

Mendelian Genetics



Introduction to Genetics

<https://www.brainpop.com/health/geneticsgrowthanddevelopment/heredity/>



Do Now –

- 1. Who is known as the “father of modern genetics” ?**
- 2. He discovered the basic principles of heredity using what plants ?**
- 3. Name the cell organelle where genetic material (DNA) is stored?**



Gregor Mendel



- **Mendel** wanted to find out how lifeforms pass **traits**, from **one generation to the next**.
- Using **pea plants**, he found indirect but observable evidence of how parents transmit genes to offspring
- He had **NO KNOWLEDGE** of **genes** or **chromosomes**!



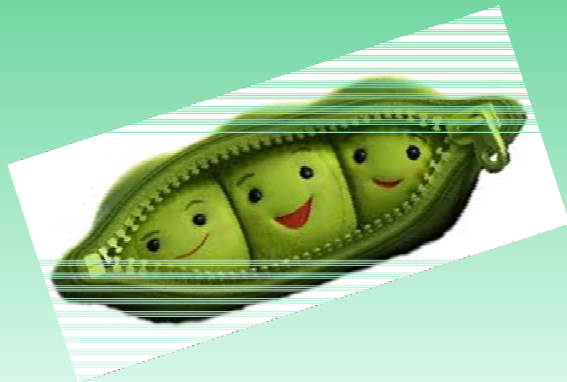
Mendel's Hypothesis

- Mendel was the first biologist to use Mathematics – to explain his results quantitatively.
- Mendel predicted
 - The concept of **genes**
 - That genes occur in **pairs**
 - That one gene of each pair is present in the **gametes**



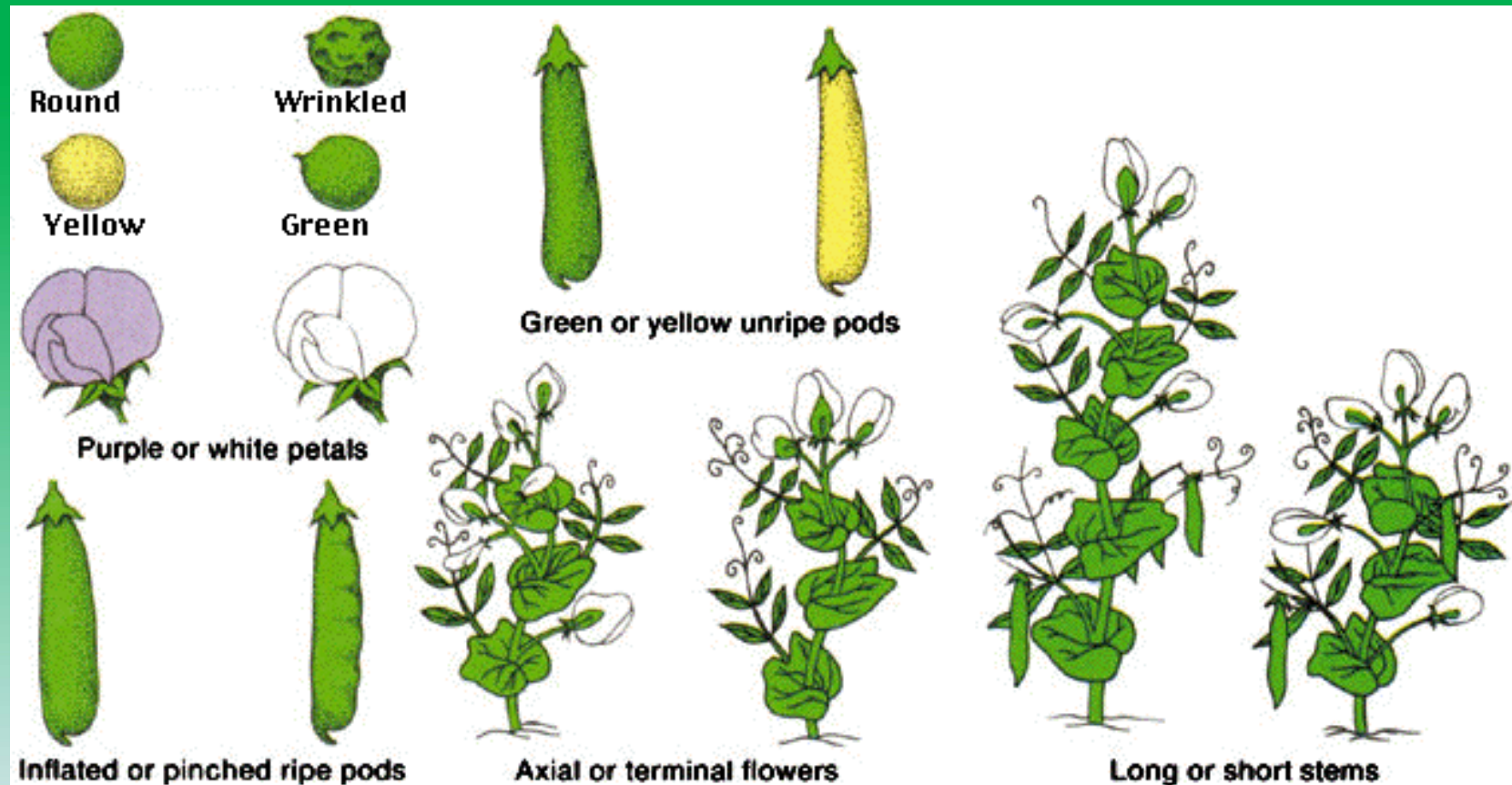
Reproduction

- In **asexually** reproducing organisms, all the genes come from a single parent. These genes are normally **identical to the parent**.
- **Sexually reproducing** organisms normally receive half their genetic information from the **Mother's egg** and half their genetic information from their **Father's sperm**. Sexually reproduced offspring resemble but are not identical to their parents.



Mendel's peas

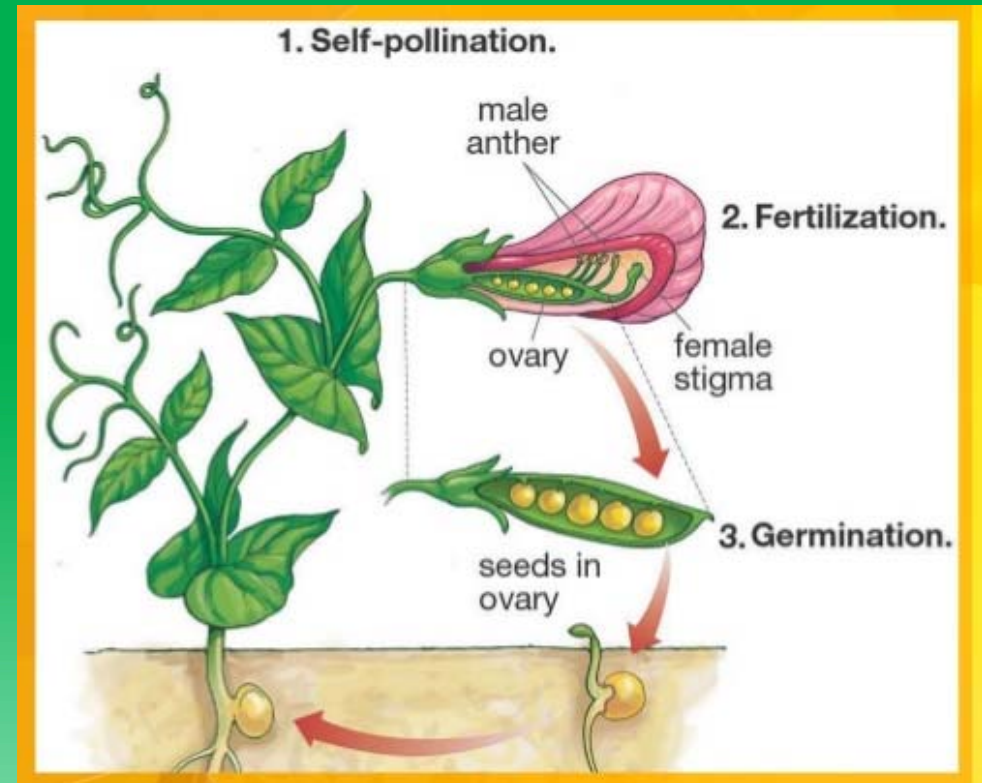
Mendel looked at seven traits or characteristics of pea plants:



