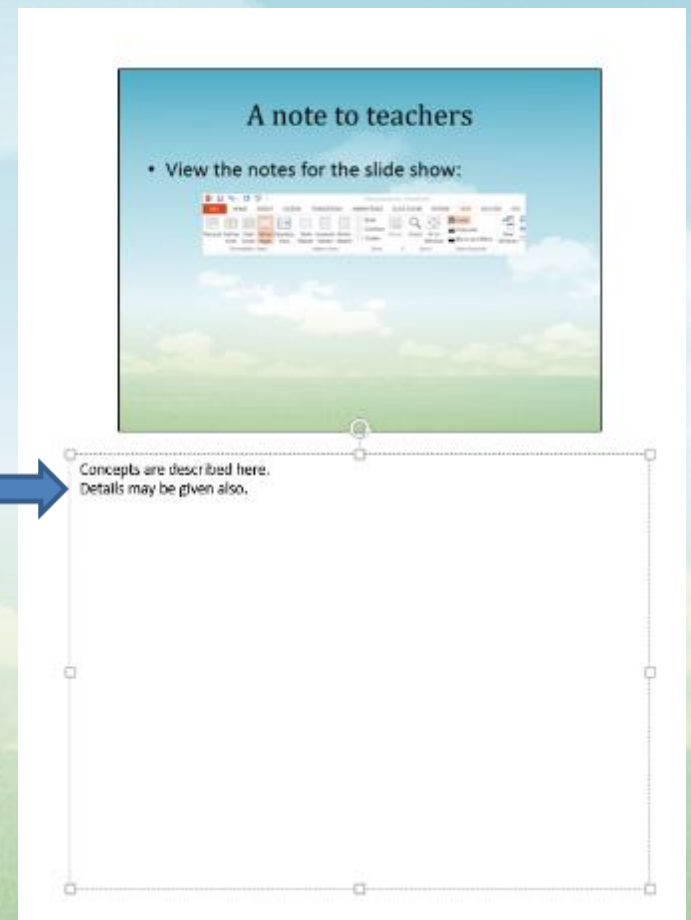
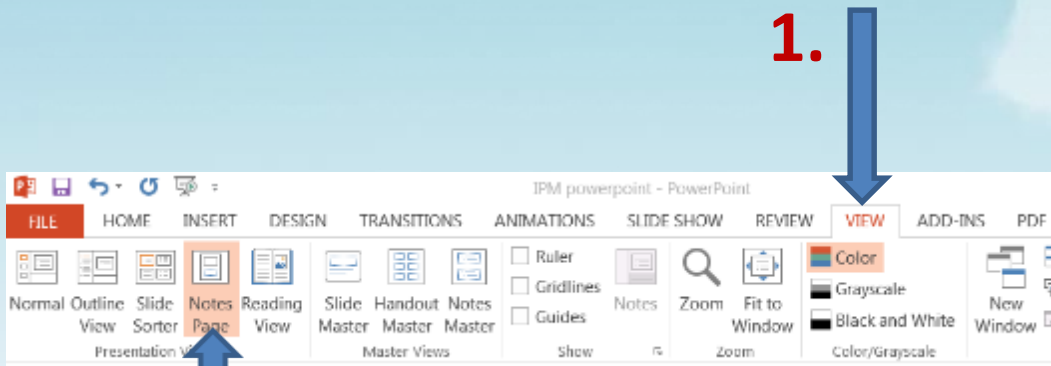


