

Super English



Unit 7 - Lesson 1 - Evolution

Vocabulary



Evolution - Vocabulary



evolution: the way in which living things change and develop over millions of years (n)

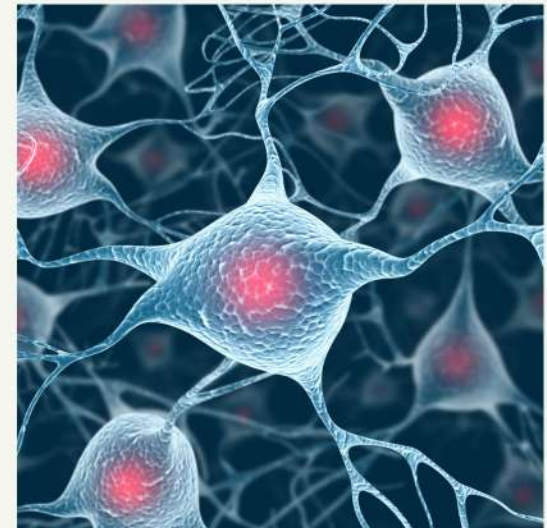
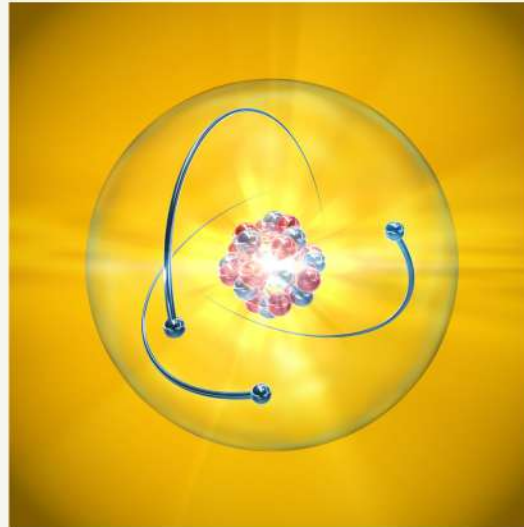
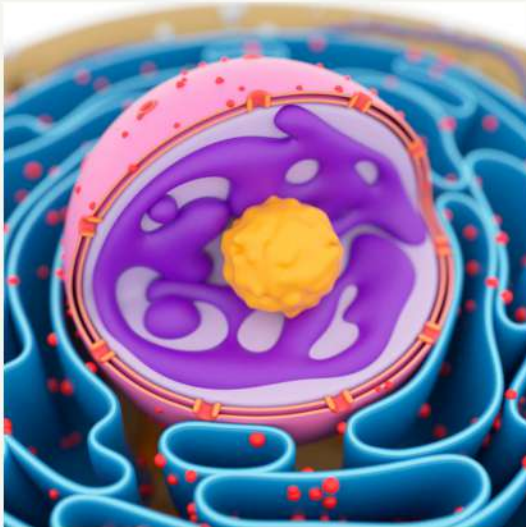


The **evolution** of lizards from fish took millions of years.

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nucleus: the central and most important part of an object (n)



Human DNA is located in the **nucleus** of all human cells.

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generation: all the people of about the same age within a society or within a particular family (n)



Three **generations** were at the party; grandparents, parents, and children.

