

Genetics Home Reference crossword puzzle answers

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This crossword puzzle includes common terms and concepts used in human genetics. All of the answers can be found in the Help Me Understand Genetics Handbook (<http://ghr.nlm.nih.gov/handbook/>).



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| 3 A common form of aneuploidy in which each cell contains one extra chromosome. | 1 Humans have 23 pairs of these DNA-containing structures in each cell. |
| 6 In autosomal ____ inheritance, two mutated copies of the gene are present in each cell. | 2 The type of cell division that creates egg and sperm cells. |
| 9 An organism's complete set of DNA, including all of its genes. | 3 Gene ____ is an experimental technique that uses genes to treat or prevent disease. |
| 11 This type of chromosome abnormality occurs when a chromosome breaks in two places and the ends of the chromosome arms fuse together to form a circular structure. | 4 A difference in a single DNA building block; also the most common type of genetic variation among people. |
| 12 These complex organelles convert energy from food into a form that the cell can use. They also have their own genetic material, separate from the DNA in the nucleus. | 5 The basic physical and functional unit of heredity. |
| 14 A permanent change in the DNA sequence that makes up a gene. | 7 The part of the Human Genome Project that identified and addressed issues raised by genomic research that would affect individuals, families, and society. |
| 15 Mutations that occur only in an egg or sperm cell, or those that occur just after fertilization, are called de____ mutations. | 8 DNA stands for ____ acid. |
| 17 The study of how genes affect a person's response to drugs. | 10 This occurs when the signs and symptoms of a genetic condition become more severe and appear at an earlier age as the disorder is passed from one generation to the next. |
| 18 The type of mutation that results in the substitution of one amino acid for another in the protein made by a gene. | 13 The process that leads to the self-destruction of cells; also known as programmed cell death. |
| 19 This chemical cousin of DNA is critical for the process of transcription. | 16 An international scientific effort to identify common genetic variations among people: The International ____ Project. |