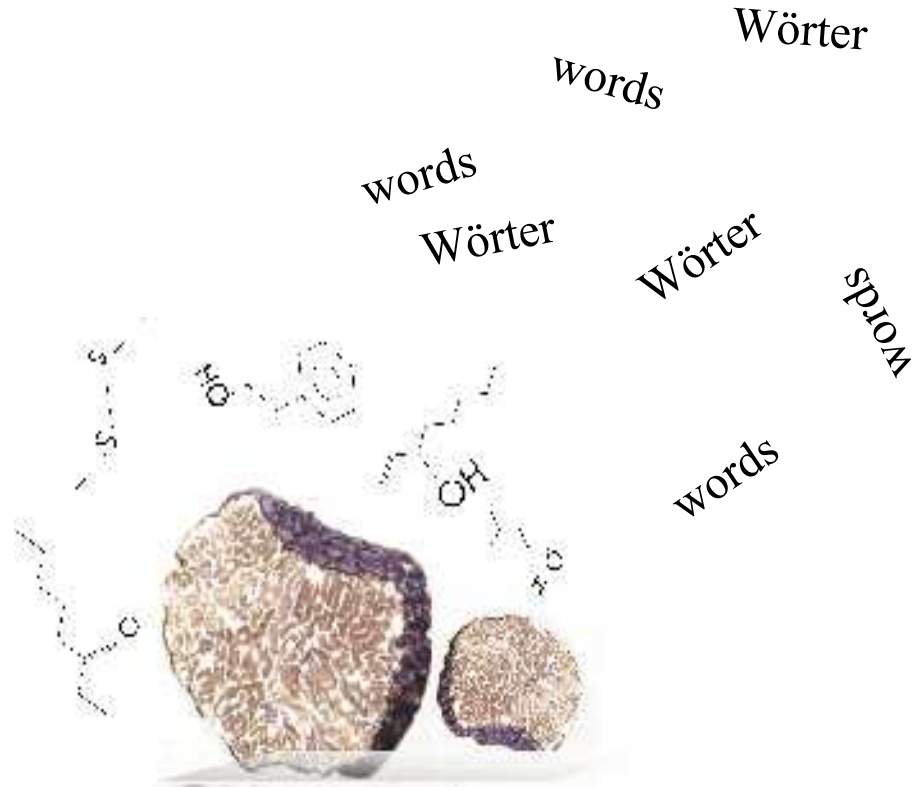


Das Geheimnis der Trüffelsprache



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Truffle culture \neq intensive agriculture