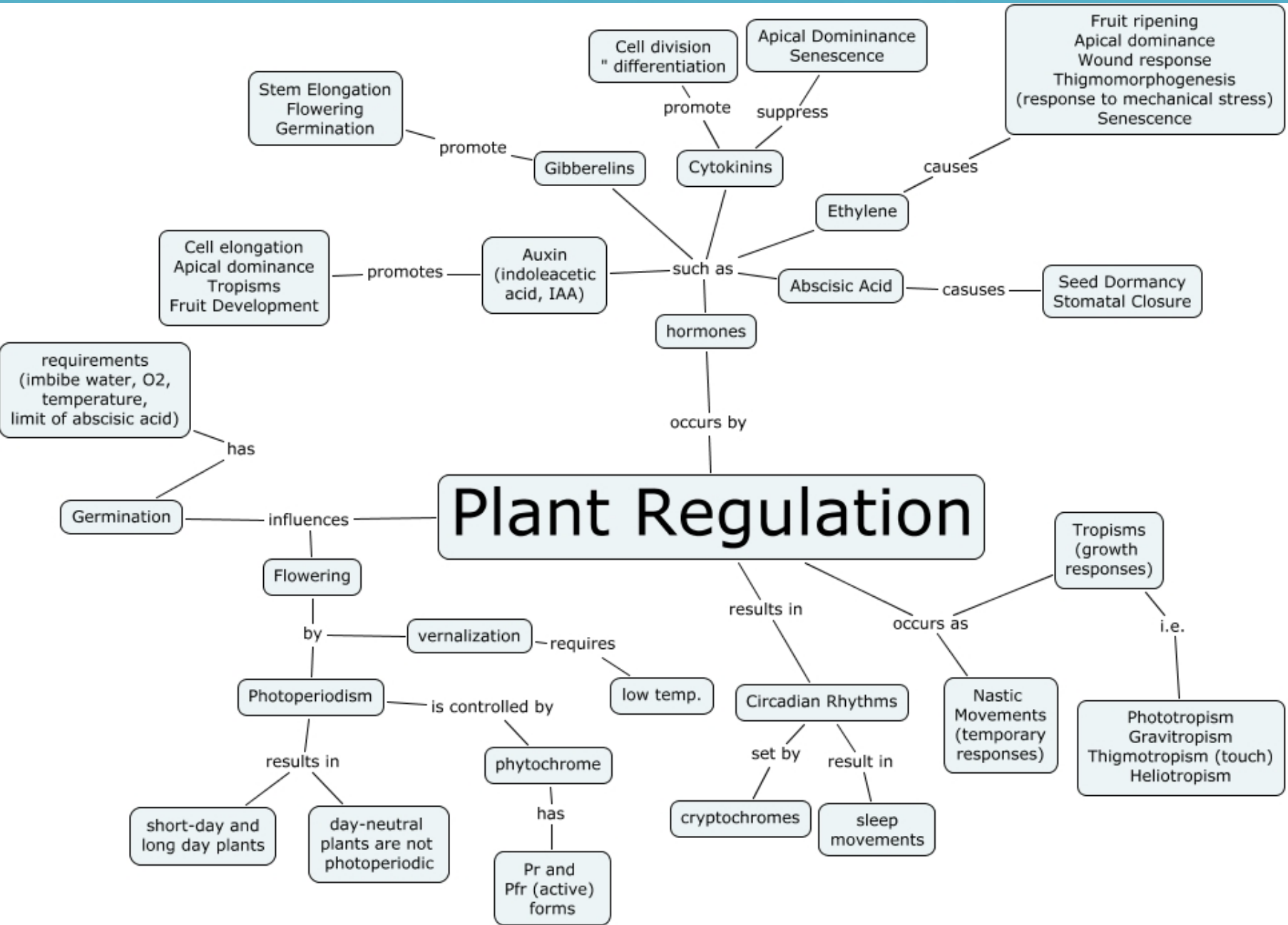
# Plant Tropisms and Hormones



# A note to teachers

- View the notes for the slide show:





# Phototropic

- Plant growth toward light.

