

# Fundamentals of Genetics

Genetics- the science of heredity.

Gregor Johann Mendel- “Father of Genetics”



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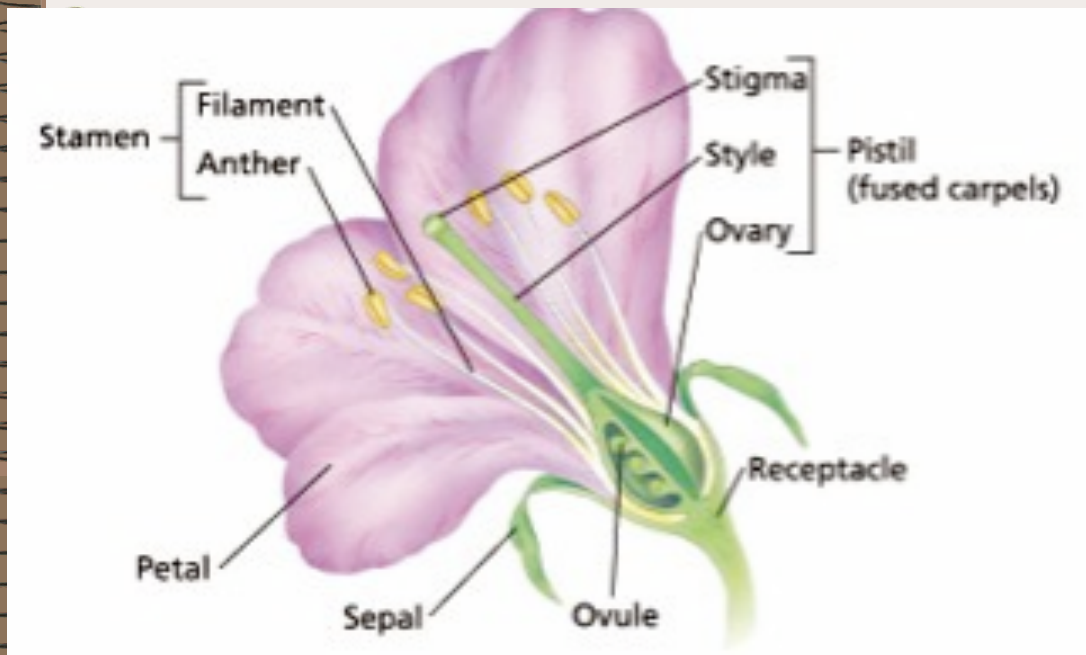
1. Heredity -the passing of traits from parents to offspring

- a. Gregor Mendel- mid 1800's Austrian monk studied *Pisum sativum* - inherited traits.
- b. Crossed plants that were “pure” for different traits- offspring were hybrid

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## 2. Sexual Reproduction in plants (book page 696-697)

- Male parts- stamen (filament & anther)
- Female parts- pistil (stigma, style, ovary)