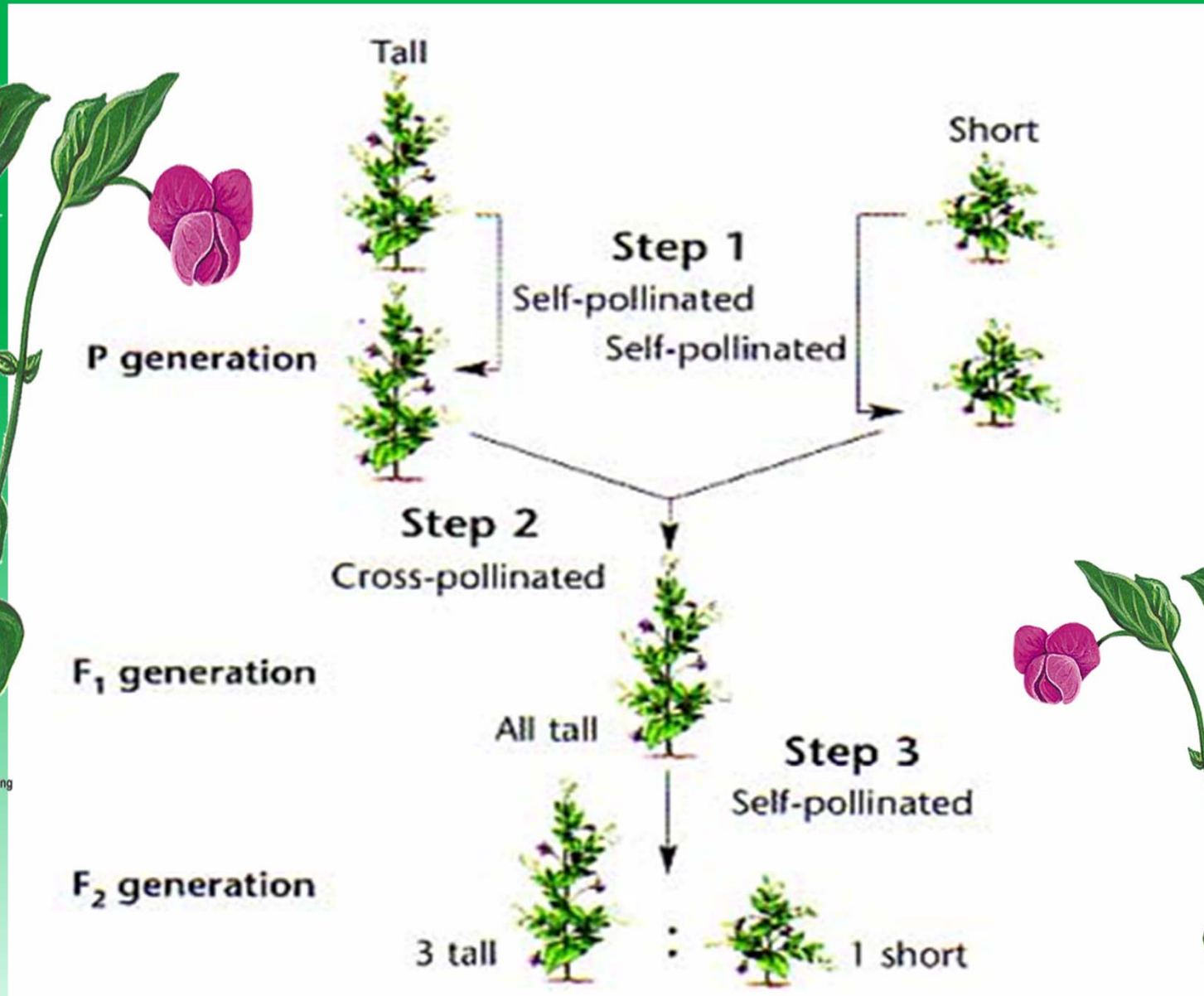
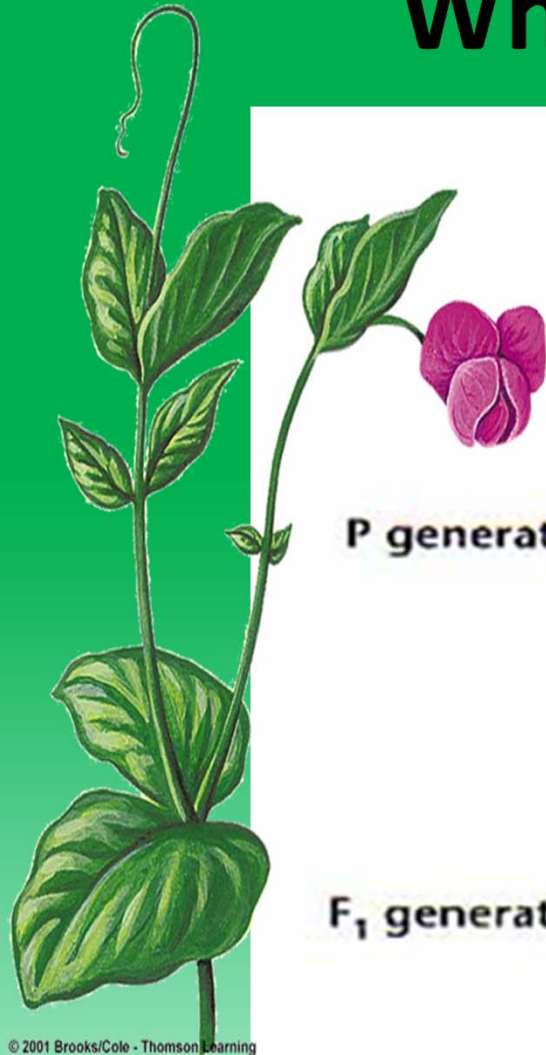


How did he do it ?

- Mendel took pollen from **short stemmed** plants and placed it on other **short stemmed** pea plants.
- Resulting in all **short** pea plants.
- Mendel called these **true breeders**, because all the offspring were the same as the parents.
- **Hybridization**: Mating, or crossing, of two varieties.

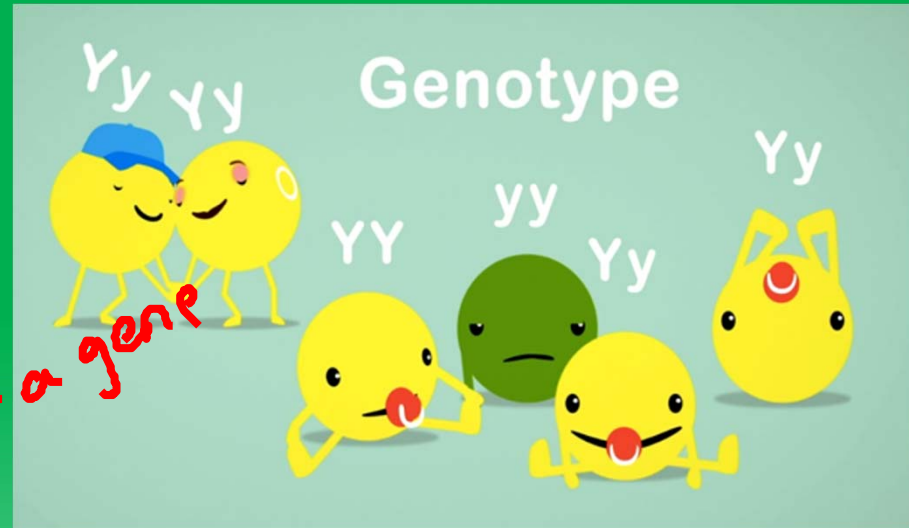


What happened next ?



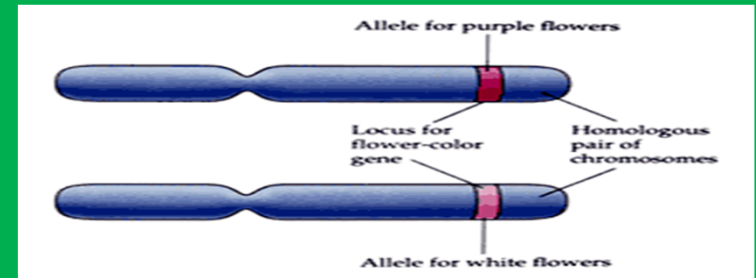
Allele Expression

YY	 Yellow
Yy	 Yellow
yy	 Green

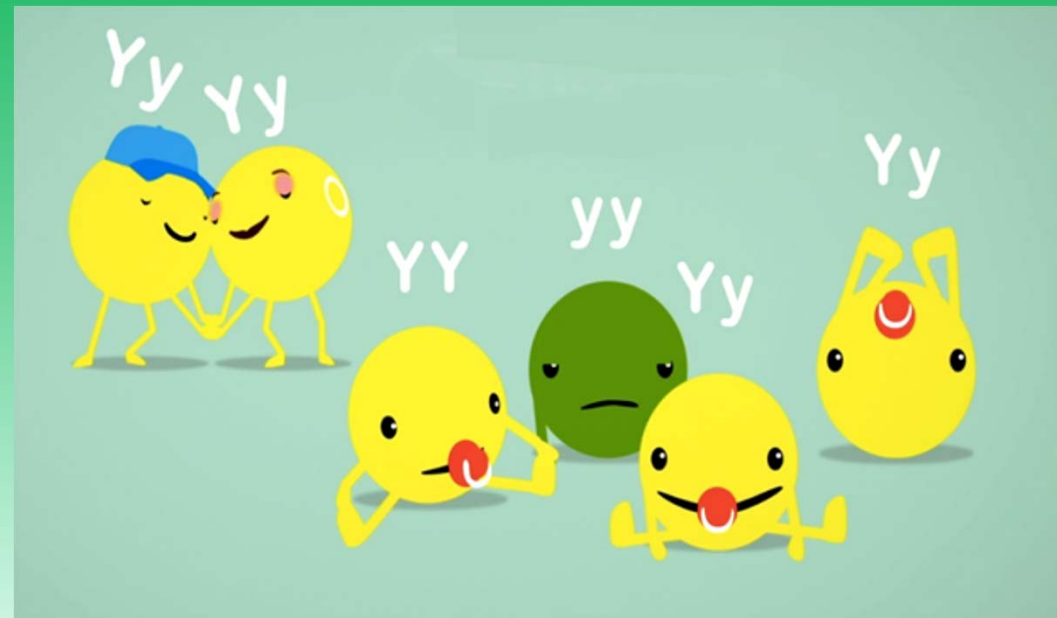
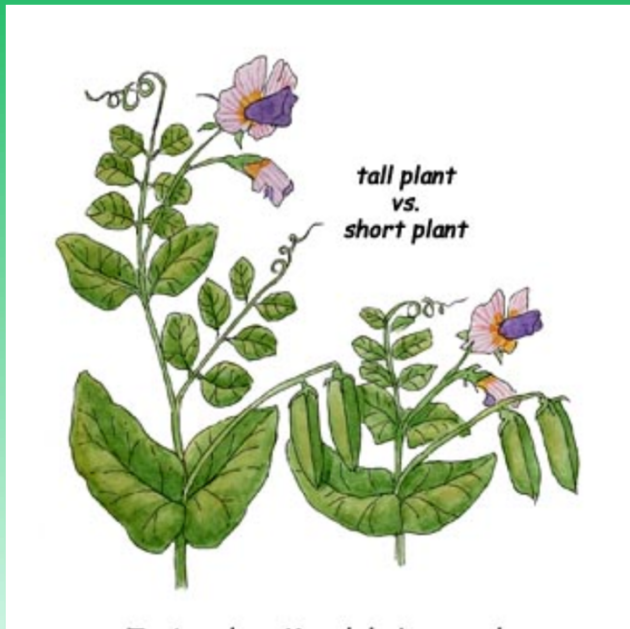