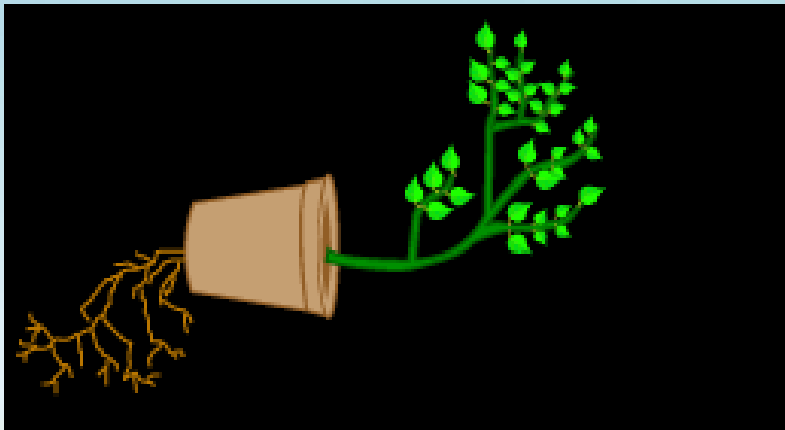


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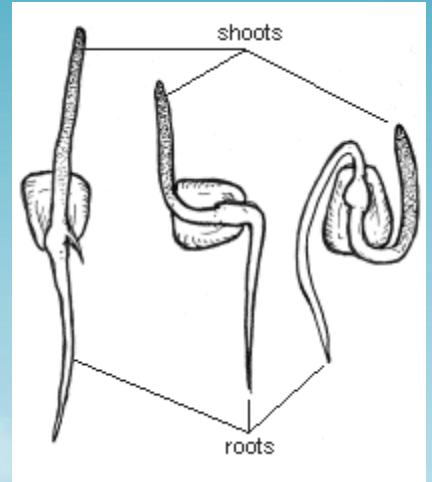


# Geotropism

- Plant growth in response to gravity.



<http://www.meritnation.com/ask-answer/question/what-is-geotropism/control-and-coordination/5796707>



<http://assoc.garden.org/courseweb/course1/week2/page15.htm>



[http://www.allposters.com/-sp/Tree-Showing-Geotropism-Acadia-National-Park-Maine-Posters\\_i9014827\\_.htm](http://www.allposters.com/-sp/Tree-Showing-Geotropism-Acadia-National-Park-Maine-Posters_i9014827_.htm)

# Thigmotropism

- Growth in response to touch



<http://www.theguardian.com/money/2013/sep/09/fca-investigate-savings-teaser-interest-rates>



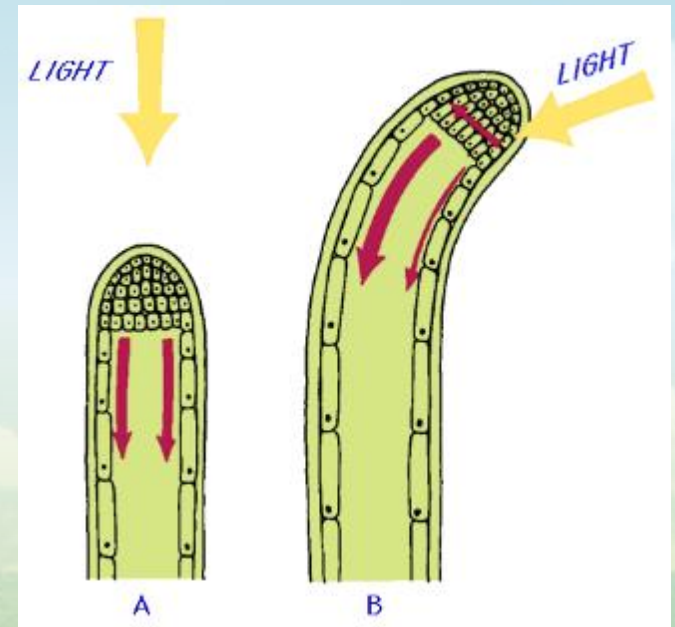
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<http://therealgarden.com/2011/08/squash-in-the-sky/>

