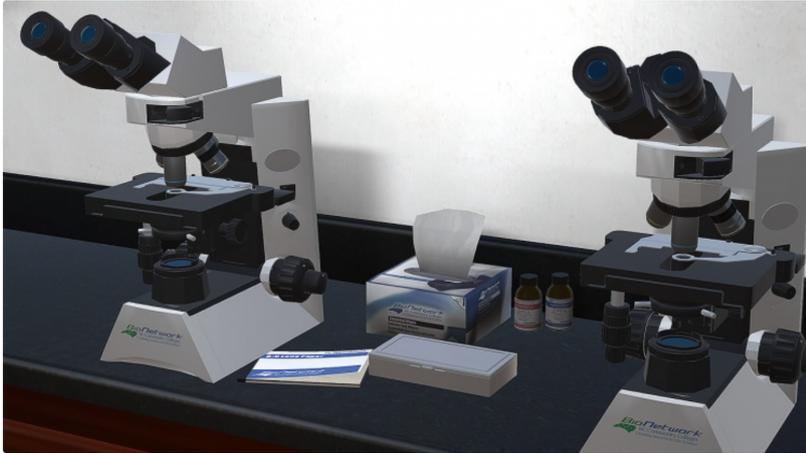


Introduction to the Microscope and its Parts

Virtual Microscope



PROCEDURE 1:

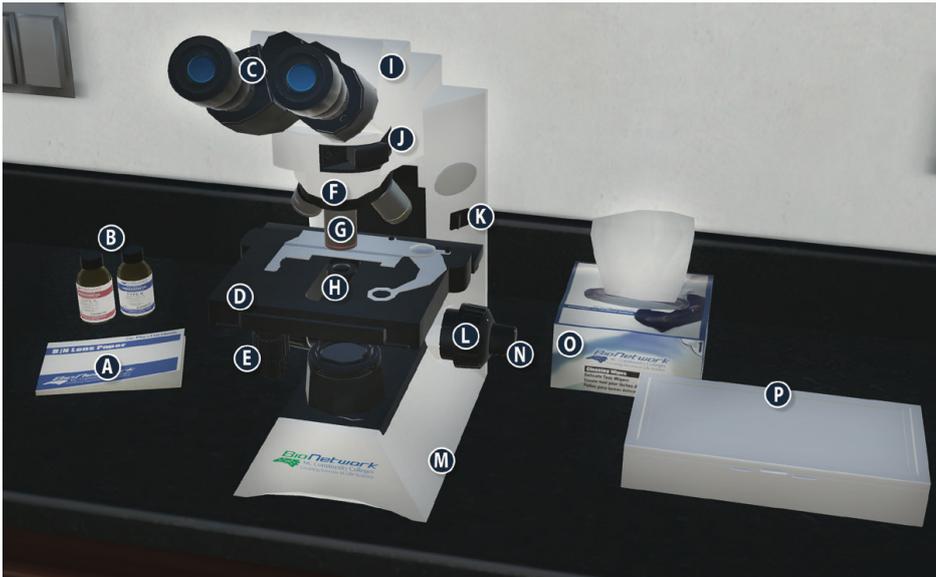
LAUNCH ACTIVITY

1. Go to <https://www.ncbionetwork.org/iet/microscope/>
2. Click on the **Guide** link (bottom of the home page).
3. Click through the six parts of the **Guide**, starting with the **Introduction**. You can use the arrows at the bottom of the **Guide** box to guide you through the chapters.
4. When you have completed all six sections, click **Close**.
5. Next click on the **Learn** link (bottom of the page), which will take you to an image of a microscope with question marks.
6. Starting at the top of the microscope, click on the **question marks** identifying the parts of the microscope.
7. Read the description of the part of the microscope and take notes as needed.
8. Continue clicking on **question marks** until all turn to green check marks.
 - a) Do not forget to click on the question marks for items associated with the microscope
 - b) You may click on any green check mark to review any part of the microscope.
 - c) Use the **Microscope Parts** checklist on the next page to ensure all parts have been identified.
9. Click on the **Next** button (bottom right).
10. Start on the left and click on the question mark. When the lens enlarges, click on each question mark until each turns into a green check mark. Read the descriptions and take notes as needed.
11. Click on the **Next** button (bottom right).
12. Click on the **Dry Slide** and **Oiled Slide** buttons to see the difference in why immersion oil is used for the 100X objective lens.
13. Click on the **Next** button (bottom right).
14. Click on the **Eyepiece Options** and **Lens Options** to learn about calculating total magnification. Try all combinations and see how the Letter E slide image changes.
15. Click on the **Next** button (bottom right) to return to the home page.
16. Answer the provided questions on the next page.

****Be aware! Depending on its age, manufacturer, and cost, in a laboratory a compound microscope may have only some of the features discussed in this section.***

<https://www.ncbionetwork.org/iet/microscope/IntroToMicroscope.pdf>

MICROSCOPE PARTS



Identify all parts of the microscope and associated items.

- ___ On/ Off switch
- ___ Arm
- ___ Objective lenses
- ___ Diaphragm
- ___ Base
- ___ Lens paper
- ___ Immersion oil
- ___ Kimwipes

- ___ Eyepiece/ Ocular lens
- ___ Nosepiece
- ___ Stage
- ___ Stage adjustment knob
- ___ Coarse adjustment knob
- ___ Fine adjustment knob
- ___ Slide/ slide box

QUESTIONS

1. What is the proper way to carry a microscope?

2. What is the typical magnification of an ocular lens? What other magnifications are possible?

3. What are the magnification abilities of each of the objective lenses? What is the total magnification with each objective?

