Sometimes different ethnic groups can be distinguished by phenotypic traits such as skin color, hair color, and skin folds at the corner of the eyes.

The individual genetic differences within an ethnic group can be greater than the genetic differences between individuals of two different ethnic groups.
What do you know about human inheritance?

As knowledge and understanding of human inheritance increases, long-standing ideas regarding the facts of human heredity must be reexamined. Any ideas disproven by new discoveries must be rejected.

**Procedure**
1. Read the statements below carefully and determine whether they are true or false.
   **Statements:**
   A. The father determines the gender of the child.
   B. Individuals may transmit characteristics to their offspring which they themselves do not show.
   C. Identical twins always are of the same gender.
2. Discuss your answers with your classmates and teacher.

**Analysis**
1. **Assess** What question was missed most often by the entire class? Discuss reasons why.
2. **Analyze** Why is it helpful to understand human heredity?

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**LaUNCH Lab**

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**Foldables Study Organizer**

**Genetic Disorders** Make this Foldable to help you understand how variations in nucleotide base sequences are linked to genetic disorders.

**STEP 1** Fold a sheet of notebook paper lengthwise, leaving a half inch between the folds as shown.

**STEP 2** Rotate the paper and cut the top layer to form eight tabs of equal size, as shown.

**STEP 3** Label each tab with the name of a different genetic disorder. Under the tabs, write about each disorder.

**Foldables** Use this Foldable with Section 11.1. As you study the section, note how to trace genetic disorders using pedigrees.
Basic Patterns of Human Inheritance

**MAIN Idea** The inheritance of a trait over several generations can be shown in a pedigree.

**Real-World Reading Link** Knowing a purebred dog’s ancestry can help the owner know health problems that are common to that dog. Similarly, tracing human inheritance can show how a trait was passed down from one generation to the next.

### Recessive Genetic Disorders

*Mendel’s work was ignored for more than 30 years. During the early 1900s, scientists began to take an interest in heredity, and Mendel’s work was rediscovered. About this time, Dr. Archibald Garrod, an English physician, became interested in a disorder linked to an enzyme deficiency called alkaptonuria (al kap tuh NYUR ee uh), which results in black urine. It is caused by acid excretion into the urine. Dr. Garrod observed that the condition appeared at birth and continued throughout the patient’s life, ultimately affecting bones and joints. He also noted that alkaptonuria ran in families. With the help of another scientist, he determined that alkaptonuria was a recessive genetic disorder.

Today, progress continues to help us understand genetic disorders. Review Table 11.1, and recall that a recessive trait is expressed when the individual is homozygous recessive for that trait. Therefore, those with at least one dominant allele will not express the recessive trait. An individual who is heterozygous for a recessive disorder is called a **carrier**. Review Table 11.2 as you read about several recessive genetic disorders.

### Table 11.1 Review of Terms

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<td><strong>Heterozygous</strong></td>
<td>A plant that is <strong>Yy</strong> would be yellow-seed pea.</td>
<td>An organism with two different alleles for a particular trait is said to be heterozygous for that trait. When alleles are present in the heterozygous state, the dominant trait will be observed.</td>
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Interactive Table To explore more about human inheritance, visit biologygmh.com.
Cystic fibrosis One of the most common recessive genetic disorders among Caucasians is cystic fibrosis, which affects the mucus-producing glands, digestive enzymes, and sweat glands. Chloride ions are not absorbed into the cells of a person with cystic fibrosis but are excreted in the sweat. Without sufficient chloride ions in cells, water does not diffuse from cells. This causes a secretion of thick mucus that affects many areas of the body. The thick mucus clogs the ducts in the pancreas, interrupts digestion, and blocks the tiny respiratory pathways in the lungs. Patients with cystic fibrosis are at a higher risk of infection because of excess mucus in their lungs.

Treatment for cystic fibrosis currently includes physical therapy, medication, special diets, and the use of replacement digestive enzymes. Genetic tests are available to determine whether a person is a carrier, indicating they are carrying the recessive gene.

Albinism In humans, albinism is caused by altered genes, resulting in the absence of the skin pigment melanin in hair and eyes. You will learn more about melanin in Chapter 32. Albinism is found in other animals as well. A person with albinism has white hair, very pale skin, and pink pupils. The absence of pigment in eyes can cause problems with vision. Although we all must protect our skin from the Sun's ultraviolet radiation, those with albinism need to be especially careful.

Tay-Sachs disease Tay-Sachs (TAY saks) disease is a recessive genetic disorder. Its gene is found on chromosome 15. Often identified by a cherry-red spot on the back of the eye, Tay-Sachs disease (TSD) seems to be predominant among Jews of eastern European descent.
TSD is caused by the absence of the enzymes responsible for breaking down fatty acids called gangliosides. Normally, gangliosides are made and then dissolved as the brain develops. However, in a person affected by Tay-Sachs disease, the gangliosides accumulate in the brain, inflating brain nerve cells and causing mental deterioration.

**Galactosemia** Galactosemia (guh lak tuh SEE mee uh) is a recessive genetic disorder characterized by the inability of the body to digest galactose. During digestion, lactose from milk breaks down into galactose and glucose. Glucose is the sugar used by the body for energy and circulates in the blood. Galactose must be broken down into glucose by an enzyme named GALT. Persons who lack or have defective GALT cannot digest galactose. Persons with galactosemia should avoid milk products.

**Dominant Genetic Disorders**

Not all genetic disorders are caused by recessive inheritance. As described in Table 11.3, some disorders, such as the rare disorder Huntington’s disease, are caused by dominant alleles. That means those who do not have the disorder are homozygous recessive for the trait.

**Huntington’s disease** The dominant genetic disorder Huntington’s disease affects the nervous system and occurs in one out of 10,000 people in the U.S. The symptoms of this disorder first appear in affected individuals between the ages of 30 and 50 years old. The symptoms include a gradual loss of brain function, uncontrollable movements, and emotional disturbances. Genetic tests are available to detect this dominant allele. Testing positive poses a dilemma, however, because no preventive treatment or cure for this disease currently exists.