# Auxins

- Cell elongation (tropism bending)
- Causes all tropisms by collecting in one side of plant stem, causing the stem to bend.
- Causes root growth from cut stem (rooting hormone).
- Fruit drop or retention
- Apical dominance





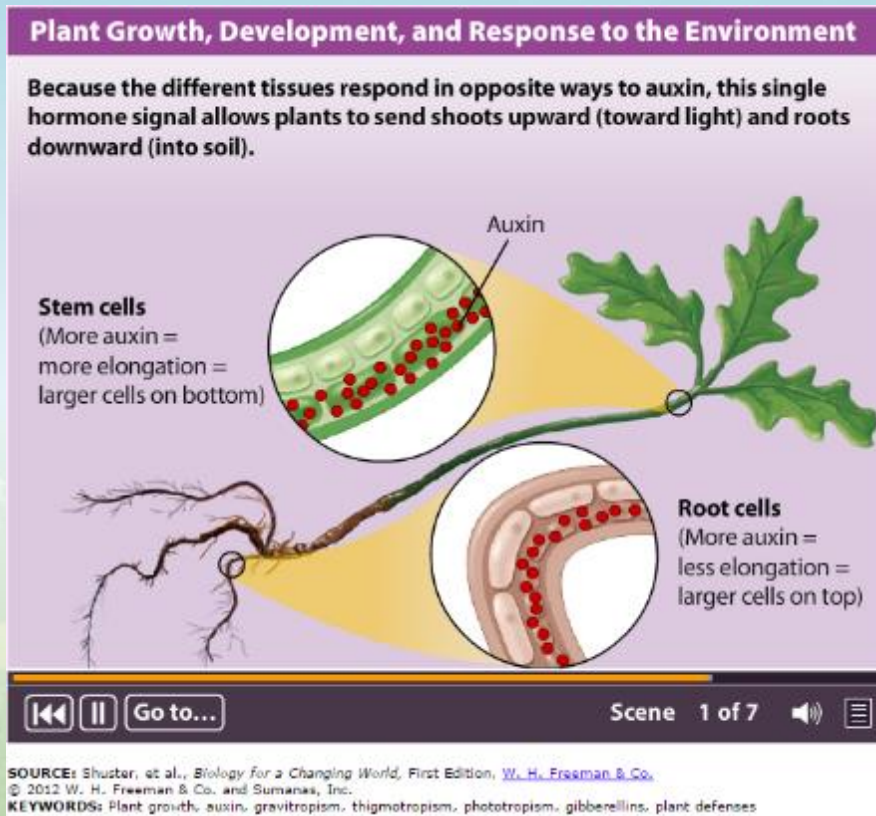
# Auxins continued

- ANIMATION:

<http://www.sumanasinc.com/webcontent/animations/content/plantgrowth.html>

**Plant Growth, Development, and Response to the Environment**

Because the different tissues respond in opposite ways to auxin, this single hormone signal allows plants to send shoots upward (toward light) and roots downward (into soil).



The diagram illustrates a plant with a stem and roots. A yellow beam of light from the top right illuminates the stem. Two circular insets show cross-sections of the stem and root. The stem inset shows red dots (auxin) concentrated on the bottom side, with larger cells on the bottom. The root inset shows red dots (auxin) concentrated on the top side, with larger cells on the top.

