

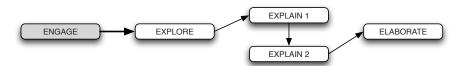
# Background

These SPICE resources may be drawn together into a learning pathway to develop students' understanding of proteins. The pathway is structured around a constructivist model based on the 5-Es where teachers may:

- Engage students' interest in proteins and the diversity of their roles in living organisms;
- provide opportunities for students to Explore ways in which proteins are visualised through electrophoresis;
- Explain the structure of proteins and how they are made in the body;
- Elaborate on ideas presented though the context of a protein-related disease; and
- Evaluate students' progress through the pathway.

The resource is designed for year 12 biology and human biology students, but may also be used with students in earlier years at the discretion of the teacher.

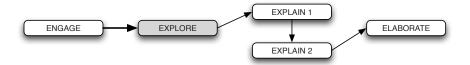
### Learning resources



### Proteins 1: The importance of proteins

The importance of proteins comprises a teachers guide and video.

A video introduces students to the multiple and diverse role of proteins, and their importance to biological life. Research at The University of Western Australia on the reproduction of honeybees is featured. See the teachers guide for detailed information on the purpose and use of this resource.



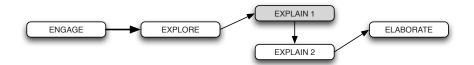
## Proteins 2: Looking at proteins

Looking at proteins comprises a teachers guide, procedure sheet and fact sheet.

Students follow a procedure for visualising proteins using gel electrophoresis. See the teachers guide for detailed information on the purpose and use of this resource.



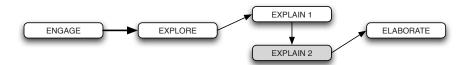




#### Proteins 3: Protein molecules

Protein molecules comprises a teachers guide, interactive learning object and student worksheet.

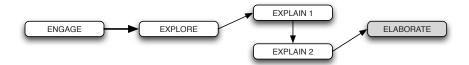
An interactive learning object explains what proteins are, introduces amino acids and shows how they combine to form proteins. See the teachers guide for detailed information on the purpose and use of this resource.



## Proteins 4: Making proteins

Making proteins comprises a teachers guide, interactive learning object, student worksheet and fact sheet.

An interactive learning object explains how proteins are made. Students interact with the animation to 'build' part of a protein. See the teachers guide for detailed information on the purpose and use of this resource.



## Proteins 5: Defective proteins

Defective proteins comprises a teachers guide, two fact sheets and a student worksheet.

The importance of protein folding, and what happens when it goes wrong, are examined through the context of prion diseases. See the teachers guide for detailed information on the purpose and use of this resource.

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