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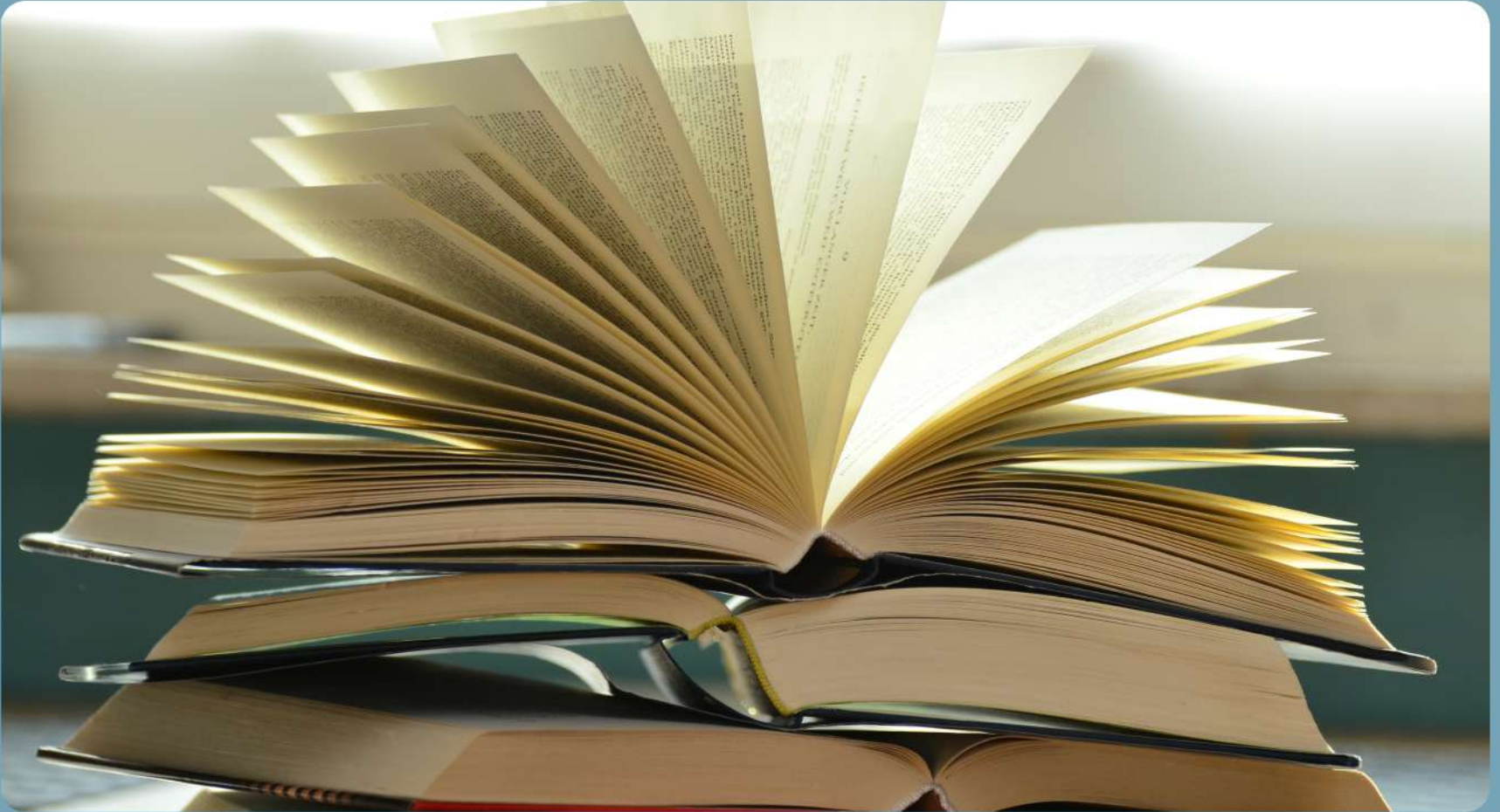


random: happening, done, or chosen by chance rather than according to a plan (adj)



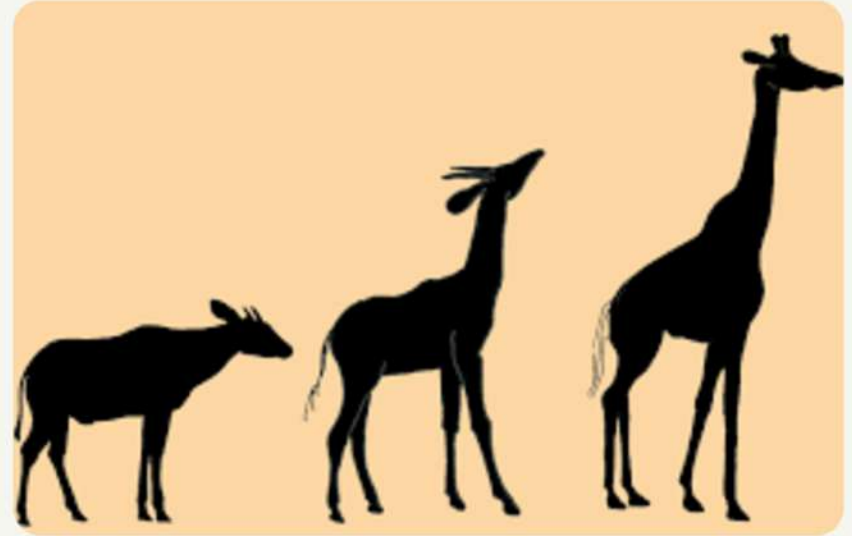
There was a **random** group of people working on the project together.