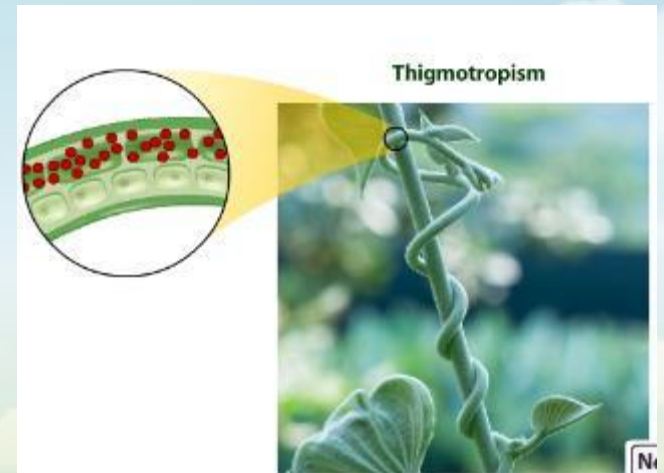
**Auxin**

**Stem cells**  
(More auxin = more elongation = larger cells on bottom)

**Root cells**  
(More auxin = less elongation = larger cells on top)

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SOURCE: Shuster, et al., *Biology for a Changing World*, First Edition, W. H. Freeman & Co.  
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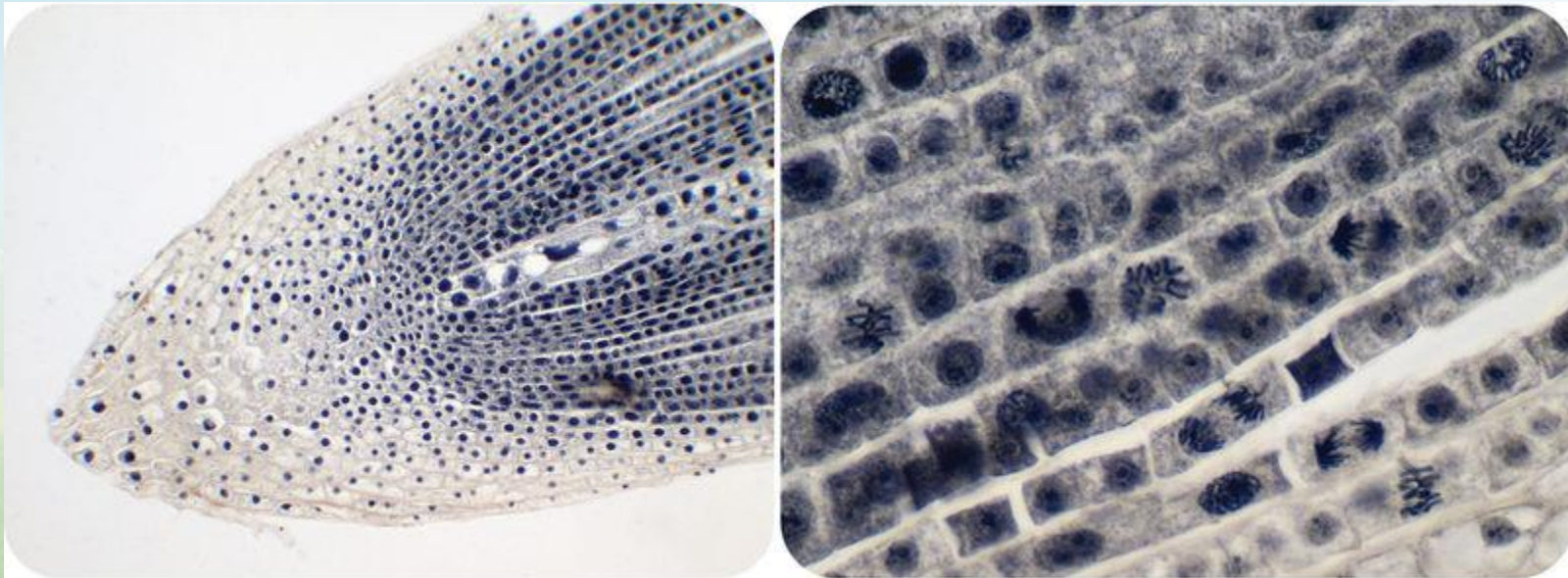


# Cytokinins

- Promote cell division
- Influence cell differentiation (root and shoot in tissue culture).
- Aging of leaves.



