



# MY BIOLOGY EXERCISE BOOK

Chefoo Schooling in Weihsien  
'Weihsien, Spring Term 1945'

by Peter Bazire

For much of the time in Weihsien the older pupils of Chefoo School were housed in Block 61: the Hospital building.

I think the whole of the ground floor was used as the camp hospital; the next floor up was used as dormitories for the girls; while the boys were in the top floor. In my dormitory there were, I think, 7 of us, with our mattresses around the large room. In the centre were 3 or 4 long benches with some wood on the right of each seat on which we could rest an exercise book or text book.

The 12 girls in our class came into our room for lessons. We had some text books but not in all subjects. In History and Science, for example, the teachers had to dictate notes for us to write in pencil in our exercise books. (No ink there.) These books were mostly of poor quality paper (I still have a few of them). There were few spare exercise books and sometimes we had to rub out our writing and start again on so-called fresh paper. To this day several older and younger ex-pupils recall this rubbing procedure.

My Biology exercise book was of better quality, and you can read 17 pages of pencil writing and diagrams. I am impressed with how much we covered that Spring Term, 1945, in rather difficult conditions. Our Science teacher, Miss Lucia, was well liked and most thorough in her work. There were no practical facilities for science experiments. \* (See footnote).

How long was a school day? I don't remember, but shorter than in pre-war days. We boys in my year had jobs to do, mainly

half-hour and later one-hour sessions pumping water into one of three large water towers in the camp. (Occasionally the water in the towers got dangerously low. It fell to us boys to do extra pumping through the night to top up the water. We would be woken up in turn by a teacher to do a half-hour stint, even in a bitterly cold winter's night.) The girls worked in the laundry in the basement of the hospital building.

There were some domestic chores to do e.g. cleaning our dormitories, making coal balls in the winters from coal dust and soil, and chopping what wood we could find for kindling. I do not recall doing any homework in the evenings. I think the reason was the poor lighting.

Besides our formal reading we were able to read books from a small library. In Peking, people about to be moved to Weihsien were asked to pack two or a few extra books to set up a library. I think that, aged 14 in the last year, I was too young to be allowed to borrow books, so a teacher would borrow them for me.

We at Chefoo had lost a lot of teaching time in the autumn of 1942 prior to moving across the city to our first prison camp: Temple Hill. Here we had morning lessons at first, and later on one or two periods in the afternoon. At the end of the war those of us going back to the UK had no schooling during the autumn, what with preparing to

leave camp, a fortnight in Tsingtao, a month in Hong Kong and then the journey to the UK (arriving home on December 14th).

Our age group (mainly 15 in August 1945) are reckoned to have lost the equivalent of one to two years schooling from 1942 to the end of 1945.

Older Chefoo boys and girls took the Oxford School Certificate exams in a range of subjects. The staff had kept past papers to help set the exams. After the war Oxford University accepted these exam results. One lady, now aged 84, told me of the subjects she took in the summer 1944 in Weih sien: English Language, English Literature, Latin 1 & 2, French, Mathematics (Arithmetic, Algebra and Geometry), Religious Knowledge, General Science, Chemistry. Not History, but she and others were taught a course in History by Miss Burt, a Quaker missionary from Yen ching University, Peking. This ex-Chefoo girl has shown me a wonderful Chemistry exercise book that she had written up from a Chemistry book written in camp by Eric Liddell for a class of older pupils.

I still have my elementary General Science text book. The first owner had it in 1938. I also have my Latin "Caesar" text book, and the Latin Primer, first used by a Chefoo pupil in 1935! During Latin lessons we had to balance these two books on our knees, and write in the exercise book on the wooden side

piece by each bench seat.

I know very little about the Chefoo Prep School in camp (for the youngest pupils), nor about other Schools in camp for pupils from Peking, Tientsin, and Tsingtao. (I do know that my father first worked as a carpenter, then in the shoe-repair shop, then as a stoker in one of the large Kitchens, then as a baker, and finally, for the last 6 months, he became headmaster of the Primary School for non-Chefoo Weih sien children.) Perhaps some of those ex-pupils will write to Topica or the Weih sien website about their schooling. I was captain of the Chefoo softball team of our age group that played the "Weih sien" team as they were called. Zandy Strangman was their captain and I have corresponded with him in recent years.

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\*Footnote

*Here is a story about collecting frogs in the stream OUTSIDE camp, as told by my brother Theo at a Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration of Liberation banquet in Weifang, 17th August 1995.*

*"In Weih sien camp we did not have the apparatus necessary for the practical of Physics or Chemistry, so our Science studies had to be restricted to Biology. To complete our studies of Biology we had to know how frogs grow and what makes them 'work'; to achieve that we had to dissect frogs to find out. The problem was that we didn't have any*

*frogs.*

*But then came the answer: the skies opened up, down came the rain and up came the frogs- but in the stream outside the camp.*

*So we went to the Japanese and explained that we wanted to go and collect frogs in order to cut them up. They thought this was unnecessarily barbaric but, nevertheless, gave us permission to do so. I was one of the frog-collectors. We set off outside the camp and all was going well until, at one point, we had to cross the stream.*

*The Japanese guard had polished his boots and didn't want to get them dirty, so he handed me his rifle, jumped over the stream and beckoned me to follow. I had no wish to cause trouble, so I waded across-through the cool water- holding the rifle over my head. When I got to the other side, I handed the rifle back to the guard-with a grin.*