 - a) Scanning (small lens), red ring =
 - b) Low-power (medium lens), yellow ring =
 - c) High-power (large lens), blue ring =
 - d) Oil immersion (largest lens), white ring =
4. Why do you use immersion oil with 100X objective lens?

5. What is the total magnification of a sample with an ocular lens power of 15X and using a 40X objective lens?

6. What is a diaphragm? What does it do?

PROCEDURE 2: How to use a compound microscope to view slides

NOTE: All sketches should be in your mainlesson book or a piece of paper

1. Click on the **Explore** link (bottom of the home page).
2. Click on the **question mark** on the slide box.
3. In the **Slide Catalog**, click on the Sample Slides.
4. Click on the **Letter E** slide. It will automatically be placed on the stage of the microscope.
5. When the **Microscope View** window opens, make sure that the **4X** circle is highlighted in blue.

NOTE: Always begin examining slides with the lowest power objective.

6. Use the slider under **Coarse Focus** to find the E.
NOTE: The coarse adjustment knob should only be used when you are viewing a specimen with the 4X objective lens.
7. Then use the slider under **Fine Focus** to make the image “crisp and clear.”
8. You can click on the E in the viewing window to move the image and visualize different parts.

Sketch your view of the letter E at 4X in the results area.

9. Next click on the **10X** circle. The nosepiece on the microscope will rotate automatically.
10. Repeat steps 6 – 8 to see part of the E. Sketch your view of the letter E at 10X in the results area.
11. Click on the **40X** circle and repeat steps 7 & 8. You may need to use the slider under Light Adjustment for better visualization. Sketch your view of the letter E at 40X in the results area. Click on the **100X** circle.

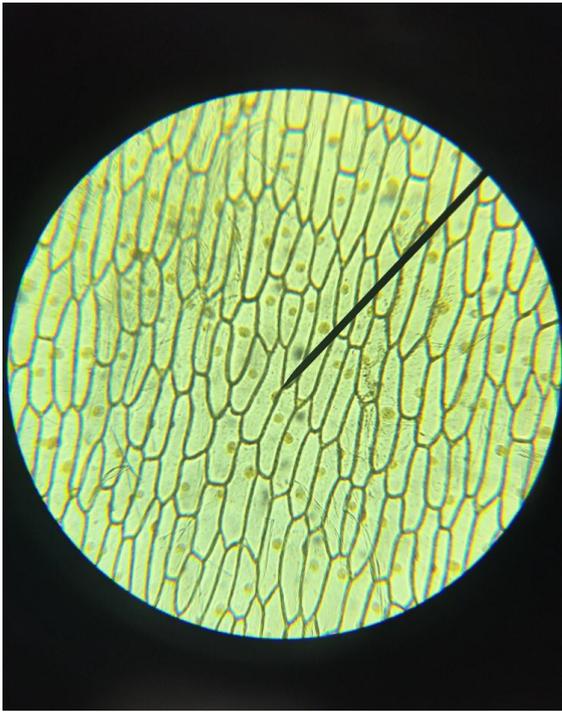
A notice to add immersion oil will open.

12. Click on the **question mark** on the immersion oil bottles to add oil to the microscope.
13. Repeat steps 7 & 8. You may need to use the slider under Light Adjustment again for better visualization.

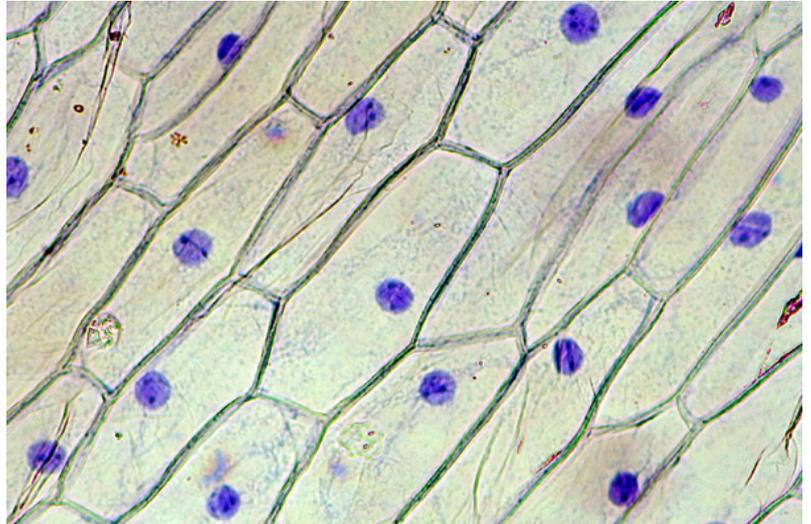
Sketch your view of the letter E (lower case) at 100X in the results area.

14. When you have visualized the **Letter E** slide using all 4 objective lenses, click on **Remove Slide** (top right).
15. Read the notice about using lens paper to clean the immersion oil off the microscope and click on the **question mark** over the lens paper. Choose wisely!
16. Click on the **Main** button (bottom left corner) to return to the home page.

Stained Onion Cell Epidermis 100X



400X



Cheek Epidermal Cell