- **Dominant** – the allele of a gene that masks or suppresses the expression of an alternate allele. “Y”
- **Recessive** – an allele that is masked by a dominant allele. “y”

Allele Combinations



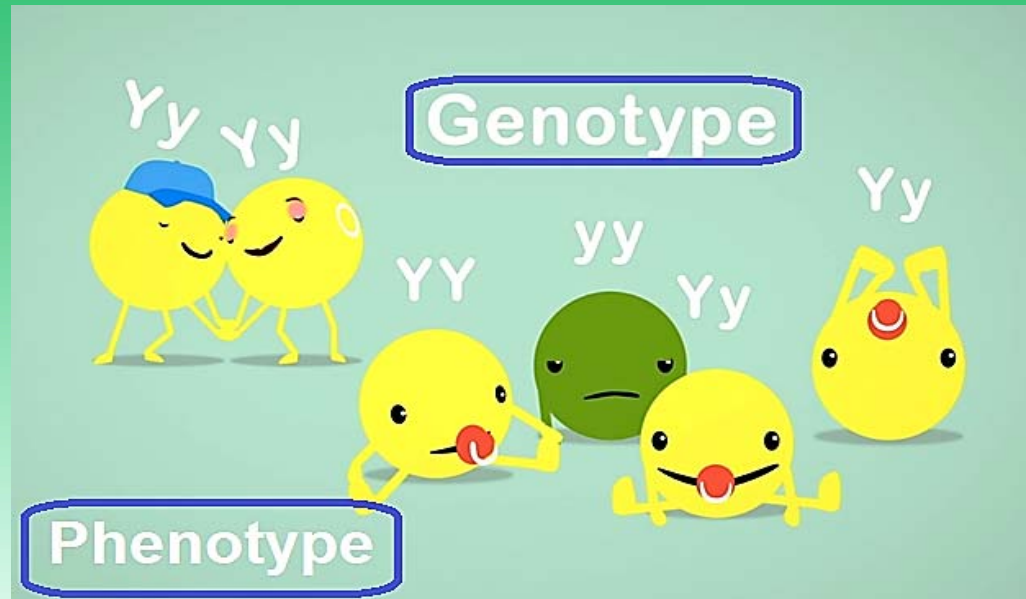
- **Homozygous** (pure) – having **identical** genes (one from each parent) YY or yy
- **Heterozygous** (hybrid) – having two **different** genes for a particular characteristic Yy



- The **Law of Dominance** states that for contrasting traits only the **dominant trait** (or one gene of an allelic pair) is expressed
- Mendel saw this unfold for all of the **seven traits** that he studied.
- He came up with the **Principle of Segregation and Recombination**.
- Mendel's **law of independent assortment**, states that allele pairs separate independently during the formation of **gametes**.

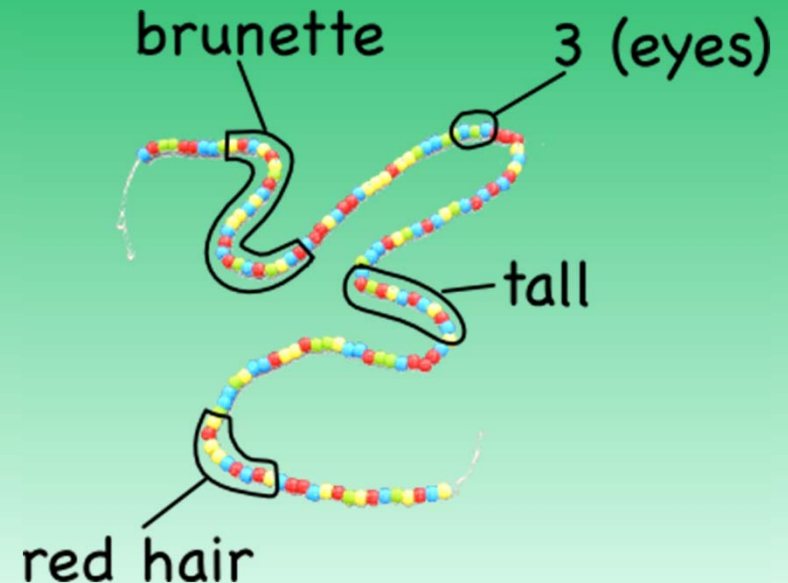
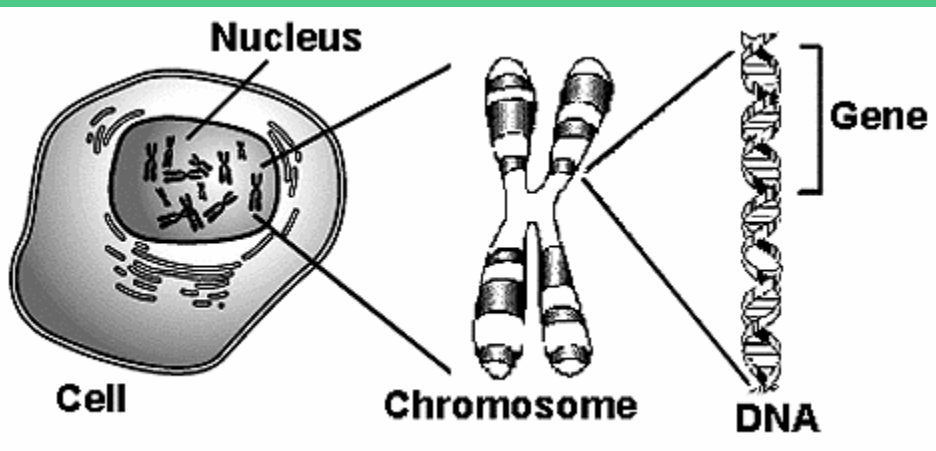
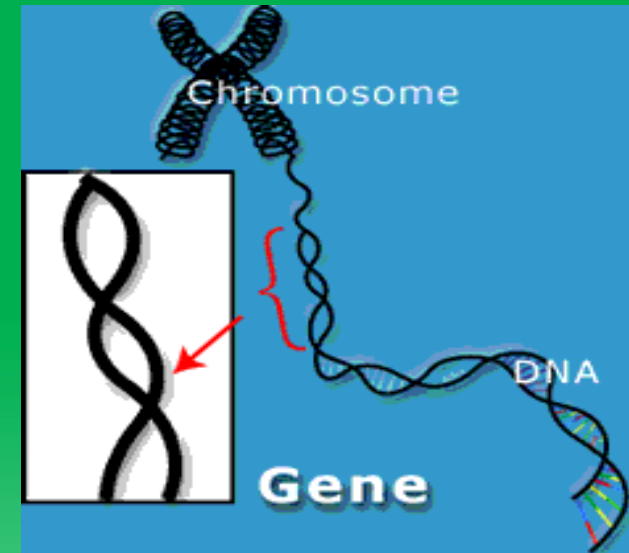
Genotype & Phenotype

- **Genotype** refers to particular **genes** an individual carries. Ex: BB, Bb, YY, yy, etc
- **Phenotype** refers to an individual's **observable traits**. Ex: physical characteristics (blond hair, brown eyes, etc.)
- Cannot always determine genotype by observing phenotype

