

Lesson 12

I. Oxidation

A. The process by which a substance combines with oxygen.

B. Two forms of oxidation:

1. combustion
2. cellular respiration

II. Combustion

A. A rapid form of oxidation that releases heat and sometimes light

1. produces waste product

Organic + O₂ → CO₂ + H₂O + energy
Material

C. Breathing and Respiration

1. Oxygen enters the alveoli when you inhale
2. Oxygen diffuses from the alveoli into capillary, where it is carried by (hemoglobin molecules on) red blood cells
3. Oxygen travels through the heart and pumped to a body cell, where it diffuses through a membrane, going to a mitochondria (organelle) for cellular respiration.
4. Oxygen reacts with glucose (from your digestive system) in the mitochondria in several steps using enzymes. This

is called **cellular respiration**.

5. Energy is released. It is stored as **ATP** until needed for movement or other functions.
6. **Carbon dioxide** and water are released also.
7. **Carbon dioxide** from the cell diffuses across the membrane into a **capillary** and travels through the heart where is pumped to back to the lungs.
8. It **diffuses** into the alveoli, where it is expelled from the body when you **exhale**.