

# Genetics Notes

These notes go along with the following lecture videos: *Genes, Alleles, and Genotypes*, *Punnett Squares with Genetics Practice Questions*, and *Non-Mendelian Genetics*. Fill them in as you move through the videos and answer questions.

**VIDEO FOR THIS SECTION:** *Genes, Alleles, and Genotypes, Punnett Squares with Genetics Practice Questions*

## What is *Genetics*?

- The science that deal with heredity and variation.
- Heredity: the \_\_\_\_\_ from parents to offspring
- Variation: similarities and differences

## What is a *Gene*?

- Gene = segment of DNA on a chromosome that controls a \_\_\_\_\_
  - ◆ Genes are made up of DNA and act as \_\_\_\_\_
  - ◆ Genes are \_\_\_\_\_-onto offspring
  - ◆ Every person has two copies of each gene, one inherited \_\_\_\_\_
- Trait: a quality of characteristic
- Different forms of each gene are called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ◆ You inherit one from each parent.
- Letters represent Alleles
  - ◆ Allele H = black hair
  - ◆ Allele h = brown hair
- Capital letters = dominant alleles
- Lowercase letters = recessive alleles

**Dominant alleles** are notated with **capital** letters

## Dominant vs. Recessive

Ex: B= Brown

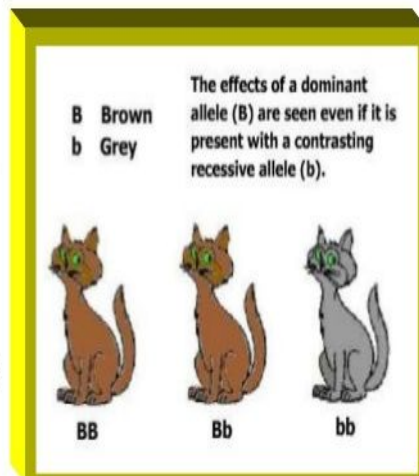
**Recessive alleles** are notated with **lower case** letters

Ex: b=Grey

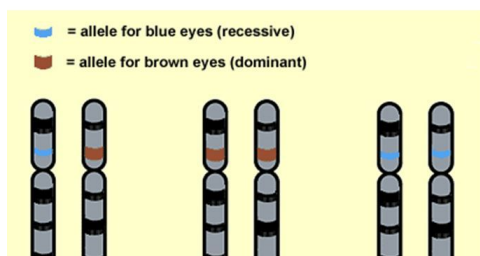
**\*\*Remember, individuals get ONE allele from EACH PARENT**

• A **dominant** allele is expressed even if it is paired with a recessive allele.

• A **recessive** allele is only visible when paired with another recessive allele.



## Dominant Allele vs Recessive Allele

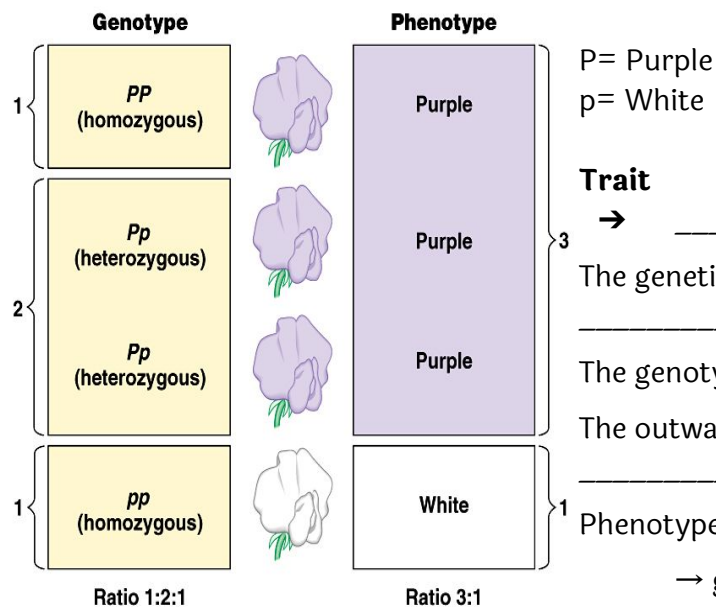
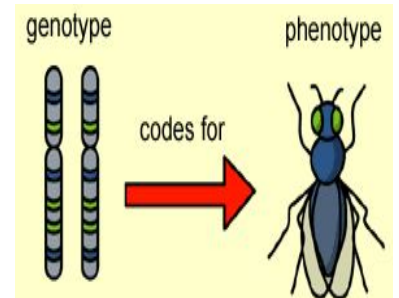


Individual C is the only one who will have blue eyes (recessive allele)

