Mendel and Monohybrid Crosses

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 When two heterozygous plants are crossed the expected and observed phenotypic ratio will always be

3:1

 This was the same for all 7 of his tests



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- Mendel concluded that the two alleles for each characteristic separate during gamete production.
- This segregation of alleles corresponds to the distribution of homologous chromosomes to different gametes in meiosis
- Known as the law of segregation

Independent assortment

 states that 2 pairs separate independently during the formation of a gamete. This means that traits are transmitted to offspring independently of one another.



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Genotype of alleles: **R** = red flower **r** = orange flower

All genes occur in pairs, so 2 alleles affect a characteristic



Possible combinations are:

Genotypes RR Rr rr Phenotypes RED RED ORANGE

Possible Genotypes

- An individual can be;
 - Homozygous (pure bred): 2 of the same alleles
 - Homozygous _____ RR (red)
 - Homozygous _____ rr (orange)
 - Heterozygous (hybrid): 2 different alleles
 - Heterozygous Rr (Red)

Genotype vs. Phenotype

- **Genotype**: the genetic makeup of an individual that indicates the specific copies of alleles present for a particular trait.
 - The flower can be heterozygous (Rr), homozygous dominant (RR) or homozygous recessive (rr).
- **Phenotype**: the way an individual expresses the traits as a results of the genotype.
 - Ex. Flower can appear RED (RR or Rr) or ORANGE (rr).

Practice

For each genotype: heterozygous (He) or homozygous (Ho)



Which of the genotypes would be purebred?

Which of the genotypes would be hybrid?

Practice

Determine the phenotype for each genotype

YY_____Yy_____yy_____

Yellow body color is dominant to blue

Square shape is dominant to round

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- Monohybrid cross: cross involving a single trait
 - Flower color, plant height
- Dihybrid cross: cross involving two traits
 - Flower color & plant height
- Punnett squares help determine the possible combinations of genotypes that can occur in the offspring.
- It also shows the probability of each genotype occurring

Solving Punnett squares only takes a few steps:

- 1. Determine the genotypes of the parent organisms
- 2. Write down your 'cross'
- 3. Draw your Punnett square
- 4. 'Split' the letters of the genotype for each parent & put them 'outside' the Punnett square
- Determine the possible genotypes of the offspring by filling in the Punnett square
- 6. Summarize the results (both genotype and phenotype of the offspring)

Example:

1. A cross between a pea plant that is heterozygous for purple flowers (Pp) is crossed with a pea plant with white flowers (pp). Determine the genotypes and phenotypes of the possible offspring.

Making a Punnet Square

- 1. State the parent generation and the possible gametes
 - Ex. P: Pp X pp Gametes: parent 1 P, p ; parent 2: p, p
- 2. Draw the Punnet square using a ruler!



Making a Punnet Square

- 3. Write the possible gametes
- 4. Fill in the punnet square by combining alleles
 - 3. Recall P: Pp X pp





- 5. Determine the genotype and phenotype
- 6. Answer the question (As a ratio or percentage).

As a ratio:

G:_____ Ph:____

As a percent:

G:_____ Ph:_____

How to Make a Punnett Square

Punnett squares allow geneticists to predict the possible genotypes and phenotypes of offspring.

In this example, both parents are heterozygous for yellow-pea allele (Yy). Make the grid

Place the alleles of the gametes of one parent along the top of a grid and those of the other parent along the lefthand side.



Parent 2



2 Fill in the grid Combine the parent alleles inside the boxes. The letters show the genotypes of the offspring.



The genotype ratio is 1:2:1, meaning 1 YY, 2 Yy, 1 yy.

Fill in the offspring Use the Law of Dominance to determine the phenotypes and phenotype ratio of the offspring.

	Y	у
	0	0
Y	YY	Yy
	0	
у	Yy	уу

The phenotype ratio is 3:1, meaning 3 yellow peas to 1 green pea.

Example 2:

• In guinea pigs a black coat (B) is dominant over a white coat (b). Determine the phenotype and genotype ratios if a homozygous dominant parent is crossed with a heterozygous parent.



Example 3:

- In humans, free ear lobes (F) are dominant over attached ear lobes (f). What are the phenotype and genotype ratios of the offspring:
- a) When a homozygous dominant female is crossed with a homozygous recessive male
- b) Based on these results, what is the chance (percentage) of the child having attached ear lobes
- c) What is the phenotype of the F₂ generation



Example 4

- In unicorns, a large horn (H) is dominant over a small horn (h).
- a) If two heterozygous parents are crossed, what are the phenotypic and genotypic ratios of the F1 generation.
- b) How many offspring will be born with a small horn if the parents have 100 offspring.