*When we had finished collecting frogs, we had a lovely swim in the stream watched by all our friends on the top floor of the hospital block. Some weeks later however, when the Americans, including an Old Boy of our school, arrived by parachute, the laugh was on us because while the rest of the school was out in the fields gorging on the treasures dropped by parachute, we were indoors doing our final revision and sitting our examinations.*

*However, it was all worthwhile in the end because we were all successful."*

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Physiology

Digestive System - The Alimentary Tract ing it easier to swallow brings  
Nature of Food Foods are made up of out the taste (3) It contains an enzyme

1) Carbohydrates - consist of  $C, H_2 + O_2$  - called ptyalin which changes  
the  $H_2 + O_2$  are in the same proportion starch to sugar. An enzyme acts  
as in water. Grape sugar  $C_6H_{12}O_6$  on one substance only causing it  
Starch  $C_6H_{10}O_4$  to change chemically, a small

2) Fats made up of  $C, H_2 + O_2$  but in amount changes a large quantity  
different proportions + it doesn't change itself.

3) Proteins made up of  $N_2$  as well Oesophagus  
as  $C, H_2 + O_2$  e.g. white of egg, lean tube connecting mouth with  
meat stomach walls made up of  
In the Alimentary tract all these longitudinal + circular muscles.

foods are acted upon by digestive The saliva continues its work,  
juices + they undergo physical + Stomach

chemical changes so that they are In its walls are circular, longitud-  
made soluble for absorption by inal + oblique muscles. food well  
the blood mixed with digestive juices. Glands  
MOUTH in wall of stomach - secrete

There are 3 pairs of salivary glands gastric juice. Contains 0.2% Hydro-  
A gland is a mass of specialised cells chloric acid + 2 enzymes rennin

that prepare + discharge some par- + pepsin  
ticular substance to carry out HCl helps to kill germs, stops the  
some special work. action of ptyalin helps the pepsin

Sight + smell of food sets salivary glands working. The saliva does  
to work Rennin curdles milk. Pepsin

three things 1) Moistens food mak changes proteins into soluble peptones.

There is no digestion of starch or fats in the stomach but the fats are liquified

### Small Intestine

About 20ft long + 1" wide. The first 12" is duodenum. A U-shaped loop

in which lies the pancreas. From the pancreas and the liver ducts open into the duodenum.

Pancreas - secretes pancreatic juice - contains 3 enzymes - 1 acts on starch (2) acts on proteins (3)

decomposes the fats forming fatty acids + glycerine. These acids combine with certain alkalis forming soluble soaps.

The liver - The largest gland in the body - secretes bile which passes into the gall bladder + passes into the duodenum. The bile works

with the pancreatic juice in the digestion of the fats.

The walls of the small intestine are covered with a large number of finger-like projections called

villi. Between the villi at the base are many small glands whose secretions complete the digestive process. The food is now made soluble.

In each villus is an artery + a vein + a lacteal tube.

The sugar + soluble peptones pass through the thin walls into the bloodstream + go to the liver. The fats made soluble enter the lacteal + are carried to the lymph circulation + enter the bloodstream in the left jugular vein.

### Large Intestine

Its work is to absorb into the blood most of the liquid so that the waste from the digestive process becomes much more solid.

# The Heart + Blood Circulation

The heart is a muscular organ which lies in chest cavity between the lungs. It is divided into two parts + each half into halves. The blood leaves the heart by arteries from the ventricles. It flows back to the heart in veins which enter the auricles. The left ventricle is the most muscular part of the heart + by its contraction it forces blood through the aorta to all parts of the body except lungs. The two auricles contract + then the two ventricles.

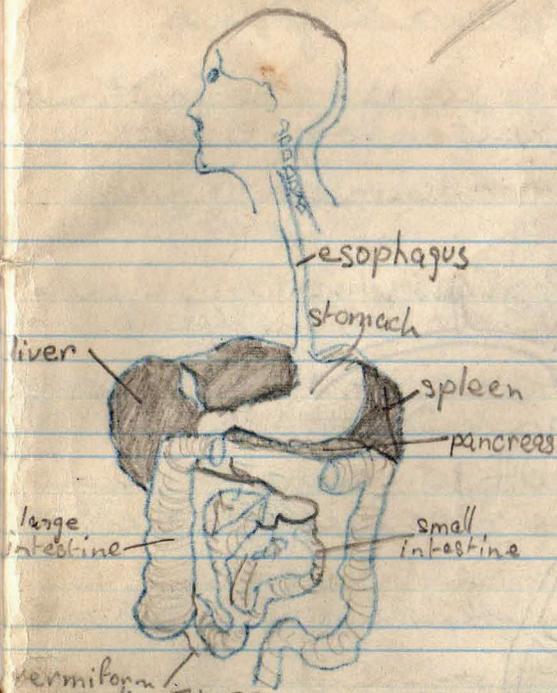
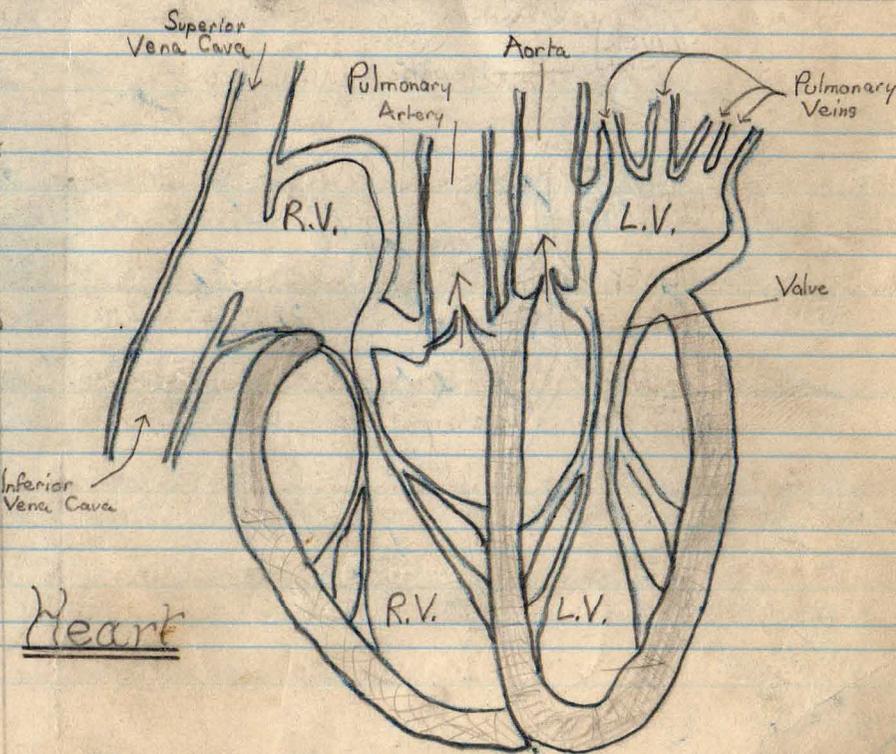


