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Gametes are made in reproductive organs (in animals ovaries and testes)

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Cells divide by **meiosis** to form gametes

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In meiosis: Copies of genetic information are made, the cells **divide twice** to form daughter cells each with **half** the number of chromosomes

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Haploid gametes are **genetically different** from each other

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Gametes join at **fertilisation** to restore the number of chromosomes

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Genetic material in the **nucleus** is composed of **DNA**

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DNA is a **polymer** made up of **two strands** forming a **double helix**

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DNA is a polymer made from **four different nucleotides**. Each nucleotide consists of a **common sugar**, **phosphate group** and **one of four different bases**; A, C, T & G

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A **gene** is a small section on a **chromosome**.

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A gene codes for a **sequence of amino acids** to make a **specific protein**

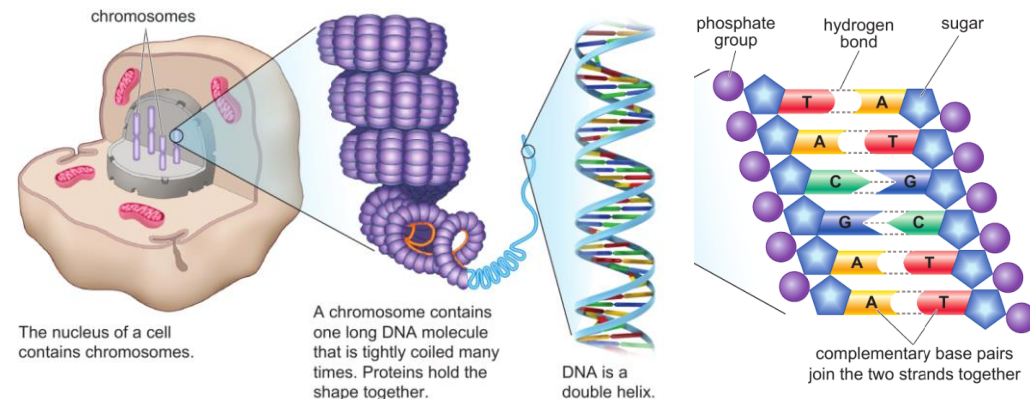
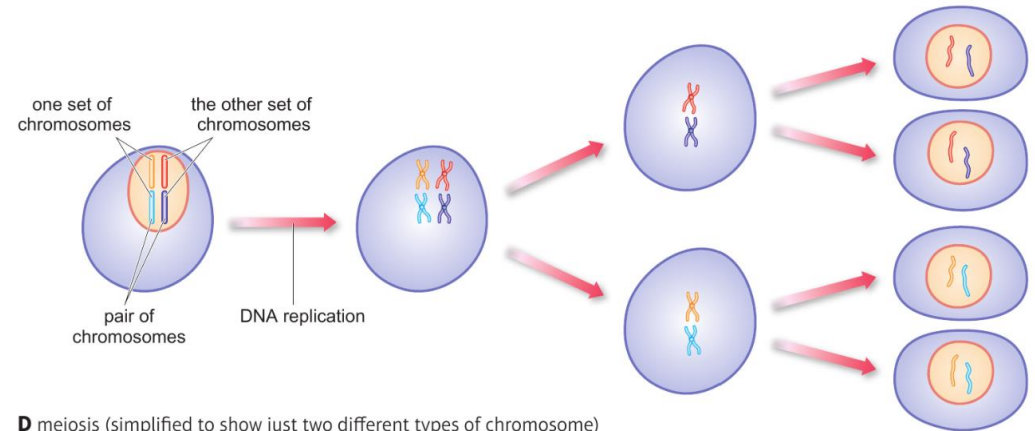
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A sequence of **3 bases** is the code for a particular amino acid, The order of bases controls the **order** in which amino acids combine and fold to produce a specific protein

The gamete-making cell has two sets of chromosomes. It is diploid ($2n$).

The chromosomes replicate (and the copies stay stuck to one another).

The cell divides into two and then into two again. Each of the final four daughter cells has a copy of one chromosome from each pair. They are haploid ($1n$).



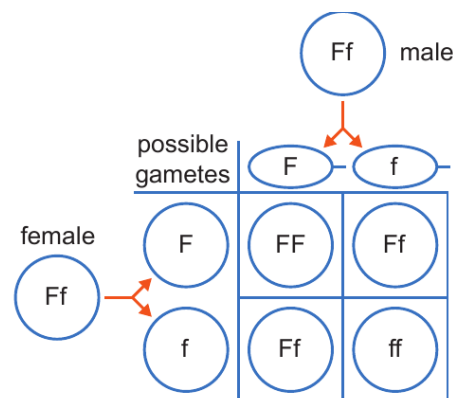
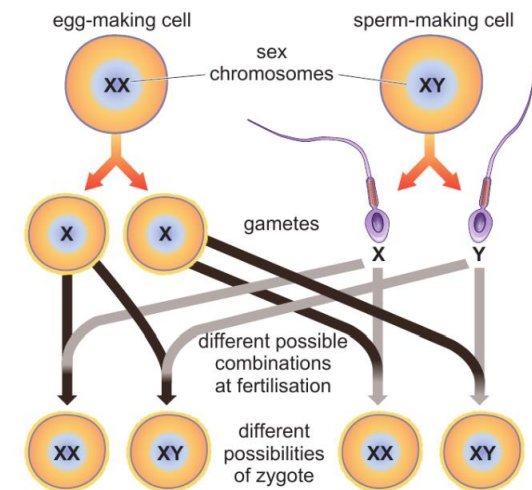
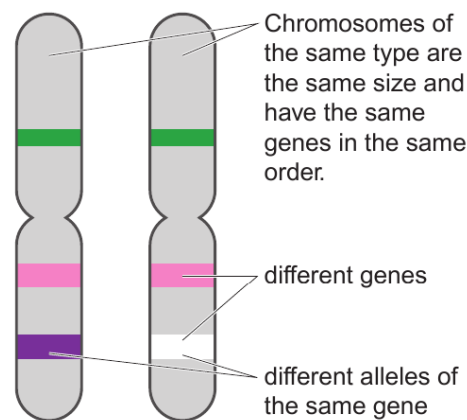
Crush fruit with a buffer solution containing detergent

Filter the mixture

Add ethanol and remove the DNA



12	Variation is the difference in the characteristics of individuals in a population.
13	There is extensive variation within the population of a species e.g. hair colour, skin colour, height.
14	Variation may be due to genetic cause (inheritance) , environmental causes or a combination of genes and environment
15	Gregor Mendel carried out breeding experiments on plants and showed that inheritance of each characteristic is determined by units that are passed on to descendants unchanged.
16	Zygote - A single cell that results from fusion of egg and sperm cells.
17	Allele - Alternate forms of the same gene
18	Dominant - A type of allele- always expressed if one copy present
19	Recessive - A type of allele- only expressed when paired with another recessive allele
20	Homozygous - Pair of the same alleles, dominant or recessive
21	Heterozygous - Two different alleles are present 1 dominant and 1 recessive.
22	Genotype - Alleles that are present for a particular feature e.g. BB, Bb, bb
23	Phenotype - Physical expression of an allele combination e.g. black fur, blonde hair, blue eyes.
24	The whole human genome has now been sequenced which allows us to search for genes linked to different types of disease, understand and treat inherited disorders, trace migration patterns from the past, study evolution



C Punnett square for parents that are heterozygous for the CF gene

