Diffusion - Multiple Choice Worksheet

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Instructions: Choose the correct answer from the options provided.

1. What is diffusion?

- a) The movement of water across a membrane
- b) The movement of particles from an area of high concentration to low concentration
- c) The absorption of nutrients in the stomach
- d) The active transport of molecules into a cell

2. Which of the following best describes simple diffusion?

- a) Movement of particles against a concentration gradient
- b) Movement of particles without the use of energy
- c) Movement of water molecules across a membrane
- d) Movement of particles using carrier proteins

3. In diffusion, particles move from an area of:

- a) Low concentration to high concentration
- b) High concentration to low concentration
- c) High temperature to low temperature
- d) Low temperature to high temperature

4. Which of the following is an example of diffusion?

- a) Movement of oxygen from the lungs to the bloodstream
- b) Movement of water into a plant root
- c) Movement of ions through a protein pump
- d) Movement of glucose into a cell using ATP

5. What type of transport is diffusion?

- a) Active transport
- b) Passive transport
- c) Bulk transport
- d) Facilitated diffusion

6. Diffusion occurs most rapidly when particles are in which state?

- a) Solid
- b) Liquid
- c) Gas
- d) Plasma

7. Which factor does NOT affect the rate of diffusion?

- a) Temperature
- b) Concentration gradient
- c) Size of the particles
- d) Color of the particles

8. What happens to the rate of diffusion as temperature increases?

- a) The rate increases
- b) The rate decreases
- c) The rate remains constant
- d) The rate stops completely

9. Which of the following is NOT an example of diffusion?

- a) Perfume scent spreading in a room
- b) Sugar dissolving in water
- c) Oxygen moving from the alveoli into the bloodstream
- d) Water moving from an area of low to high concentration across a membrane

10. What is facilitated diffusion?

- a) Movement of particles with the use of energy
- b) Diffusion of particles through a cell membrane using protein channels
- c) Diffusion of water across a semi-permeable membrane
- d) Movement of particles against a concentration gradient

11. Which process allows oxygen to move into cells from the bloodstream?

- a) Osmosis
- b) Active transport
- c) Diffusion
- d) Endocytosis

12. What is the difference between simple diffusion and facilitated diffusion?

- a) Simple diffusion requires ATP; facilitated diffusion does not
- b) Simple diffusion uses protein channels; facilitated diffusion does not
- c) Simple diffusion occurs without the help of transport proteins, while facilitated diffusion requires them
- d) Simple diffusion only occurs in water, while facilitated diffusion occurs in solids



13. In which direction do particles move in diffusion?

- a) From an area of lower to higher concentration
- b) From an area of higher to lower concentration
- c) From the outside to the inside of a cell only
- d) From the inside to the outside of a cell only

14. What is dynamic equilibrium in diffusion?

- a) When particles stop moving entirely
- b) When particles continue to move but there is no net change in concentration
- c) When all particles move to one side of a membrane
- d) When energy is required to move particles

15. Which molecule is most likely to pass through a cell membrane by simple diffusion?

- a) Glucose
- b) Sodium ions
- c) Oxygen
- d) Protein

16. What is the relationship between diffusion and the concentration gradient?

- a) Diffusion moves particles up the concentration gradient
- b) Diffusion only occurs when there is no concentration gradient
- c) Diffusion moves particles down the concentration gradient
- d) Diffusion creates a concentration gradient

17. Which type of diffusion specifically refers to the movement of water molecules?

- a) Active transport
- b) Simple diffusion
- c) Osmosis
- d) Facilitated diffusion

18. Which of the following conditions would slow down the rate of diffusion?

- a) Increased temperature
- b) Increased concentration gradient
- c) Increased particle size
- d) Increased surface area

19. Which of the following processes is diffusion important for in living organisms?

- a) Protein synthesis
- b) Gas exchange in the lungs
- c) Cell division
- d) DNA replication

20. Why is diffusion important for cells?

- a) It allows for the efficient transport of nutrients and waste
- b) It allows cells to produce energy
- c) It prevents cells from shrinking
- d) It requires energy for all cellular activities



Answer Key

- b) The movement of particles from an area of high concentration to low concentration
- 2. b) Movement of particles without the use of energy
- 3. b) High concentration to low concentration
- 4. a) Movement of oxygen from the lungs to the bloodstream
- 5. b) Passive transport
- 6. c) Gas
- 7. d) Color of the particles
- 8. a) The rate increases
- 9. d) Water moving from an area of low to high concentration across a membrane
- 10. b) Diffusion of particles through a cell membrane using protein channels
- 11. c) Diffusion
- 12. c) Simple diffusion occurs without the help of transport proteins, while facilitated diffusion requires them
- 13. b) From an area of higher to lower concentration
- 14. b) When particles continue to move but there is no net change in concentration
- 15. c) Oxygen
- 16. c) Diffusion moves particles down the concentration gradient
- 17. c) Osmosis
- 18. c) Increased particle size
- 19. b) Gas exchange in the lungs
- a) It allows for the efficient transport of nutrients and waste