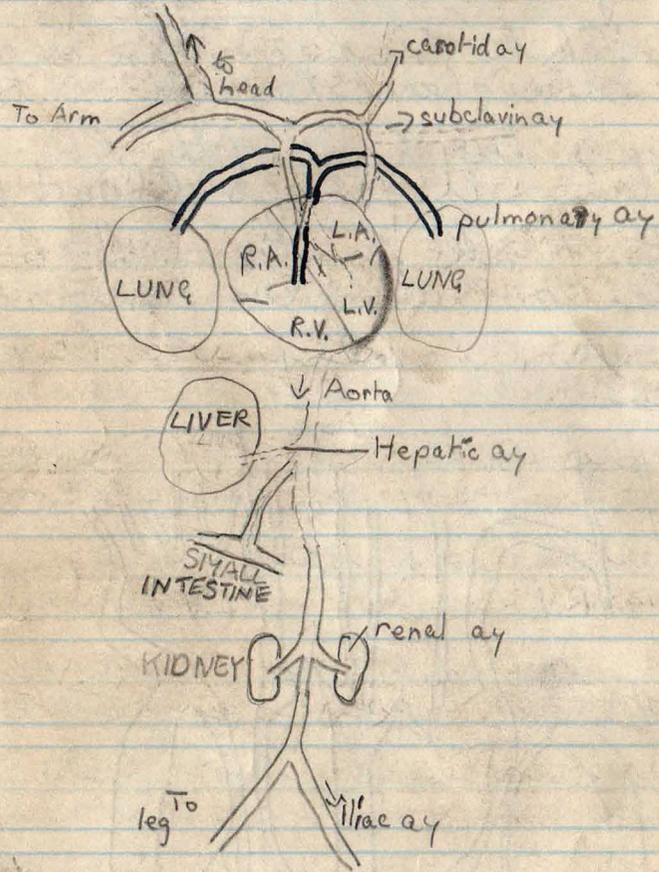
Fig 88. THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

PART	DIGESTIVE JUICE	ENZYMES	WORK
Mouth	Saliva	Ptyalin	Starts changing starch → sugar
Stomach	Gastric juice	Rennin Pepsin [HCl]	Curdles milk changes <sup>proteins</sup> to peptones kills germs + helps pepsin to work
Liver	bile	—	Acts on fat
Pancreas	Pancreatic juice	3 enzymes	Acts on 3 classes of food.
Small Intestine	Intestinal juice	2 enzymes	Acts on starch + proteins Food absorbed in small intestine

