

## Introduction to the plant physiology

Plant physiology is a branch of plant science that aims to understand how plants live and function or to know all the processes occur inside the plant.

### What is the plant?

Is a photosynthetic multicellular eukaryotic organism that is highly adapted to growth and reproduction on the land.

Cellulose is a major polysaccharide found in the cell walls of non-vascular and vascular plants, and in both of the groups a cell plate is formed during cell division.

It has an alternation of a diploid spore-producing generation (sporophytic) and a haploid gamete-producing generation (gametophytic) in its life cycle Meiosis in all plant species.

### Why study plant physiology?

#### What are the benefits of plant?

- 1- To know how plants act at the cell, tissue, organ and the whole plant level.
- 2- to understand how plants, live and function or to know all the processes that are occurring in plant.
- 3- produce food (Photosynthesis).
- 4- Economic, building material for decorate our homes both inside and out, fuel.
- 5- protect environment and improve air quality (release oxygen and moisture into air).
- 6- Reduced soil erosion.
- 7- Pharmaceuticals and human health.

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### (Growth rate)

**Growth** is defined as an increase in the number, size, and volume of cells.

**Growth rate** Is increased growth per unit time.

Growth is measured by a variety of parameters some of which are:

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| 1- Increase in fresh weight | 2- Dry weight | 3- Length     |
| 4- Area                     | 5- Volume     | 6-Cell number |

**The period of growth is generally divided into three phases, namely:**

1- Meristematic

2- Elongation

3- Maturation

**Process**

1. Cell Division

2. Cell Enlargement

3. Cell Differentiation

**Factors that need to growth plant:**

1-water 2- nutrient 3- light - air 4-salt (dissolved) ...

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**Practical part**

**Materials:** plants, water, needle, dish or glass water, ruler or balance.

**Procedure:**

**Part1:**

**Part2:**

**Results and Measurement:**