**Achondroplasia** An individual with the dominant genetic condition known as achondroplasia (a kahn droh PLAY zhee uh) has a small body size and limbs that are comparatively short. Achondroplasia is the most common form of dwarfism. A person with achondroplasia will have an adult height of about four feet and will have a normal life expectancy.

Interestingly, 75 percent of individuals with achondroplasia are born to parents of average size. In a dominant genetic condition, the genotype will be seen in the phenotype. Therefore, when children with achondroplasia are born to parents of average size, the conclusion is that the condition occurred because of a new mutation or a genetic change.

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**Table 11.3**

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| Huntington’s disease | 1 in 10,000           | A gene affecting neurological function is defective. | • Decline of mental and neurological functions  
• Ability to move deteriorates      | No cure or treatment |
| Achondroplasia     | 1 in 25,000           | A gene that affects bone growth is abnormal. | • Short arms and legs  
• Large head                  | No cure or treatment |
Pedigrees

In organisms such as peas and fruit flies, scientists can perform crosses to study genetic relationships. In the case of humans, a scientist studies a family history using a pedigree, a diagram that traces the inheritance of a particular trait through several generations. A pedigree uses symbols to illustrate inheritance of the trait. Males are represented by squares, and females are represented by circles, as shown in Figure 11.1. One who expresses the trait being studied is represented by a dark, or filled, square or circle, depending on their gender. One who does not express the trait is represented by an unfilled square or circle.

A horizontal line between two symbols shows that these individuals are the parents of the offspring listed below them. Offspring are listed in descending birth order from left to right and are connected to each other and their parents.

A pedigree uses a numbering system in which Roman numerals represent generations, and individuals are numbered by birth order using Arabic numbers. For example, in Figure 11.1, individual III is a female who is the firstborn in generation II.

Analyzing Pedigrees

A pedigree illustrating Tay-Sachs disease is shown in Figure 11.2. Recall from Table 11.2 that Tay-Sachs disease is a recessive genetic disorder caused by the lack of an enzyme involved in lipid metabolism. The missing enzyme causes lipids to build up in the central nervous system, which can lead to death.

Examine the pedigree in Figure 11.2. Note that two unaffected parents, I1 and I2, have an affected child—II3, indicating that each parent has one recessive allele—they both are heterozygous and carriers for the trait. The half-filled square and circle show that both parents are carriers.

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As you read about pedigrees, start one for your family. Continue to work on it as you learn more about pedigrees. Remember to study only one trait at a time.
The pedigree in Figure 11.3 shows the inheritance of the dominant genetic disorder polydactyly (pah lee DAK tuh lee). People with this disorder have extra fingers and toes. Recall that with dominant inheritance the trait is expressed when at least one dominant allele is present. An individual with an unaffected parent and a parent with polydactyly could be either heterozygous or homozygous recessive for the trait. Each unaffected person would be homozygous recessive for the trait.

For example, in Figure 11.3, individual II2 has polydactyly, indicated by the dark circle. Because she shows the trait, she is either homozygous dominant or heterozygous. It can be inferred that she is heterozygous—having one dominant gene and one recessive gene—because offspring II3 and II4 do not have the disorder. Notice that II6 and II7, two unaffected parents, have an unaffected offspring—III2. What can be inferred about II2, based on the phenotype of her parents and her offspring?

The pedigree in Figure 11.3 illustrates the inheritance of a dominant disorder. Note that affected parents can pass on their genes (II2, II5), but unaffected parents cannot have an affected child (III2).

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**MiniLab 11.1**

**Investigate Human Pedigrees**

*Where are the branches on the family tree?* Unlike some organisms, humans reproduce slowly and produce few offspring at one time. One method used to study human traits is pedigree analysis.

**Procedure**

1. Read and complete the lab safety form.
2. Imagine that you are a geneticist interviewing a person about his or her family concerning the hypothetical trait of hairy earlobes.
3. From the transcript below, construct a pedigree. Use appropriate symbols and format.

   “My name is Scott. My great grandfather Walter had hairy earlobes (HEs), but great grandma Elsie did not. Walter and Elsie had three children: Lola, Leo, and Duane. Leo, the oldest, has HEs, as does the middle child, Lola; but the youngest child, Duane, does not. Duane never married and has no children. Leo married Bertie, and they have one daughter, Patty. In Leo’s family, he is the only one with HEs. Lola married John, and they have two children: Carolina and Luetta. John does not have HEs, but both of his daughters do.”

**Analysis**

1. **Assess** In what ways do pedigrees simplify the analysis of inheritance?
2. **Think Critically** Using this lab as a frame of reference, how can we put to practical use our understanding of constructing and analyzing human pedigrees?
Infering genotypes: Pedigrees are used to infer genotypes from the observation of phenotypes. By knowing physical traits, genealogists can determine what genes an individual is most likely to have. Phenotypes of entire families are analyzed in order to determine family genotypes, as symbolized in Figure 11.3.

Pedigrees help genetic counselors determine whether inheritance patterns are dominant or recessive. Once the inheritance pattern is determined, the genotypes of the individuals can largely be resolved through pedigree analysis. To analyze pedigrees, one particular trait is studied, and a determination is made as to whether that trait is dominant or recessive. Dominant traits are easier to recognize than recessive traits are, because dominant traits are exhibited in the phenotype.

A recessive trait will not be expressed unless the person is homozygous recessive for the trait. That means that a recessive allele is passed on by each parent. When recessive traits are expressed, the ancestry of the person expressing the trait is followed for several generations to determine which parents and grandparents were carriers of the recessive allele.

Predicting disorders: If good records have been kept within families, disorders in future offspring can be predicted. However, more accuracy can be expected if several individuals within the family can be evaluated. The study of human genetics is difficult, because scientists are limited by time, ethics, and circumstances. For example, it takes decades for each generation to mature and then to have offspring when the study involves humans. Therefore, good record keeping, where it exists, helps scientists use pedigree analysis to study inheritance patterns, to determine phenotypes, and to ascertain genotypes within a family.
Complex Patterns of Inheritance

**Main Idea** Complex inheritance of traits does not follow inheritance patterns described by Mendel.

**Real-World Reading Link** Imagine that you have red-green color blindness. In bright light, red lights do not stand out against surroundings. At night, green lights look like white streetlights. To help those with red-green color blindness, traffic lights always follow the same pattern. Red-green color blindness, however, does not follow the same pattern of inheritance described by Mendel.

