)    stopping distance (36 m)

The stopping distance is the total distance the car travels from when the driver first sees the child.

**B** Thinking distance, braking distance and stopping distance for a car travelling at 40 mph.

**Worked example**

A car is travelling at 40 mph. When it stops, the thinking distance is 12 m and the braking distance is 24 m.

Calculate the stopping distance.

$$\text{stopping distance} = \text{thinking distance} + \text{braking distance}$$
$$= 12 \text{ m} + 24 \text{ m}$$
$$\text{stopping distance} = 36 \text{ m}$$

**1** State what the thinking distance is.

**a** State what the braking distance is.

**b** State what the stopping distance is.

**2** When a lorry stops the thinking distance is 30 m and the braking distance is 90 m. Calculate the stopping distance.

**Factors affecting thinking distance**

The thinking distance depends on how fast the driver realises that they need to stop. This time is the driver's **reaction time**.

A driver's reaction time is longer if:

- they have been drinking alcohol or taking certain medicines
- they are distracted by talking on the phone or looking at a mobile phone screen
- A longer reaction time gives a longer thinking distance. The thinking distance is also longer if the car is moving faster. The car travels further while the driver is thinking.

**3** List two things that can make a driver's reaction time longer.

**Factors affecting braking distance**

Lots of **factors** can affect the braking distance of a vehicle.

slippery road (wet or icy)    worn brakes or tyres    heavy vehicle (high mass)

**C** Factors that increase braking distance.

**4** A lorry and a car are both travelling at the same speed. Explain why the lorry has a longer stopping distance than the car.

**5** A driver fits new tyres to her car. Explain how this will affect the stopping distance.

**Key points**

- stopping distance = thinking distance + braking distance
- The stopping distance is longer if the driver has been drinking or is distracted, if the road is slippery, if the car is heavy or going fast, if the brakes or tyres are worn.

## ActiveLearn Digital Service

This online resource includes:

- 180 lesson plans
- 700+ worksheets
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# Supporting Core Practicals

Support for Core Practicals is included throughout our resources, starting at KS3 and continuing throughout KS4 to give students the confidence and skills to succeed.

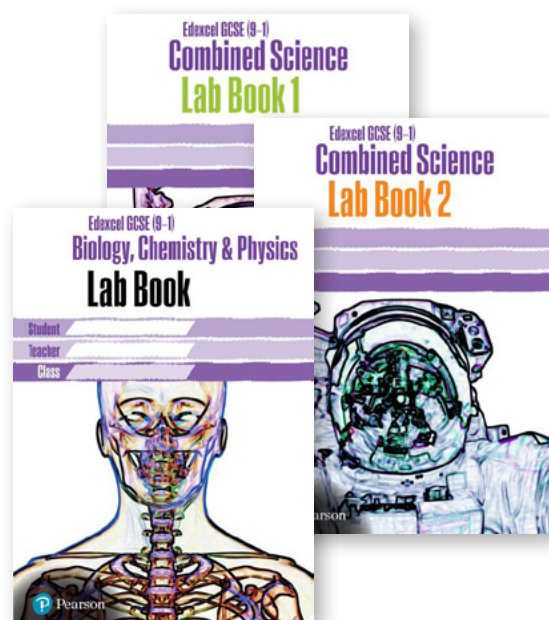
Teaching resources (delivered via ActiveLearn Digital Service)	Student Books	Lab Books (new!)
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## Each Lab Book includes:

- ✓ all the instructions students need to perform the Core Practicals, consistent with our best-selling Edexcel GCSE Online Teaching Resources
- ✓ writing frames for students to record their results and reflect on their work

## Lab Books

The Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Science Lab Books are a new type of resource to support all of your GCSE Science students in completing the Core Practical requirements. They help students to keep a record of Core Practical work and they're cheaper and easier than photocopying.



### They will help students to:

- ➡ develop a stronger understanding of the skills and knowledge for the assessment of Core Practicals
- ➡ create a record of all of the Core Practical work they will have done in preparation for revision
- ➡ practise answering practical based exam-style questions, in a similar format to the exam.

### They will help teachers to:

- ➡ save time and money - we have been able to price the Lab Books so that they are cheaper and easier to use than photocopying worksheets
- ➡ maintain records of what students have done in their Core Practicals.

- ✓ a selection of practical based exam-style questions, taken from our Edexcel GCSE Student Book
- ✓ a Practical Skills Checklist, so that students can track the practical skills they have learned in preparation for the exam

- ✓ an illustrated list of the equipment students will use\*
- ✓ a full list of equations that students need to learn
- ✓ a full set of answers at the back.

