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Intro to Biology



Chapter 12 GENES & HEREDITY





























By the end of this lesson, you should be able to:

- Define genetics and heredity, distinguishing characteristics from traits, genes, and alleles.
- Describe the history of genetics and Mendel's role.
- Delineate the science of heredity in terms of generations (P, F₁, F₂), differentiating genotype from phenotype.
- Understand and use the law of segregation to show monohybrid test crosses.
- Understand and use the law of independent assortment to show dihybrid test crosses.

Science Practice: Monohybrid Test Cross





GENETICS

The scientific study of the transmission of **traits** from parent to offspring through successive generations.







Non-roller



Widow's Peak



Attached earlobes (left)



Hitch-hiker's thumb



Mid-digital hair



Dimple in chin



Freckles



Morton's Toe

Genetics is the study of **HEREDITY**

Transmission of traits from one generation to the next.

Species Traits

Traits that ALL members of a given species share.

- humans walk erect, highly developed nervous system, opposable thumb, flat fingernail (primate), limited body hair.
- Eagles wing span up to 6 feet; large talons; double fovia in eyes; hooked beak for tearing up prey;
- Affect the entire species in terms of survival vs. extinction.

Individual Traits

Traits that distinguish individual members within a given species.

- humans color of eyes, skin, hair; stature (height, weight, bone structure); metabolic rate (thin, fat).
- **Eagles** Bald Eagle; golden eagle; white-tailed eagle; Sea eagle.
- Normally does not affect the entire species in terms of survival vs. extinction.

Genetics was founded on Observation (not science)

Traits were thought to be passed from generation to generation through the blood. Hence, the concept of "blood lines" or "blue blood" (royalty) was commonly accepted.

"Blood Brothers" or Blood Sisters

"Orientals are short"

- Actually only due to dietary shortages (Yao is 7'7" tall in the NBA). Chinese people are as tall as Americans now that nutritional information was discovered.
- Knights of the round table were only 5'4" tall, yet were esteemed, revered for their stature in the medieval times (again, nutrition was the issue, not genetics).

Gregor Mendel

- Austrian monk (1822-1884)
- Called the "Father of Genetics".
- Began the field of Genetics in the 1860s.
- Deduced the Principles of Genetics by breeding garden peas.



Gregor Mendel

(1822-1884)

- **Entered a Monastery** in Brunn, Czechoslovakia to get an education
 - It was common (for centuries) for people who wanted to be spiritual to pursue monastic life.
 - Prior to Reformation mainly priests, nuns in Catholicism or Eastern Orthodoxy.
 - After Reformation monks, friars, bishops, reverends, pastors depending on the religious persuasion ... concept of clergy-laity was strong ... still is).
- **University of Vienna** Pursued mathematics and science for 2 years hoping to become a teacher ... but he failed the certification exams.

Became an Abbot in a Monastery



The Science of Genetics began in an Abbey Garden

Mendel is famous for his work with **pea plants** while in the monastery.

Repeatable results

Many had previously done studies with plants, but their results were not conclusive or scientific.

- Mendel choose definite and measurable hereditary traits.
- Mendel applied mathematics to his observations (objective, not "subjective" or philosophical in nature).
- Mendel took a scientific approach in all his work using a logical sequence with proper methodology.
- Mendel received world-wide recognition in 1901 for his work and scientific approach which he published (the recognition came AFTER HE DIED).

The Science of Genetics began in an Abbey Garden

- In 1866, Mendel
 - correctly argued that parents pass on to their offspring discrete "heritable factors" and
 - stressed that the heritable factors (today called <u>GENES</u>) retain their individuality generation after generation.
- A heritable feature that varies among individuals, such as flower color, is called a <u>CHARACTER</u>.
- Each variant for a character, such as purple or white flowers, is a <u>TRAIT</u>.

Character	Traits			
	Dominant	Recessive		
Flower color	Purple	White		
Flower positi	on 📫 Axial	Terminal		
Seed color	O Yellow	Green		
Seed shape	Round	(Second Second S		
Pod shape	Inflated	Constricted		
Pod color	Green	Yellow		
Stem length	Tall	Dwarf		

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- True-Breeding varieties result when self-fertilization produces offspring all identical to the parent.
- The offspring of two different varieties are Hybrids.
- The cross-fertilization is a hybridization, or Genetic Cross.
- True-breeding parental plants are the **P Generation**.
- Hybrid offspring are the F_1 Generation (1st "filial" gen.).
- A cross of F₁ plants produces an F₂ Generation (2nd "filial" generation.).



- During fertilization, gametes randomly pair to produce combinations of alleles.
- Two alleles for each trait must separate when gametes are formed.
- A parent passes only one allele for each trait to their offspring.
- This is a random process.



Maternal and paternal alleles have segregated into separate daughter cells/gametes

A **sperm** or **egg** carries only one allele for each inherited character...