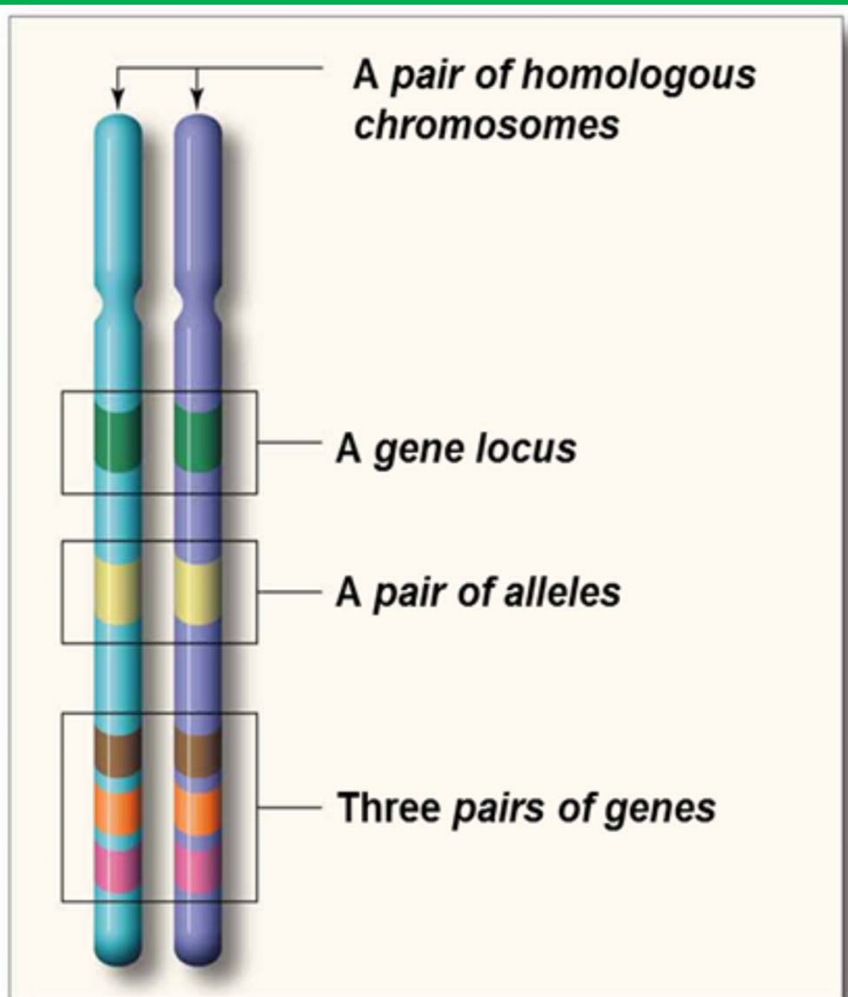


Genetics terms you need to know:

- **Gene** – a **unit of heredity**; a section of DNA sequence encoding a single protein
- **Genome** – the **entire set of genes** in an organism



More genetic terms



- **Alleles** – two genes that occupy the same position on **homologous chromosomes** and that cover the same trait (like ‘flavors’ of a trait).
- **Locus** – a fixed location on a strand of DNA where a gene or one of its alleles is located.

Monohybrid cross

A cross that tracks the **inheritance of a single** character.



YELLOW
PEAS
VS.
GREEN
PEAS



- Parents differ by a **single trait**.
- Crossing two pea plants that differ in stem size, one tall one short

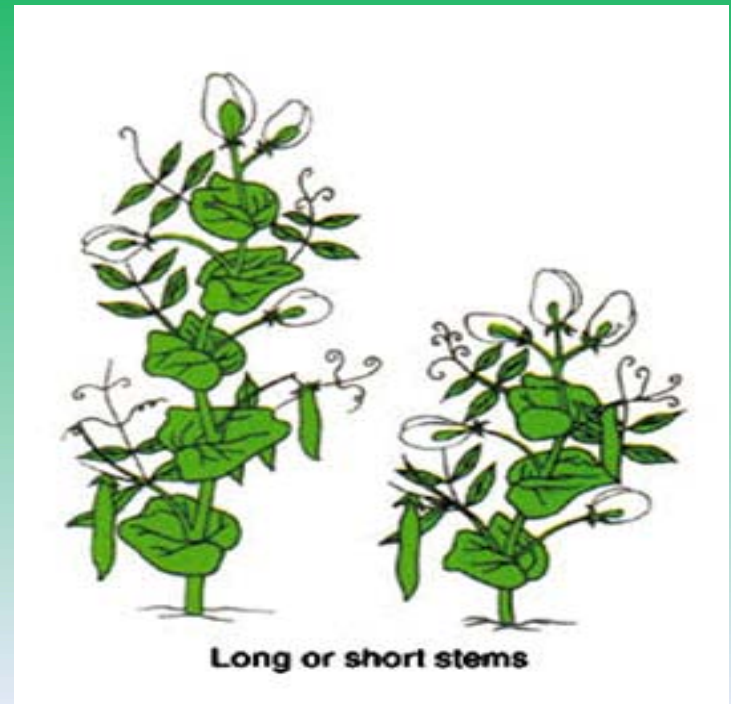
T = allele for **Tall**

t = allele for **dwarf (short)**

TT = **homozygous** tall plant

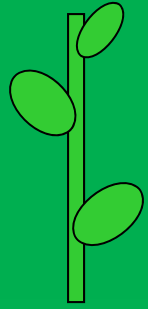
tt = **homozygous** dwarf plant

TT × tt



Monohybrid cross for stem length:

P = parentals
true breeding,
homozygous plants:

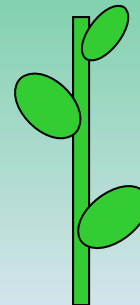


TT × **tt**
(tall) (dwarf)



F₁ generation
is heterozygous:

Tt
(all tall plants)

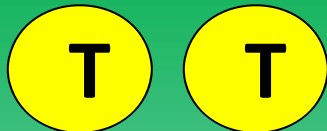
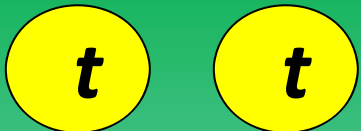


Using a Punnett Square



STEPS:

1. Determine the genotypes of the parent organisms
2. Write down your "cross" (mating)
3. Draw a p-square

Parent genotypes:  × 

TT and *tt*

Cross

TT × *tt*

Punnett square

4. "Split" the letters of the genotype for each parent & put them "outside" the p-square
5. Determine the possible genotypes of the offspring by filling in the p-square
6. Summarize results (genotypes & phenotypes of offspring)

TT × tt

	T	T
t	25% Tt	25% Tt
t	25% Tt	25% Tt

Genotypes:
100% Tt

Phenotypes:
100% Tall plants

Monohybrid cross: F₂ generation

- If you let the F1 generation self-fertilize, the next monohybrid cross would be:

$$\begin{array}{c} T t \\ \text{(tall)} \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} T t \\ \text{(tall)} \end{array}$$

	T	t
T	TT	Tt
t	Tt	tt

Genotypes:

$$1 \text{ TT} = \underline{\underline{25\%}}$$

$$2 \text{ Tt} = \underline{\underline{50\%}}$$

$$1 \text{ tt} = \underline{\underline{25\%}}$$

Genotypic ratio= 1:2:1

Phenotype:

3 Tall

1 dwarf

Phenotypic ratio= 3:1

Monohybrid cross in Humans

Bb × Bb

(Brown hair)

(blonde hair)

	B	b
B		
b		

Genotypes:

1 _____ = _____

2 _____ = _____

1 _____ = _____

Genotypic ratio = _____

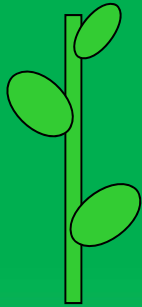
Phenotype:

3 _____

1 _____

Phenotypic ratio = _____

Dihybrid cross: flower color and stem length



TT PP × **tt pp**
 (tall, purple) (short, white)



Possible Gametes for parents



	<i>tp</i>	<i>tp</i>	<i>tp</i>	<i>tp</i>
TP	<i>TtPp</i>	<i>TtPp</i>	<i>TtPp</i>	<i>TtPp</i>
TP	<i>TtPp</i>	<i>TtPp</i>	<i>TtPp</i>	<i>TtPp</i>
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F1 Generation: All tall, purple flowers (Tt Pp)



Incomplete Dominance

True Breeding Red &
White Parents



X

F1 Generation =
ALL Pink



When one allele is only partially dominant over the other --the dominant allele is only partially expressed when the recessive allele is present.



F2 Generation yields ratio of 1:2:1 Red: Pink: White

Incomplete Dominance

The allele for white spotting (S) is *incompletely dominant* to the allele for solid color (s). Left: Black cat with Ss genotype.

Right: Black cat with SS genotype.

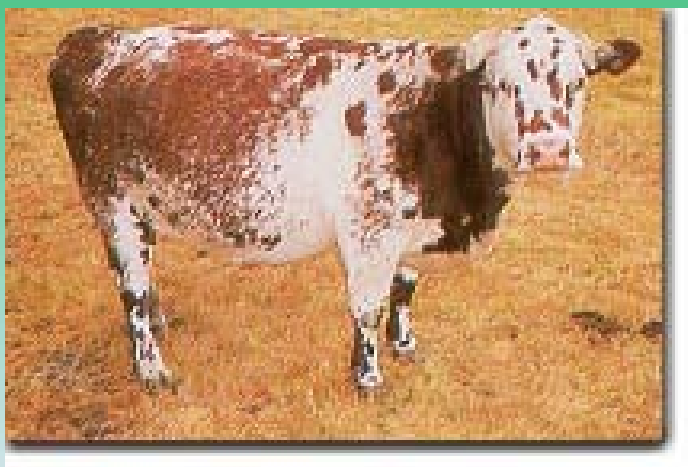


A non-cat example of incomplete dominance:
Cross a white horse and a chestnut brown horse
and the result is a *golden palomino*.