**Incomplete Dominance**
Recall that when an organism is heterozygous for a trait, its phenotype will be that of the dominant trait. For example, if the genotype of a pea plant is \( Tt \) and \( T \) is the genotype for the dominant trait tall, then its phenotype will be tall. Examine Figure 11.4. However, when red-flowered snapdragons (\( RR \)) are crossed with white-flowered snapdragons (\( rr \)), the heterozygous offspring have pink flowers (\( Rr \)). This is an example of **incomplete dominance**, in which the heterozygous phenotype is an intermediate phenotype between the two homozygous phenotypes. When the heterozygous F1 generation snapdragon plants are allowed to self-fertilize, as in Figure 11.4, the flowers are red, pink, and white in a 1:2:1 ratio, respectively.

**Codominance**
Recall that when an organism is heterozygous for a particular trait the dominant phenotype is expressed. In a complex inheritance pattern called **codominance**, both alleles are expressed in the heterozygous condition. For example, sickle-cell disease follows codominant inheritance.

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**Figure 11.4** The color of snapdragon flowers is a result of incomplete dominance. When a plant with white flowers is crossed with a plant with red flowers, the offspring have pink flowers. Red, pink, and white offspring will result from self-fertilization of a plant with pink flowers.

**Predict** What would happen if you crossed a pink flower with a white flower?
Sickle-cell disease  The allele responsible for sickle-cell disease is particularly common in people of African descent, with about nine percent of African Americans having one form of the trait. Sickle-cell disease affects red blood cells and their ability to transport oxygen. The photograph in Figure 11.5 shows the blood cells of an individual who is heterozygous for the sickle-cell trait. Changes in hemoglobin—the protein in red blood cells—cause those blood cells to change to a sickle, or “C”, shape. Sickle-shaped cells do not effectively transport oxygen because they block circulation in small blood vessels. Those who are heterozygous for the trait have both normal and sickle-shaped cells. These individuals can lead relatively normal lives, as the normal blood cells compensate for the sickle-shaped cells.

Sickle-cell disease and malaria  Note in Figure 11.5 the distribution of both sickle-cell disease and malaria in Africa. Some areas with sickle-cell disease overlap areas of widespread malaria. Why might such high levels of the sickle-cell allele exist in central Africa? Scientists have discovered that those who are heterozygous for the sickle-cell trait also have a higher resistance to malaria. The death rate due to malaria is lower where the sickle-cell trait is higher. Because less malaria exists in those areas, more people live to pass on the sickle-cell trait to offspring. Consequently, sickle-cell disease continues to increase in Africa.

DATA ANALYSIS LAB 11.1

Based On Real Data *

Interpret the Graph

What is the relationship between sickle-cell disease and other complications? Patients who have been diagnosed with sickle-cell disease face many symptoms, including respiratory failure and neurological problems. The graph shows the relationship between age and two different symptoms—pain and fever—during the two weeks preceding an episode of acute chest syndrome and hospitalization.

Think Critically
1. State which age group has the highest level of pain before being hospitalized.
2. Describe the relationship between age and fever before hospitalization.
Multiple Alleles

So far, you have learned about inheritance involving two forms of alleles for a trait. Some forms of inheritance, such as blood groups in humans, are determined by multiple alleles.

Blood groups in humans  ABO blood groups have three forms of alleles, sometimes called AB markers: \( I^A \) is blood type A; \( I^B \) is blood type B; and \( i \) is blood type O. Type O is the absence of AB markers. Note that allele \( i \) is recessive to \( I^A \) and \( I^B \). However, \( I^A \) and \( I^B \) are codominant; blood type AB results from both \( I^A \) and \( I^B \) alleles. Therefore, ABO blood groups are examples of both multiple alleles and codominance, as shown in Figure 11.6.

Blood also has Rh factors, inherited from each parent. Rh factors are either positive or negative (Rh+ or Rh−); Rh+ is dominant. The Rh factor is a blood protein named after the rhesus monkey, because studies of the rhesus monkey led to discovery of that blood protein.

Coat color of rabbits  Multiple alleles can demonstrate a hierarchy of dominance. In rabbits, four alleles code for coat color: \( C \), \( c^{ch} \), \( c^{h} \), and \( c \). Allele \( C \) is dominant to the other alleles and results in a full color coat. Allele \( c \) is recessive and results in an albino phenotype when the genotype is homozygous recessive. Allele \( c^{ch} \) is dominant to \( c^{h} \), and allele \( c^{h} \) is dominant to \( c \) and the hierarchy of dominance can be written as \( C > c^{ch} > c^{h} > c \).

Figure 11.7 shows the genotypes and phenotypes possible for rabbit-coat color. Full color is dominant over chinchilla, which is dominant over Himalayan, which is dominant over albino.

The presence of multiple alleles increases the possible number of genotypes and phenotypes. Without multiple-allele dominance, two alleles, such as \( T \) and \( t \), produce only three possible genotypes—in this example \( TT, Tt, \) and \( tt \)—and two possible phenotypes. However, the four alleles for rabbit-coat color produce ten possible genotypes and four phenotypes, as shown in Figure 11.7. More variation in rabbit coat color comes from the interaction of the color gene with other genes such as the agouti gene or the broken gene.
Epistasis

Coat color in Labrador retrievers can vary from yellow to black. This variety is the result of one allele hiding the effects of another allele, an interaction called **epistasis** (ih PIHS tuh sus). A Labrador’s coat color is controlled by two sets of alleles. The dominant allele \( E \) determines whether the fur will have dark pigment. The fur of a dog with genotype \( ee \) will not have any pigment. The dominant \( B \) allele determines how dark the pigment will be. Study **Figure 11.8**. If the dog’s genotype is \( EEbb \) or \( Eebb \), the dog’s fur will be chocolate brown. Genotypes \( eebb \), \( eeBb \), and \( eeBB \) will produce a yellow coat, because the \( e \) allele masks the effects of the dominant \( B \) allele.

