

[Go over the Unit Summary: on p. 80, as you review this unit]

1.0 Biological Diversity is reflected in the variety of life on Earth

Describe the variety of biological **species** on the Earth. What is **Biological Diversity**? What are the **three main components** of biological diversity? What is **variation**? What is **co-habitation**? Describe the different types of **interdependencies** between and among species. What are niches? What is **natural selection**?

2.0 As species reproduce, characteristics are passed from parents to offspring What are heritable traits?

What is the difference between continuous and discrete variations ?
How does the environment affect variation?
What is asexual reproduction ?
What is sexual reproduction ?
Describe the process of sexual reproduction .
How do the different types of reproduction affect variation?

3.0 DNA is the inherited material responsible for variation

What carries the genetic information that is passed on from parent to offspring?
What is DNA and genetic code ?
What are genes ?
How are chromosomes arranged?
Describe the process of mitosis in asexual reproduction.
Describe the process of meiosis in sexual reproduction.
Describe the difference between dominant and recessive traits ?
What other factors affect inheritance of traits?

4.0 Human activity affects biological diversity

What is extinction ?
What is extirpation ?
What are extinction and extirpation caused by?
What is artificial selection?
Describe the technologies that affect biological diversity.
What biological conservation strategies are being used to preserve diversity?