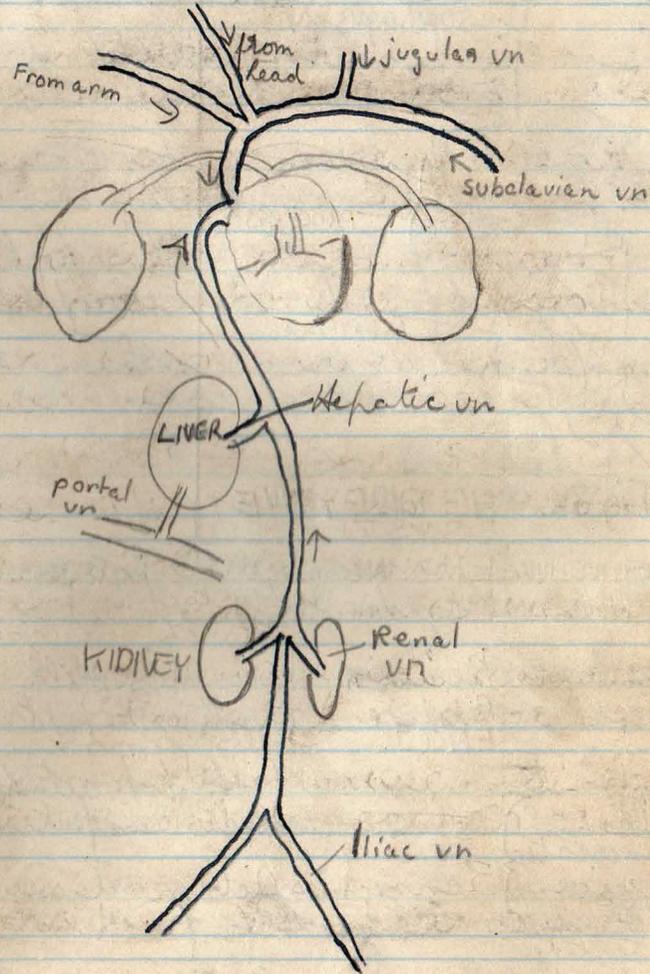


Heart

# Arterial System



# Venous System



# THE BLOOD

The blood is composed of the plasma red + white corpuscles (a). The plasma a colourless liquid, two thirds of the bulk of blood. It is water containing many substances in solution - salts + soluble food for distribution +

waste product that it carries to the kidney (b) red corpuscles, 5,000,000 in 1 cu. mm. of blood. - minute disc shaped cells biconcave O & red colour is due to a compound of iron called haemoglobin which carries  $O_2$  from the

lungs to all tissues. The more  $O_2$  the brighter the red. Red corpuscles formed in the marrow of bones. When enter blood stream they have no nucleus. probably live for 2 weeks. then the spleen breaks it up + the liver deals with the haemoglobin + uses part of it to form bile (c) white

corpuscles. white  $\rightarrow$  red = 1  $\rightarrow$  500 much larger than the red shaped like an amoeba, live a few weeks. They are formed in the lymph glands + bone marrow - they kill bacteria

by engulfing + destroying them

## The Work of the Blood

1) The process of respiration.  
The blood carries  $O_2$  from the lungs to all parts. It is the red corpuscles that carry the  $O_2$ .

2) The distribution of Food.  
The dissolved food absorbed by the capillaries in the villi are carried to the liver, in the portal vein + then to the tissues that need them.

3) The Removal of Waste Products  
 $CO_2$  + water vapour are taken to the lungs. Nitrogenous waste products are continually being formed, they enter the blood, are taken to the liver, here changed into urea ( $CO_2H_2$ ). Urea is given to the blood + carried in solution to the kidneys

4) Defence against Disease  
Harmful bacteria enter body + produce poisons called toxins. The blood makes anti-toxins, which neutralise the toxins. White corpuscles eat up the bacteria

### 5. Carrying Chemical Messengers

In certain parts of the body there are formed minute amounts of soluble substances called hormones. These are carried by the blood to other parts of the body + cause them to carry on certain activities.

### 6. The Distribution of Heat.

The blood flowing through active tissues is warmed - it flows all over the body. Most of the heat of the body is produced in the liver + muscles. It regulates the temp. of the body by supplying more or less liquid to the sweat glands.

### 7. The Formation of Clots.

The Plasma contains a soluble protein called fibrinogen. The white corpuscles in blood flowing from a wound make a ferment called fibrin ferment. These two react forming a sticky network of threads + the red corpuscles are entangled.

Through the capillary walls of arteries + veins, the plasma oozes + takes with it dissolved food + oxygen + some white corpuscles - it is called lymph. The blood goes to every part of the body + the lymph takes to food +  $O_2$  to every cell, + the waste from the cells to the blood. The lymph drains into lymph spaces + then into a system of tubes called lymphatics which finally empty into the left jugular vein.

### Respiration

This is the process by which each cell of the body takes in  $O_2$  + gives out  $CO_2$  +  $H_2O$ . The circulation of the blood is needed because of the distance of the cells from the outer air. It is between the lymph + the cell that respiration takes place.

### External Respiration

Air passes to the lungs by the way of the nostrils, pharynx, larynx, trachea, bronchial tubes.

## The Nose

As the air passes up nostrils it is moistened, warmed + purified

Pharynx - back of the mouth  
Air leaves pharynx through the glottis. Larynx or voice box. This is connected to the lungs by the

straight tube called the trachea  
Trachea or wind pipe. Strengthened by incomplete rings of cartilage lined by mucous secreting membrane to trap any dust. The trachea divides into 2 tubes called bronchi, which lead to the lungs.

Lungs. A mass of minute air-sacs have extremely thin walls and are rich in blood capillaries.

Here the  $O_2$  in the air passes into the blood, joins with the haemoglobin, the  $CO_2$  passes from the blood into the air.

The Mechanism of Breathing or How We Breathe - The lungs + heart are in an air-tight cavity - this is

enlarged involuntarily by 1. raising of the ribs by strong muscles. 2 the flattening of the diaphragm-muscular partition. It is the enlargement of this cavity that causes air to be inhaled. After a short pause, the muscles relax, compressing the lung, forcing air out

## Internal Respiration

The energy needed by a living organism is set free within the tissues. It is a result of the process of internal respiration, i.e. the oxidation of food

$$C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6O_2 = 6CO_2 + 6H_2O + \text{energy}$$

sugar + oxygen = <sup>Carbon</sup> dioxide + water + energy

Whenever respiration takes place, the energy set free is used by the tissues in performing activities, some heat is produced, +  $CO_2$  +  $H_2O$  are formed as waste products

# Excretion -

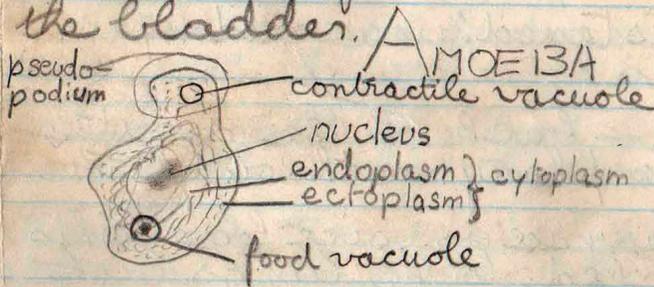
5 Excretion is the process by which wastes are eliminated from the body. The chemical changes which are always taking place in the body, result in certain waste products.  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , + nitrogenous products, pass from the tissues into the blood.  $\text{CO}_2$  + some  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  es-

cape from the lungs, some is passed out through the skin as sweat.