Because the allele for brown eyes is present, individual B and

## Homozygous vs. Heterozygous

- \_\_\_\_\_ = both alleles of a pair are alike for that characteristic
  - PP – homozygous dominant
  - pp – homozygous recessive
- \_\_\_\_\_ = two alleles are different for that characteristic
  - Pp



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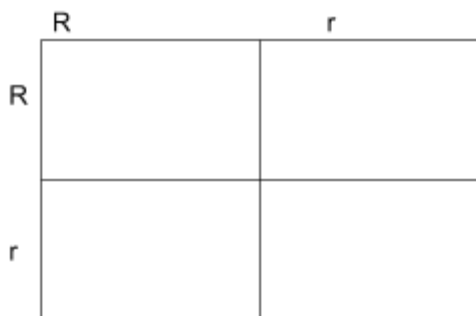
## VIDEO FOR THIS SECTION: Punnett Squares with Genetics Practice Questions

### Monohybrid Punnett Squares

- Letters outside Punnett = possible gametes (egg/sperm) formed from meiosis
- Letters inside Punnett = possible offspring

**Practice:** Red is dominant over white. Two heterozygous flowers are crossed. Use a Punnett square to determine the probability of one of their offspring having a red color.

R = red r = white



- Predicted outcome of Punnett:
- Genotypic ratio of offspring:**
- Phenotypic ratio of offspring:**
- Answer:

**Practice:** H = brown hair h = black hair. Determine the possible genotypes for each cross below:

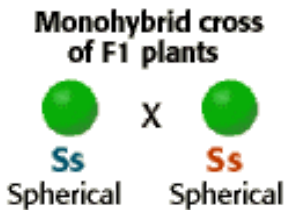
1. Mom is Hh and Dad is hh


2. Mom is hh and Dad is HH


3. Mom is Hh and Dad is Hh


**Practice Monohybrid Cross**

In pea plants, spherical seeds (S) are dominant to dented seeds (s). In a genetic cross of two plants that are heterozygous for the seed shape trait, what fraction of the offspring should have spherical seeds? Draw the Punnett Square.



**Recessive Inheritance**

Deafness is a recessive disorder.

D=normal

d=deaf

If we cross heterozygous parents with normal hearing, what will the Punnett Square look like? Draw a Punnett square.

**Practice Questions:** Draw Punnett squares to answer the questions.

1. In mussels, brown (**B**) coloring is dominant, and blue (**b**) coloring is recessive. If a blue mussel has two brown parents, what percentages of the total offspring of these brown parents are expected to be blue?

a. 100%

b. 75%

c. 50%

d. 25%



# Non - Mendelian Genetics aka Complex Genetics

## Different types of Inheritance Patterns

Types of Inheritance:

1. Dominant/Recessive aka complete dominance
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

### Incomplete dominance

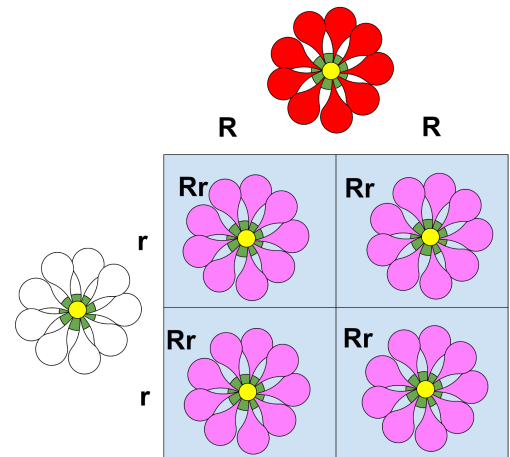
- a. results in intermediate (\_\_\_\_\_ ) phenotypes
- b. Neither allele is dominant over the other
- c. Both alleles are present in heterozygotes
- d. often described as \_\_\_\_\_
- e. No dominant allele

### Examples of incomplete dominance

**Human Hair:** If a straight-haired person and a curly haired person have a child, the child will likely have wavy hair

Flowers:

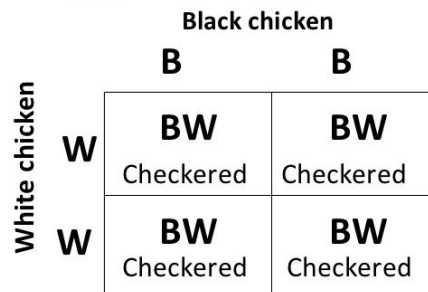
Crossing homozygous red flowers with homozygous white flowers produces heterozygotes that pink (blend of white and red)



### Codominance

- Many genes have more than two alleles in the population
- Expression of both alleles is observed as a distinct phenotype in the heterozygous individual

Often results in a spotting pattern





### Sample Questions 1 and 2:

Cow traits:

BB = black    BW = black and white    WW = white

- 1) Is this an example of incomplete dominance or codominance?
- 2) Two black and white cows are crossed. What are possible phenotypes, and their %'s, for the offspring? (Draw a Punnet Square.)