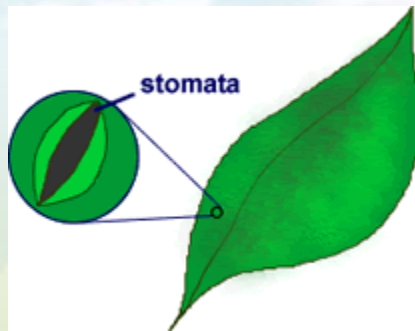
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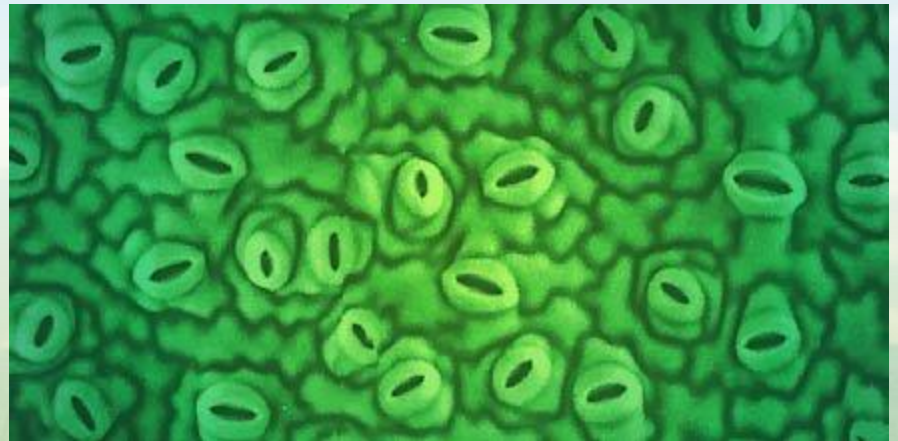
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# Abscisic Acid

- “Stress” hormone.
- Reduce growth during times of plant stress by inhibiting other hormones.
- Keeps seeds dormant.
- Closes plant stomata in drought.



<http://www.meritnation.com/ask-answer/question/what-is-a-stomata/life-processes/2418648>

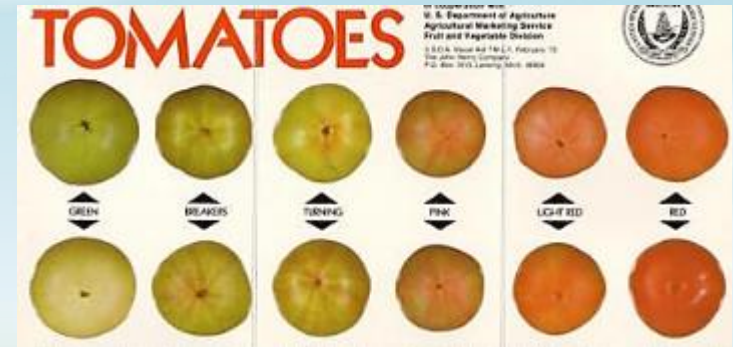


<http://biology.anu.edu.au/research/projects/electrophysiology-and-molecular-studies-stomata-during-drought>



# Ethylene

- Released from plant as a gas
- Ripens fruit
- Used to ripen fruit such as bananas, oranges , and tomatoes





# Gibberellins

- Seed and bud dormancy
- Causes flowering
- Increase in size of leaves and fruits
- Used commercially on some crops.



<http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/blog/whole-story/grapes-integrity>



<http://www.keenforgreen.com/b/reusing-clementine-boxes>

# Prove it!

- Now that you have learned about plant hormones and tropisms, prove it!
- Design an experiment to show these mechanisms of plant regulation at work.

# Scientific Method

- Question
- Hypothesis (If... then...)
- Procedure
- Experiment (collect data)
- Results (graphs and tables)
- Conclusion
  
- Independent variable (*I* change)
- Control
- Dependent variable (response)