The  $\text{N}_2$  compounds are carried in the blood to the liver - there made into urea. -  $\text{CON}_2\text{H}_4$ . This goes in - to the blood again + is carried to the kidneys -

The kidneys - glands fastened to the back wall of the abdomen consists of a mass of fine tubes surrounded by blood capillaries + bound together by connective tissue - The renal ar. + vn. takes blood to + from the kidneys. The cells of walls of the tubes remove water, dissolved urea + salts, from the blood in the capillaries +

this liquid is called urine + is carried from each kidney to the bladder.



Unicellular animal - found in mud of fresh water. One kind lives in man. The Structure

The clear outer protoplasm is called ectoplasm. - The inner granular protoplasm is called endoplasm. Near the middle is the densest protoplasm called the nucleus. This controls + directs all the activities of the cell.

MOVEMENT The ectoplasm projects + the endoplasm + forms a pseudopodium / false foot.

FEEDING If it touches a small object suitable for food, pseudopodia flow round + enclose the object with a film of water - it is called a food vacuole. The protoplasm secretes an

acid substance which kills the organism, then breaks it up. Then there is an alkaline secretion. The resultant solution is absorbed & diffuses through the whole cell. Any indigestible remains are left behind.

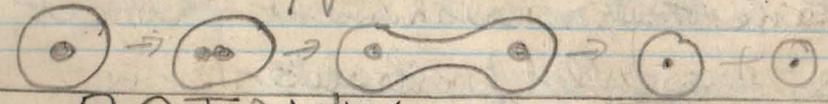
GROWTH - Result of intake of food is growth.

SECRETION The waste liquid is drained into a contractile vacuole which suddenly empties. This liquid contains uric acid.

RESPIRATION No breathing movements take place. It absorbs  $O_2$  at all parts of its surface. The  $O_2$  oxidizes some of the protoplasm & produces energy which the cell needs to carry on activities of life. Waste products,  $H_2O$ ,  $CO_2$  + Uric acid formed.  $CO_2$  given out from all surfaces. When put in cold boiled water, no free

$O_2$  - movement ceases. REPRODUCTION Nucleus lengthens becomes dumbbell-shaped, in the middle &

finally splits in two. The cytoplasm changes shape with the nucleus cell becomes dumbbell shaped & finally splits in two. This is called binary fission.



BOTANY

ROOT Functions of root. (1) To absorb water and salts in solution from soil.

(2) To fix the plant in the soil.

Kinds of Roots 1. Tap root e.g. carrot, bean - a long root that goes straight down into the ground - has branches of the same structure. (2) Fibrous roots e.g. grasses - no main root.

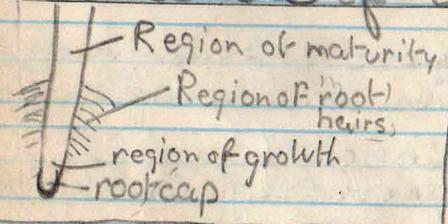
(3) Adventitious roots e.g. ivy - roots which do not grow from the main first root. Willow and Geranium put out these roots at the cut stem.

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS OF ROOTS 1. Food storage e.g. carrot, beet, radish (2) Climbing e.g. ivy. (3) Propping e.g. Banyan tree

adventitious roots grow from the branches + finally fix themselves in in the ground (4). To obtain food from another plant or tree e.g. mistletoe.

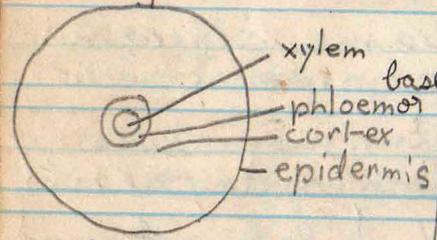
The roots grow into their host + obtain their nourishment from it. They are called parasites.

Structure of root



New root hairs grow below the shortest + the longest ones

gradually die off and that region changes to the 'region of maturity'.



Xylem conducts  $H_2O$  back up the plant. It is the woody part. It adds strength to the root.

Phloem conducts sap (food) down

Cortex - is for storage + strength - energy

Epidermis - skin for protection.

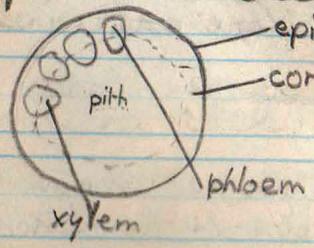


The lateral roots have exactly the same structure + functions as the main root. They originate within the main root.

STEM

Main functions of stems.

1. To act as a transport for water and manufactured food.
2. To hold the leaves, flowers + fruit in a position suitable to do their work.



Transverse section of a sunflower stem.

There are 3 main regions (1). a ring of vascular bundles containing the important transport systems.

(2) Pith in the centre, (3) cortex covered round the outside with skin.