Reading



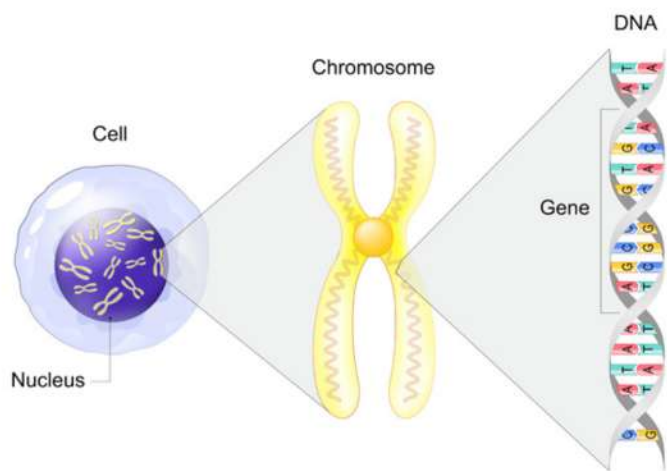
Weird Animal Skills

Why do cheetahs run like race cars, giraffes stretch their necks like cranes, and elephants have those super long trunks? The answer is evolution. It's basically nature's way of upgrading life over millions of years. Every animal, plant, and even tiny bacteria we see today is the result of countless changes over time. Evolution doesn't happen overnight—it's like the slowest video game update ever, but one that totally changes the rules.



1. What is evolution compared to in the text?
2. Do you think humans are still evolving today? Why or why not?

The Boss of the Cell



All living things are made of cells, and each cell has a control center called the nucleus. Inside the nucleus, there are chromosomes holding DNA—the code of life. DNA looks like a twisted ladder called a double helix. It's packed with genes, which are instructions for building and running a living thing. Your DNA makes you, you—and gives every species its unique design, from sharks to sunflowers. Without the nucleus and its DNA, life would just... not exist.

1. What do genes contain?
2. Do you think science should ever try to “edit” DNA to change people? Why or why not?

Grammar

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Reported Speech

Used to represent the speech of other people or ourselves.

Direct Speech

Mark said, "I am
tired now."

Indirect Speech

Mark said that he
was tired then.

You may notice some changes:

1. Pronouns: I changed to he

2. Verb Tense: am changed to was

3. Time: now changed to then

4. Quotation Marks:

We use quotation marks in
direct speech but not in
indirect speech.

Backshifting

If the sentence is no longer true, change **present** → **past**.
If it's still true, backshifting is **optional**.

Example 1 (no longer true – must backshift):

Yesterday, Sally said, "I am watching TV."

Yesterday, Sally said that she **was** watching TV.



Example 2 (still true – optional backshift):

Mark said, "I like going to the beach."

Mark said that he **likes** going to the beach. (still true)

Mark said that he **liked** going to the beach. (optional backshift)



Let's Talk!



Dialogue 1: Chimp Cousins

Lena: Dude, did you know we're like 98% chimp?

Max: That explains why my brother acts like one at dinner.

Lena: Haha, maybe he just skipped a generation in evolution.

