# Biology Notes - Photosynthesis

Photosynthesis is the process by which green plants and some other organisms use sunlight to synthesize foods from carbon dioxide and water.

# **Key Concepts:**

- Takes place in chloroplasts of plant cells.
- Chlorophyll absorbs light energy, usually from the sun.
- Carbon dioxide + water + light energy  $\rightarrow$  glucose + oxygen.

#### Importance:

- Provides food (glucose) for the plant.
- Produces oxygen essential for life on Earth.

## Equation:

$$6CO2 + 6H2O + light \rightarrow C6H12O6 + 6O2$$

## **Practice Questions:**

- 1. What organelle is responsible for photosynthesis?
- 2. Write the balanced chemical equation for photosynthesis.
- 3. Why is photosynthesis important for animals?