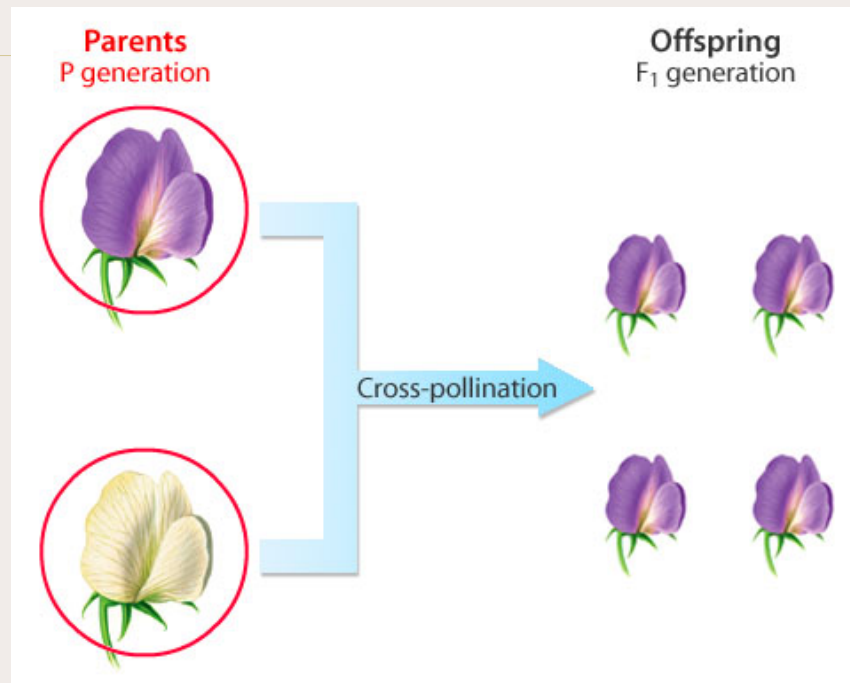


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# P generation



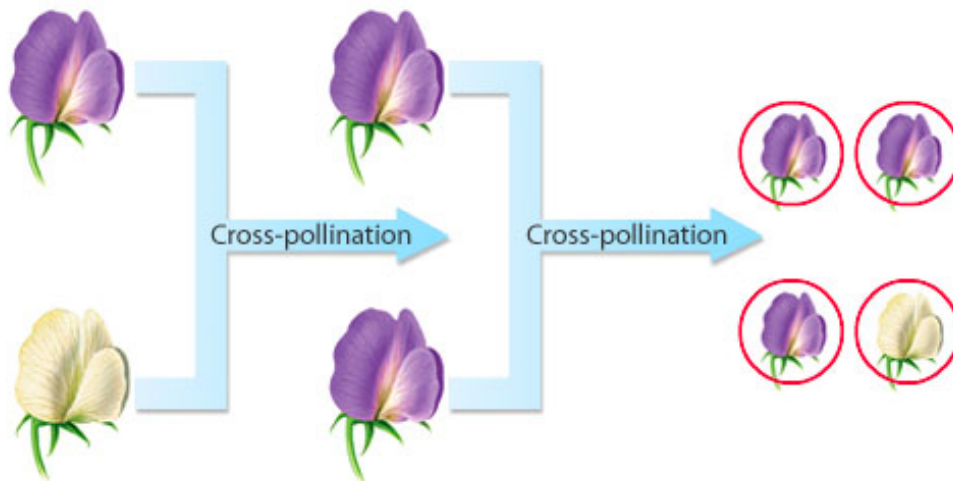
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Parents  
P generation

Offspring  
F<sub>1</sub> generation

Offspring  
F<sub>2</sub> generation



F<sub>1</sub> and F<sub>2</sub> Generations

### 3. Generations

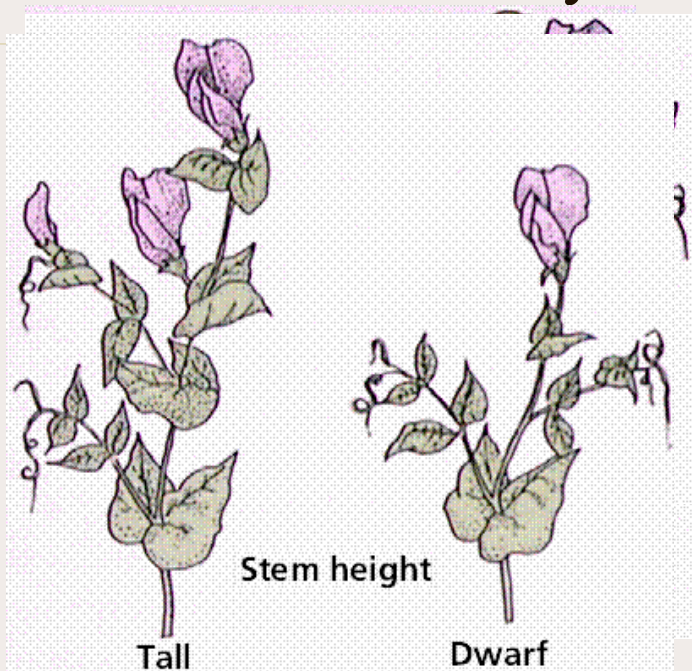
- a. P=Parental / purebred.
- b.  $F_1$  =filial (son) - produced from P x P “pures” with opposing traits.
- c.  $F_1$  plants – showed dominant trait only
- d.  $F_2$  plants- from  $F_1$  cross  
showed a 3:1 ratio of dominant to recessive traits