- Because allele pairs separate (segregate) from each other during the production of gametes (Meiosis).
- This statement is called the <u>LAW OF</u>
 <u>SEGREGATION</u>.
- The fusion of gametes at **fertilization** creates allele pairs once again.

- A cross between two individuals differing in a single character is a <u>Monohybrid Cross</u>.
- Mendel performed a monohybrid cross between a plant with purple flowers and a plant with white flowers.
 - The F₁ Generation produced all plants with purple flowers.
 - A cross of F₁ plants with each other produced an F₂
 Generation with ³/₄ purple and ¹/₄ white flowers.

- The all-purple F₁ Generation did not produce white flowers.
- Mendel needed to explain
 - why white color seemed to disappear in the F₁ generation and
 - why white color reappeared in one-quarter of the F₂ offspring.



Mendel developed four hypotheses, described below using modern terminology:

- <u>Alleles</u> are alternative versions of genes that account for variations in inherited characters.
- For each character, an organism inherits <u>two alleles</u>, one from each parent. The alleles can be the same or different.
 - A Homozygous genotype has identical alleles.
 - A <u>Heterozygous</u> genotype has **two different alleles**.

Mendel's LAW OF DOMINANCE

- For each trait, one gene Allele can mask the expression of the other gene allele.
- If the alleles of an inherited pair differ, then one determines the organism's appearance. The gene allele that masks over another allele is called the <u>Dominant</u> allele.
- The other gene allele has no noticeable effect on the organism's appearance and gets masked. This is called the <u>Recessive Allele</u>.
- E.g. Tall (T) is the dominant allele while Short (t) is the recessive allele.

The **Phenotype** is the appearance or expression of a trait.

- The PHYSICAL appearance of an organism what you see.
- TALL pea plants, BLONDE hair, BLUE eyes, etc.
- The Genotype is the actual genetic makeup of a trait.
 - There are three possible genotypic expressions for every trait:
 - Homozygous Dominant "pure bred"
 - Heterozygous Dominant "Hybrid"
 - Both genotypes give the same phenotype (appearance).
 - The offspring give away what the genotype of the parents is.
 - Homozygous Recessive
- The **same phenotype** may be determined by **more than one genotype**.

Genotype

GENOTYPE

The genotype is an organism's genetic information.

BB homozygous dominant

Bb heterozygous

bb homozygous recessive

Phenotype

PHENOTYPE

The phenotype is the set of observable physical traits.



- Mendel's hypotheses also explain the 3:1 ratio in the F₂ Generation.
 - The F₁ Hybrids all have a Pp genotype.
 - A <u>Punnett Square</u> shows the four possible combinations of alleles that could occur when these gametes combine (probability).





F₂ generation



F₂ generation







If we know the genetic makeup of parents, what type of offspring might they produce?

What is the **probability** of producing different types of offspring?





Probability The likelihood that a particular event will occur.

ACTIVITY: Coin Toss

- e.g. coin flips flip a coin 10 times per person in the class and total the heads vs. the tails (~200 trials)
- The probability comes out ~50% heads and 50% tails for many trials
- Probability is NOT a law and may not always give expected results
- E.g. After four girls, what is the probability of having another girl?

R. C. Punnett Mathematician

Use of Punnett Squares and even Genetics itself is a method of studying the probability or chance of various offspring.

Punnett Square

- A Punnett square is a diagram showing the allele combinations that might result from a genetic cross between two parents.
- It is a "Test Cross" or Back Cross to determine if alleles are homozygous or heterozygous.



- Mendel began his experiments using true-breeding parents.
- He soon discovered that the tall trait was dominant over the dwarf trait.
- Let's cross a true-breeding tall pea plant [genotype TT] to a true-breeding dwarf pea plant [genotype tt].

Punnett Square

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 - Place the alleles of the first parent on the top of the square.
 - Place the alleles for the second parent on the left of the square.



Using Probability and Punnett Squares to Work Genetics Problems

Punnett Square

Fill in the squares to show all the possible combinations of alleles that the offspring might inherit.





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Punnett Square

Use the law of segregation to perform the Punnett square of the F_1 generation (both F_1 parents are Tt).



F₂ **Generation** offspring of F₁ generation

- Mendel assumed that an equal number of male and female gametes are produced that could contribute to fertilization (zygote).
- Mendel also assumed that gametes combine at RANDOM.



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Punnett Square



- The alleles of the first parent will be placed across the top of the square.
- The alleles of the second parent will be placed along the left side of the square.
- The possible gene combinations of the offspring will be placed inside the squares.

4. Letters represent the alleles.

- 5. Capital letters represent **Dominant** alleles.
- 6. Lower case letters represent **Recessive** alleles.

- In the original Test Cross (TT with tt), the dwarf trait disappeared.
- Mendel allowed the F₁ generation to self-pollinate.
- Show this cross using the Punnett square below.

What is the genotype of each parent?

Set up the Punnett Square.

Give the results.



