

| Assessment grid Subject: Science Year: 8 Topic/module: Ecology | | | |
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| Advanced | Enrichment/extension – reaching, or part of, next pathway → Features of work may include: | Enrichment/extension — reaching, or part of, next pathway → Features of work may include: | Enrichment/extension Features of work may include: |
| Secure Students must achieve competence in all statements before being judged 'Secure' | Secure The student can: State what is meant by the term adaptation Name an environmental change Give a possible reason for adaptation or extinction State that variation is caused by the environment or inheritance State the two types of graphs that can be drawn when representing the two types of variation. State that more than one scientist was involved in discovering the structure of DNA State that organisms have changed over time, giving examples State how scientists try to prevent extinction | Secure The student can: Describe how organisms are adapted to their environments Describe how organisms adapt to environmental changes Describe how competition can lead to adaptation Describe the difference between environmental and inherited variation Represent variation within a species using graphs Describe how scientists worked together to develop the DNA model Describe how organisms evolve over time. Describe the purpose of gene banks | Secure The student can: Explain how organisms are adapted to seasonal changes Explain how competition or long-term environmental change can lead to extinction. Explain that some variation is affected by both environmental and inherited factors. Explain the causes of continuous and discontinuous variation Explain the contribution of each team of scientists to the development of the model of DNA. Explain how scientists know that organisms have changed over time Explain the different types of gene bank |
| Developing | Mostly secure – one or more gaps For example: | Mostly secure – one or more gaps For example: | Mostly secure – one or more gaps For example: |
| Beginning | Significant gaps | Significant gaps | Significant gaps |