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### Other traits observed by Mendel

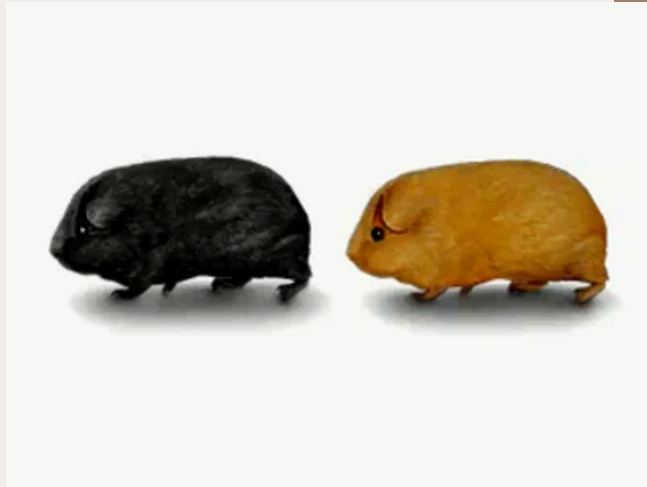


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#### 4. Mendel's Hypotheses.

- a) For each trait, 2 copies of alleles; one from each parent.
- b) Allele ("factors")- different form of a gene



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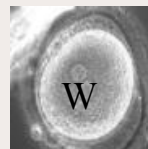
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#### 4. Mendel's Hypotheses, continued

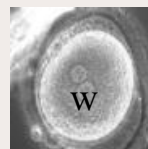
- c) If 2 different alleles occur, one may be dominant over the other- Principle of dominance
- d) gametes carry one allele for each trait



