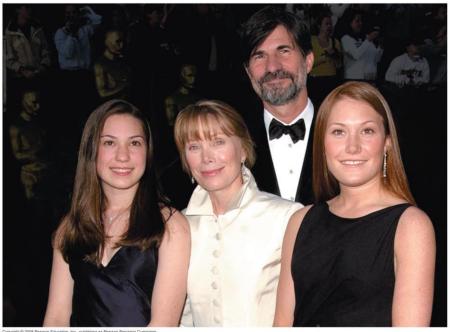


#### Overview: Variations on a Theme

- Living organisms are distinguished by their ability to reproduce their own kind
- Genetics is the scientific study of heredity and variation
- Heredity is the transmission of traits from one generation to the next
- Variation is demonstrated by the differences in appearance that offspring show from parents and siblings

Fig. 13-1



# Concept 13.1: Offspring acquire genes from parents by inheriting chromosomes

- In a literal sense, children do not inherit particular physical traits from their parents
- · It is genes that are actually inherited

#### **Inheritance of Genes**

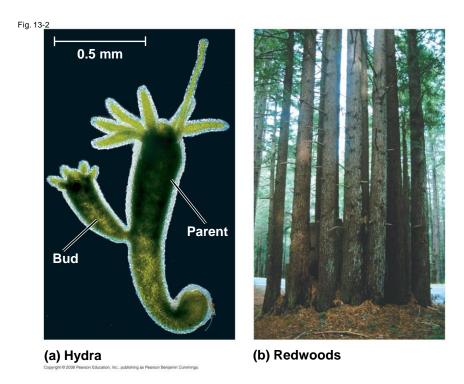
- Genes are the units of heredity, and are made up of segments of DNA
- Genes are passed to the next generation through reproductive cells called gametes (sperm and eggs)
- Each gene has a specific location called a locus on a certain chromosome
- One set of chromosomes is inherited from each parent

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## Comparison of Asexual and Sexual Reproduction

- In asexual reproduction, one parent produces genetically identical offspring by mitosis
- A clone is a group of genetically identical individuals from the same parent
- In sexual reproduction, two parents give rise to offspring that have unique combinations of genes inherited from the two parents





## Concept 13.2: Fertilization and meiosis alternate in sexual life cycles

 A life cycle is the generation-to-generation sequence of stages in the reproductive history of an organism

#### **Sets of Chromosomes in Human Cells**

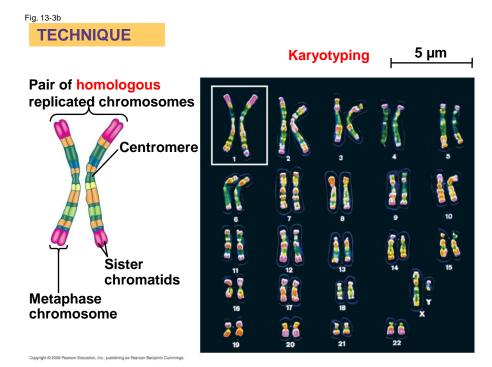
- Human somatic cells (any cell other than a gamete) have 23 pairs of chromosomes
- A karyotype is an ordered display of the pairs of chromosomes from a cell
- The two chromosomes in each pair are called homologous chromosomes, or homologs
- Chromosomes in a homologous pair are the same length and carry genes controlling the same inherited characters

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Fig. 13-3a

#### **APPLICATION**

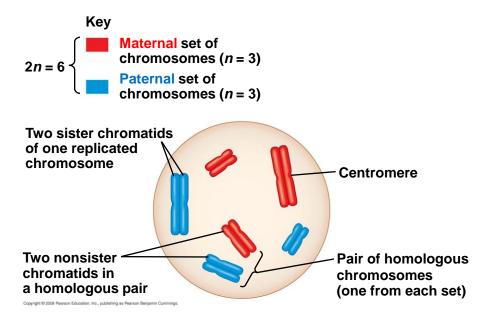




- The sex chromosomes are called X and Y
- Human females have a homologous pair of X chromosomes (XX)
- Human males have one X and one Y chromosome (XY)
- The 22 pairs of chromosomes that do not determine sex are called autosomes

- Each pair of homologous chromosomes includes one chromosome from each parent
- The 46 chromosomes in a human somatic cell are two sets of 23: one from the mother and one from the father
- A diploid cell (2n) has two sets of chromosomes
- For humans, the diploid number is 46 (2n = 46)

Fig. 13-4

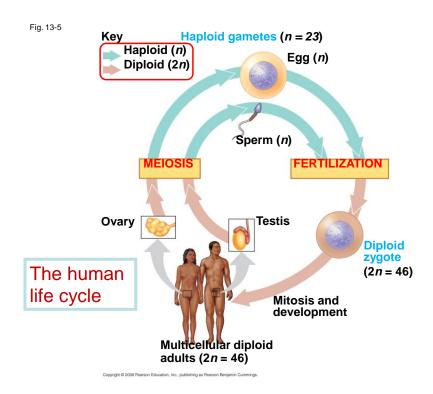


- A gamete (sperm or egg) contains a single set of chromosomes, and is haploid (n)
- For humans, the haploid number is 23 (n = 23)
- Each set of 23 chromosomes consists of 22 autosomes and a single sex chromosome
- Other examples:
- Drosophila melanogaster: 2n-8, 1n=4
- Dogs: 2n=78, 1n=39