Sex Determination

Each cell in your body, except for gametes, contains 46 chromosomes, or 23 pairs of chromosomes. One pair of these chromosomes, the **sex chromosomes**, determines an individual’s gender. There are two types of sex chromosomes: \( X \) and \( Y \). Individuals with two \( X \) chromosomes are female, and individuals with an \( X \) and a \( Y \) chromosome are male. The other 22 pairs of chromosomes are called **autosomes**. The offspring’s gender is determined by the combination of sex chromosomes in the egg and sperm cell, as shown in **Figure 11.9**.
Dosage Compensation

Human females have 22 pairs of autosomes and one pair of X chromosomes. Males have 22 pairs of autosomes along with one X and one Y chromosome. If you examine the X and Y chromosomes in Figure 11.9, you will notice that the X chromosome is larger than the Y chromosome. The X chromosome carries a variety of genes that are necessary for the development of both females and males. The Y chromosome mainly has genes that relate to the development of male characteristics.

Because females have two X chromosomes, it seems as though females get two doses of the X chromosome and males get only one dose. To balance the difference in the dose of X-related genes, one of the X chromosomes stops working in each of the female’s body cells. This often is called dosage compensation or X-inactivation. Which X chromosome stops working in each body cell is a completely random event. Dosage compensation occurs in all mammals.

As a result of the Human Genome Project, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has released new information on the sequence of the human X chromosome. Researchers now believe that some genes on the inactivated X chromosome are more active than previously thought.

Chromosome inactivation The coat colors of the calico cat shown in Figure 11.10 are caused by the random inactivation of a particular X chromosome. The resulting colors depend on the X chromosome that is activated. The orange patches are formed by the inactivation of the X chromosome carrying the allele for black coat color. Similarly, the black patches are a result of the activation of the X chromosome carrying the allele for orange coat color.

Barr bodies The inactivated X chromosomes can be observed in cells. In 1949, Canadian scientist Murray Barr observed inactivated X chromosomes in female calico cats. He noticed a condensed, darkly stained structure in the nucleus. The darkly stained, inactivated X chromosomes, such as the one shown in Figure 11.11, are called Barr bodies. It was discovered later that only females, including human females, have Barr bodies in their cell nuclei.
Sex-Linked Traits

Recall that females have two X chromosomes and that males have one X and one Y chromosome. Traits controlled by genes located on the X chromosome are called **sex-linked traits**—also called X-linked traits. Since males have only one X chromosome, they are affected by recessive X-linked traits more often than are females. Females likely would not express a recessive X-linked trait because the other X chromosome will likely mask the effect of the recessive trait.

Some traits that are located on autosomes may appear to be sex-linked even though they are not. This occurs when an allele appears to be dominant in one gender but recessive in the other. For example, the allele for baldness is recessive in females but dominant in males, causing hair loss that follows a typical pattern called male-pattern baldness. A male would be bald if he were heterozygous for the trait, while the female would be bald only if she were homozygous recessive.

**Red-green color blindness** The trait for red-green color blindness is a recessive X-linked trait. About 8 percent of males in the United States have red-green color blindness. The photo in Figure 11.12 shows how a person with red-green color blindness might view colors compared to a person who does not have red-green color blindness.

Study the Punnett square shown in Figure 11.12. The mother is a carrier for color blindness, because she has the recessive allele for color blindness on one of her X chromosomes. The father is not color blind, because he does not have the recessive allele. The sex-linked trait is represented by writing the allele on the X chromosome. Notice that the only child that can possibly have red-green color blindness is a male offspring. As a result of it being an X-linked trait, red-green color blindness is very rare in females.

![Figure 11.12](https://example.com/image11.12.png)

**Figure 11.12** People with red-green color blindness view red and green as shades of gray.

**Explain** Why are there fewer females who have red-green color blindness than males?

- $X^B$: Normal
- $X^b$: Red-green color blind
- $Y$: Y chromosome

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The pedigree above shows the inheritance of hemophilia in the royal families of England, Germany, Spain, and Russia, starting with the children of Queen Victoria.

**Determine Which of Alexandra’s children inherited the disorder?**

**Hemophilia** Hemophilia, another recessive sex-linked disorder, is characterized by delayed clotting of the blood. Like red-green color blindness, this disorder is more common in males than in females.

A famous pedigree of hemophilia is one that arose in the family of Queen Victoria of England (1819-1901). Her son Leopold died of hemophilia, and her daughters Alice and Beatrice, illustrated in the pedigree in Figure 11.13, were carriers for the disease. Alice and Beatrice passed on the hemophilia trait to the Russian, German, and Spanish royal families. Follow the generations in this pedigree to see how this trait was passed through Queen Victoria’s family. Queen Victoria’s granddaughter Alexandra, who was a carrier for this trait, married Tsar Nicholas II of Russia. Irene, another granddaughter, passed the trait on to the German royal family. Hemophilia was passed to the Spanish royal family through a third granddaughter, whose name also was Victoria.

Men with hemophilia usually died at an early age until the twentieth century when clotting factors were discovered and given to hemophiliacs. However, blood-borne viruses such as Hepatitis C and HIV were often contracted by hemophiliacs until the 1990s, when safer methods of blood transfusion were discovered.
Polygenic Traits

So far, you have examined traits determined by a pair of genes. Many phenotypic traits, however, arise from the interaction of multiple pairs of genes. Such traits are called **polygenic traits**. Traits such as skin color, height, eye color, and fingerprint pattern are polygenic traits. One characteristic of polygenic traits is that, when the frequency of the number of dominant alleles is graphed, as shown in **Figure 11.14**, the result is a bell-shaped curve. This shows that more of the intermediate phenotypes exist than do the extreme phenotypes.

![Figure 11.14](image)

**Predict** Would more gene pairs increase or decrease the number of possible phenotypes?

Environmental Influences

The environment also has an effect on phenotype. For example, the tendency to develop heart disease can be inherited. However, environmental factors such as diet and exercise also can contribute to the occurrence and seriousness of the disease. Other ways in which environment influences phenotype are very familiar to you. You may not have thought of them in terms of phenotype, however. For example, sunlight, water, and temperature are environmental influences that affect an organism’s phenotype.