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The genotype of each parent? Tt x Tt





TRY

Genotypes	Phenotypes
1/4 TT	¾ Tall
2/4 Tt	
1/4 tt	¼ dwarf

Having dimples is dominant over the absence of dimples. Cross a heterozygous dimpled man with a woman who does not have dimples. Show all work in the Punnett square and summarize your findings in the table

What is the genotype of the man?

What is the genotype of the woman?



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2/4 Dd	2/4 dimples
2/4 dd	2/4 no dimples



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What are the genotypes of the parents?

- If the litter of puppies contained 12 pups, how many would you expect to have short hair?
- How many would you expect to have long hair?





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	В	b	Constras	Phonotymos	
B	BB	Bb	1/4 BB	³ ⁄ ₄ short hair	
b	Bb	bb	2/4 Bb 1/4 bb	¼ long hair	

If the litter of puppies contained 12 pups, how many would you expect to have short hair? ³/₄ of the 12 should have short hair. ³/₄ of 12 = 9 pups

How many would you expect to have long hair? ¹/₄ of 12 = 3 pups

Homologous Chromosomes bear the Alleles for Each Character

- A <u>LOCUS</u> (plural, *loci*) is the specific location of a gene along a chromosome.
- For a pair of homologous chromosomes (homologs), alleles of a gene reside at the same locus.
 - Homozygous individuals have the same allele on both homologs.
 - Heterozygous individuals have a different allele on each homolog.



- Involves TWO traits and their inheritance.
- The LAW of INDEPENDENT ASSORTMENT
 - Each trait is inherited separately or independently they do not influence one another in heredity.
 - Each trait (allele) is found on a different chromosome.
- Mendel studied crosses between the Pea Plants that simultaneously differed in TWO characteristics.
 - He crossed Round, yellow seeds (RRYY) with wrinkled, green seeds (rryy) and found that their offspring expressed completely different characteristics.

Traits: Seed shape and Seed color



Round yellow

rryy Wrinkled green





Traits: Seed shape and Seed color

rryy

х

RRYY



P generation:



Traits: Seed shape and Seed color

Gametes	RY	RY	F1 Generation
ry	RrYy Round yellow	RrYy Round yellow	Phenotype: 100% Round Yellov
ry	RrYy	RrYy	Genotype:

Traits: Seed shape and Seed color Alleles: R round r wrinkled Y yellow y green



All possible gamete combinations?





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	RY	rY	Ry	ry
RY	RRYY	RrYY	RRYy	RrYy
rY	RrYY	rrYY	RrYy	rrYy
Ry	RRYY	RrYy	RRyy	Rryy
ry	RrYy	rrYy	Rryy	rryy



The hypothesis of independent assortment

F ₁ generation:	RrYy	х	RrYy
	Round yellow		Round Yellow

Gametes	RY	Ry	rY	ry
RY	RRYY	RRYy	RrYY	RrYy
	Round yellow	Round yellow	Round yellow	Round yellow
Ry	RRYy	Rryy	RrYy	Rryy
	Round yellow	Round green	Round yellow	Round green
rY	RrYy	RrYy	rrYY	rrYy
	Round yellow	Round yellow	wrinkled yellow	wrinkled yellow
ry	RrYy	Rryy	rrYy	rryy
	Round yellow	Round green	wrinkled yellow	wrinkled green

F₂ Generation

Predictions

- 9 Two dominant traits
- 3 1 dominant & 1 recessive trait
- 3 1 dominant & 1 recessive trait
- Two recessive traits

F₂ Generation

Actual results

- 315 Round Yellow seeds
- 101 Wrinkled Yellow seeds
- 108 Round Green seeds
- 32 Wrinkled Green seeds

- A <u>Dihybrid Cross</u> is a mating of parental varieties that differ in two characters.
- Mendel performed the following dihybrid cross with the following results:
 - **P Generation**: round yellow seeds × wrinkled green seeds
 - F₁ Generation: all plants with round yellow seeds
 - F₂ Generation:
 - 9/16 had round yellow seeds
 - 3/16 had wrinkled yellow seeds
 - 3/16 had round green seeds
 - 1/16 had wrinkled green seeds

Mendel needed to explain why the F₂ offspring

- had new nonparental combinations of traits and
- had a 9:3:3:1 phenotypic ratio.
- Mendel
 - suggested that the inheritance of one character has no effect on the inheritance of another.
 - suggested that the dihybrid cross is the equivalent to two monohybrid crosses.
 - established the LAW of INDEPENDENT ASSORTMENT.



- Mendel's Principles form the basis of Modern Genetics include the following:
- 1. The inheritance of traits is determined by individual units known as ____.
- 2. ____ are passed from parent to offspring.
- 3. Each gene has two or more forms called _____.
- 4. Some alleles are _____, while other alleles are _____.
- Each parent has _____ alleles for a particular trait that they inherited from their parents. They will pass _____ allele to their offspring when the alleles are segregated into _____.
- 6. The alleles for one trait segregate _____ of the alleles for another trait.



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- 6. The alleles for one trait segregate **independently** of the alleles for another trait.