### Behavior of Chromosome Sets in the Human Life Cycle

- Fertilization is the union of gametes (the sperm and the egg)
- The fertilized egg is called a zygote and has one set of chromosomes from each parent
- The zygote produces somatic cells by mitosis and develops into an adult

- At sexual maturity, the ovaries and testes produce haploid gametes
- Gametes are the only types of human cells produced by meiosis, rather than mitosis
- Meiosis results in one set of chromosomes in each gamete



# Concept 13.3: Meiosis reduces the number of chromosome sets from diploid to haploid

- Like mitosis, meiosis is preceded by the replication of chromosomes
- Meiosis takes place in two sets of cell divisions, called meiosis I and meiosis II
- The two cell divisions result in four daughter cells, rather than the two daughter cells in mitosis
- Each daughter cell has only half as many chromosomes as the parent cell

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#### The Stages of Meiosis

- In the first cell division (meiosis I), <u>homologous</u> <u>chromosomes separate</u>
- Meiosis I results in two haploid daughter cells with replicated chromosomes; it is called the reductional division
- In the second cell division (meiosis II), <u>sister</u> <u>chromatids separate</u>
- Meiosis II results in four haploid daughter cells with unreplicated chromosomes; it is called the equational division

Fig. 13-7-1

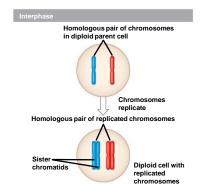


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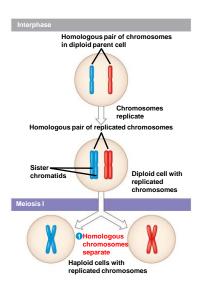


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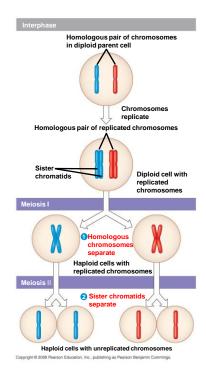
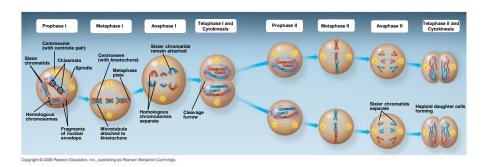


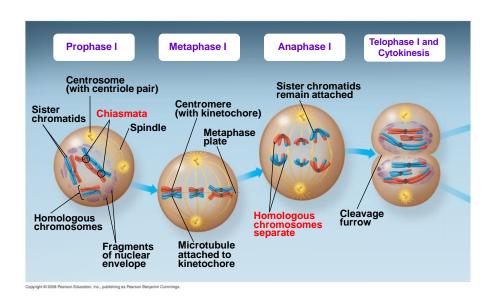
Fig. 13-8



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- Division in meiosis I occurs in four phases:
  - Prophase I
  - Metaphase I
  - Anaphase I
  - Telophase I and cytokinesis

Fig. 13-8a



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#### **Prophase I**

- Prophase I typically occupies more than 90% of the time required for meiosis
- Chromosomes begin to condense
- In synapsis, homologous chromosomes loosely pair up, aligned gene by gene

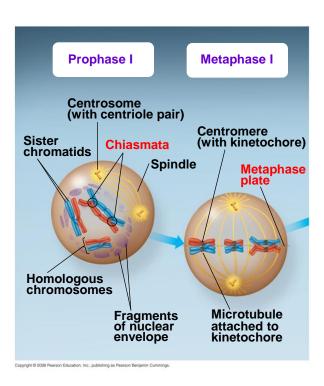
- In crossing over, nonsister chromatids exchange DNA segments
- Each pair of chromosomes forms a tetrad, a group of four chromatids
- Each tetrad usually has one or more chiasmata, X-shaped regions where crossing over occurred

#### **Metaphase I**

- In metaphase I, tetrads line up at the metaphase plate, with one chromosome facing each pole
- Microtubules from one pole are attached to the kinetochore of one chromosome of each tetrad
- Microtubules from the other pole are attached to the kinetochore of the other chromosome

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Fig. 13-8b



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#### **Anaphase I**

- In anaphase I, pairs of homologous chromosomes separate
- One chromosome moves toward each pole, guided by the spindle apparatus
- Sister chromatids remain attached at the centromere and move as one unit toward the pole

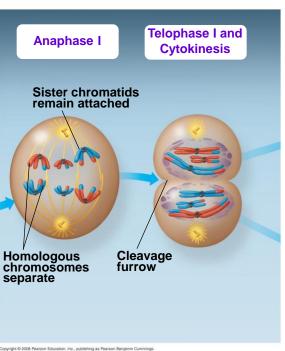
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#### **Telophase I and Cytokinesis**