Between the xylem + the phloem there are a large no. of delicate cells called cambium. It is in these cells that growth takes place + causes the stem to widen.

Special Functions of Stems

1. Climbing. e.g. morning-glory, a stem bearing prickles e.g. rose, tendrils e.g. beans, lupes.
2. Protection. a stem may protect a plant from being eaten by bearing prickles,

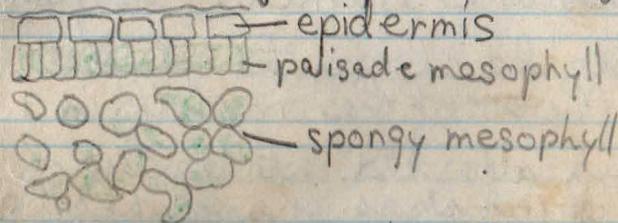
hairs, spine

3. Food storage e.g. potatoes, iris

### LEAVES

Without green leaves, animal life would be impossible. It is the only structure which manufactures food.

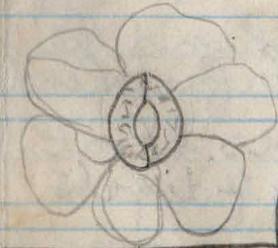
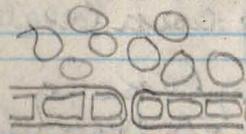
### Structure of a Green Leaf



epidermis  
palisade mesophyll  
spongy mesophyll  
epidermis  
stoma guard cells

The cross section of a leaf consists of three parts - a middle mesophyll + upper + lower tough thin epidermis. The mesophyll is green owing to the presence of chlorophyll - it consists of two layers - the upper palisade layer where the cells are arranged in order. These contain more chlorophyll. The spongy tissue which is thicker + the cells are irregular in arrangement + shape. the air spaces

are left. The lower epidermis has a number of small openings called stomata.



Photosynthesis is the plant process of sunlight shining on the chlorophyll in the living plant cell

combining  $H_2O$  from the soil +  $CO_2$  from the air forming carbohydrates + liberating  $O_2$ . To show that light is necessary.

Exp I Cover a leaf with light-proof paper for several hours. Boil leaf in water then in spirits, wash + then add iodine. The leaf is brown showing no starch.

To know that Chlorophyll is necessary Use a variegated leaf partly green + partly white, make a sketch showing the green parts. (afternoon)

Test it for starch. Result, only the green parts contain starch

# FROG

5. External Appearance. Streamlined shape - to move through the water quickly. Nostrils + large eyes placed so that the frog can breathe + see. Large mouth for catching food. No external ears. But a pair of circular ear drums behind the eyes. No neck. Long powerful hind limbs with 5 webbed toes. Short fore-limbs for landing. 4 digits + 5 fingers. The skin is loose + moist - makes a bitter slim. No outer dead layer protective of skin. Must live in moist surroundings. Skin changes colour when surroundings change. A frog is a vertebrate. It is cold blooded. It is an 'amphibian' (it can live in the water + on land). It hibernates in the mud during the winter.

Digestive System Rather simpler than man. - no salivary glands - bolts food - gullet very short, stomach narrower. No remmin. Small intestine about 4"-5" long. no appendix. Large intestine

about 1" long empties into the esoteric by the cloaca.

## HOW a FROG BREATHES

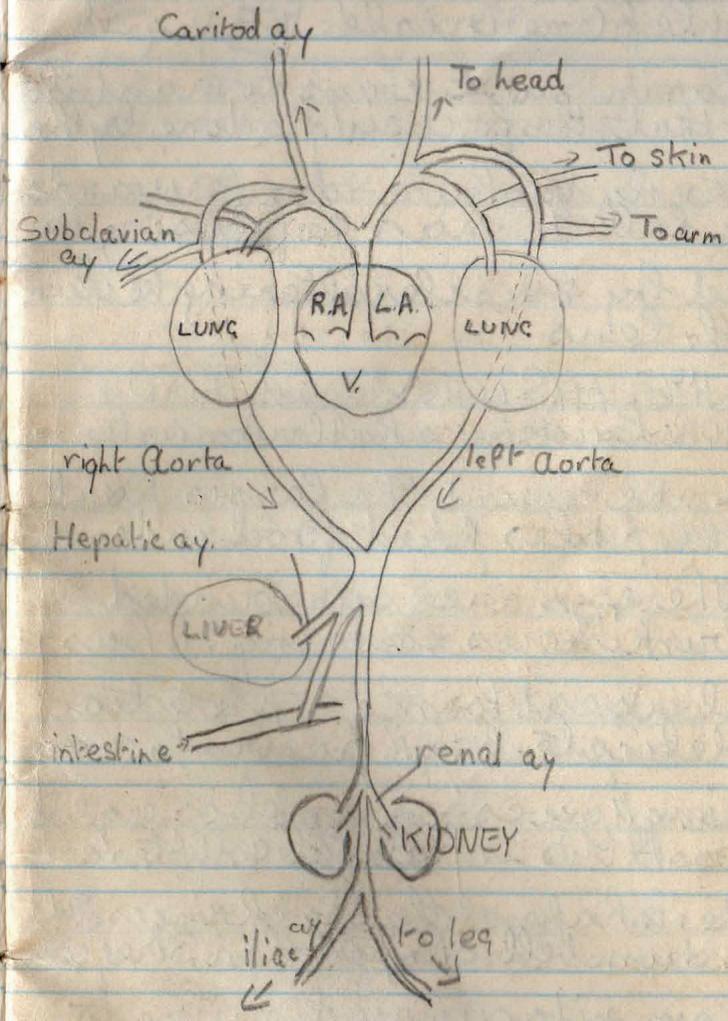
The respiratory organs of a frog are 1. Lungs, 2. skin, 3. the lining of the mouth.