Truffle field in Italy



Mais field in USA



Source: www.spiegel.de

- Production variable
- Low yield
- Unstable over years

- Production maximized
- High yield
- Stability over years

The principle of symbiosis

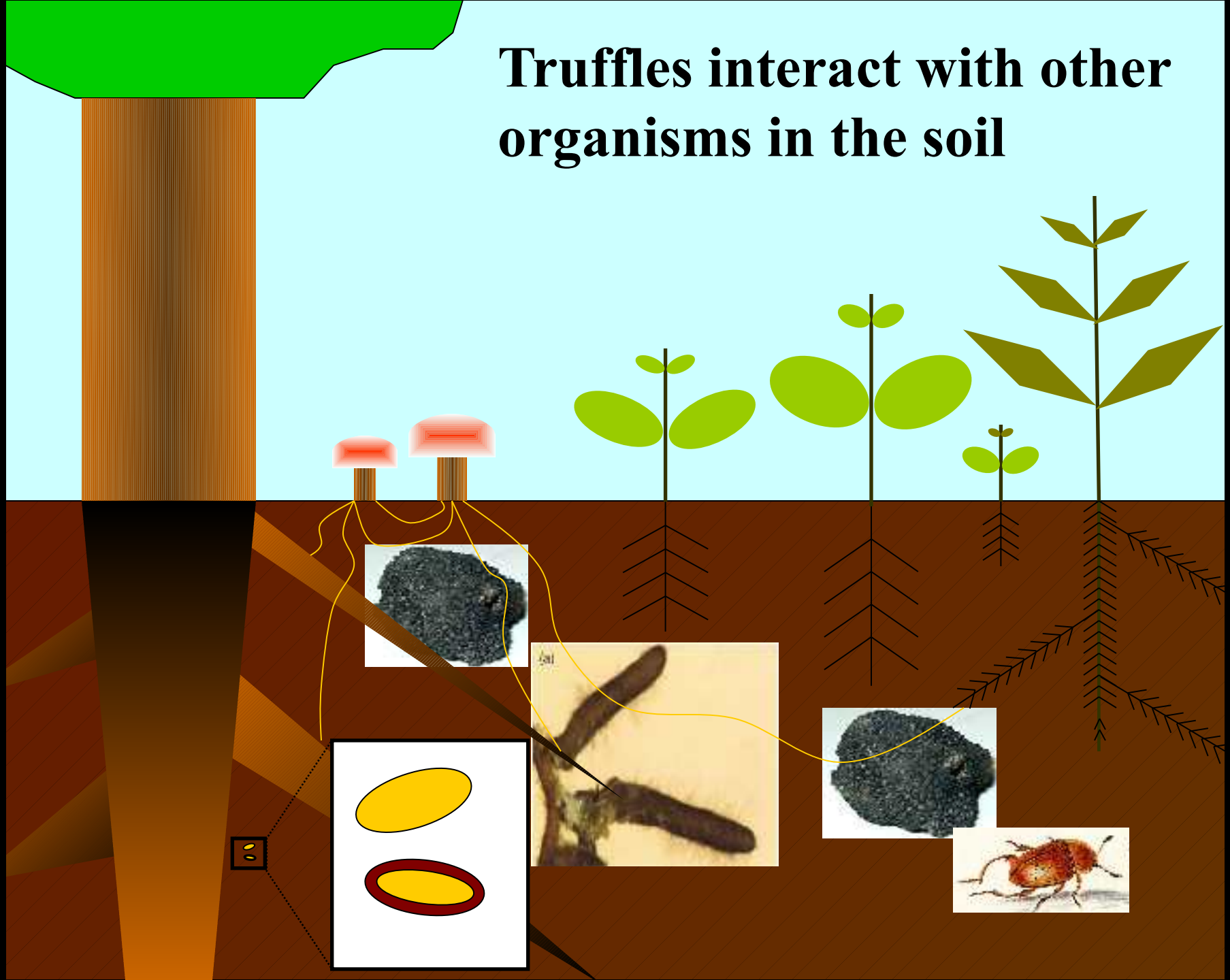
Sugars
Nutrients

Truffle filaments + tree roots

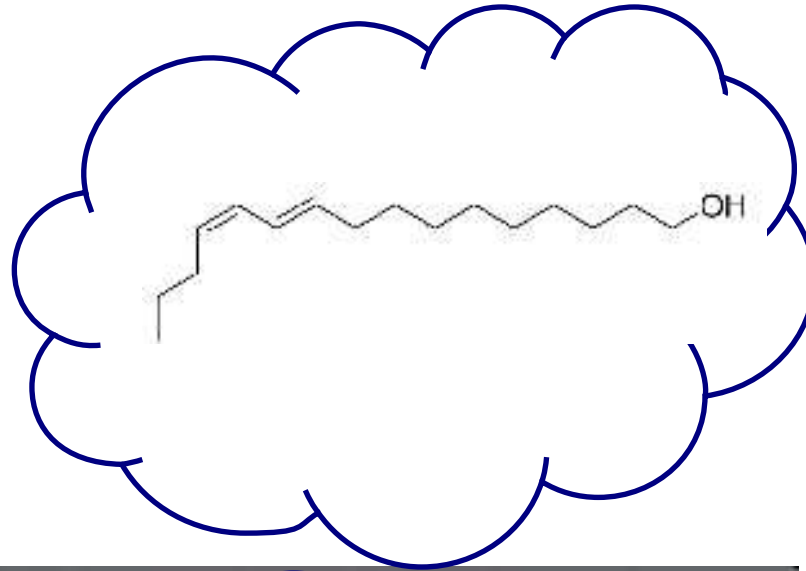


Symbiosis

Truffles interact with other organisms in the soil



The “molecular language” of silkworm moths

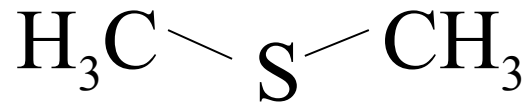


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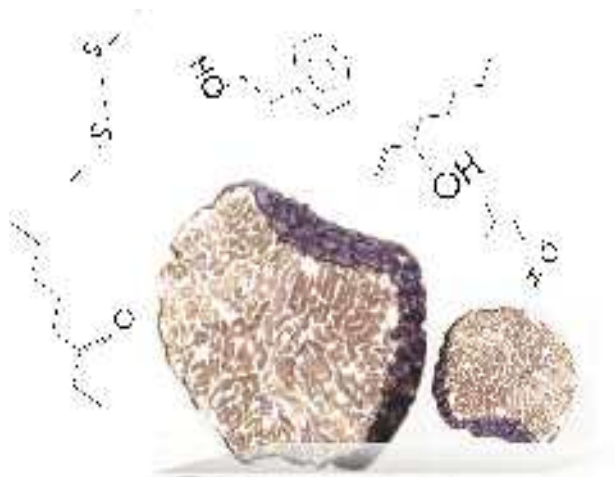
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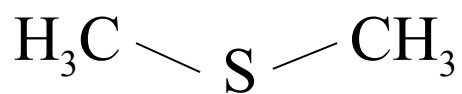
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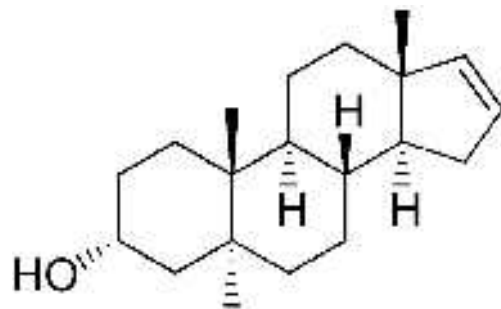
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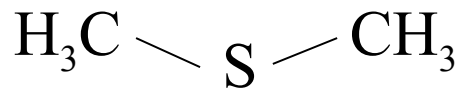


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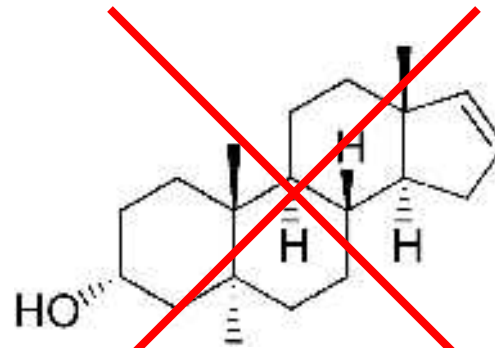