**Sunlight and water** Without enough sunlight, most flowering plants do not bear flowers. Many plants lose their leaves in response to water deficiency. Most organisms experience phenotypic changes from extreme temperature changes. In extreme heat, for example, many plants suffer. Their leaves droop, flower buds shrivel, chlorophyll disappears, and roots stop growing. These are examples that probably do not surprise you, though you might never have thought of them as phenotypic changes. What other environmental factors affect the phenotypes of organisms?

**Temperature** Temperature also influences the expression of genes. Notice the fur of the Siamese cat shown in **Figure 11.15**. The cat’s tail, feet, ears, and nose are dark. These areas of the cat’s body are cooler than the rest. The gene that codes for production of the color pigment in the Siamese cat’s body functions only under cooler conditions. Therefore, the cooler regions are darker; and the warmer regions, where pigment production is inhibited by temperature, are lighter.

![Figure 11.15](image)
When a trait is found more often in both members of identical twins than in fraternal twins, the trait is presumed to have a significant inherited component.

**Twin Studies**

Another way to study inheritance patterns is to focus on identical twins, which helps scientists separate genetic contributions from environmental contributions. Identical twins are genetically the same. If a trait is inherited, both identical twins will have the trait. Scientists conclude that traits that appear frequently in identical twins are at least partially controlled by heredity. Also, scientists presume that traits expressed differently in identical twins are strongly influenced by environment. The percentage of twins who both express a given trait is called a concordance rate. Examine Figure 11.16 for some traits and their concordance rates. A large difference between fraternal twins and identical twins shows a strong genetic influence.

**Think Scientifically**

5. **Evaluate** whether having sickle-cell disease would be advantageous or disadvantageous to a person living in central Africa.

6. **MATH in Biology** What is the chance of producing a son with normal vision if the father is color-blind and the mother is homozygous normal for the trait? Explain.
Section 11.3

Chromosomes and Human Heredity

**Objectives**

- **Distinguish** normal karyotypes from those with abnormal numbers of chromosomes.
- **Define and describe** the role of telomeres.
- **Relate** the effect of nondisjunction to Down syndrome and other abnormal chromosome numbers.
- **Assess** the benefits and risks of diagnostic fetal testing.

**Review Vocabulary**

**mitosis**: a process in the nucleus of a dividing cell, including prophase, metaphase, anaphase, and telophase

**New Vocabulary**

karyotype
telomere
nondisjunction

**MAIN Idea** Chromosomes can be studied using karyotypes.

**Real-World Reading Link** Have you ever lost one of the playing pieces belonging to a game? You might not have been able to play the game because the missing piece was important. Just as a misplaced game piece affects a game, a missing chromosome has a significant impact on the organism.

**Karyotype Studies**

The study of genetic material does not involve the study of genes alone. Scientists also study whole chromosomes by using images of chromosomes stained during metaphase. The staining bands identify or mark identical places on homologous chromosomes. Recall from Chapter 9 that during metaphase of mitosis, each chromosome has condensed greatly and consists of two sister chromatids. The pairs of homologous chromosomes are arranged in decreasing size to produce a micrograph called a **karyotype** (KER ee uh tipe). Karyotypes of a human male and a human female, each with 23 pairs of chromosomes, are shown in **Figure 11.17**. Notice that the 22 autosomes are matched together with one pair of nonmatching sex chromosomes.

**Telomeres**

Scientists have found that chromosomes end in protective caps called **telomeres**. Telomere caps consist of DNA associated with proteins. The cap serves a protective function for the structure of the chromosome. Scientists have discovered that telomeres also might be involved in both aging and cancer.

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**Figure 11.17** Karyotypes arrange the pairs of homologous chromosomes from increasing to decreasing size.

**Distinguish** Which two chromosomes are arranged separately from the other pairs?
Figure 11.18
Gametes with abnormal numbers of chromosomes can result from nondisjunction during meiosis. The orange chromosomes come from one parent, and the blue chromosomes come from the other parent.

Nondisjunction in meiosis I

Nondisjunction

Meiosis I

Nondisjunction

Meiosis II

Fertilization

Zygotes

Trisomy

Trisomy

(2n+1)

(2n+1)

Monosomy

Monosomy

(2n−1)

(2n−1)

Normal diploid

Normal diploid

(2n)

(2n)

Monosomy

Monosomy

(2n−1)

(2n−1)

Trisomy

Trisomy

(2n+1)

(2n+1)

Interactivity
To see an animation of nondisjunction, visit biologygmh.com.
Nondisjunction

During cell division, the chromosomes separate, with one of each of the sister chromatids going to opposite poles of the cell. Therefore, each new cell has the correct number of chromosomes. Cell division during which sister chromatids fail to separate properly, which does happen occasionally, is called **nondisjunction**.

If nondisjunction occurs during meiosis I or meiosis II, as shown in Figure 11.18, the resulting gametes will not have the correct number of chromosomes. When one of these gametes fertilizes another gamete, the resulting offspring will not have the correct number of chromosomes. Notice that nondisjunction can result in extra copies of a certain chromosome or only one copy of a particular chromosome in the offspring. Having a set of three chromosomes of one kind is called trisomy (TRI so me). Having only one of a particular type of chromosome is called monosomy (MAH nuh so me). Nondisjunction can occur in any organism in which gametes are produced through meiosis. In humans, alterations of chromosome number are associated with serious human disorders, which often are fatal.

**Down syndrome** One of the earliest known human chromosomal disorders is Down syndrome. It usually is the result of an extra chromosome 21. Therefore, Down syndrome often is called trisomy 21. Examine the karyotype of a child with Down syndrome, shown in Figure 11.19. Notice that she has three copies of chromosome 21. The characteristics of Down syndrome include distinctive facial features as shown in Figure 11.19, short stature, heart defects, and mental disability. The frequency of children born with Down syndrome in the United States is approximately one out of 800. The frequency of Down syndrome increases with the age of the mother. Studies have shown that the risk of having a child with Down syndrome is about 6 percent in mothers who are 45 and older.
**Table 11.4** Nondisjunction in Sex Chromosomes

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<tr>
<th>Genotype</th>
<th>XX</th>
<th>XO</th>
<th>XXX</th>
<th>XY</th>
<th>XXY</th>
<th>XYY</th>
<th>OY</th>
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<tr>
<td>Phenotype</td>
<td>Normal female</td>
<td>Female with Turner’s syndrome</td>
<td>Nearly normal female</td>
<td>Normal male</td>
<td>Male with Klinefelter’s syndrome</td>
<td>Normal or nearly normal male</td>
<td>Results in death</td>
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**Sex chromosomes** Nondisjunction occurs in both autosomes and sex chromosomes. Some of the results of nondisjunction in human sex chromosomes are listed in **Table 11.4**. Note that an individual with Turner’s syndrome has only one sex chromosome. This condition results from fertilization with a gamete that had no sex chromosome.

