

14.5 Tropic responses

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Objective

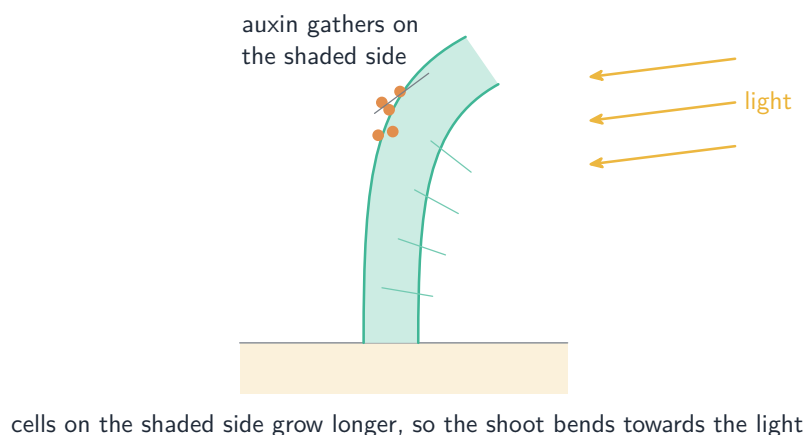
Build the skills to answer exam questions on **tropic responses** 向性反应 — **phototropism** 向光性 and **gravitropism** 向地性, and the role of **auxin** 生长素.

You must be able to:

- define phototropism and gravitropism
- describe how auxin controls a shoot's response to light
- predict the direction of growth

1 Worked examples

■ Phototropism and auxin



Auxin from the tip gathers on the shaded side; those cells grow longer, so the shoot bends to the light

- **phototropism:** growth towards light (shoots positive). **gravitropism:** roots down, shoots up.
- auxin made in the shoot tip; it makes cells elongate.

2 Practice

2.1 Define phototropism. [1]

2.2 State the direction a root grows in response to gravity. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 A shoot lit from one side bends towards the light because auxin: [1]

- **A** is destroyed by light
 - **B** gathers on the shaded side and makes those cells grow longer
 - **C** stops the shoot growing
 - **D** gathers on the lit side
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3.2 Auxin controls phototropism.

(a) State where auxin is made. [1]

(b) Explain how unequal auxin makes a shoot bend towards the light. [3]

Solutions

2.1 a plant's growth response towards (or away from) the direction of light.

2.2 downwards (towards gravity).

3.1 B. Auxin gathers on the shaded side and makes those cells grow longer.

3.2 (a) in the shoot tip.

(b) light makes auxin spread to the shaded side; auxin makes those cells elongate (grow longer); so the shaded side grows faster and the shoot bends towards the light.