Androstenol

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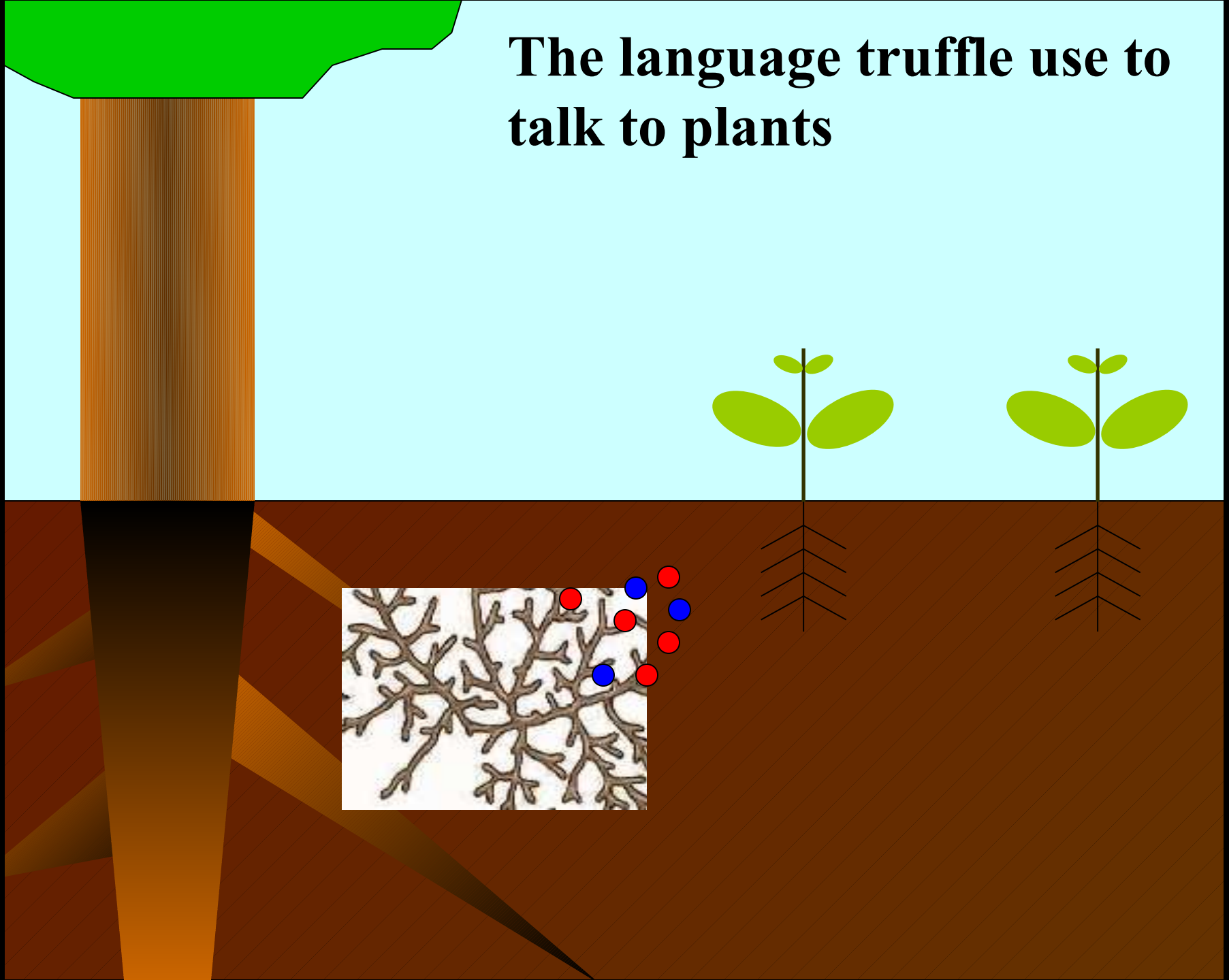


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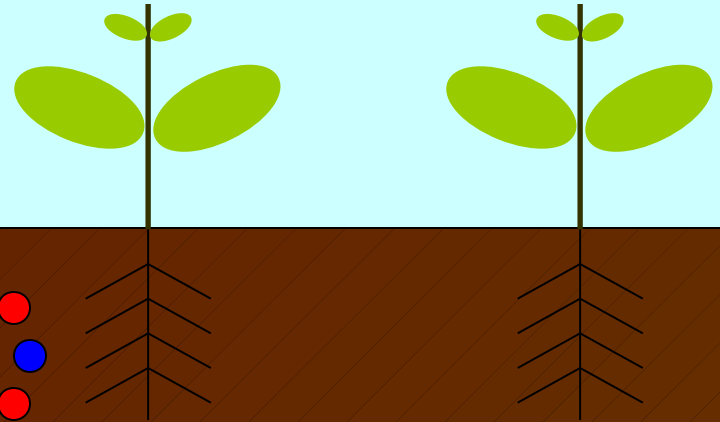


