Combined Science - Biology - KS4 Organisation

Investigating Transpiration

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Independent Task

Complete the table.

Factor	Effect on transpiration rate	Explanation
Temperature	Increases	Increases rate of evaporation.
Wind Speed		
		Stomata open wider to allow CO ₂ to enter leaf in photosynthesis
Humidity		Moist air surrounds stomata so decreases rate of evaporation



Independent Task

Explain why leaf 2 only lost a small amount of water (2)

- Most of the stomata are located on the the lower surface
- So more water is lost via evaporation at the stomata

Leaf	Water loss / g
1 (upper surface covered)	0.89
2 (lower surface covered)	0.02
3 (no covering)	1.02



Independent Task

Explain why the bubble moves a large distance when the conditions are windy. (3)

- Increasing wind speed increases the rate of transpiration
- Because there is more evaporation of water at the stomata
- So the bubble moves further