### Sample Questions 3 and 4:

Cow traits:

BB = black    BW = grey    WW = white

- 3) Is this an example of incomplete dominance or codominance?
- 4) A black cow and a grey cow are crossed. What are possible phenotypes, and their %'s, for the offspring? (Draw a Punnet Square.)

### Multiple alleles

- \_\_\_\_\_ alleles in the population
- individuals can carry any \_\_\_\_\_ of these alleles
- The \_\_\_\_\_ blood group has three alleles:
  - leading to four phenotypes: type A, type B, type AB, and type O blood

### ABO Blood Type

- blood type gene is found on the 9th \_\_\_\_\_
- blood type results from \_\_\_\_\_ (A, B, or O) from each parent. 2 alleles total.
- Types A and B are dominant. Type O is recessive.

father	mother		
	A	B	O
A	AA	AB	AO
B	BA	BB	BO
O	OA	OB	OO

alleles	blood type
A+A	= A
A+O	= A
A+B	= AB
B+B	= B
B+O	= B
O+O	= O

- Possible outcomes:
- AO genotype will have an A phenotype
- BO genotype will have an B phenotype
- OO genotype will have an O phenotype
- AB genotype will have an AB phenotype

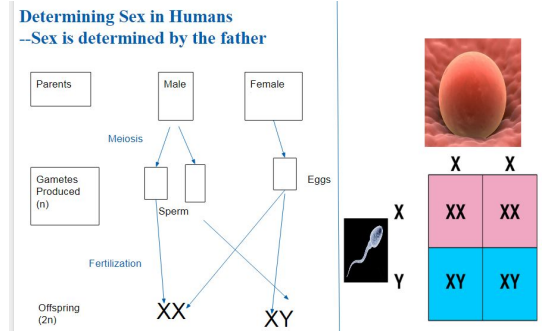
### Blood Type Practice

The police have rounded up the usual suspects in the latest rash of bookstore robberies. The thief got a nasty paper cut at the scene of the crime. The suspects are of blood types O, A, B and AB. The blood at the crime scene contained O alleles. Which suspect therefore **cannot** have been involved? Explain.

# SEX CHROMOSOMES AND SEX-LINKED GENES

## Determining Sex in Humans

--Sex is determined by the father



## Sex-linked genes exhibit a unique pattern of inheritance

- Sex-linked genes are located on either of the sex chromosomes
  - X-linked genes are \_\_\_\_\_ and mother to daughter
  - X-linked genes are \_\_\_\_\_
  - Y-linked genes are \_\_\_\_\_

## Sex-linked (x) disorders affect mostly males

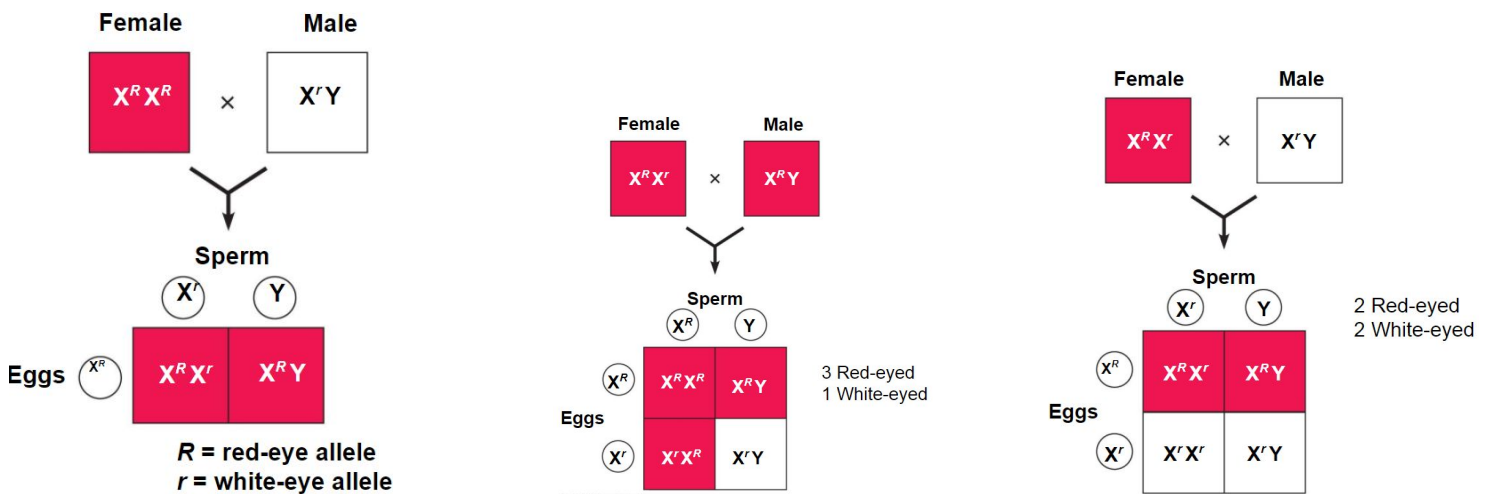
If a **male** inherits only one sex linked allele from his mother the allele will be expressed -----> **X<sup>r</sup>Y**