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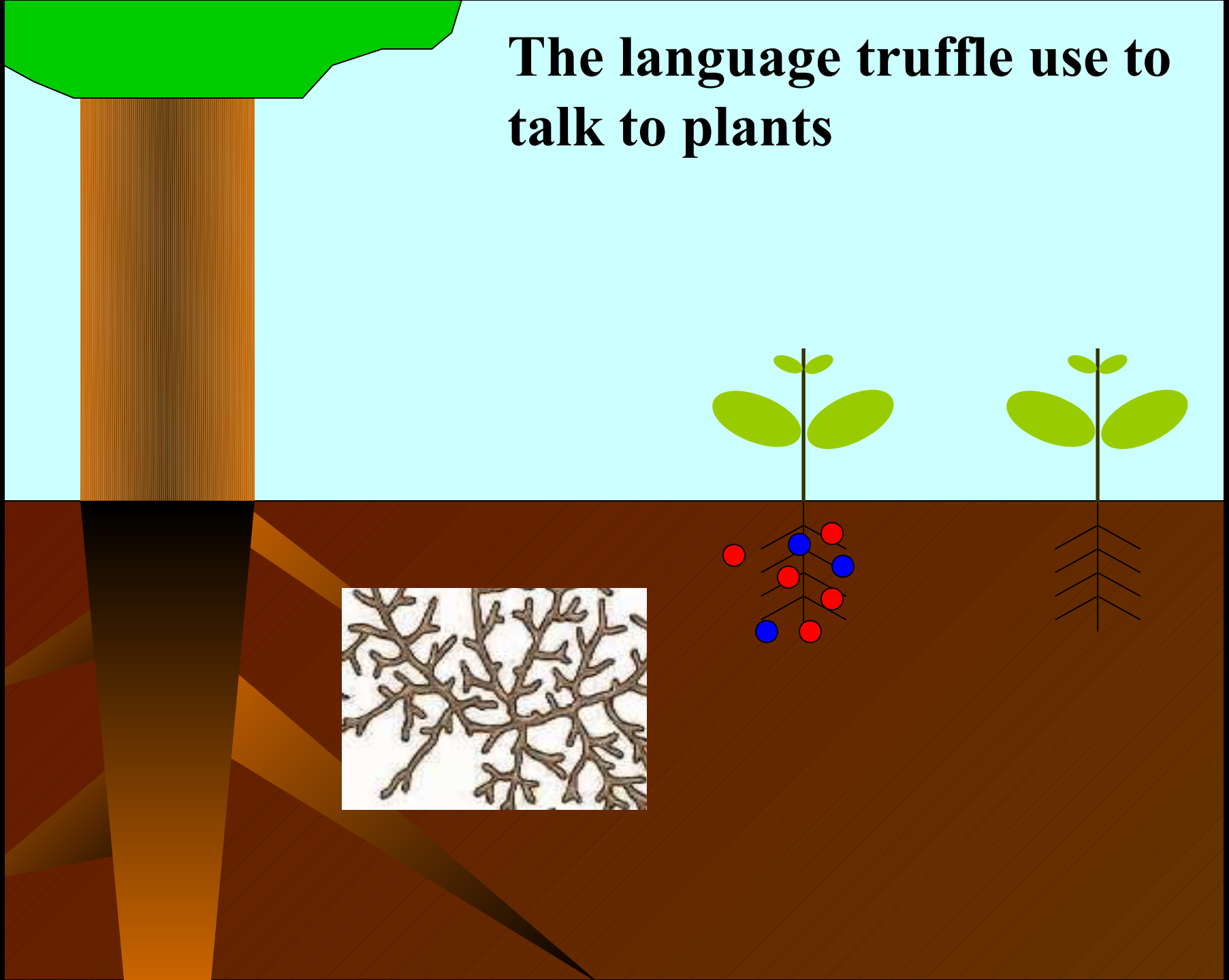
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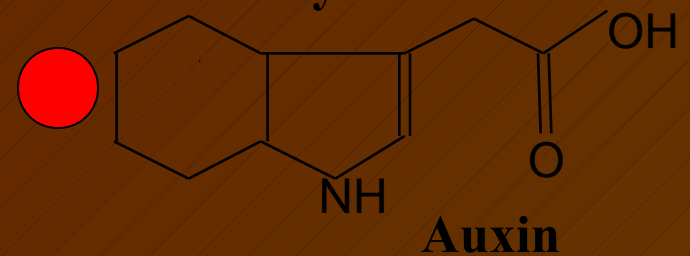
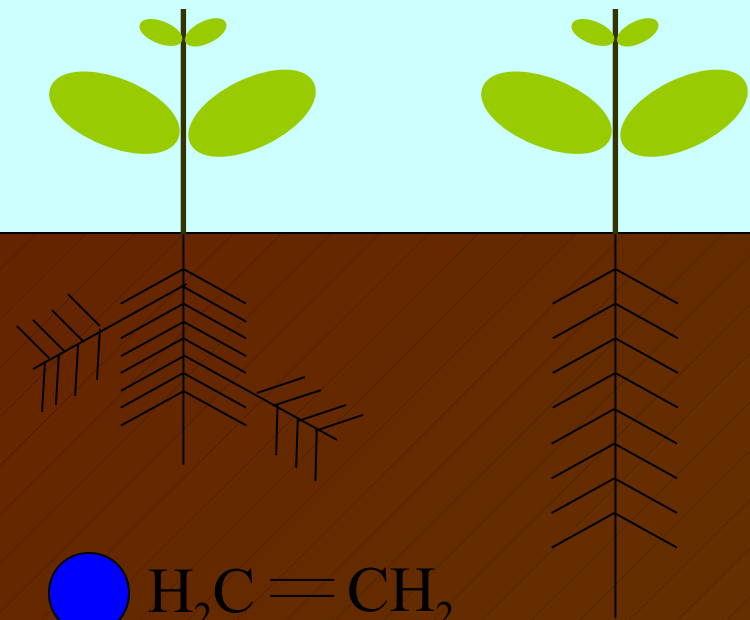
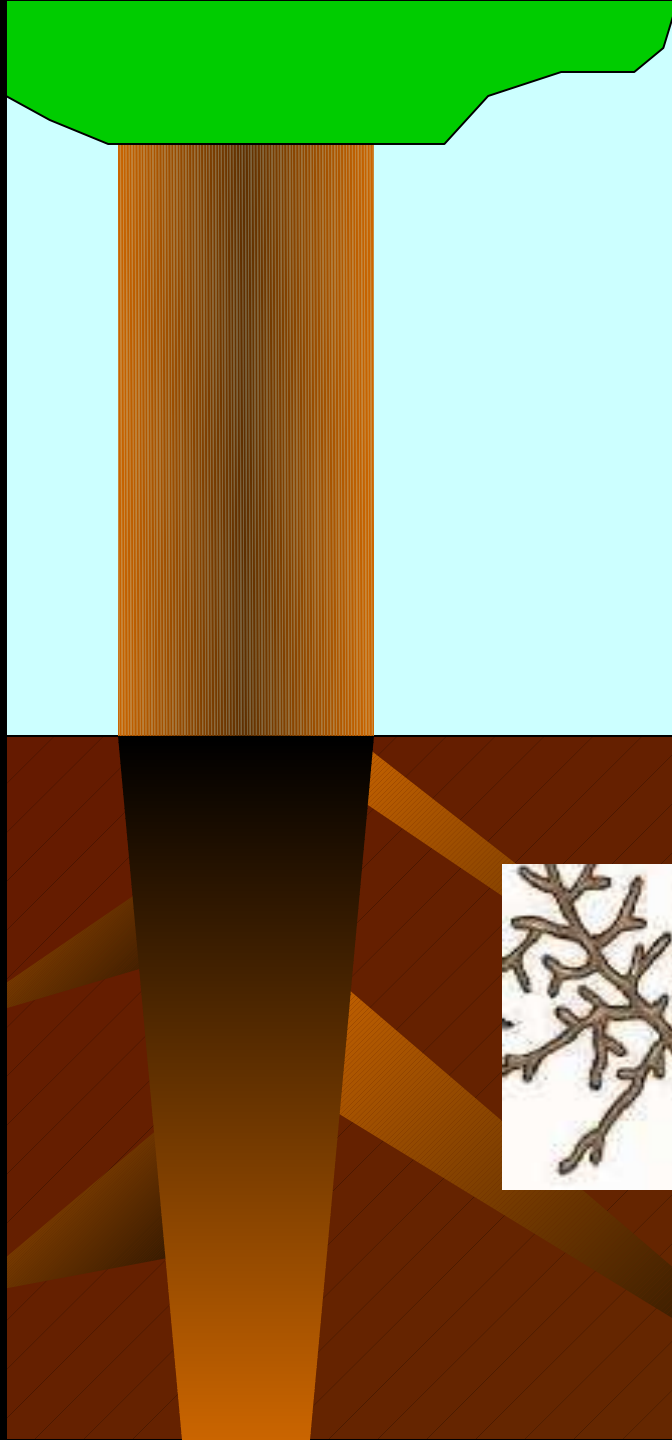
