

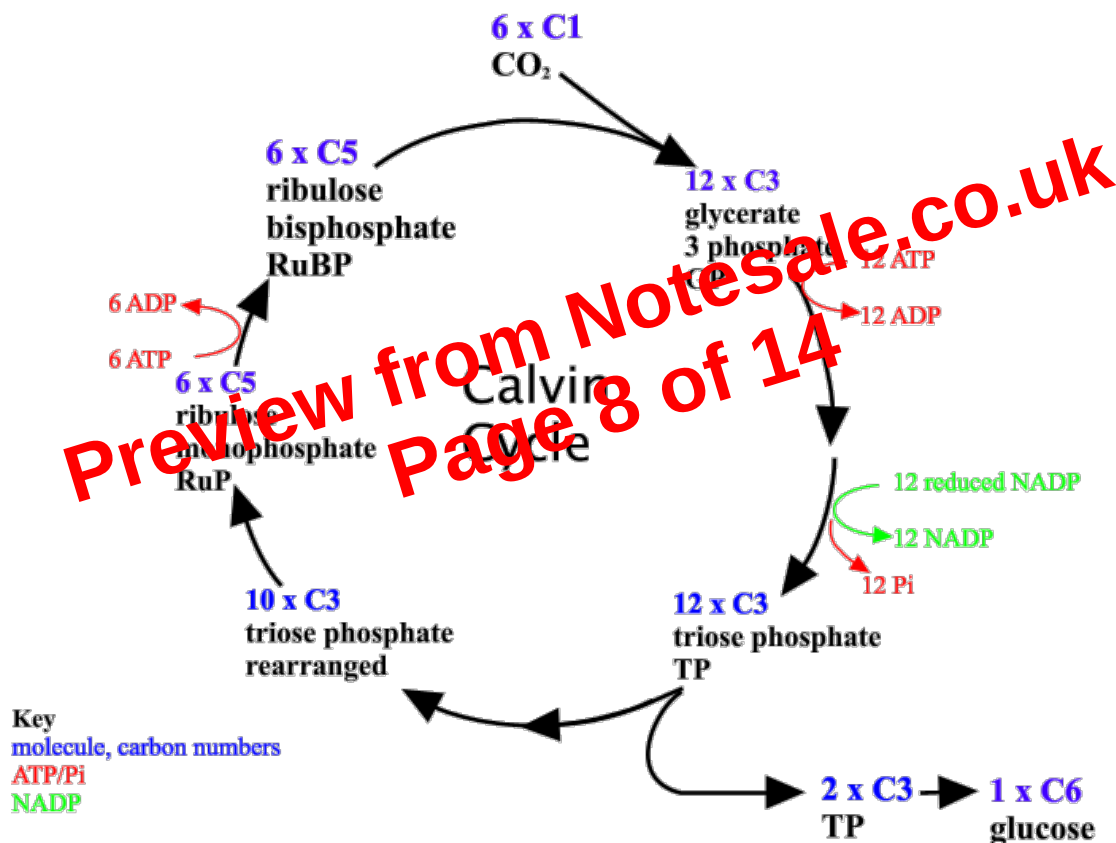
- (ii) Water potential is lowered inside the guard cells
- (iii) Water moves in by osmosis and makes the guard cells turgid
- (iv) Stomata open as guard cells swell
- (2) Non-cyclic – produces reduced NADP, ATP and O₂
 - (a) Involves both photosystems I (P700) and II (P680)
 - (b) A photon of light strikes photosystem II – occurs almost exclusively on the granal lamellae
 - (c) A pair of electrons are excited from the central magnesium atom of the chlorophyll in the primary pigment reaction centre
 - (d) The electrons leave the chlorophyll from the primary reaction centre – captured by electron acceptors
 - (e) The electrons pass along a chain of electron carriers (such as ferredoxin) – NB: a lack of iron could lead to a lack of these carriers so less LDR would take place
 - (i) Electron carriers – molecules that transfer electrons
 - (f) A small amount of energy is released and is used to synthesise ATP (by pumping hydrogen ions into the thylakoid space to produce a proton gradient)
 - (g) Protons from photolysed water also take part in chemiosmosis – ATP is made
 - (h) A photon of light also strikes photosystem I
 - (i) A pair of electrons along with the pair of protons (produced at photosystem II by photolysis of water) join oxidised NADP to form reduced NADP – to be used in the light independent stage
 - (j) The electrons from the oxidised photosystem II replace the electrons lost from photosystem I
 - (k) The electrons from the oxidised photosystem II are replaced by a pair of electrons and formed from the photolysis of water

i) *Explain the role of water in the light-dependent stage*

- i) Photosystem II has an enzyme that can split water in the presence of light into protons, electrons and oxygen – photolysis
- ii) $2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 4\text{H}^+ + \text{O}_2 + 4\text{e}^-$
- iii) Therefore, water is a source of...
 - (1) Oxygen – some is used for aerobic respiration but most diffuses out of the leaves through stomata and into the air
 - (2) Hydrogen ions
 - (a) Used in chemiosmosis (cyclic photophosphorylation) to produce ATP
 - (i) An accumulation of hydrogen ions will produce a proton gradient
 - (ii) Protons will move from the thylakoid space back out to the stroma via ATP synthases, through the thylakoid membrane, down a proton gradient
 - (iii) A proton motive force is produced
 - (iv) The proton motive force will generate ATP from ADP and Pi (phosphorylation) – chemiosmosis

- (v) ATP can be used for light independent reaction or for guard cells to actively pump potassium ions into them so they can swell and the stomata can open
- (b) Protons are accepted by the coenzyme NADP to form reduced NADPs – reduced NADPs are then used in the light independent stage to reduce CO_2 and produce organic molecules
- (3) Electrons – replace those lost by oxidised chlorophyll at the centre of photosystem II
- iv) Water also keeps palisade vacuoles of cells turgid, so pushes chloroplasts to the outer edges of the cells where they can move to readily trap light and create a short diffusion pathway for CO_2

- j) Outline how the products of the light-dependent stage are used in the light-independent stage (Calvin cycle) to produce triose phosphate (TP) (reference should be made to ribulose biphosphate (RuBP), ribulose biphosphate carboxylase (rubisco) and glycerate 3-phosphate (GP), but **no** other biochemical detail is required)
- k) Explain the role of carbon dioxide in the light-independent stage (Calvin cycle)



- i) Light independent stage – where carbon dioxide is fixed and used to build complex, organic molecules which takes place in the stroma of chloroplasts
- ii) Role of carbon dioxide
 - (1) Source of carbon and oxygen for the production of all large inorganic molecules
 - (2) Molecules are used as structures, act as energy stores or are sources for all carbon-based life forms on the planet
- iii) CO_2 diffuses from the air through the stomata, the spongy mesophyll layer, the palisade cells, thin cellulose cell walls, cell surface membrane, cytoplasm, chloroplast envelope and then into the stroma