Ww



OR

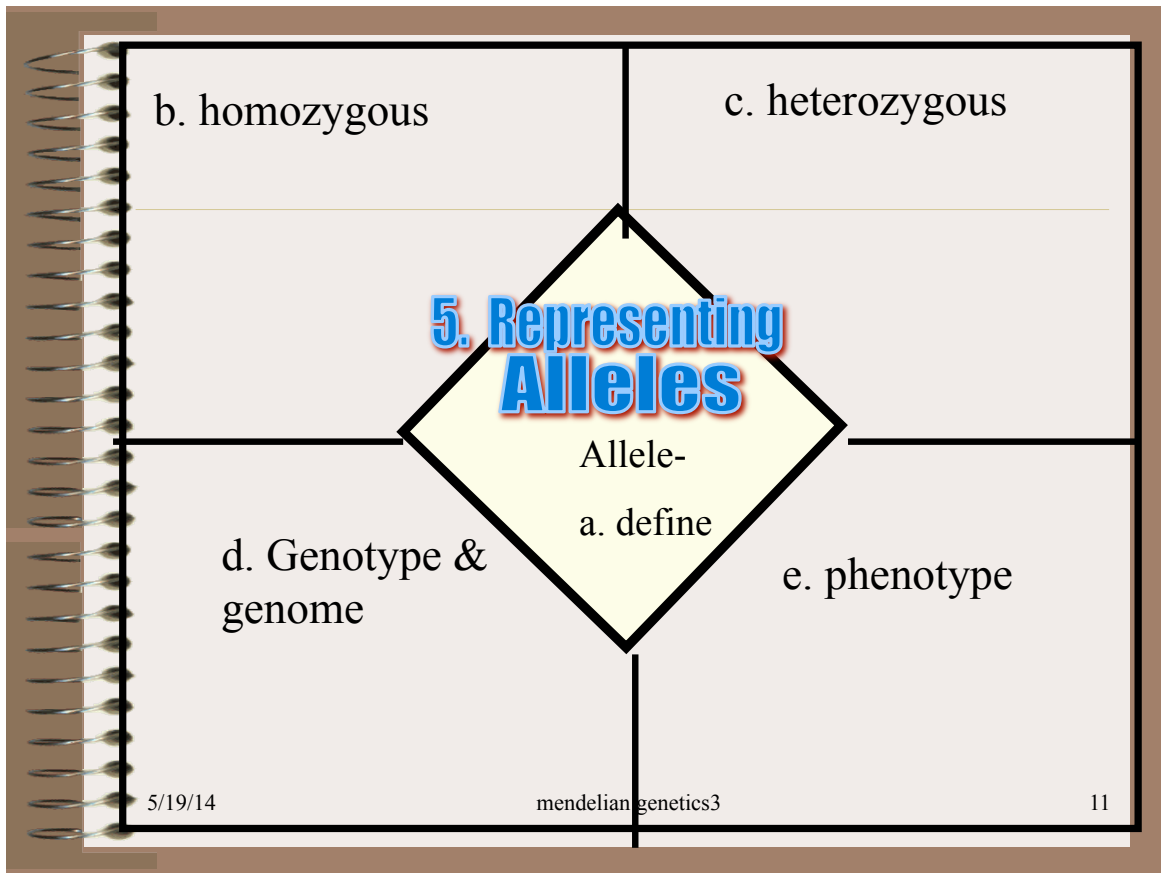


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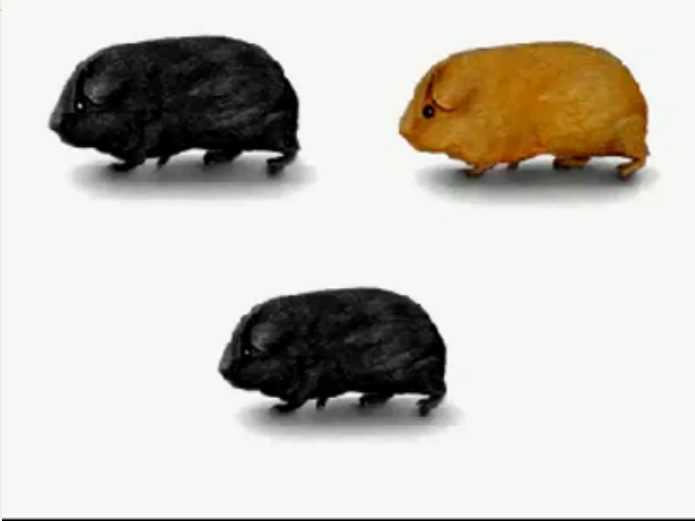
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# Genotype

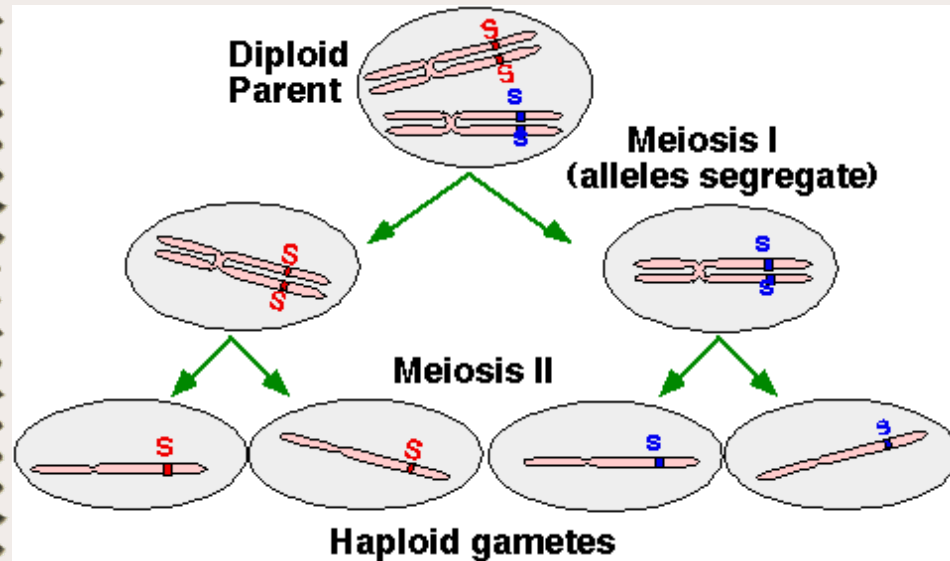


Q. What is the phenotype of the offspring?

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6. Two laws of heredity.

- a. The Law of Segregation - alleles separate when gametes are formed.