Co-dominance

- When **neither allele is dominant** over the other (alleles have equal power).
- **Both alleles** can be expressed .
- For example, red cows crossed with white will generate roan cows. Roan refers to cows that have red coats with white blotches.



Mendel's impact

- Mendel's theories of inheritance, first discovered in garden peas, are equally valid for figs, flies, fish, birds and human beings.
- Mendel's impact endures, not only on genetics, but on all of science, as a case study of the power of hypothesis.

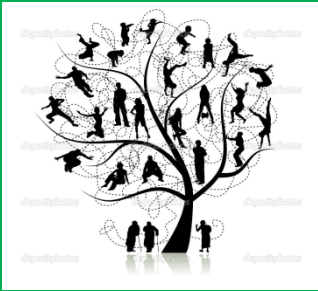


Let's Review



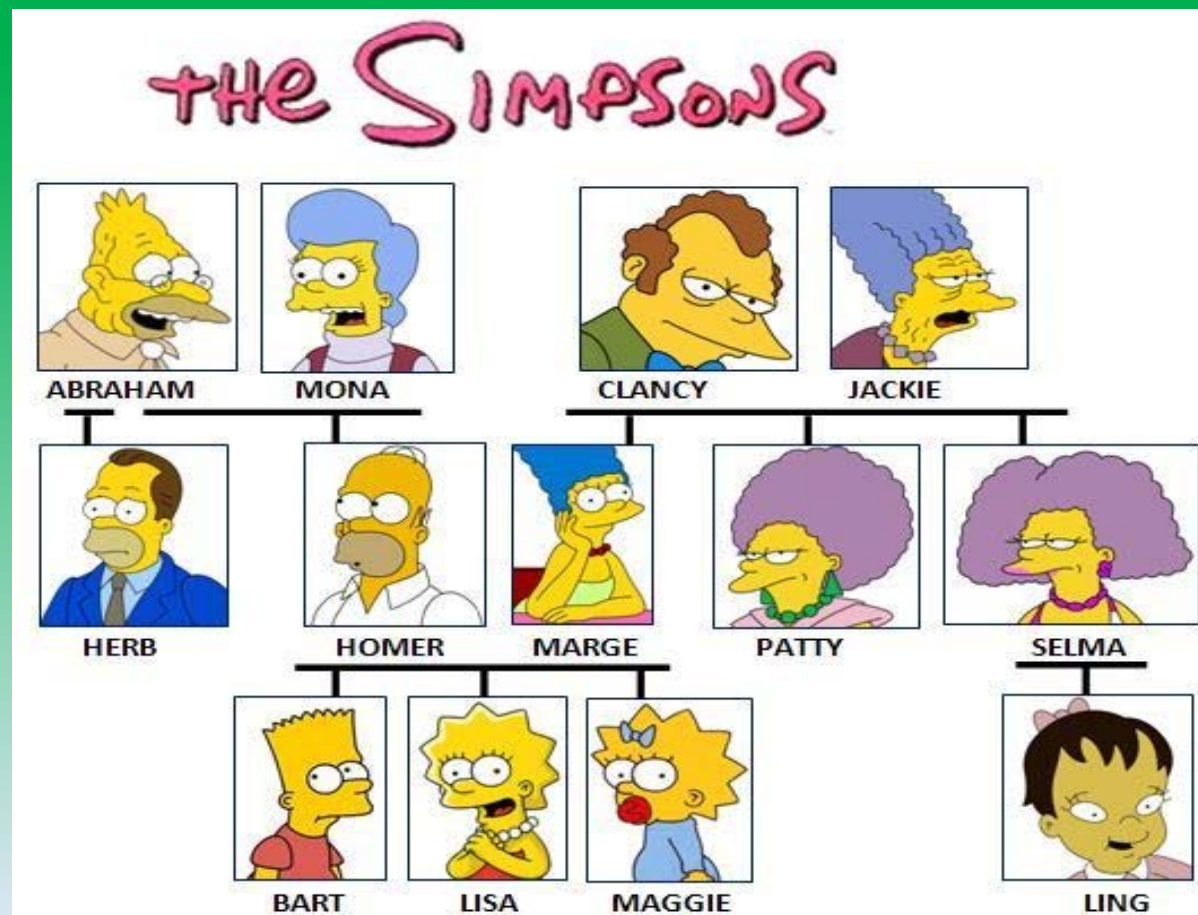
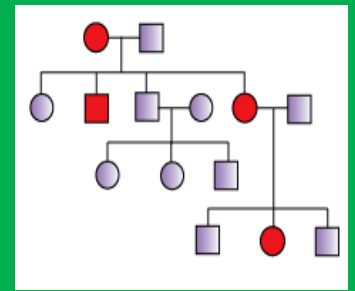
Seed shape

- Round is dominant (R)
- Wrinkled is recessive (r)
- An RR father and an rr mother
- What shape(s) are the parents?
- What shape(s) are the children?



