



**FIGURE 18.14.** Sharp clines in the copper tolerance of the grass, *Agrostis tenuis*, at the edge of a mine in North Wales. (A) The sparse vegetation on spoil heaps polluted by heavy metals (right) contrasts with unpolluted areas (left). (B) Adult *Agrostis* taken from the mine are more tolerant than are plants grown up from seeds taken from the same location (compare red with blue at right). In contrast, adults are less tolerant than seedlings away from the mine (lower left).

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