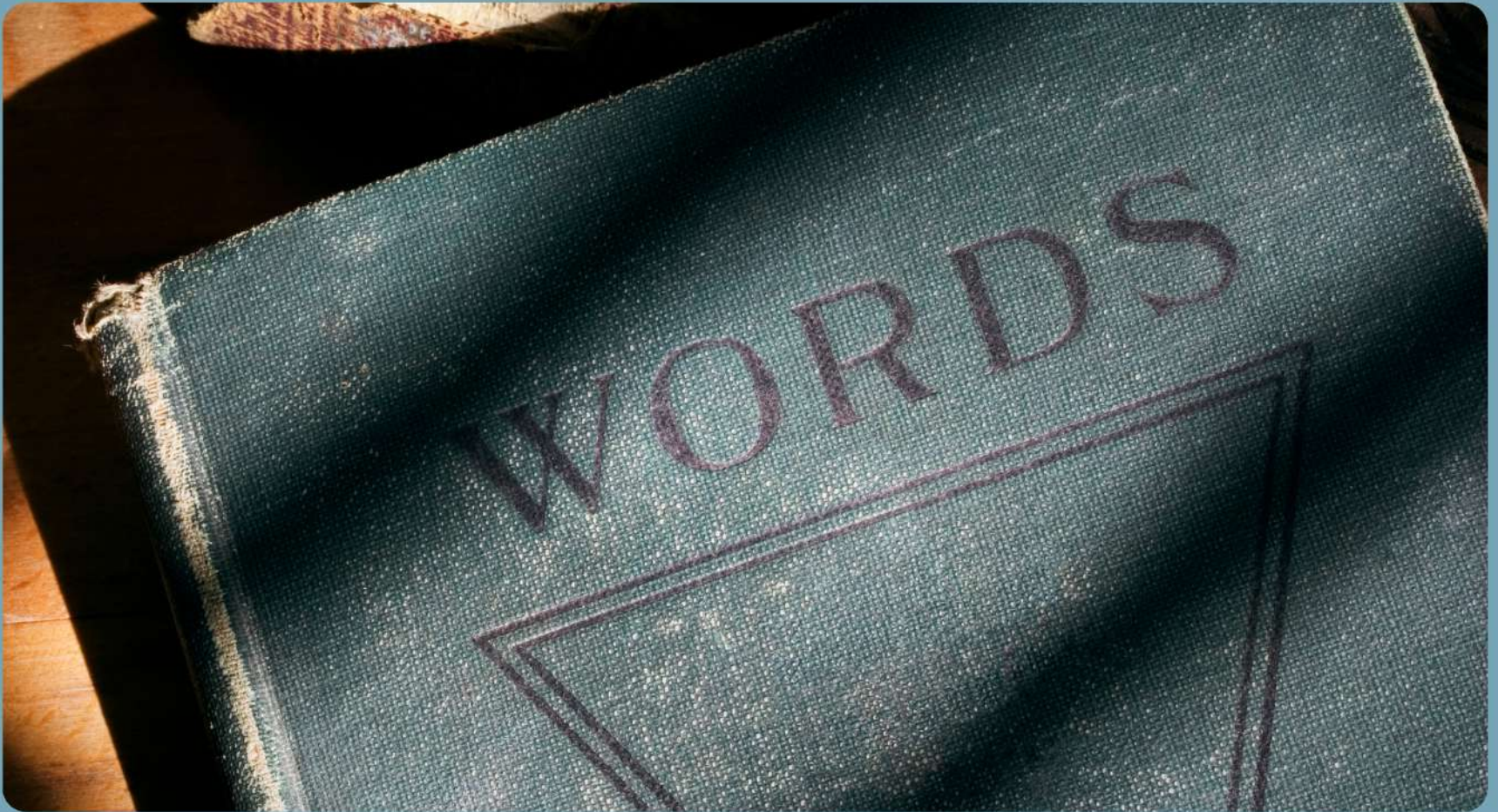
Max: Or maybe he's a random mutation gone wrong.

Lena: I swear, one day scientists will prove teenagers are a separate species.

Max: Yeah, with "sleep until noon" as our main survival trait.

Question: Do you think teenagers today are really evolving differently from older generations?

Unlocking Word Parts



Words with CC

When CC comes before E or I, it is usually pronounced like /ks/.

success
accident
accent
access
accessory
succinct
accessible



eccentric
accelerate
accept
vaccine
vaccinate
occident
eccentricity

See you next time!