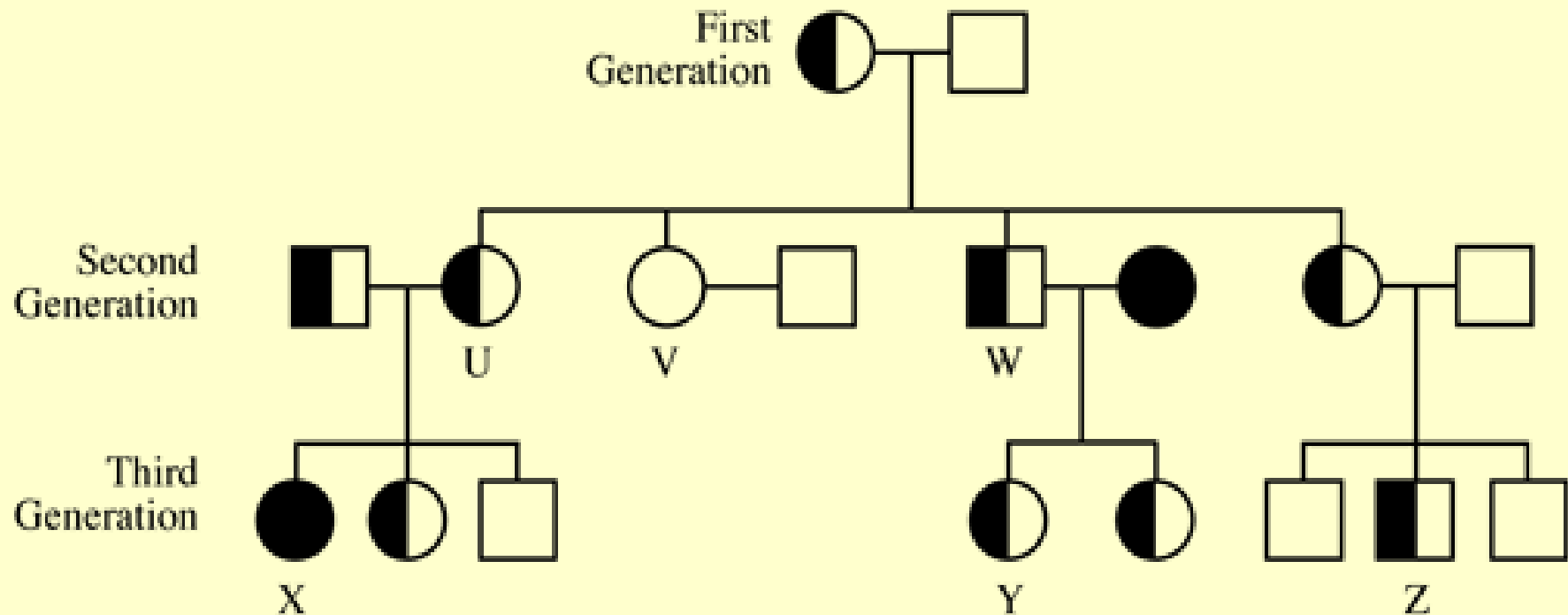
Pedigree

Inheritable traits

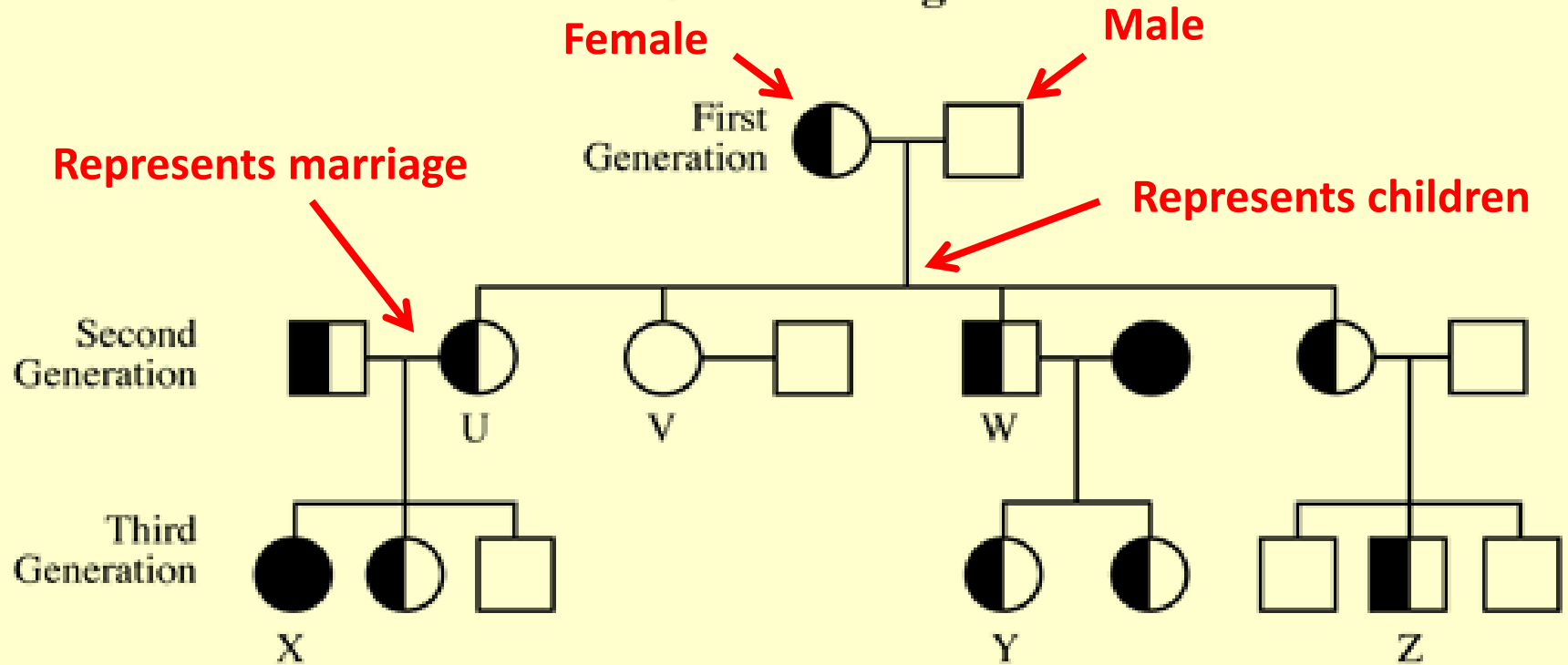


The Pedigree Chart

- A chart that shows a **familial line**.
- Can show the **presence or absence** of a particular **trait** in each member of each generation.



Genetic Pedigree



Key

○ = normal female

● = affected female

◐ = carrier female

□ = normal male

■ = affected male

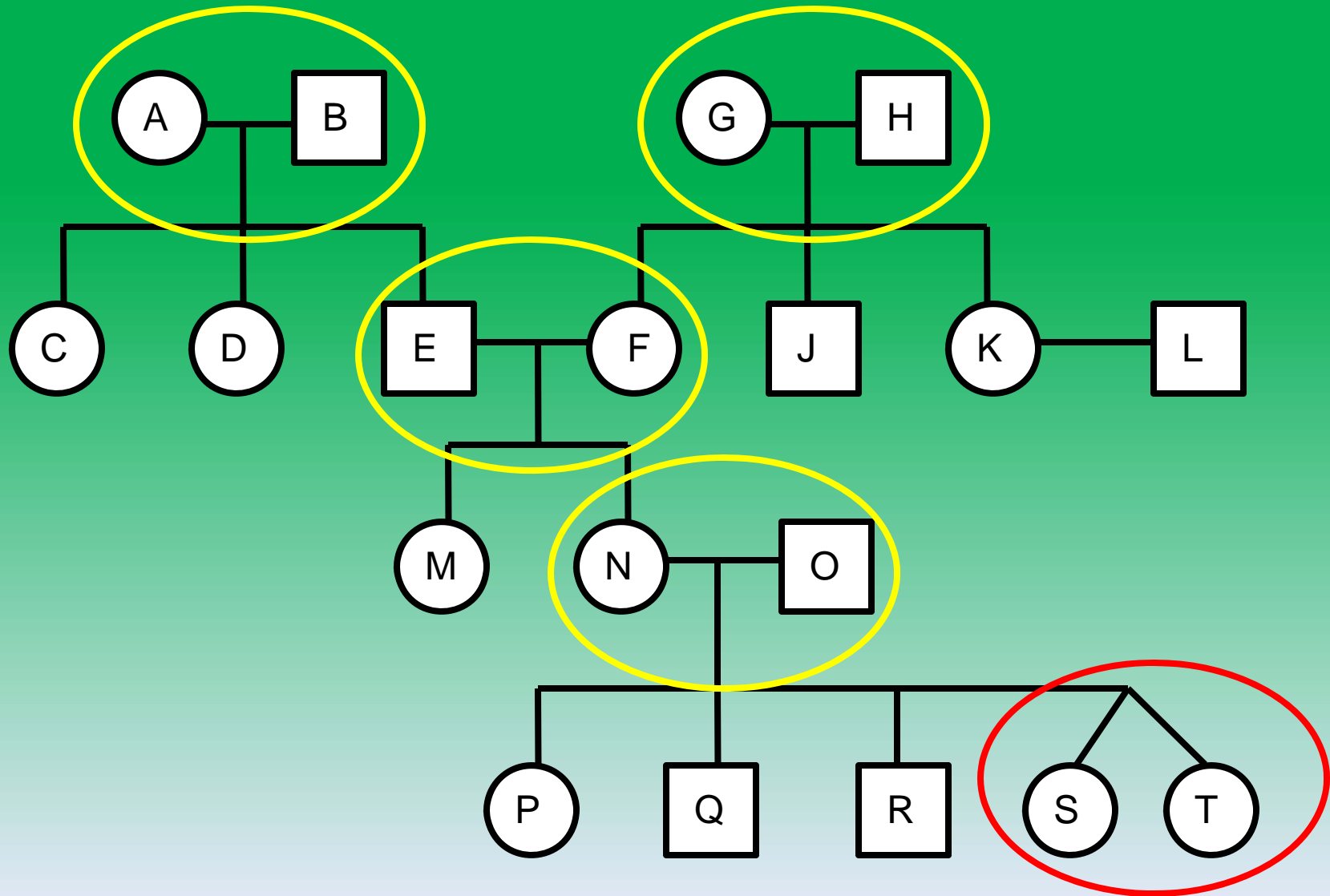
◑ = carrier male

How many girls? 11

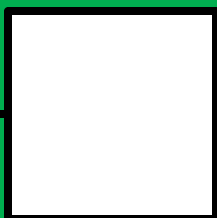
How many couples

How many boys? 8

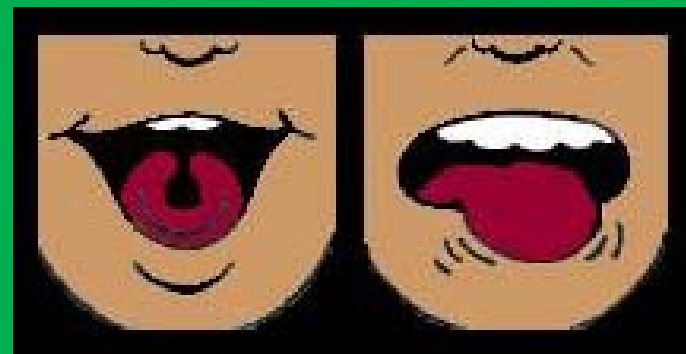
have children? 4



Rr
mom



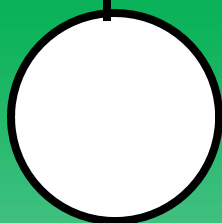
RR
dad



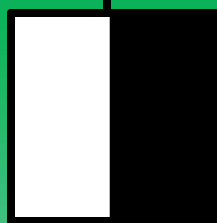
R = tongue roller
r = non-roller



Rr
daughter



RR
daughter



Rr
son

	R	R
R	RR	RR
r	Rr	Rr

PTC test

A single gene which codes for a protein found in our tongues.

- PTC will bind with the protein if it present and a person will taste it.
- If the protein is not present, PTC will not bind and a person cannot taste it
- Being able to taste PTC is a dominant trait.

Are you a Super Taster?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W7Pzhvypg9A>

Phenylthiocarbamide
Paper



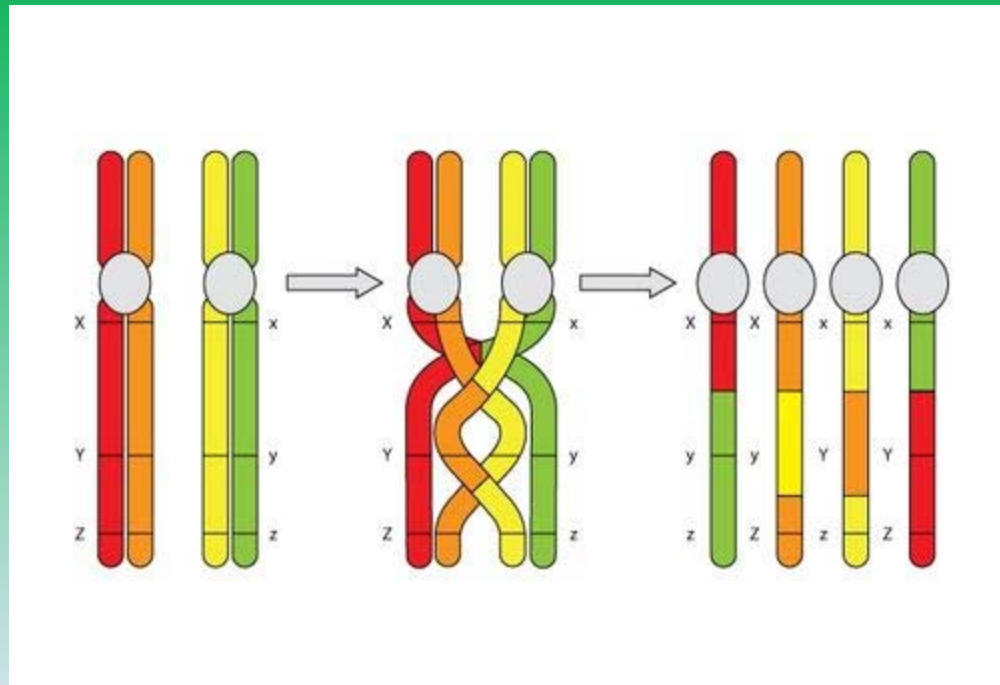
Linked Genes

- When genes for **two different traits** are located on the **same chromosome pair**
- Linked genes are **USUALLY** inherited together.



