

**Topic 4- Lesson 4: “Trait Variations”**

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- How do genes on sex chromosomes determine different traits?
- How do mutations affect protein synthesis and increase variations?
- How does the environment influence genetic traits?

1. How do differences in traits have the potential to change the population? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. A variation is \_\_\_\_\_.

3. What are the three ways described in the book that can cause trait variation?

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

4. True or False – Trait variations are either helpful or harmful.

5. What are the two types of chromosomes found in your cells?

a. # \_\_\_\_\_ pair(s) of \_\_\_\_\_

b. # \_\_\_\_\_ pair(s) of \_\_\_\_\_

6. Humans have a total of \_\_\_\_\_ pairs of chromosomes in each cell.

7. \_\_\_\_\_ determine whether a person is biologically male or female.

8. A human female inherits one \_\_\_\_\_ chromosome from her mother and one \_\_\_\_\_ chromosome from her father.

9. A human male inherits one \_\_\_\_\_ chromosome from his mother and one \_\_\_\_\_ chromosome from his father.

10. Autosomal chromosomes are \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. All pairs of autosomal chromosomes are “homologous”. What does “homologous chromosomes” mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

12. Why does the X chromosome express more traits than the Y chromosome? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. Which parent contributes the sex chromosome that determines the sex of the offspring?
- a. mother
  - b. father
  - c. neither parent
  - b. both parents

14. What is a mutation? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

15. Name the two types of mutations and how they occur.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Use Figure 4 (pg. 208) "Genetic Mutations" to answer the following questions.

16. Draw the original DNA sequence.

17. One type of genetic mutation that can occur is a deletion. What happens if a deletion occurs? \_\_\_\_\_

18. What is the deletion in Figure 4? \_\_\_\_\_

19. Another type of genetic mutation that can occur is an addition. What happens if an addition occurs? \_\_\_\_\_

20. What is the addition in Figure 4? \_\_\_\_\_

21. A third type of mutation is called a substitution. What happens if a substitution occurs? \_\_\_\_\_

22. What is the substitution in Figure 4? \_\_\_\_\_

23. Why are sex-linked mutations more likely to occur on the X chromosome? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

24. Mutations can occur on which of the following types of chromosomes? (circle all that apply)

- a. Autosomal Chromosomes
- b. X chromosomes
- c. Y chromosomes
- d. RNA chromosome

25. Give an example of a naturally occurring mutagen. \_\_\_\_\_

26. Give two examples of synthetic mutagens.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

27. What does it mean if a mutation is “helpful”? \_\_\_\_\_

Example of “helpful” mutation: \_\_\_\_\_

28. What does it mean if a mutation is “harmful”? \_\_\_\_\_

Example of “harmful” mutation: \_\_\_\_\_

29. What does it mean if a mutation is “neutral”? \_\_\_\_\_

Example of “neutral” mutation: \_\_\_\_\_

30. What is a nondisjunction? \_\_\_\_\_

31. What is a karyotype? \_\_\_\_\_

32. A karyotype sometimes shows an additional chromosome. This grouping is called \_\_\_\_\_, ( \_\_\_\_\_ meaning “three” and \_\_\_\_\_ meaning “body”). Edward’s Syndrome is called \_\_\_\_\_ and Down’s Syndrome is called \_\_\_\_\_. If a chromosome is missing, it is called \_\_\_\_\_, ( \_\_\_\_\_ means “one”).

33. Protein changes occur when an \_\_\_\_\_ sequence is altered causing the directions for \_\_\_\_\_ to be altered. The result is a \_\_\_\_\_.

34. Some genes called “\_\_\_\_\_” can move to a new location on the \_\_\_\_\_. This causes a \_\_\_\_\_ to be produced at that point and may disrupt a \_\_\_\_\_ causing that trait to not be expressed. This can cause a \_\_\_\_\_ to change.

35. Some species are able to change their \_\_\_\_\_ in order to create specific \_\_\_\_\_ in response to their \_\_\_\_\_.