**Fetal Testing**

Couples who suspect they might be carriers for certain genetic disorders might want to have a fetal test performed. Older couples also might wish to know the chromosomal status of their developing baby, known as the fetus. Various types of tests for observing both the mother and the baby are available.

**Mini Lab 11.2**

Explore the Methods of the Geneticist

**How do geneticists learn about human heredity?** Traditional methods used to investigate the genetics of plants, animals, and microbes are not suitable or possible to use on humans. A pedigree is one useful tool for investigating human inheritance. In this lab, you will explore yet another tool of the geneticist—population sampling.

**Procedure**

1. Read and complete the lab safety form.
2. Construct a data table as instructed by your teacher.
3. Survey your group for the hitchhiker’s thumb trait.
4. Survey your group for other traits determined by your teacher.
5. Compile the class data, and analyze the traits you investigated in the survey population. Determine which of the traits are dominant and which are recessive.

**Analysis**

1. **Interpret Data** What numerical clue did you look for to determine whether each trait surveyed was dominant or recessive?
2. **Think Critically** How could you check to see if you correctly identified dominant and recessive traits? Explain why you might have misidentified a trait.
Many fetal tests can provide important information to the parents and the physician. **Table 11.5** describes the risks and benefits of some of the fetal tests that are available. Physicians must consider many factors when advising such examinations. At least a small degree of risk usually is possible in any test or procedure. The physician would not want to advise tests that would endanger the mother or the fetus; therefore, when considering whether to recommend fetal testing, the physician would need to consider previous health problems of the mother and the health of the fetus as well. If the physician and parents determine that any fetal test is needed, the health of both the mother and the fetus need to be closely monitored throughout the testing.

**Table 11.5  Fetal Tests**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Test</th>
<th>Benefit</th>
<th>Risk</th>
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<tr>
<td>Amniocentesis</td>
<td>• Diagnosis of chromosome abnormalities</td>
<td>• Slight risk of infection</td>
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<td>• Diagnosis of other defects</td>
<td>• Risk of miscarriage</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chorionic villus sampling</td>
<td>• Diagnosis of chromosome abnormality</td>
<td>• Risk of miscarriage</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Diagnosis of certain genetic defects</td>
<td>• Risk of infection</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Risk of newborn limb defects</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fetal blood sampling</td>
<td>• Diagnosis of genetic or chromosome abnormality</td>
<td>• Risk of bleeding from sample site</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Checks for fetal blood problems and oxygen levels</td>
<td>• Risk of infection</td>
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<td>• Medications can be given to the fetus before birth</td>
<td>• Amniotic fluid might leak</td>
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<td>• Risk of fetal death</td>
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**Connection to Health**

Understand Main Ideas

1. **MAIN Idea** Summarize how a scientist might use a karyotype to study genetic disorders.
2. Explain how chromosomes are arranged in a karyotype.
3. Illustrate Draw a sketch to show how nondisjunction occurs during meiosis.
4. Analyze Why might missing sections of the X or Y chromosome be a bigger problem in males than deletions would be in one of the X chromosomes in females?

**Think Scientifically**

5. Create a karyotype of a female organism in which $2n = 8$ showing trisomy of chromosome 3.
6. Infer What might be the benefits of fetal testing? What might be the risks?
7. **WRITING in Biology** Conduct research on the consequences of nondisjunction other than trisomy 21. Write a paragraph about your findings.
Career: Science Writer

The Graphite Within

Can you imagine standing in a volcano or walking on a polar ice cap? This and more has been undertaken in the pursuit of science writing.

There are two main styles of science writing: scientific reports, which are written for peers and publication; and articles for the media, such as newspapers, Web pages, magazines, and television broadcasts. Peer-reviewed publications require a formal writing style, whereas writing for the media allows for more creative writing style. Regardless of the purpose of the publication, however, it has to grab the interest of the reader.

Science journey For example, take Bill Bryson’s writing in A Short History of Nearly Everything. “If you could visit a cell, you wouldn’t like it. Blown up to scale at which atoms were about the size of peas, a cell itself would be a sphere roughly half a mile across, and supported by a complex framework of girders called cytoskeleton. . . . Even for its full-time occupants the inside of a cell is a hazardous place. Each strand of DNA is on average attacked or damaged once every 8.4 seconds—ten thousand times in a day—by chemicals and other agents that whack into or carelessly slice through it, and each of these wounds must be swiftly stitched up if the cell is not to perish.”

Back to Earth Bill Bryson’s book was written for a general audience, so it does not include a lot of scientific words. It has a logical flow and is easily understood.

A well-written article, such as Bill Bryson’s, also must be well researched. More than one source that supports the ideas should be found—or better yet, three sources. Well-respected, peer-reviewed journals often are the best sources, but they also might be the most difficult for a lay person to understand.

What is the point? Scientific writing has many important uses. Helping the public get timely, factual, and understandable information about developments in science and technology can inform and raise interest about a particular study. Science writing communicates research results from one scientist to another. Being a science writer can open many opportunities to explore the world around you—both big and small.

Writing in Biology

Book Review Read a book about one of the topics from this chapter that interested you. Write a book review on that book as if you were a writer for a newspaper or magazine. Make sure you present the information in an interesting and easy to understand manner. For more information about science writing, visit biologygmh.com.
WHAT’S IN A FACE? INVESTIGATE INHERITED HUMAN FACIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Background: Most people know that they inherit their hair color and their eye color from their parents. However, there are many other head and facial traits that humans inherit. In this lab, you will investigate a number of different inherited facial structures that combine to compose a human face.

