



Word Zone: Chromosomes and Genes

trait – (n) characteristics passed on from parents

gene locus – (n) the location of a chromosome

mitosis – (n) the way cells divide to create new cells (cell division)

centromere – (n) where chromatids are connected at the center

gametes – (n) germ cells containing only half the chromosomes – creates new life (egg and sperm)

zygote – (n) a new cell with the normal number of chromosome pairs – a fertilized egg

crossing over – (n) the exchange of genetic material, where gene swapping occurs

dominant – (n) the form of the gene that will mask the other from having effect

allele – (n) – different forms of the same gene

homozygous – (n) – having the same alleles for the same gene - AA, or aa

Choose the best word from the vocabulary box to finish the sentences below.

1. Chromatids are joined together at the _____.
2. An _____ is a different form of the same gene.
3. When cells divide, they go through _____.
4. An example of a _____ includes eye color, earlobes, and dimples.
5. A gene that masks the others is known as a _____ gene.
6. The swapping of genes is known as _____.
7. When an egg is fertilized, it forms a _____.
8. New life is created from _____.
9. When an organism has the same alleles for a gene, it is said to be _____.
10. A location on the chromosome where a gene might be found is _____.





Quiz Time: Chromosomes and Genes Quiz

Directions: Write the letter of the best answer in the space provided, or write true or false for each statement.

1. _____ What are three things you can find inside a cell?
 - a. cell membrane, nucleus, alleles
 - b. cell membrane, chromosomes, cytosine
 - c. nucleus, DNA, cytoplasm
 - d. chromosomes, cytosine, alleles
2. _____ Where are genes found?
 - a. on chromosomes
 - b. on DNA
 - c. in the nucleus
 - d. in interphase
3. _____ True or False? Chromosomes are tiny threads of proteins and DNA.
4. _____ What does DNA stand for?
 - a. Difference in the number of alleles
 - b. Dominant number of alleles
 - c. Deoxyribonucleic Air
 - d. Deoxyribonucleic Acid
5. _____ What are the four phases of mitosis?
 - a. prophase, metaphase, cytokinesis, telophase
 - b. prophase, metaphase, anaphase, telophase
 - c. prophase, interphase, cytokinesis, anaphase
 - d. interphase, metaphase, anaphase, cytokinesis
6. _____ What is it called when the cytoplasm divides into two new cells?
 - a. mitosis
 - b. DNA
 - c. meiosis
 - d. cytokinesis
7. _____ What are the three parts of the cell cycle?
 - a. meiosis, mitosis, interphase
 - b. prophase, mitosis, cytokinesis
 - c. interphase, mitosis, cytokinesis
 - d. cytokinesis, prophase, interphase



8. _____ What do you call a matching chromosome?
- a. chromatid
 - b. homologue
 - c. heterologue
 - d. heterologue
9. _____ True or False? Mitosis produces clones and meiosis produces zygotes.
10. _____ Who was an important part of genetics?
- a. Gregory Mendel
 - b. Adam Mendel
 - c. Einstein
 - d. Thomas Edison
11. _____ True or False? The genetic makeup is called the genotype and the observable trait is called the phenotype.
12. _____ What are the four different nitrogenous bases in DNA?
- a. guanine, chromosomes, cytosine, thymine
 - b. adenine, cytosine, cytoplasm, thymine
 - c. adenine, cytosine, guanine, thymine
 - d. cytosine, guanine, thymine, cytoplasm
13. _____ True or False? Adenine pairs with thymine.
14. _____ Three nitrogenous bases make up a _____.
- a. nucleus
 - b. chromosome
 - c. guanine
 - d. codon
15. _____ What is the name of the project that has scientists trying to make clones by mapping every gene in a human and where they are located?
- a. Human cloning project
 - b. Human Genome Project
 - c. Dolly's project
 - d. Joe's science project