6. Laws, continued

- b. Law of Independent Assortment- alleles for different traits will separate without influencing each other when gametes are formed

Visual Concept

# Mendel Factors



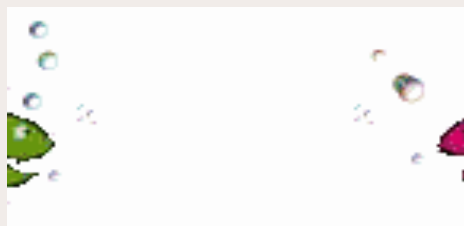
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7. Punnett square - diagram that predicts the outcome of a genetic cross.

- a) one trait (4 boxes)
- b) two traits (16 boxes)



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## How To Make a Punnett Square for a One-Factor Cross Page 316

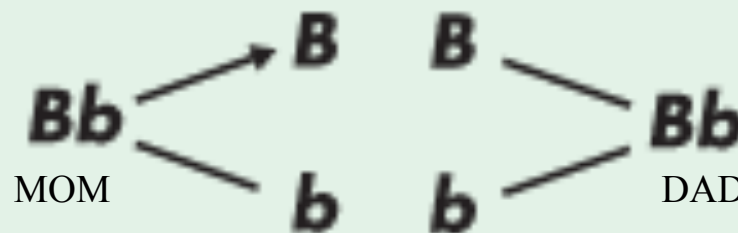
- Write the genotypes of the two organisms that will serve as parents in a cross.
- In this example we will cross a male and female osprey that are heterozygous for large beaks. GIVEN: They each have genotypes of *Bb*.
- ***Bb* AND *Bb***

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Determine the alleles that the parents could contribute



No need to write it, it's on page 316

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Draw a table with enough squares for each pair of gametes from each parent. In this case, each parent can make two different types of gametes, “B” and “b”. Enter the genotypes of the gametes produced by both parents on the top and left sides of the table.

**TIP for understanding:** consider the top, the male parent’s gametes, the side the female parent’s gametes.

	B	b
B		
b		

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Fill in the table – this shows how the gametes can combine to make offspring

	B	b
B	Bb	
b	bB	

	B	b
B	BB	Bb
b	bB	bb

**TIP for Understanding:** It’s conventional to put the capital letter first: Bb (not bB), though it means the same thing

**Question:** Whose alleles are inside the box?

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# INTERPRET!

Determine the genotypes and phenotypes of each offspring.

Calculate the percentage of each. In this example, three fourths of the chicks will have large beaks, but only one in two will be heterozygous.

(How many are pure?)

(How many are recessive?)

	B	b
B	BB	Bb
b	bB	bb

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## Example

Cross two pea plants: one homozygous for purple flower with one homozygous for white flowers

### Monohybrid Cross

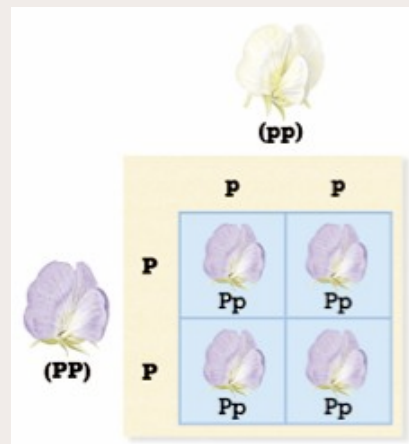
**PP x pp**

### Homozygous plants

What generation is outside the box?

How about inside the box?