Question: What structures that comprise the human face are actually determined genetically?

Materials
- coins, 2 per team: heads = dominant trait, tails = recessive trait
- table of inherited human facial characteristics

Procedure
1. Read and complete the lab safety form.
2. Partner with a classmate.
3. One member of the team will represent the father, and one member will represent the mother. Decide which partner will represent the father and who will represent the mother.
4. Have the person representing the father flip a coin. If the coin lands heads facing up, the offspring is a female; if the coin lands tails facing up, the offspring is a male. Record the gender of the offspring.
5. Flip your coin at the same time as your partner. Flip the coins only once for each trait.
6. Continue to flip coins for each trait shown in the table. After each coin flip, record the trait of your offspring by placing a check in the appropriate box in the table.
7. Once the traits are determined, draw the offspring’s facial features, give him/her a name, and be prepared to introduce the offspring to the rest of the class.

Analyze and Conclude
1. Think Critically Why did the partner representing the father flip the coin initially to determine the gender of the offspring?
2. Calculate What percent chance was there of producing male offspring? Female offspring? Explain.
3. Recognize Cause and Effect What are the possible genotypes of parents of the following three children: a boy with straight hair (hh), a daughter with wavy hair (Hh), and a son with curly hair (HH)?
4. Observe and Infer Which traits show codominance?
5. Analyze and Conclude Would you expect other student pairs in the class to have offspring exactly like yours? Explain.

WRITING in Biology
Research Imagine that you write a science column for a large newspaper. A reader has written to you asking for a job description for a genetic counselor. Research this question; then write a short newspaper column answering the question. To learn more about inherited characteristics, visit BioLabs at biologygmh.com.
### Vocabulary Key Concepts

#### Section 11.1 Basic Patterns of Human Inheritance
- **carrier (p. 296)**
- **pedigree (p. 299)**

**Main Idea**
- The inheritance of a trait over several generations can be shown in a pedigree.
- Genetic disorders can be caused by dominant or recessive alleles.
- Cystic fibrosis is a genetic disorder that affects mucus and sweat secretions.
- Individuals with albinism do not have melanin in their skin, hair, and eyes.
- Huntington’s disease affects the nervous system.
- Achondroplasia sometimes is called dwarfism.
- Pedigrees are used to study human inheritance patterns.

#### Section 11.2 Complex Patterns of Inheritance
- **autosome (p. 305)**
- **codominance (p. 302)**
- **epistasis (p. 305)**
- **incomplete dominance (p. 302)**
- **multiple alleles (p. 304)**
- **polygenic trait (p. 309)**
- **sex chromosome (p. 305)**
- **sex-linked trait (p. 307)**

**Main Idea**
- Complex inheritance of traits does not follow inheritance patterns described by Mendel.
- Some traits are inherited through complex inheritance patterns, such as incomplete dominance, codominance, and multiple alleles.
- Gender is determined by X and Y chromosomes. Some traits are linked to the X chromosome.
- Polygenic traits involve more than one pair of alleles.
- Both genes and environment influence an organism’s phenotype.
- Studies of inheritance patterns of large families and twins give insight into complex human inheritance.

#### Section 11.3 Chromosomes and Human Heredity
- **karyotype (p. 311)**
- **nondisjunction (p. 313)**
- **telomere (p. 311)**

**Main Idea**
- Chromosomes can be studied using karyotypes.
- Karyotypes are micrographs of chromosomes.
- Chromosomes terminate in a cap called a telomere.
- Nondisjunction results in gametes with an abnormal number of chromosomes.
- Down syndrome is a result of nondisjunction.
- Tests for assessing the possibility of genetic and chromosomal disorders are available.
Section 11.1

Vocabulary Review

Use what you know about the vocabulary terms from the Study Guide page to answer the questions.

1. Which term describes a person who is heterozygous for a recessive disorder?

2. How is the inheritance pattern between parents and offspring represented diagrammatically?

Understand Key Concepts

3. Which condition is inherited as a dominant allele?
   A. albinism
   B. cystic fibrosis
   C. Tay-Sachs disease
   D. Huntington’s disease

4. Which is not a characteristic of a person with cystic fibrosis?
   A. chloride channel defect
   B. digestive problems
   C. lack of skin pigment
   D. recurrent lung infections

Use the diagram below to answer questions 5 and 6.

5. Which rare genetic disorder would be inherited by the pattern shown in the pedigree?
   A. cystic fibrosis
   B. albinism
   C. Tay-Sachs disease
   D. Huntington’s disease

6. How many affected males and females are in the pedigree?
   A. 1 male, 2 females
   B. 2 males, 1 female
   C. 1 male, 1 female
   D. 2 males, 2 females

Constructed Response

Use the photo below to answer question 7.

7. Open Ended Imagine that all animals have the same genetic disorders that humans have. What is the biological name of the genetic disorder that this dwarf tree frog would have? Describe the inheritance pattern of the genetic disorder.

8. Short Answer Predict the genotypes of the children of a father with Huntington’s disease and an unaffected mother.

Think Critically

9. Draw a conclusion about the relationship of chloride ions to the excessively thick mucus in a patient suffering from cystic fibrosis.

Section 11.2

Vocabulary Review

Replace each underlined word with the correct vocabulary term from the Study Guide page.

10. Codominance is an inheritance pattern in which the heterozygous genotype results in an intermediate phenotype between the dominant and recessive phenotype.

11. A characteristic that has more than one pair of possible traits is said to be a(n) epistasis.

12. Genes found on the sex chromosomes might be associated with multiple alleles.
**Understand Key Concepts**

13. What determines gender in humans?
   A. the X and Y chromosome  
   B. chromosome 21  
   C. codominance  
   D. epistasis

14. Which two terms best describe the inheritance of human blood types?
   A. incomplete dominance and codominance  
   B. codominance and multiple alleles  
   C. incomplete dominance and multiple alleles  
   D. codominance and epistasis

**Use the photos below to answer question 15.**

15. In radishes, color is controlled by incomplete dominance. The figure above shows the phenotype for each color. What phenotypic ratios would you expect from crossing two heterozygous plants?
   A. 2: 2 red: white  
   B. 1: 1 red: purple: white  
   C. 1: 2: 1 red: purple: white  
   D. 3: 1 red: white

**Constructed Response**

16. Short Answer  How does epistasis explain the differences in coat color in Labrador retrievers?

17. Short Answer  Explain whether a male could be heterozygous for red-green color blindness.

18. Short Answer  What types of phenotypes would one look for if a phenotype were due to polygenic inheritance?

**Think Critically**

19. Evaluate  why it might be difficult to perform genetic analysis in humans.

20. Summarize  the meaning of the following information regarding trait inheritance: For a certain trait, identical twins have a concordance rate of 54 percent and fraternal twins have a rate of less than five percent.