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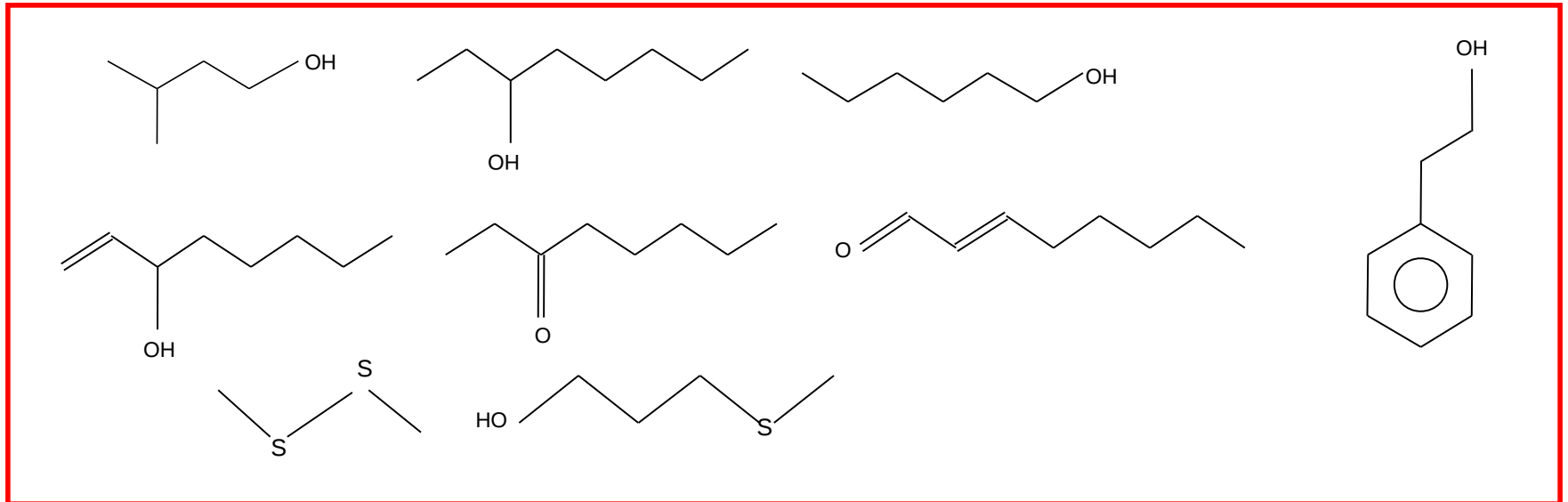
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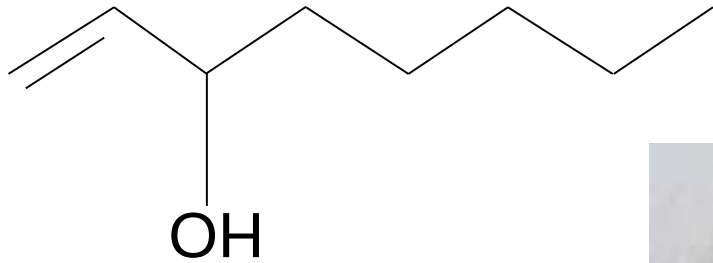
More than 200 “words”/volatiles produced by truffles



