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Part 1: Foundational Knowledge

What is the term for different versions of a gene?

Hint: Think about the variations of genes.

- ◯ Chromosomes
- ◯ Alleles
- ◯ Genotypes
- ◯ Phenotypes

Which of the following are true about dominant alleles?

Hint: Consider the characteristics of dominant alleles.

- ☐ They can mask the effect of recessiv alleles.
- ☐ They are always more common in a population.
- ☐ They determine the phenotype in a heterozygous genotype.
- ☐ They are represented by lowercase letters.

Explain the difference between homozygous and heterozygous genotypes.

Hint: Consider the allele combinations in each genotype.

List two examples of a homozygous genotype and two examples of a heterozygous genotype.

Hint: Think about common traits in organisms.

1. Homozygous examples:

2. Heterozygous examples:

Part 2: Understanding Genetic Concepts

What does a Punnett square help predict?

Hint: Consider what information is derived from a Punnett square.

- ◯ The physical appearance of an organism
- ◯ The probability of an offspring having a particular genotype
- ◯ The number of chromosomes in a cell
- ◯ The mutation rate of a gene

Which statements are true about phenotypes?

Hint: Think about the relationship between genotypes and phenotypes.

- ☐ They are determined by genotypes.
- ☐ They can be influenced by the environment.
- ☐ They are always visible traits.
- ☐ They are the genetic makeup of an organism.

Describe how a monohybrid cross differs from a dihybrid cross.

Hint: Consider the number of traits being studied.

Part 3: Applying Knowledge and Analyzing Relationships

If a plant with genotype Aa is crossed with a plant with genotype aa, what is the probability of the offspring being homozygous recessiv?

Hint: Use the Punnett square to determine the probabilities.

- ◯ 0%
- ◯ 25%
- ◯ 50%
- ◯ 75%

In a dihybrid cross between two heterozygous parents (AaBb x AaBb), which of the following genotypic combinations are possible?

Hint: Consider the combinations of alleles from both parents.

- ☐ AABB
- ☐ AaBb
- ☐ aabb
- ☐ Aabb

Using a Punnett square, predict the phenotypic ratio of a cross between two heterozygous pea plants (Ttx T t) for tallness, where tall (T) is dominant over short (t).

Hint: Draw a Punnett square to visualize the cross.

In a genetic cross, what does a 3:1 phenotypic ratio typically indicate?

Hint: Think about the type of genetic cross involved.

- ◯ A monohybrid cross with incomplete dominance
- ◯ A monohybrid cross with complete dominance
- ◯ A dihybrid cross with linked genes
- ◯ A test cross with a homozygous recessiv

Which factors can affect the accuracy of a Punnett square prediction?

Hint: Consider external influences on genetic outcomes.

- [ ] Environmental influences
- [ ] Mutations in the genes
- [ ] Random fertilization
- [ ] Linked genes

Analyze the potential outcomes of a genetic cross between two organisms with genotypes AaBb and AaBb. Discuss the expected genotypic and phenotypic ratios.

Hint: Consider the combinations of alleles from both parents.

Part 4: Synthesis and Reflection

Which of the following scenarios would most likely require a revision of Mendelian genetics predictions?

Hint: Think about new discoveries in genetics.

- ◯ Discovery of new alleles
- ◯ Observation of incomplete dominance
- ◯ Introduction of a new species
- ◯ Identification of linked genes

Which scenarios demonstrate the limitations of using Punnett squares for genetic predictions?

Hint: Consider complex inheritance patterns.

- [ ] Predictin traits in polygenic inheritance
- [ ] Estimating probabilities in large populations
- [ ] Accounting for epigenetic factors

- [ ] Determining exact phenotypes in complex traits

Design a genetic experiment using Punnett squares to determine the inheritance pattern of a new trait in a plant species. Describe the steps and expected outcomes.

Hint: Think about the methodology and analysis involved.