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# Brand new support resources

## Checklist Book

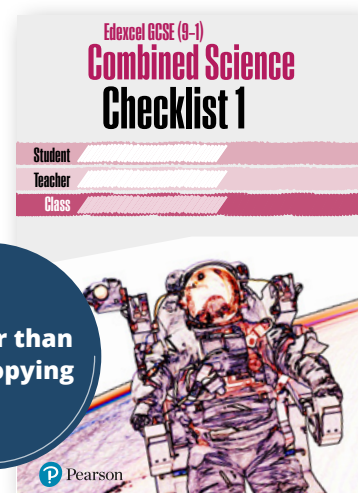
Our new Checklist Books are workbooks that give you all the Learning Outcomes collated into one book.

Helping students to:

- ➡ self-assess their own learning
- ➡ keep a record of their progress
- ➡ develop plans for revision.

Each Learning Outcome is rated on a scale from 1 to 12 using the Pearson Progression Scale. Students will be able to see if they are able to master increasingly difficult concepts as they progress through the course.

Checklist 1 covers units CB1-5, CC1-8, CP1-6 from the Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Combined Science scheme of work.



Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Sciences CB1 Key Concepts in Biology					Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Sciences CB1 Key Concepts in Biology				
CB1a Microscopes					CB1d Inside bacteria				
Step	Learning outcome	Had a look	Nearly there	Nailed it!	Step	Learning outcome	Had a look	Nearly there	Nailed it!
1	Recall what an electron microscope is.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Identify the common parts of bacteria.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Recall what is meant by an instrument's resolution.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Describe the functions of common parts of bacteria.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Explain why some cell structures can be seen with an electron microscope but not with a light microscope.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Describe why bacteria are classified as being prokaryotic.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Calculate total magnification using an equation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	Change numbers to and from standard form.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Calculate sizes using magnifications.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	Compare eukaryotic and prokaryotic cells.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Interpret the SI prefixes milli-, micro-, nano- and pico-.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
CB1b Plant and animal cells					CB1e Enzymes and nutrition				
Step	Learning outcome	Had a look	Nearly there	Nailed it!	Step	Learning outcome	Had a look	Nearly there	Nailed it!
1	Identify the parts of plant and animal cells.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	State that enzymes are proteins.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Recall the parts of plant and animal cells.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Give examples of enzymes and where they are found in the human body and in other species.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Make drawings of plant and animal cells using a light microscope and identify their parts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Recall the subunits from which carbohydrates, proteins and lipids are formed (sugars, amino acids, fatty acids and glycerol).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Describe the functions of the sub-cellular structures commonly found in eukaryotic cells (nucleus, cell membrane, cell wall, chloroplasts, mitochondria and ribosomes).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	Describe what enzymes do (catalyse the synthesis and breakdown of substances, such as carbohydrates, proteins and lipids, by speeding up the rate of reaction).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Estimate sizes using microscope fields of view.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	Describe an enzyme as a biological catalyst.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Estimate sizes using scale bars.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	Explain why catalysis by enzymes is important for life processes (because reactions happen much faster).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CB1c Specialised cells					CB1f Enzyme action				
Step	Learning outcome	Had a look	Nearly there	Nailed it!	Step	Learning outcome	Had a look	Nearly there	Nailed it!
1	Describe how sperm cells are adapted to their function.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	State the meaning of the term enzyme specificity.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Describe how egg cells are adapted to their function.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	State that an enzyme's action is due to its active site.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Describe how ciliated epithelial cells are adapted to their function.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Describe the role of the active site in enzyme function (including specificity).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Draw conclusions about a cell's function from its adaptations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	Use the lock-and-key model to develop explanations for enzyme activity.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
					5	Explain why enzymes have a particular shape, as a result of the sequence of amino acids in the chain.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
					6	Explain how enzymes become denatured.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

# Revision Guides

Designed for hassle-free classroom and independent study, our **Revision Guides include a FREE online edition** and complement the Student Books with a range of features.

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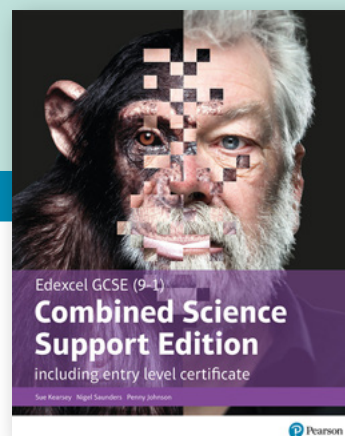
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