etc



1-octen-3-ol, a molecule with a typical fungal smell



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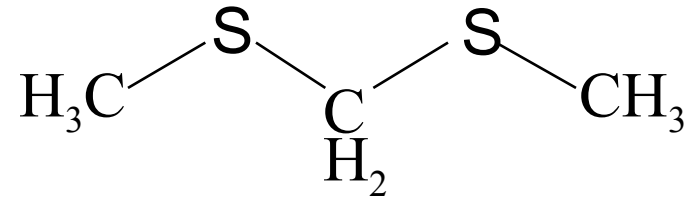
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In fungi:

- Sex hormones
- Attracts insects

In truffles: ?

Dithiapentane: the smell of the Piedmont truffle



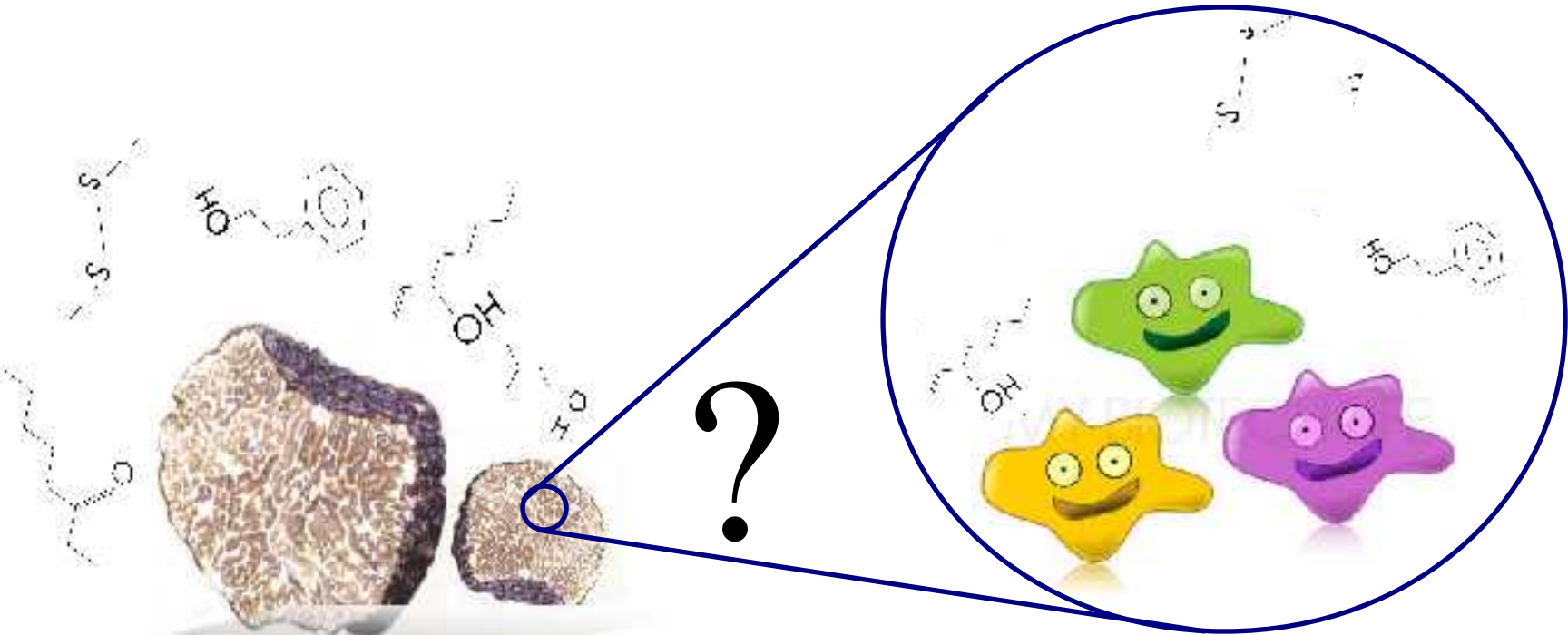
2,4-dithiapentane



Sulfur compounds in plants:

- antimicrobial agents
- In truffles: ?