A **woman** must inherit \_\_\_\_\_ (one from each parent) and therefore 2 alleles  
-----> X<sup>R</sup>X<sup>r</sup> or X<sup>r</sup>X<sup>r</sup> or X<sup>R</sup>X<sup>R</sup>

## Example of a sex-linked gene (x-linked gene)

Because the alleles are found on X chromosomes, we show them as a \_\_\_\_\_

Remember that **females** can only produce gametes with a \_\_\_\_\_ chromosome and **males** can produce gamete with \_\_\_\_\_ chromosome.



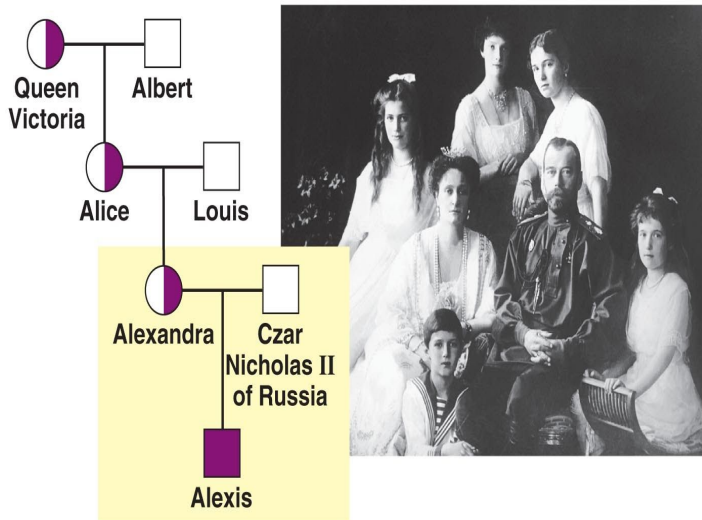
## Hemophilia is a sex-linked (x) trait

A high incidence of hemophilia plagued royal families of Europe.

-Queen Victoria of England carried the hemophilia allele  $X^R X^r$

- She passed it onto one of her sons and two of her daughters (only her daughter Alice is shown)

-Via marriage, her grand daughters introduced the gene to royal families of Spain and Russia.



- Thus the age-old practice of using marriage to strengthen international alliances effectively spread hemophilia to several nations.

Hemophilia in the royal families of England and Russia. **Half filled shapes represent unaffected heterozygous carriers.**

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## More examples of sex-linked disorders

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Duchenne muscular dystrophy

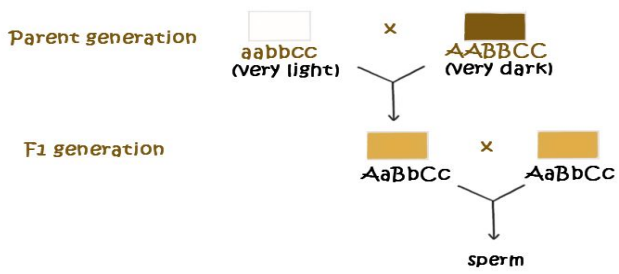
## Sex-linked genes Practice Problem

Neither Tom nor Sue has hemophilia, but their first son does. If the couple has a second child, what is the probability that this child will also have the disease? Draw a Punnett square as evidence for your response. Remember that x-linked alleles are notated with superscripts about the X.

## Polygenic inheritance

- A single characteristic may be influenced by \_\_\_\_\_
- Many genes influence one trait
- Skin color is affected by \_\_\_\_\_





Gametes		ABC	ABc	AbC	Abc	aBC	aBc	abC	abc
eggs	ABC	6	5	5	4	5	4	4	3
	ABc	5	4	4	3	4	3	3	2
	AbC	5	4	4	3	4	3	3	2
	Abc	4	3	3	2	3	2	2	1
	aBC	5	4	4	3	4	3	3	2
	aBc	4	3	3	2	3	2	2	1
	abC	4	3	3	2	3	2	2	1
	abc	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	0

