

AQA GCSE Biology (Higher) For the Summer 2022 Exams

Flashcard Notes - 3.1.5 Protist diseases

Copy the questions and answers below onto flashcards and use them to test yourself.

What is a protist?

A protist is any eukaryotic organism that is not an animal, plant or fungus.

Name one disease caused by a protist.

Malaria is a disease caused by a protist.

What is malaria?

Malaria is a disease that affects humans. It is caused by a unicellular protist. The symptoms include repeated episodes of fever. In some cases it causes death.

How does malaria spread?

The protist that causes malaria spreads using mosquitos. When a mosquito bites an infected person, the protist enters the mosquito. When the mosquito then bites another person, the protist leaves the mosquito and enters the person's body. The mosquito is described as a 'vector' because it carries the protist from one person to another.

How can the spread of malaria be prevented?

The spread of malaria can be prevented by preventing mosquitoes from breeding and by using mosquito nets to prevent people from being bitten.