Do microbes produce the smell of truffles?



Bacteria and yeast make cheese and wine



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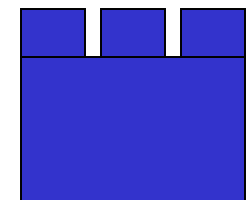
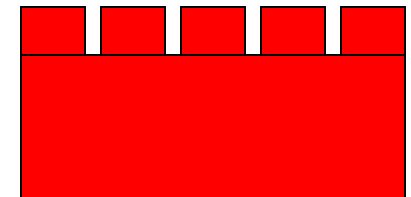
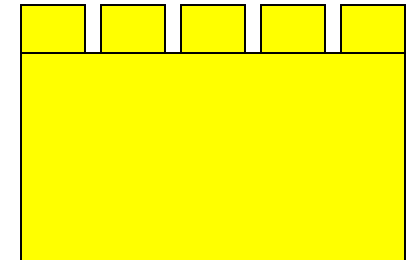
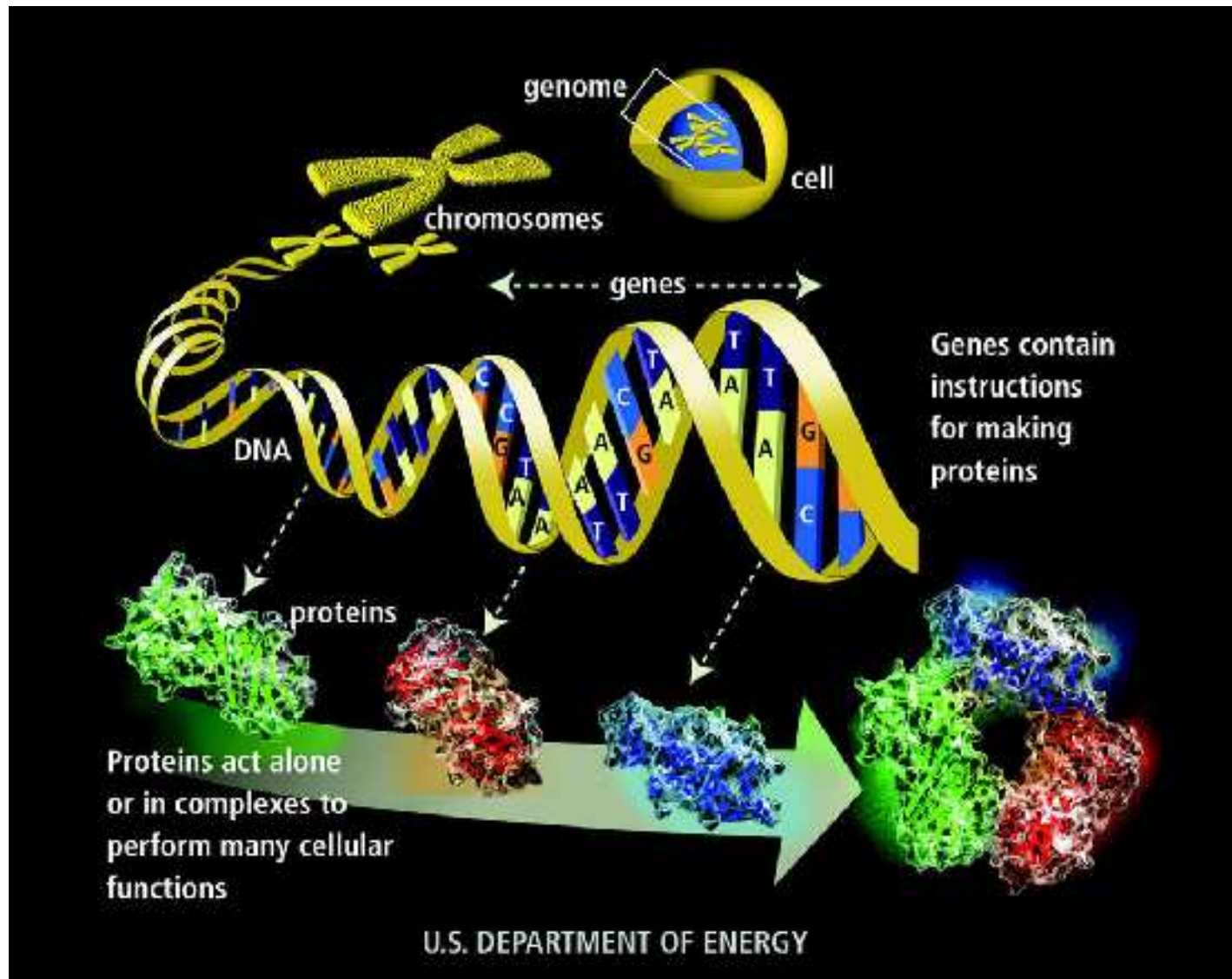
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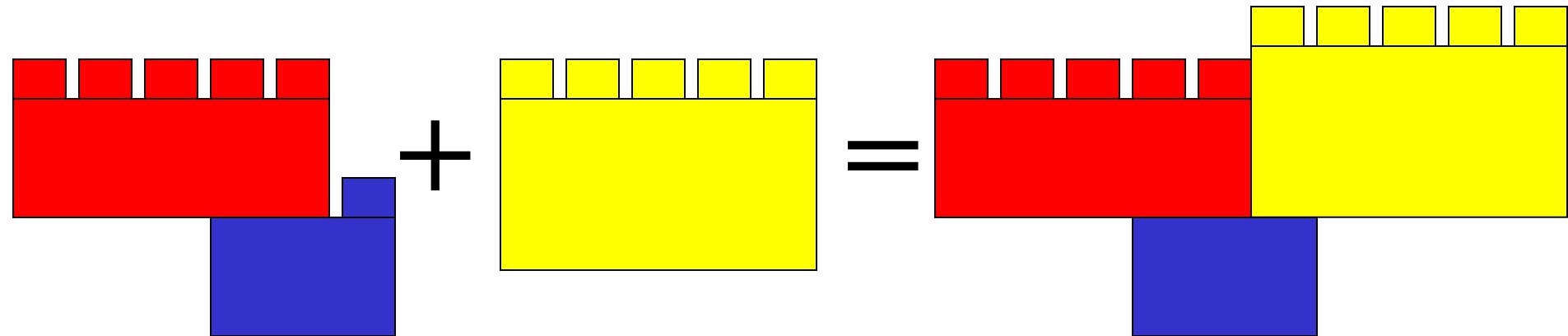
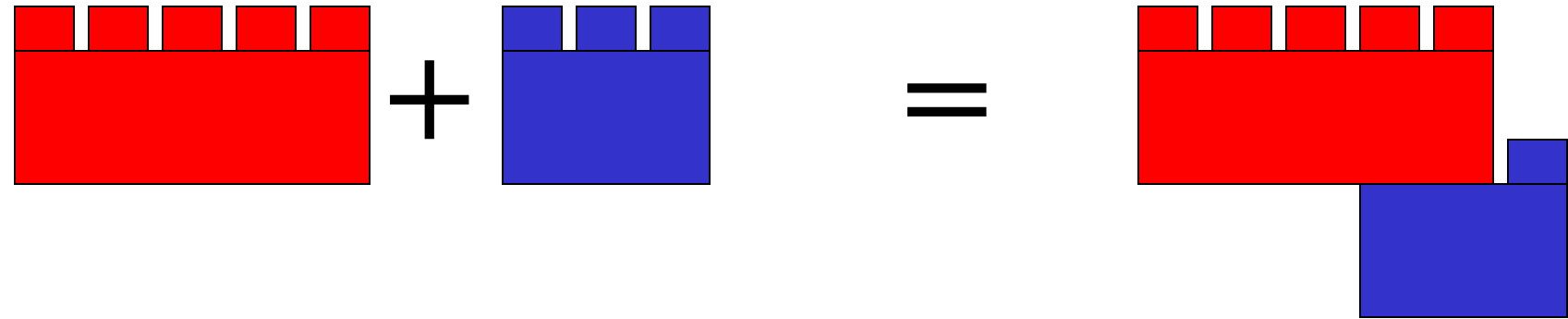


