Variation and Inheritance

12. Variation in a characteristic can either be discrete or continuous. The range of heights and weights for a group of students were measured and recorded. Ear lobe types were also examined and categorised into groups.

Which line in the table below identifies the type of variation shown by each of these human characteristics?

	Height	Weight	Ear lobe types
A	continuous	continuous	discrete
В	discrete	continuous	continuous
С	discrete	discrete	continuous
D	continuous	discrete	discrete

Coat colour in Labrador dogs is an inherited characteristic. Black coat (B) colour is dominant to chocolate coat colour (b).



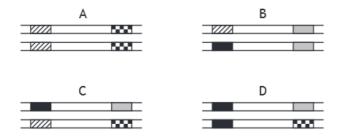
(a) A homozygous black Labrador was crossed with a Labrador with a chocolate coloured coat.

Complete the diagram below to show the genotypes of each of the parents and the F_1 phenotype.

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Parents:	black coat	Х	chocolate coat
Genotypes:			
F ₁ genotype:		All Bb	
F1 phenotype:			

8. The diagrams below show the same sections of matching chromosomes found in four flies, A, B, C and D.



The alleles shown on the chromosomes can be identified using the following key.

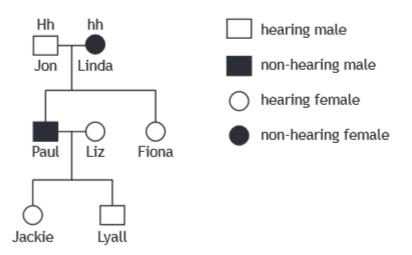
- allele for striped body
- allele for unstriped body
- allele for normal antennae
- allele for abnormal antennae

Which fly is homozygous for body pattern and heterozygous for antennae type?

7. (a) One type of deafness in humans is caused by a single gene.

The diagram below shows the pattern of inheritance in one family.

H represents the hearing form of the gene. h represents the non-hearing form of the gene.



- (i) Using Jon as an example, explain how it is known that the hearing form of the gene is dominant.
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- (ii) Use information in the family tree to complete the following table to show the genotype and phenotype of each individual.

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Individual	Genotype	Phenotype
Paul		
Lyall		

(iii) Fiona has a child with a man who has the same genotype as her. State the chance of their child being able to hear.

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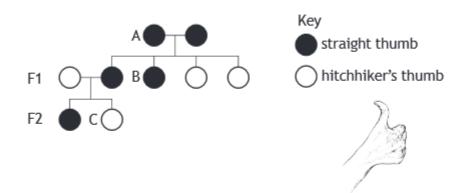
13. The following diagram shows the inheritance of coat colour in guinea pigs.

P Phenotype	Black guinea pig	Х	White guinea pig
P Genotype:	BB		bb
F1 Genotype:		Bb	
F2 Genotypes:	BB and	Bb	and bb

Which of the following generations contain heterozygous individuals?

- A P and F1
- B P and F2
- C F1 and F2
- D P, F1 and F2

6. The following diagram represents part of a family tree showing the inheritance of hitchhiker's thumb, where the thumb can bend back as shown below.



(a) Complete the table below for individuals A and C.

Individual	Possible Genotype(s)	Phenotype
A		straight thumb
В	TT or Tt	straight thumb
С	tt	

- (b) In a survey of 90 students it was found that 25 of them had hitchhiker's thumb.
 - (i) Calculate the number of students with straight thumb to hitchhiker's thumb as a simple, whole number ratio.

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straight hitchhiker's thumb thumb

(ii) The predicted ratio was 3 straight thumb : 1 hitchhiker's thumb.

Explain why the predicted ratio was different to the actual ratio.

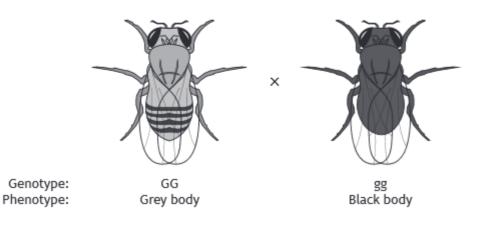
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 Chromosomes contain the genetic information responsible for variation amongst members of a species.

Fruit flies can have either a grey or black body colour.

The parent flies used in a cross are shown in the diagram.



(a) Using the information given, <u>underline</u> one option in each bracket to complete the following sentences.

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Body colour in fruit flies is an example of $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} {
m discrete} \\ {
m continuous} \end{array} \right\}$ variation.

The F_1 flies produced from this cross will be	homozygous	l
The r ₁ has produced from this cross will be	heterozygous	ĵ.

 (a) Tongue-rolling is an inherited characteristic controlled by different forms of a gene. T (roller) represents the dominant form of the gene, and t (non-roller) represents the recessive form.

The family tree diagram shows a pattern of inheritance of the characteristic.

Male tongue-roller Female tongue-roller Female tongue-roller Male non tongue-roller Female non tongue-roller G H

(i) Use letters from the diagram to identify all the individuals in the F_2 generation.

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(ii) Give the genotypes of individuals E and F.

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(iii) Complete the Punnett square to show the gametes and expected genotypes of the offspring of E and F.

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	Genotype of gamete from F	
Genotype of gametes from E		