- The exception to this principle can be found when **crossing over** occurs. For example not all persons with red hair have freckles.

- **Crossing over**: during first meiotic division, homologous chromosomes exchange portions of their chromatids.
- Crossing over results in the **rearrangement of linked genes** and **increases the variability of offspring**.



Genetic Disorders

- A woman is considered a **carrier** if she has one recessive sex-linked trait:



- In a woman, the recessive trait is “**hidden**” by the dominant gene.
- BUT if a man inherits one recessive sex-linked trait he always shows that trait:

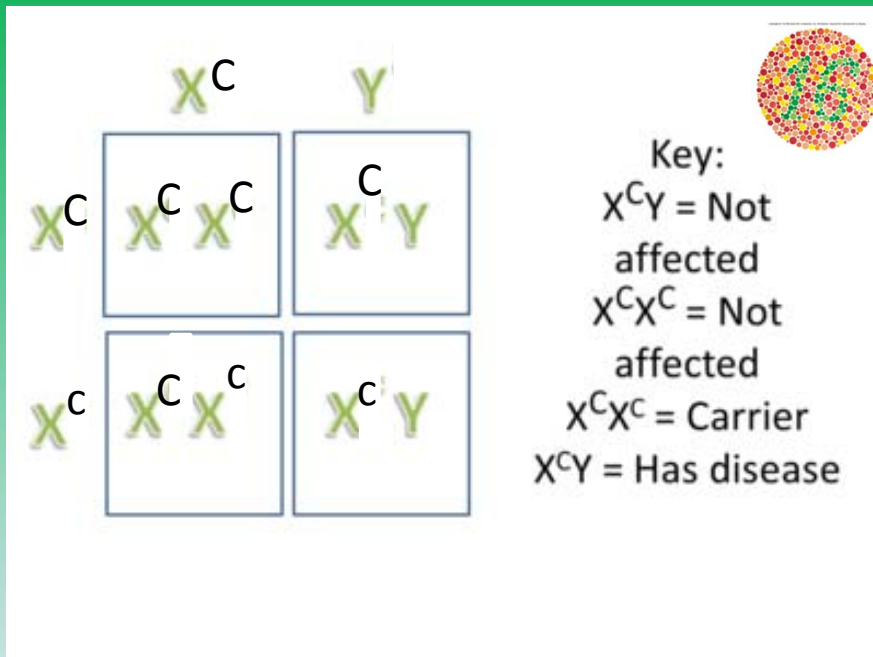


- **X-linked dominant** – found on the X chromosome
 - Less common than X-linked recessive
- **X-linked recessive** – found on the X chromosome
 - Only boys have affected, and girls are carriers

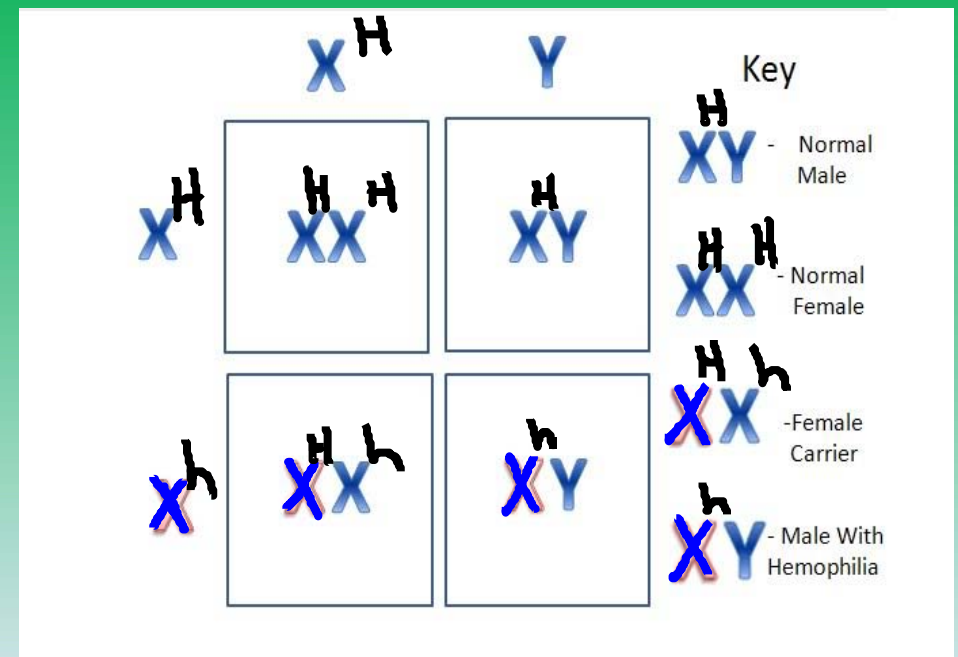
Sex Linked Genes

- Sex linkage depends on the sex of the individual and is directly tied to the sex chromosomes.
- Genes on X and Y chromosomes** are called sex-linked genes.