The genome



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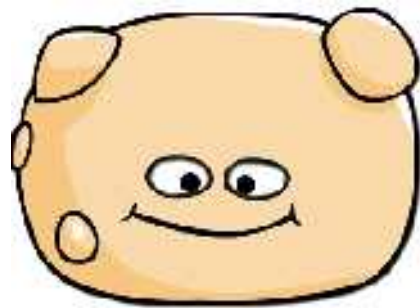
Enzymes assemble building blocks



Comparing the yeast and truffle genomes



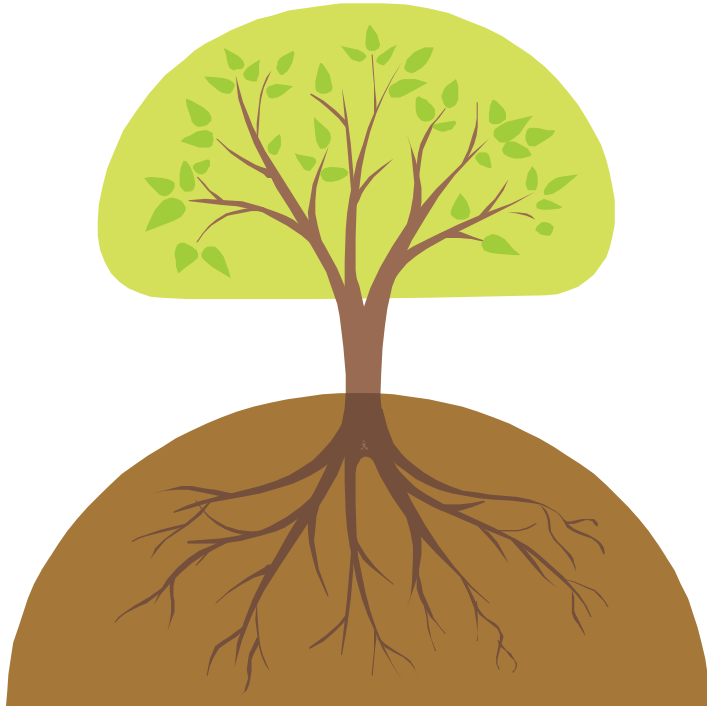
Yeast genome



Truffle genome



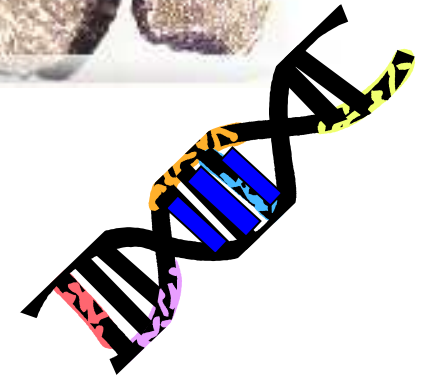
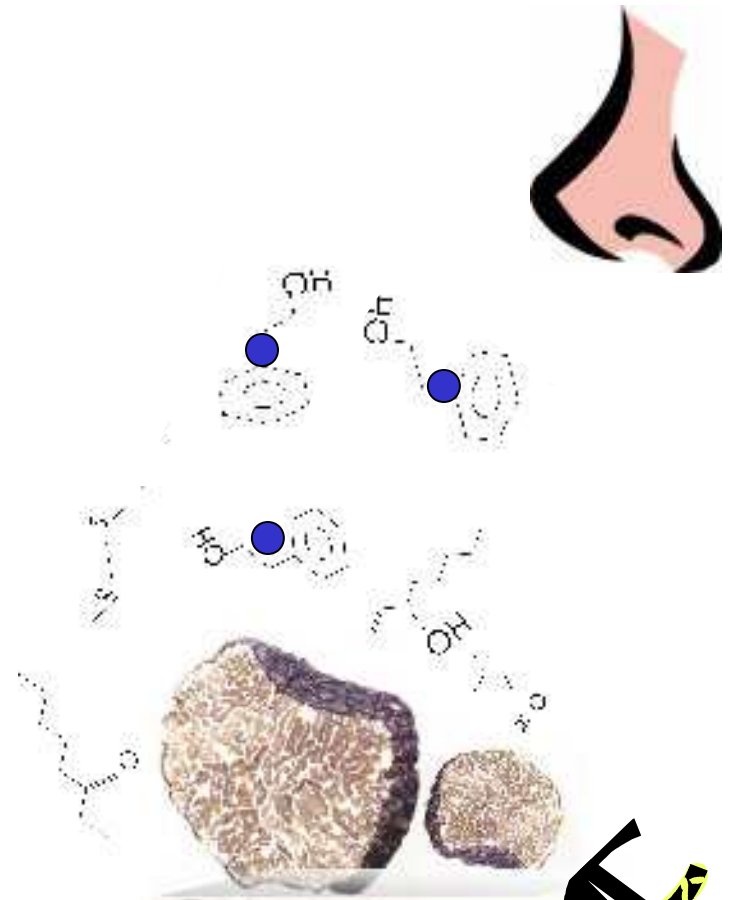
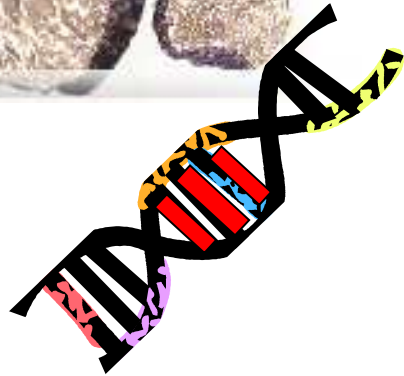
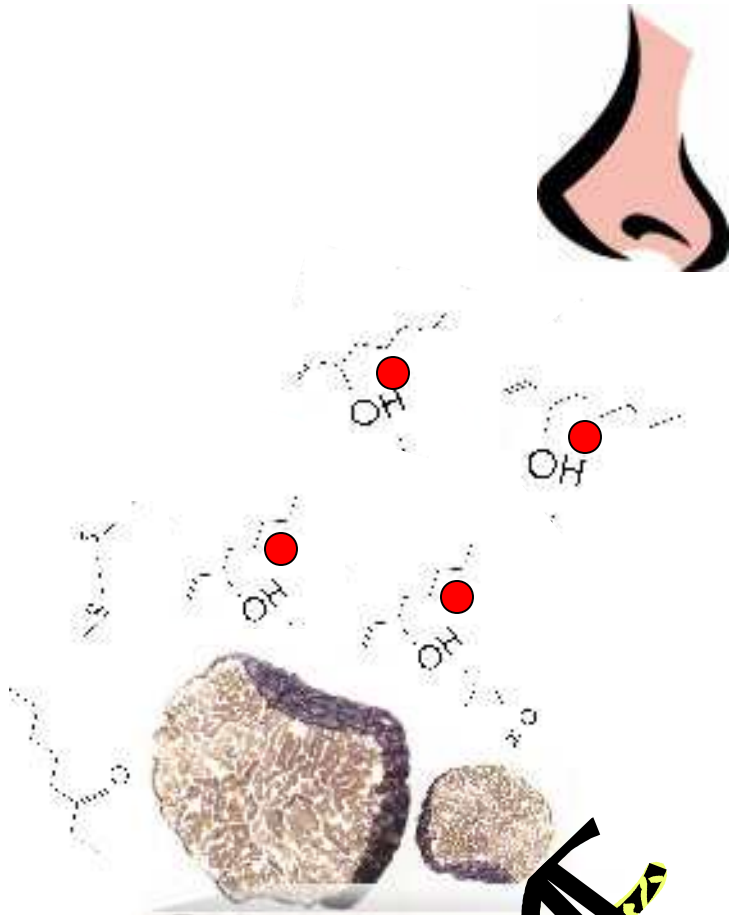
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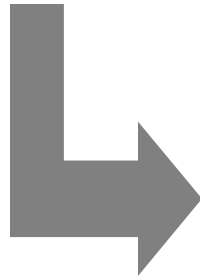
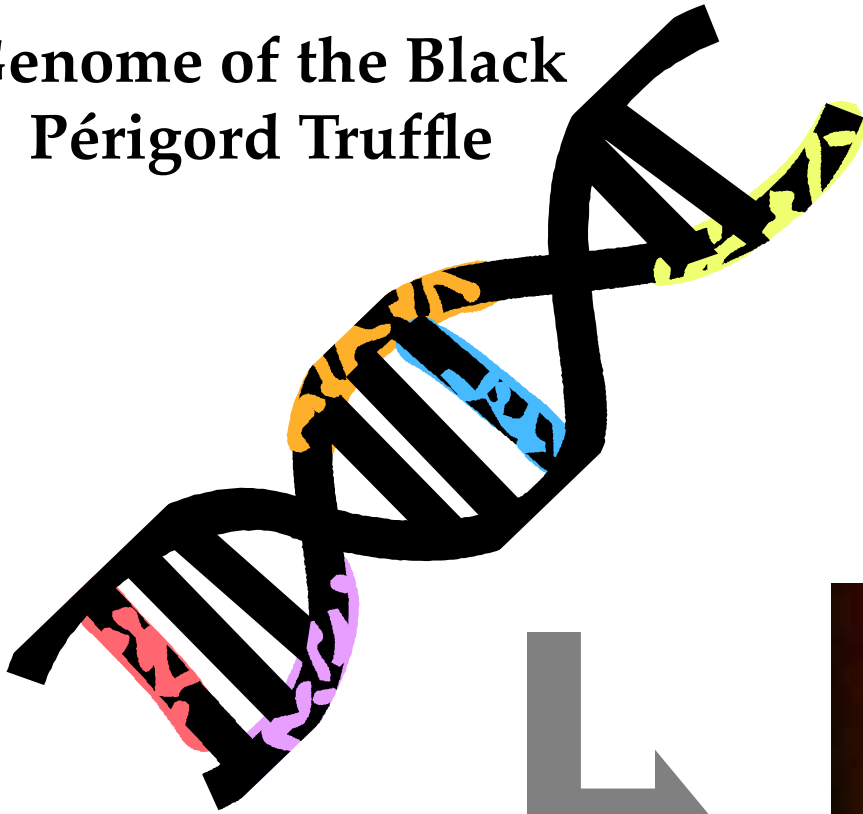
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- Insects: reduce pests and infestation
- Plants: increase mycorrhization, increase yield

How can this research help truffle cultivation?



Genome of the Black Périgord Truffle



The Truffle Dictionary



The End