Lung Breathing. 1. When the toad lowers the floor of the mouth, the glottis is closed + the nostrils are opened. Air flows in. The nostrils close, the glottis opens + the floor of the mouth is raised. Air is forced into the lungs. Exchange of gasses change place. Then the abdominal muscles contract + the air is forced into the mouth. The floor of the mouth + the air is forced out through the nostrils. The lungs are simpler + not so efficient as man's.

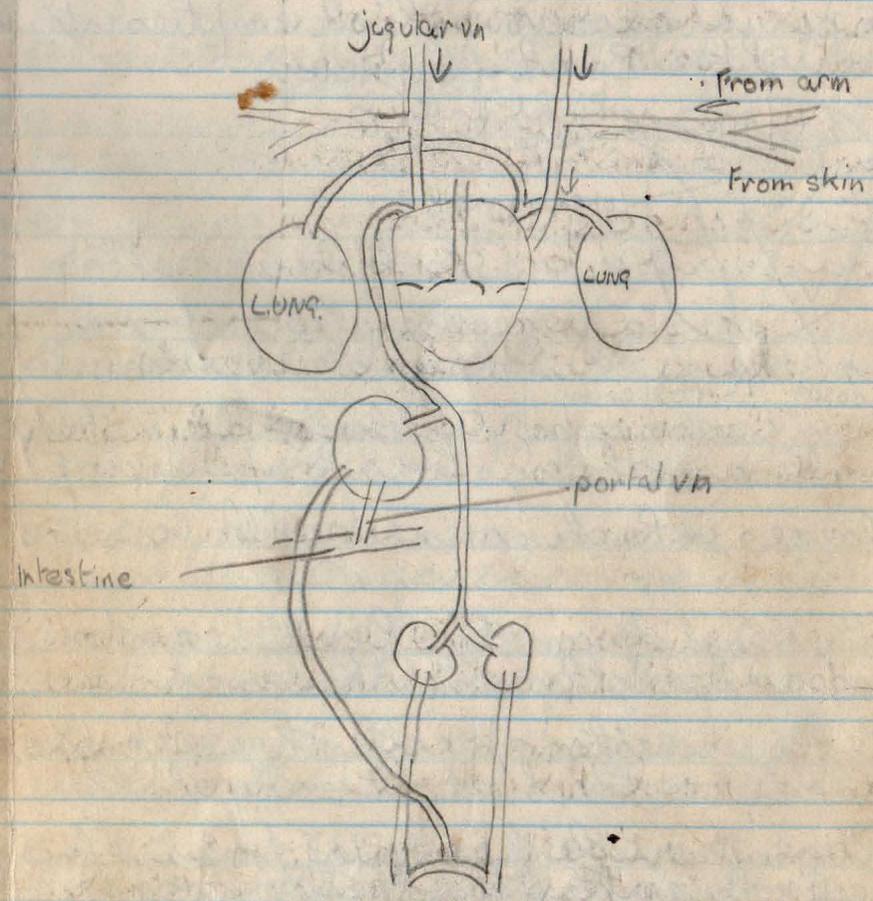
Mouth Breathing. 2. While the air is in the mouth, it gives  $O_2$  + receives  $CO_2$  +  $H_2O$  vapour from the blood of the capillaries in the lining of the mouth.

Skin Breathing. 3. The skin is richly supplied with blood capillaries + exchange of gasses takes place between this air + air outside. It

# ARTERIAL SYSTEM

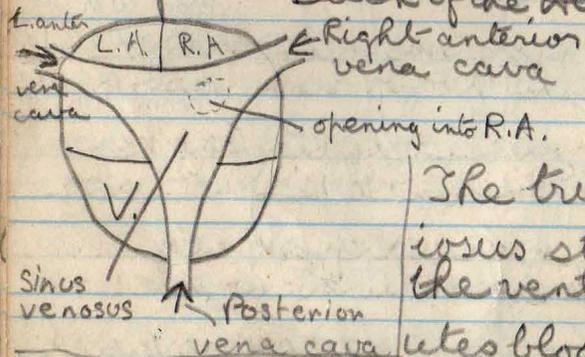


# VENOUS SYSTEM



breaths this way during libration.  
Circulatory System.

The heart, 2 a + 1 v. At the back of the heart is a triangular bag called the sinus venosus which empties into the right a. Back of the heart



The truncus arteriosus starts from the ventricle + distributes blood all over body.

In all cases the ay's break up into capillaries which connect with the veins.

The blood from the hind legs does not go directly into the vena cava. It flows either directly through the kidneys or the liver. Finally all the blood from the posterior part of the body enters the bottom corner of the sinus venosus. All the blood from the head, arm + skin enters the right + left of the sinus venosus.

The sinus venosus empties into left auricle. The pulmonary v. carry<sup>ing</sup> the pure blood goes straight into the left auricle. EYE

Similar in most ways to man's eye except that the focusing is done by the lens moving backwards + forwards in the eye ball. In man the focusing is effected by muscles altering the thickness of the lens.