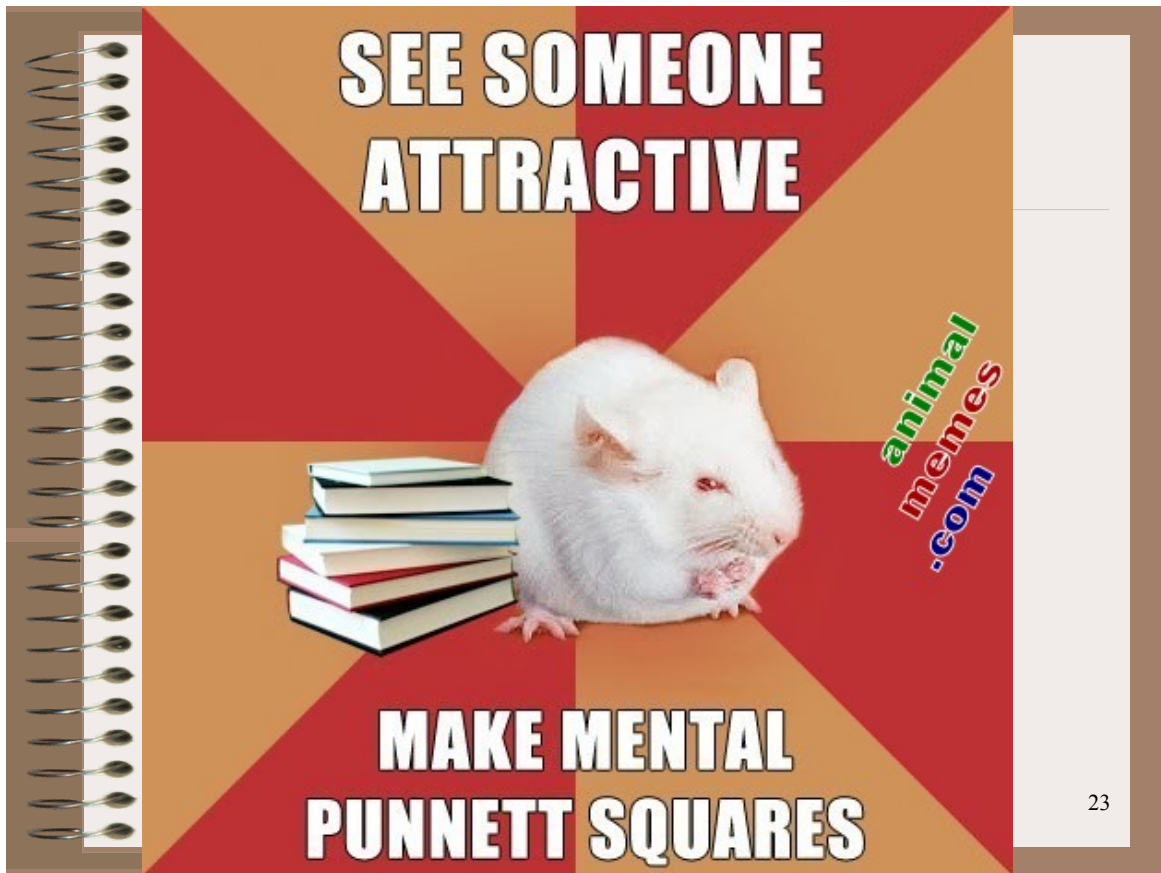
When, if ever, does white come back?



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## Test Cross



- This yellow pea seed....is it Yy or YY?

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8. Dihybrid crosses involve two pairs of contrasting traits (see page 316 textbook)

- a) Start with the parents genotypes & figure out possible gametes.
- b) Be sure that each gamete combination has only one allele from each trait.
- c) Set up a Punnett square with spaces for 16 offspring.
- d) Be sure that each offspring predicted has two copies of each allele for both traits.
- e) Interpret results

Q. List gamete combinations possible for each of the genotypes listed below:

Two traits A&B

Sex cell (gamete) contains:

AaBB

AB or AB or aB or aB

aaBB

aB or aB or aB or aB

AaBb

AB or Ab or aB or ab

Dihybrid Cross – Cross 2 pea plants heterozygous for size (Tall T- short t) and pod color Green G and Yellow g) TtGg & TtGg

	TG	tG	Tg	tg
TG	TTGG	TtGG	TTGg	TtGg
tG	TtGG	ttGG	TtGg	ttGg
Tg	TTGg	TtGg	TTgg	Ttgg
tg	TtGg	ttGg	Ttgg	ttgg

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9. Probability- the likelihood that a specific event will occur

- Use a coin to think of 2 possible chances- every gene has two potential alleles

Fyi...Mendel was a mathematician and used probability to explain the results of his genetic crosses.

