Combined Science HT - Biology - KS4 Homeostasis and Response

Controlling blood sugar levels - Higher



Miss Ray

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When we are sleeping, we are not eating. Blood glucose can only rise if we eat or drink something containing sugar.



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When blood glucose levels increase, this is detected by glucose receptors in the pancreas.

The pancreas releases insulin into the blood to return the blood glucose levels to normal.



Complete the table

Blood glucose levels	Pancreas	Liver
Too high	Releases	Converts glucose into
Normal	Stops releasing	Stops converting glucose into



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Too high	Releases insulin	Converts glucose into glycogen
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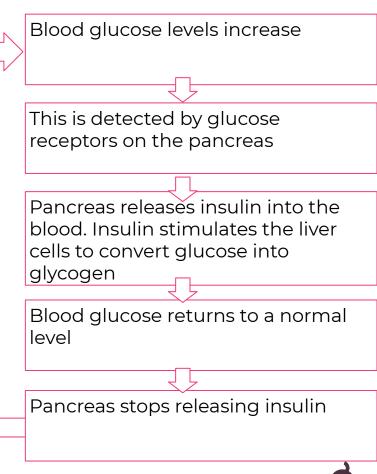
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The _____ releases insulin into the blood.

The insulin stimulates the _____ cells to convert glucose into _____.

When blood glucose levels return to normal the pancreas stops releasing _____.



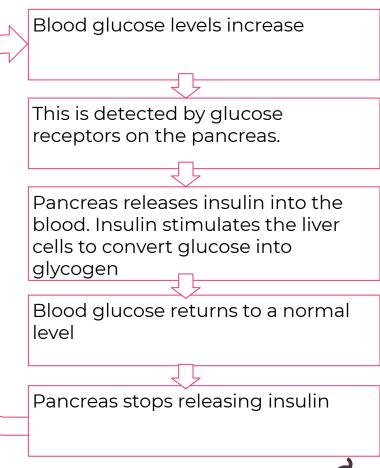
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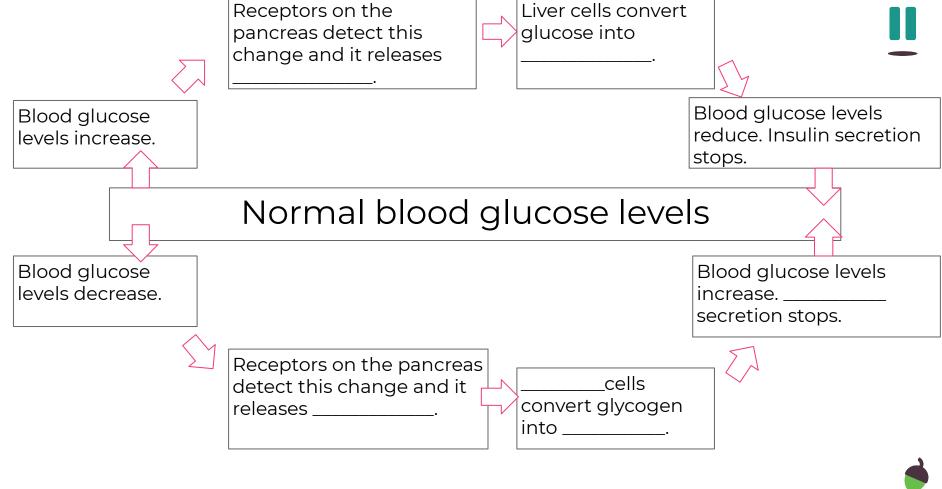
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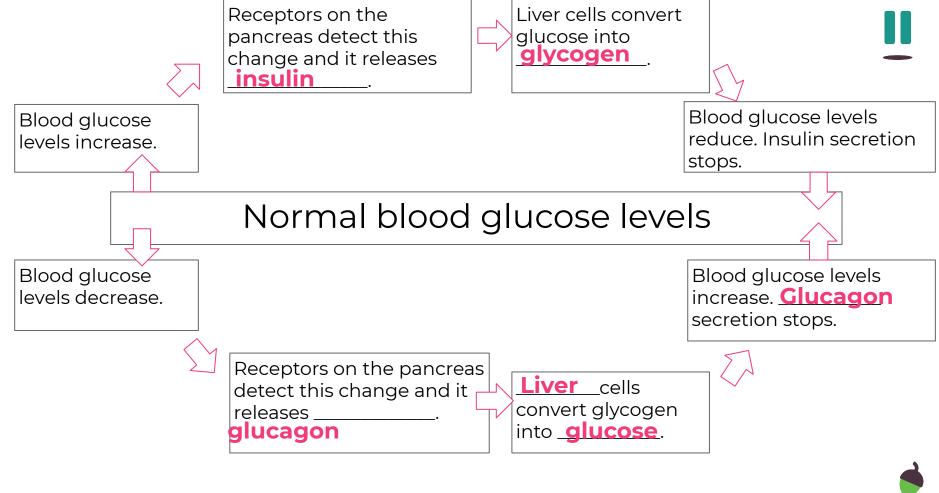
The <u>pancreas</u> releases insulin into the blood.

The insulin stimulates the <u>liver</u> cells to convert glucose into <u>glycogen</u>.

When blood glucose levels return to normal the pancreas stops releasing <u>insulin</u>.







Complete the last row of the table

Blood glucose levels	Pancreas	Liver
Too high	Releases insulin	Converts glucose into glycogen
Normal	Stops releasing insulin	Stops converting glucose into glycogen
Too low		



Answers

Blood glucose levels	Pancreas	Liver
Too high	Releases insulin	Converts glucose into glycogen
Normal	Stops releasing insulin	Stops converting glucose into glycogen
Too low	Releases glucagon	Converts glycogen into glucose