THE LIFE HISTORY OF A FROG  
THE SPAWN. Laid in shallow water. The eggs are round, the larger part black, the paler part food underneath. The eggs are surrounded by an albuminous covering. It has several uses. i. forms a protection for the delicate egg. ii. prevents overcrowding. iii. gives an anchorage to the mass. It is unpalatable. After a week the shape of the egg changes. It becomes dumbbell shaped then 3 regions can be seen + its curved owing to limited space. Hatches out after 2 weeks + wriggles out.

## Circulate.

How the Heart causes the Blood to  
The first blood to leave the V. is  
mainly impure + goes to the lung  
+ skin. The next blood is mixed and  
goes to the aortae to all parts of the body,  
except to the head lungs + skin. Last  
comes purest blood which goes to  
the head.

## The Blood

The red corpuscles are oval with  
a central oval nucleus otherwise  
the frog's blood resembles that of  
mammal. Excretion. Much  $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$   
are got rid of by lungs + skin.  
Urine is excreted by the kidneys.

The Tadpole When hatched has no  
mouth - fixes itself to weed by cem-  
ent gland - mouth + anus develop  
+ alimentary canal. This is straight  
at first but coils as it lengthens  
has thin projections on either  
side of head - external gills. Or  
is absorbed through the thin walls. These  
are temporary whilst internal gills

are developing they finally wither up.  
The water passes over the gills  
+ out through a small spout a  
small hole on the left side, it

feeds vigorously + grows in size.  
About 7 weeks <sup>after hatching</sup> the hind legs appear  
as warts on each side on the  
base of the tail. At the end of 8 weeks  
they have jointed legs. At the end  
of 9 weeks the toes are all visible.  
The front legs develop at the same  
time but are inside their skin.

When about 2 months old  
it frequently comes to the surface  
of the water; lungs are develop-  
ing + its gills are beginning to  
degenerate. When 12 weeks old metam-  
orphosis takes place - feeding  
ceases - it casts off its outer skin -  
a wide gasping mouth replaces the  
round one. The eyes are now <sup>near</sup> prominent  
the front legs break through the  
skin - the hind legs break through  
the spout - the tail is shortening  
(being absorbed) - hops onto land with a shark tail.  
He is  $\frac{3}{4}$ " long mature in 3<sup>rd</sup> year.

To show that  $\text{CO}_2$  is necessary, 2 plants were put in the dark for a day + put in 2 bell jars, one was fitted up as shown so that the air went into

the bell jar. The  $\text{CO}_2$  was absorbed by soda lime (caustic soda + Quick lime) The  $\text{CO}_2$  given out by the plant breathing is absorbed by soda lime. The second plant is allowed to have ordinary air. They were left in the light for a no. of hrs, + then a leaf from each plant was tested for starch. A leaf from the apparatus containing no  $\text{CO}_2$  has no starch.

Exp. to show that  $\text{O}_2$  is given off when photosynthesis takes place. A plant was put under a bell-jar, a candle lit + went out.  $\text{O}_2$  used up, the  $\text{CO}_2$  formed - apparatus left in the light for some time. A lighted taper put into the jar + candle lit, it burnt showing fresh supply of  $\text{O}_2$  produced. Exp. pre-

pared in dark. The taper goes out showing that no  $\text{O}_2$  is produced.

Photosynthesis is one of the most important processes in nature on it animals + plants depend for food supply. Man can't make food from elements. Source of all energy for living things is the sun, but a green plant alone is capable of storing up energy which comes from the sun's rays.

The chlorophyll upon which this action is dependant is an enzyme it traps the kinetic energy required to bring about the following combination.  $6\text{CO}_2 + 6\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{Kinetic energy} = \text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6 + 6\text{O}_2 + \text{potential energy}$   
The starch + sugar

The starch + sugar formed in green plants may become fats (mostly in seeds) or proteins. Sugar made in leaves reacts with the nitrates + other salts in solution brought to them from the roots + proteins which are built up.

Expt. 2

Transpiration is the process by means of which H<sub>2</sub>O vapour from the inside of a leaf escapes through the stomata to the outside air.

Transpiration is the main condition determining the movement of water from the roots to the leaves

A twig of leaves were set up in a jar of water the cork went through a piece of cardboard. A dry glass jar was put over the leaves. After a short time the top jar was covered with water drops

Expt. 3 Repeat experiment in dark result top jar remains dry

Expt. 4 In light torn leaves covered with vasaline. Top jar remains dry.

Expt. 5 Equal amounts of water put in two test tubes - both covered with a layer of oil. A twig of leaves put in one & a twig without leaves put in the other. Left in the light, water went down in test tube with leaves remaining the same in others. ∴ leaves cause water to be drawn up the stem

Expt. 6 Importance of Beans 1. It helps the plant to get rid of excess water. 2. It is a quick means of carrying the salts of the soil to the leaves. 3. It tends to lower the temp. of leaves which run the risk of being overheated on a hot day.

Conditions affecting the rate of transpiration 1. The humidity of the air. 2. The movement of the air. 3. The temp. of air. 4. The intensity of the light - causes the stomata's to open widely - it causes the temp of leaf to rise.

RESPIRATION In plants as in animals respiration is a process by which complex compounds (sugar C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>6</sub>) are broken down into simpler ones (CO<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O) + energy is set

free. In plants there are no  
breathing movements. In dark-  
ness the  $O_2$  is obtained directly  
from the air & the  $CO_2$  passes into the  
air. In light the photosynthesis  
& respiration go on together.

Plants take in  $CO_2$  & give out  
 $O_2$  - more  $O_2$  is used than is  
required for respiration so  
use some of this  $O_2$ .