Skin and temperature regulation

Teacher / technician

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Staff preparation and answer guidance. Keep separate from student sheets. Original learning tasks; no supplied numerical example represents class measurements.

Coverage and delivery

Shared Biology / Double Award: 2.93. Sweating and skin blood flow.

Allow about 60 minutes. Follow the student sequence and use the answers to check reasoning.

Requisition • class of 30, working in 15 pairs

Item	Per pair / setup	Class total
Student booklets	1 per learner	30
Skin cross-section reference and unlabelled diagrams	1 set per pair	15 sets
Rulers	1 per pair	15

Immediate safety

Paper, modelling and written reasoning only. No chemicals or biological samples are handled. No deliberate overheating or cold exposure.

Preparation and delivery

Read alongside the student method

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1. Provide 30 booklets, 15 rulers and 15 sets of skin cross-section reference and unlabelled diagrams.

2. Keep answers separate until learners have attempted the tasks; discuss the reasons for corrections.

Close of lesson

• Return models and keep the corrected work.

Check before teaching

Check the cards, reference data and quantities against this requisition. Keep the staff answer guide separate until the checking stage. Supplied numerical practice datasets are labelled examples; they are not class measurements.

Answers and teaching notes

Expected explanations • do not give as experimental observations

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- Evaporation.
- It can reduce evaporation by reducing the vapour gradient.
- Widening of vessels, increasing superficial blood flow in this response.
- Narrowing, reducing superficial blood flow.
- No; their diameter and flow change.
- The direction and rate of heat transfer depend on the temperature difference.

References and provenance

Pearson Biology specification

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