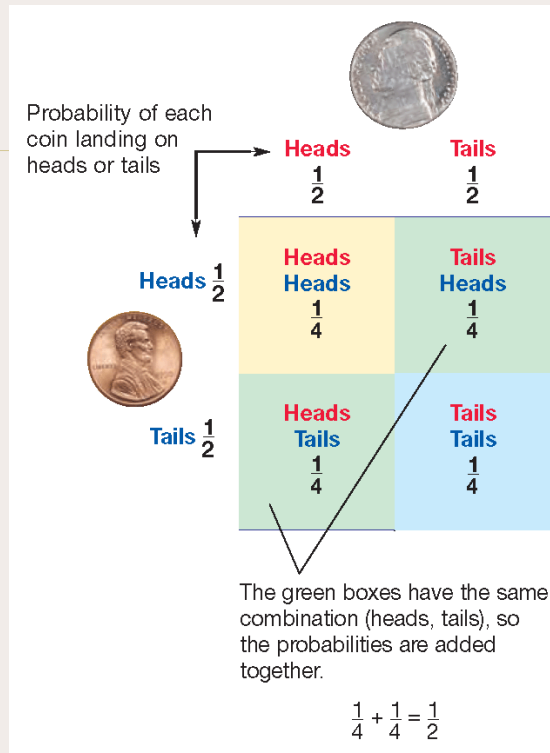
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The probability of 2 separate events is the product of the probability of each one.



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10. Incomplete dominance occurs when neither allele takes a fully dominant role.

a) Two very different phenotypes blend together to produce the heterozygous phenotype.

- Ex: Red and white flowers combine to make pink

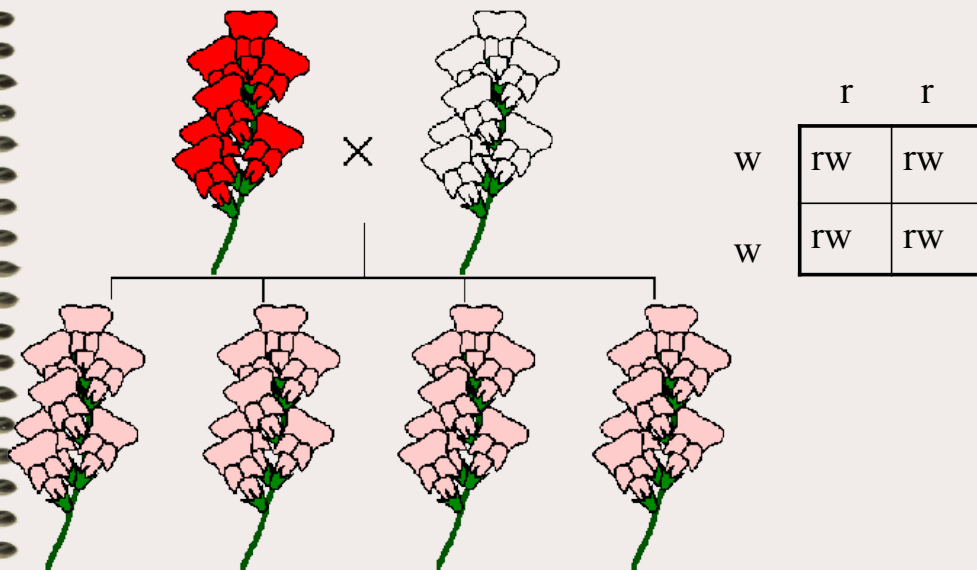


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## Incomplete dominance in flowers

$rr \times ww$  (OR  $RR \times WW$ )



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11. Codominance occurs when two alleles are expressed normally, but at the same time.

- a) Two different phenotypes are expressed together in the heterozygous genotype.
- Ex: Erminette chickens (white plus black feathers)



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RED & BLUE

don't make Orange

THAT'S THE JOKE

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FYI You should have figured out:  
(5) Representing alleles

- Each trait is given a letter
- Same “case” letter= homozygous / pure
- One upper & one lower “case”= heterozygous / hybrid
- Genotype - the set of alleles / letters (Eg: TT, Tt, or tt). Genome = entire set of genetic information
- Phenotype - physical appearance (Tall or dwarf).

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Same “case”  
letter=  
homozygous / pure  
genes are the same

Ex: AA or aa

One upper & one lower  
“case”= heterozygous /  
hybrid genes are  
different ex: Aa

dominant form ONLY  
shows except  
incomplete or co-  
dominance

Allele-  
form of  
a trait

**5. Representing  
Alleles**

Genotype- genome  
the set of alleles /  
represented by letters  
(Eg: TT, Tt, or tt).  
Genome= all your  
genes/letters

Phenotype -  
physical  
appearance (Tall  
or dwarf, blue  
eyes, male, 5  
toes, etc).

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