- In the beginning of telophase I, each half of the cell has a haploid set of chromosomes; each chromosome still consists of two sister chromatids
- Cytokinesis usually occurs simultaneously, forming two haploid daughter cells

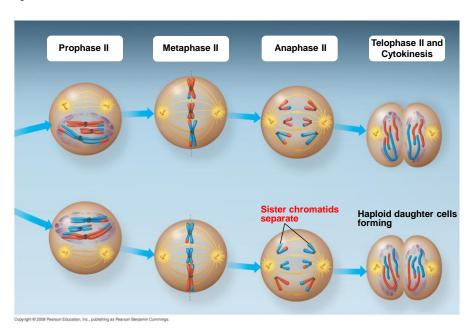
- In animal cells, a cleavage furrow forms; in plant cells, a cell plate forms
- No chromosome replication occurs between the end of meiosis I and the beginning of meiosis II because the chromosomes are already replicated

Fig. 13-8c



- Division in meiosis II also occurs in four phases:
  - Prophase II
  - Metaphase II
  - Anaphase II
  - Telophase II and cytokinesis
- Meiosis II is very similar to mitosis

Fig. 13-8d



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#### **Prophase II**

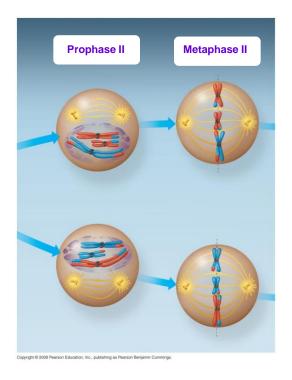
- In prophase II, a spindle apparatus forms
- In late prophase II, chromosomes (each still composed of two chromatids) move toward the metaphase plate

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#### **Metaphase II**

- In metaphase II, the sister chromatids are arranged at the metaphase plate
- Because of crossing over in meiosis I, the two sister chromatids of each chromosome are no longer genetically identical
- The kinetochores of sister chromatids attach to microtubules extending from opposite poles

Fig. 13-8e



#### **Anaphase II**

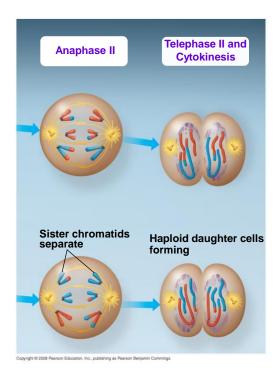
- In anaphase II, the sister chromatids separate
- The sister chromatids of each chromosome now move as two newly individual chromosomes toward opposite poles

#### **Telophase II and Cytokinesis**

- In telophase II, the chromosomes arrive at opposite poles
- Nuclei form, and the chromosomes begin decondensing

- · Cytokinesis separates the cytoplasm
- At the end of meiosis, there are four daughter cells, each with a haploid set of unreplicated chromosomes
- Each daughter cell is genetically distinct from the others and from the parent cell

Fig. 13-8f



#### A Comparison of Mitosis and Meiosis

- Mitosis conserves the number of chromosome sets, producing cells that are genetically identical to the parent cell
- Meiosis reduces the number of chromosomes sets from two (diploid) to one (haploid), producing cells that differ genetically from each other and from the parent cell
- The mechanism for separating sister chromatids is virtually identical in meiosis II and mitosis

Fig. 13-9

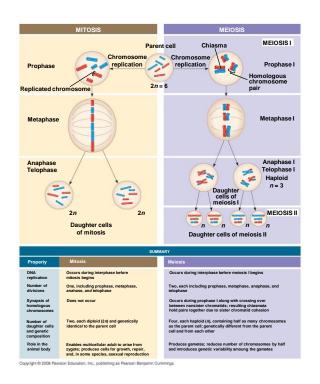


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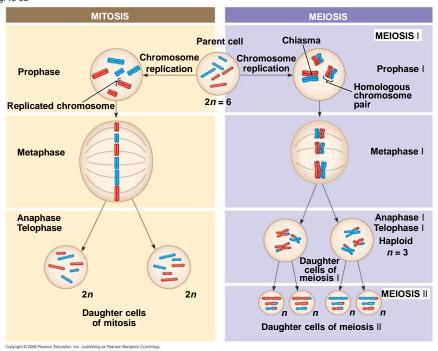
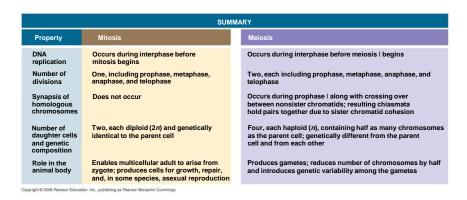


Fig. 13-9b



- Three events are unique to meiosis, and all three occur in meiosis I:
  - Synapsis and crossing over in prophase I:
    Homologous chromosomes physically connect and exchange genetic information
  - At the metaphase plate, there are paired homologous chromosomes (tetrads), instead of individual replicated chromosomes
  - At anaphase I, it is homologous chromosomes, instead of sister chromatids, that separate

- Sister chromatid cohesion allows sister chromatids of a single chromosome to stay together through meiosis I
- Protein complexes called cohesins are responsible for this cohesion