**Section 11.3**

**Vocabulary Review**

Identify the vocabulary term from the Study Guide page described by each definition.

21. the protective ends of the chromosome
22. an error that occurs during cell division
23. a micrograph of stained chromosomes

**Understand Key Concepts**

24. What could explain a human karyotype showing 47 chromosomes?
   A. monosomy  
   B. trisomy  
   C. codominance  
   D. dominant traits

25. Why does nondisjunction occur?
   A. Cytokinesis does not occur properly.  
   B. The nucleoli do not disappear.  
   C. The sister chromatids do not separate.  
   D. The chromosomes do not condense properly.

**Use the photo below to answer question 26.**

26. What disorder can be identified in the karyotype?
   A. Turner’s syndrome  
   B. Klinefelter’s syndrome  
   C. Down syndrome  
   D. The karyotype shows no disorder.
27. Which statement concerning telomeres is not true?
   A. They are found on the ends of chromosomes.
   B. They consist of DNA and sugars.
   C. They protect chromosomes.
   D. Replication is a problem in most cells.

**Constructed Response**
**Use the photo below to answer question 28.**

28. **Short Answer** Describe a fetal test that results in the karyotype shown above.

29. **Short Answer** What characteristics are associated with Down syndrome?

30. **Open Ended** Most cases of trisomy and monosomy in humans are fatal. Why might this be?

**Think Critically**

31. **Hypothesize** why chromosomes need telomeres.

32. **Explain** why a girl who has Turner’s syndrome has red-green color blindness even though both of her parents have normal vision.

33. **Illustrate** what might have occurred to result in an extra chromosome in the following example: A technician is constructing a karyotype from male fetal cells. The technician discovers that the cells have one extra X chromosome.

34. **WRITING in Biology** Write a scenario for one of the genetic disorders described in **Table 11.2.** Then create a pedigree illustrating the scenario.

**Document-Based Questions**
**Answer the questions below concerning the effect of environment on phenotype.**


35. At which temperature is wing length the greatest?

36. Is male or female wing length more influenced by temperature? Explain.

37. Summarize the relationship between temperature and wing length for all flies.

**Cumulative Review**

38. Describe the structure of an atom. Elaborate on the organization of protons, neutrons, and electrons. (Chapter 6)

39. Compare photosynthesis to cellular respiration, relating both to the body’s energy needs. (Chapter 8)
1. Which is affected when a cell has a low surface-area-to-volume ratio?
   A. the ability of oxygen to diffuse into the cell
   B. the amount of energy produced in the cell
   C. the diffusion of proteins through the cells
   D. the rate of protein synthesis in the cell

Use the diagram below to answer questions 2 to 4.

2. Which labeled structures represent a homologous pair?
   A. 1 and 2
   B. 3 and 4
   C. 3 and 6
   D. 7 and 8

3. Which parts of the chromosomes shown could appear together in a gamete of this organism?
   A. 1 and 2
   B. 3 and 6
   C. 3 and 7
   D. 5 and 6

4. If the diagram shows all the chromosomes from a body cell, how many chromosomes would be in a gamete of this organism at the end of meiosis I?
   A. 3
   B. 6
   C. 9
   D. 12

5. Which represents a polyploid organism?
   A. 1/2  n
   B. 1 1/2  n
   C. 2  n
   D. 3  n

Use the pedigree below to answer questions 6 and 7.

6. Which person could develop symptoms of the disease that is tracked in the pedigree?
   A. II1
   B. III1
   C. II2
   D. III2

7. According to the pedigree, who is a carrier and cannot have children with the disease?
   A. II1
   B. III1
   C. II3
   D. III1

8. Which condition would trigger mitosis?
   A. Cells touch each other.
   B. Cyclin builds up.
   C. Environmental conditions are poor.
   D. Growth factors are absent.

9. Shivering when you are cold raises your body temperature. This is an example of which characteristic of life?
   A. Your body adapts over time.
   B. Your body grows and develops.
   C. Your body has one or more cells.
   D. Your body maintains homeostasis.
Short Answer

10. In pea plants, yellow seed color is the dominant trait, and green seed color is the recessive trait. Use a Punnett square to show the results of a cross between a heterozygous yellow-seed plant and a green-seed plant.

11. Based on your Punnett square from question 10, what percentage of the offspring would have a homozygous genotype? Explain your answer.

12. Because Huntington’s disease is a dominant genetic disorder, it might seem that it would be selected out of a population naturally. Write a hypothesis that states why the disease continues to occur.

13. Explain how a cancerous tumor results from a disruption of the cell cycle.

14. Write, in order, the steps that must occur for cell division to result in an organism with trisomy.

15. Which function in metabolism is performed by both the thylakoid membrane and the mitochondrial membrane? Give a reason why this function might or might not be important.

16. Suppose two parents have a mild form of a genetic disease, but their child is born with a very severe form of the same disease. What kind of inheritance pattern took place for this disease?

17. Describe an example of each of the following: species diversity, genetic diversity, and ecosystem diversity.

Extended Response

Use the diagram below to answer question 18.

18. Identify the cycle in the figure and summarize the steps of the cycle.

19. Describe the function of microtubules, and predict what might happen if cells did NOT have microtubules.

Essay Question

The type of pea plants that Mendel investigated had either purple flowers or white flowers. One flower-color trait is dominant, and the other is recessive.

Using the information in the paragraph above, answer the following question in essay format.

20. Explain what crosses Mendel would have performed to determine which color is the dominant trait.