

Snails and Sprigs Virtual Lab Investigation



Elodea canadensis

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This investigation is based on an actual lab performed by high school biology students.

Snails and Sprigs Experiment: Group 1

Materials

2 Test tubes	1 Pipette
1 Test tube rack	Water
2 Rubber stoppers	1 4-inch <i>Elodea</i> sprig
BTB solution	2 1/4-inch Hex nuts
3 Labels	1 Wax pencil

Procedure

1. Label two test tubes *A* and *D1*.
2. Label the test tube rack with your group name.
3. Fill the test tubes 3/4 full of water.
4. Add five drops of BTB solution to each test tube.
5. Add a 1/4-inch hex head nut to test tube *D1*, place a stopper in the mouth of the test tube, and place it in the test tube rack.
6. Thread a 1/4-inch hex nut onto the stem of a 4-inch *Elodea* sprig.
7. Place the sprig into test tube *A* and securely plug the opening with a rubber stopper.
8. Place test tube *A* in the rack and put it in an area exposed to light.

Snails and Sprigs Experiment: Group 2

Materials

2 Test tubes	1 Pipette
1 Test tube rack	Water
2 Rubber stoppers	1 Aquatic snail
BTB solution	2 ¼-inch hex head nuts
3 Labels	1 Wax pencil

Procedure

1. Label two test tubes *B* and *D2*.
2. Label the test tube rack with your group name.
3. Fill the test tubes 3/4 full of water.
4. Add five drops of BTB solution to each test tube.
5. Place a ¼-inch hex head nut in each test tube.
6. Insert a rubber stopper into the mouth of test tube *D2* and place it in the test tube rack.
7. Place an aquatic snail in test tube *B* and securely plug the opening with a rubber stopper.
8. Place test tube *B* in the rack and put it in an area exposed to light.

Snails and Sprigs Experiment: Group 3

Materials

2 Test tubes	1 Pipette
1 Test tube rack	Water
2 Rubber stoppers	1 4-inch <i>Elodea</i> sprig
BTB solution	2 1/4-inch Hex nuts
1 Aquatic snail	1 Wax pencil
3 Labels	

Procedure

1. Label two test tubes *C* and *D3*.
2. Label the test tube rack with your group name.
3. Fill the test tubes 3/4 full of water.
4. Add five drops of BTB solution to each test tube.
5. Add a 1/4-inch hex head nut to the test tube *D3*, place a rubber stopper in the mouth of the test tube, and place it in the test tube rack.
6. Thread a 1/4-inch hex nut onto the stem of a 4-inch *Elodea* sprig and place it in test tube *C*.
7. Place an aquatic snail in test tube *C* and securely plug the opening with a rubber stopper.
8. Place test tube *C* in the rack and put it in an area exposed to light.

Snails and Sprigs Experiment: Group 4

Materials

2 Test tubes	1 Pipette
1 Test tube rack	Water
2 Rubber stoppers	1 4-inch <i>Elodea</i> sprig
BTB solution	2 1/4-inch Hex nuts
3 Labels	1 Wax pencil
2 Pieces of aluminum foil	

Procedure

1. Label two test tubes *E* and *H1*.
2. Label the test tube rack with your group name.
3. Fill the test tubes 3/4 full of water.
4. Add five drops of BTB solution to each test tube.
5. Add a 1/4-inch hex head nut to the test tube H1, place a rubber stopper in the mouth of the test tube, and place it in the test tube rack.
6. Thread a 1/4-inch hex nut onto the stem of a 4-inch *Elodea* sprig.
7. Place the sprig into test tube E and securely plug the opening with a rubber stopper.
8. Wrap both test tubes with aluminum foil so they are not exposed to light.
9. Place your test tubes in the rack and put them in an area designated by your teacher.

Snails and Sprigs Experiment: Group 5

Materials

2 Test tubes	1 Pipette
1 Test tube rack	Water
2 Rubber stoppers	1 Aquatic snail
BTB solution	2 1/4-inch Hex nuts
3 Labels	1 Wax pencil
2 Pieces of aluminum foil	

Procedure

1. Label two test tubes *F* and *H2*.
2. Label the test tube rack with your group name.
3. Fill the test tubes 3/4 full of water.
4. Add five drops of BTB solution to each test tube.
5. Add a 1/4-inch hex head nut to the test tube *H2*, place a rubber stopper in the mouth of the test tube, and place it in the test tube rack.
6. Place a snail and 1/4-inch hex head nut in test tube *F* and securely plug the opening with a rubber stopper.
7. Wrap both test tubes with aluminum foil so they are not exposed to light.
8. Place your test tubes in the rack and put them in an area designated by your teacher.

Snails and Sprigs Experiment: Group 6

Materials

2 Test tubes	1 Pipette
1 Test tube rack	Water
2 Rubber stoppers	1 4-inch <i>Elodea</i> sprig
BTB solution	2 1/4-inch Hex nuts
1 Aquatic snail	1 Wax pencil
3 Labels	2 Pieces of Aluminum foil

Procedure

1. Label two test tubes *G* and *H3*.
2. Label the test tube rack with your group name.
3. Fill the test tubes 3/4 full of water.
4. Add five drops of BTB solution to each test tube.
5. Add a 1/4-inch hex head nut to test tube H3, place a rubber stopper in the mouth of the test tube, and place it in the test tube rack.
6. Thread a 1/4-inch hex nut onto the stem of a 4-inch *Elodea* sprig.
7. Place the *Elodea* sprig and a snail in test tube G. Insert a rubber stopper into mouth of the test tube.
8. Wrap both test tubes with aluminum foil so they are not exposed to light.
9. Place your test tubes in the rack and put them in an area designated by your teacher.