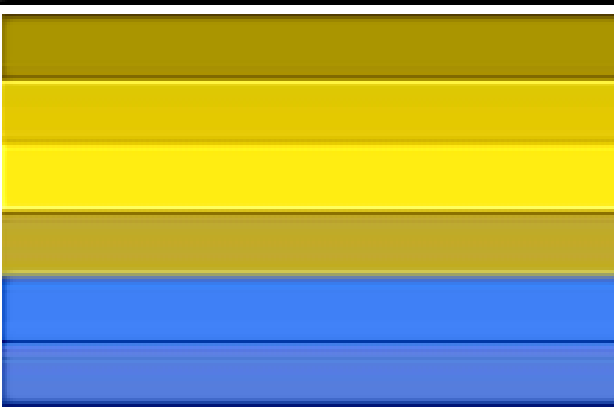

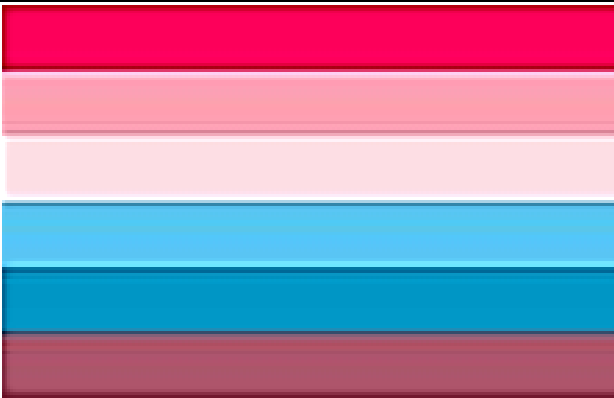
Colorblindness



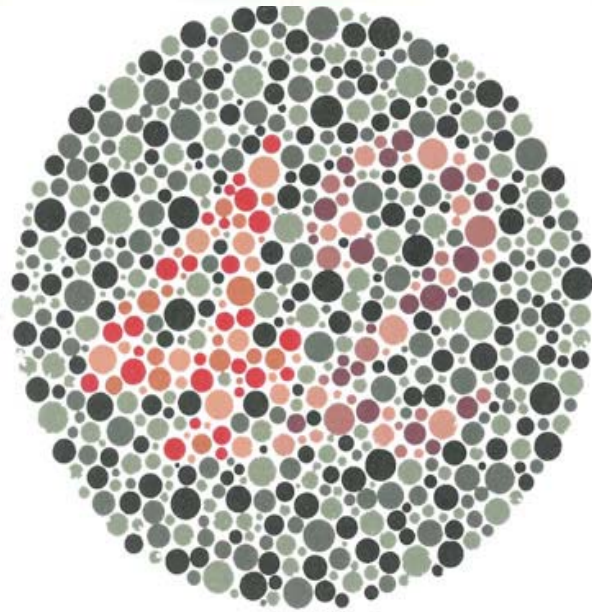
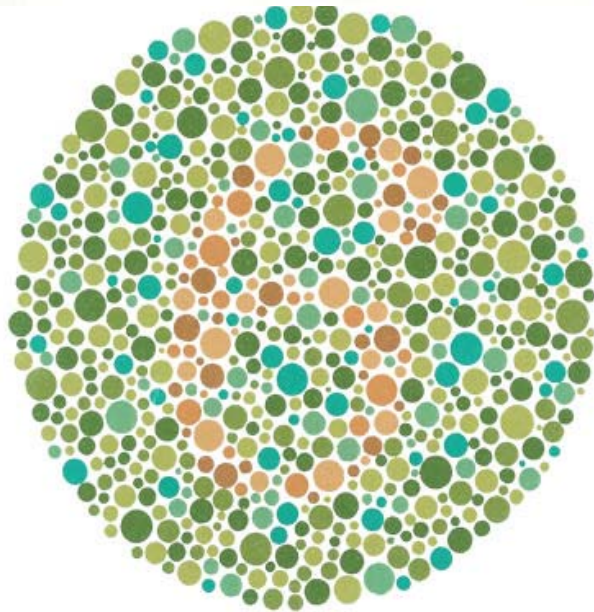
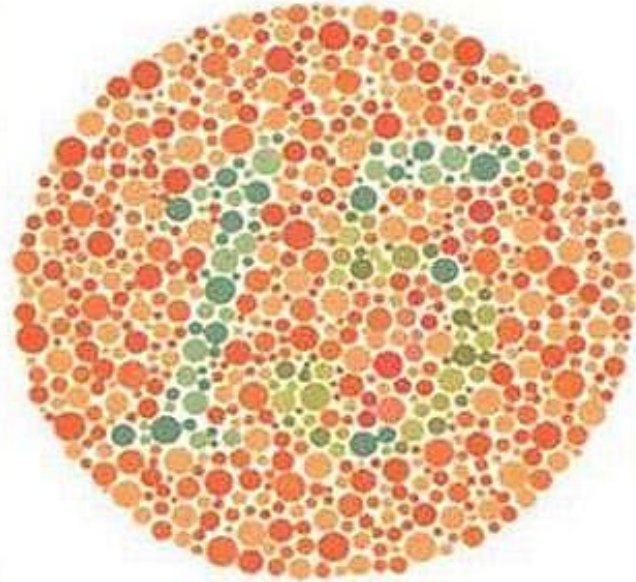
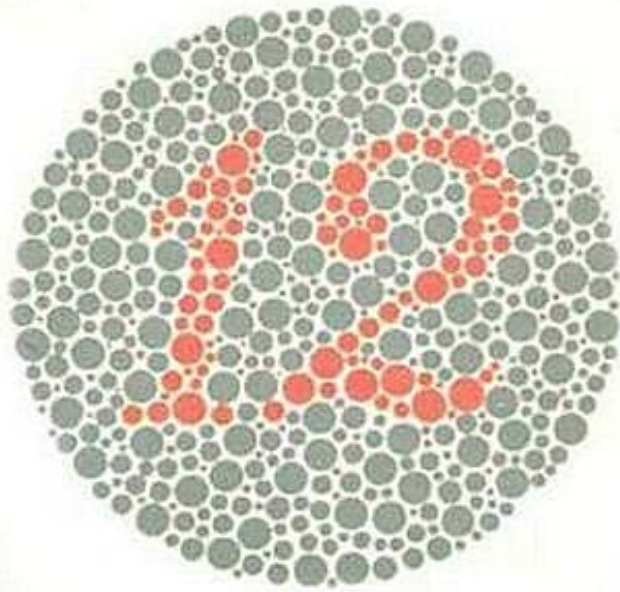
Hemophilia



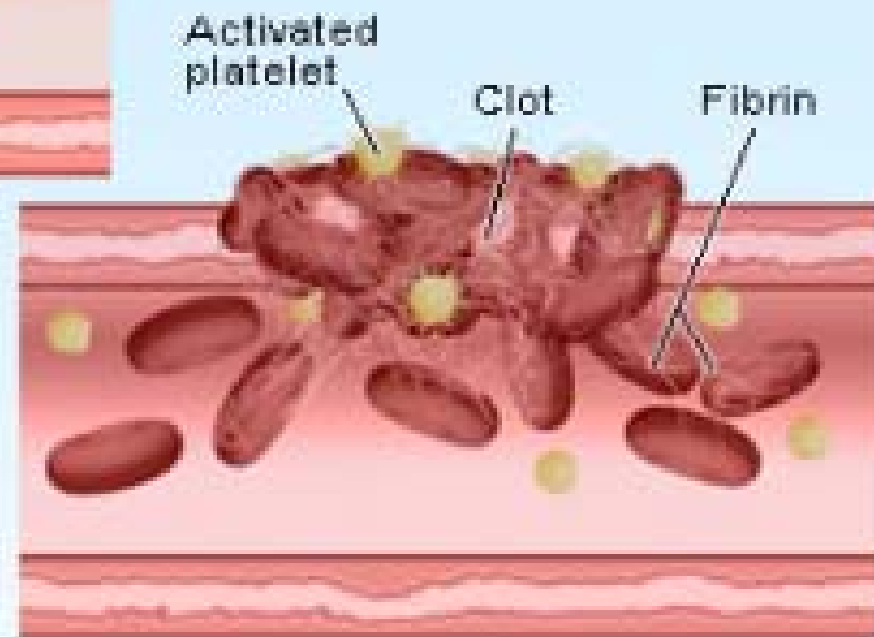
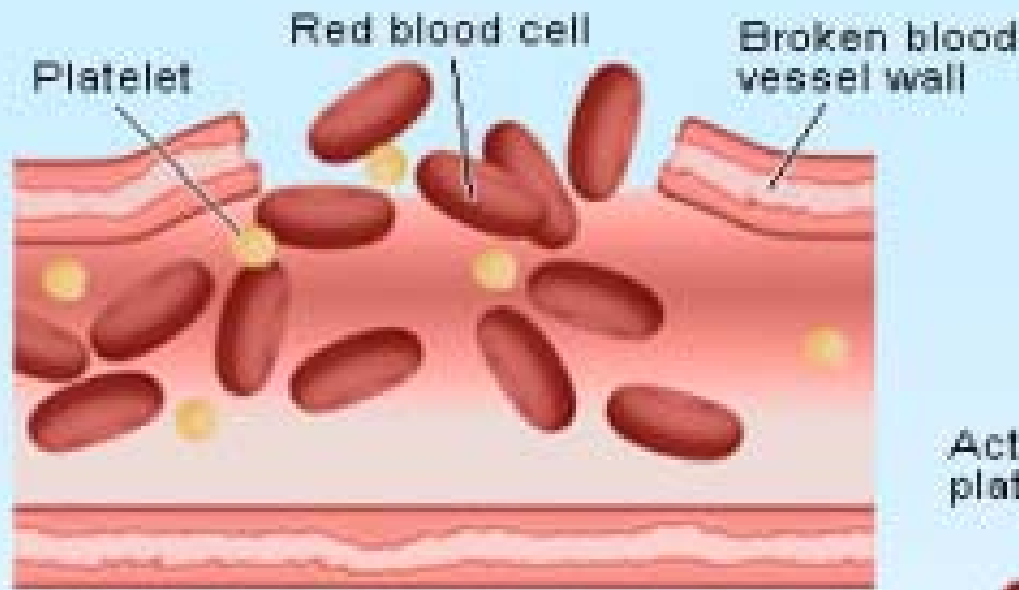
Here are some illustrations of the most common forms of color-blindness:

	
<p>The colors of the rainbow Normal color vision</p>	<p>The colors of the rainbow Deuteranope (simulation) <i>Absence of green retinal photoreceptors</i></p>
	
<p>The colors of the rainbow Protanope (simulation) <i>Absence of red retinal photoreceptors.</i></p>	<p>The colors of the rainbow Tritanope (simulation) <i>Absence of blue retinal receptors</i></p>

Colorblindness



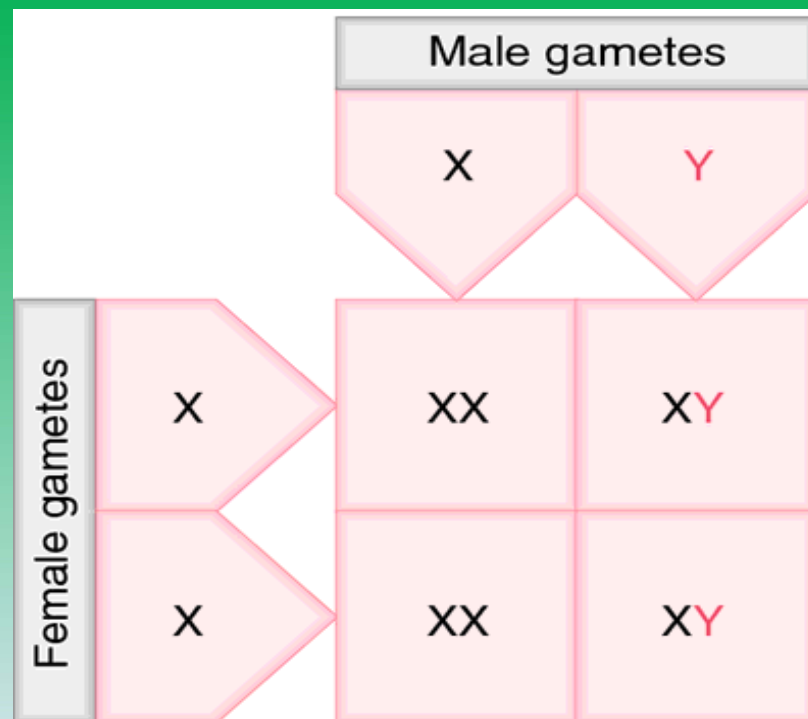
Hemophilia



Hemophilia is a inherited blood disorders in which the blood does not clot properly.

X-linked disorders

- X-linked genes are never passed from father to son. The Y chromosome is the only sex chromosome that passes from father to son.



X-linked recessive, carrier mother

