## Section 1.2 - Genes

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## **Location of DNA**

The nucleus in the cell contains the genetic information that codes for the cell's function. All genetic information is in the form of DNA.



DNA can be in the form of chromatin and condense to become chromosomes.



DNA contains the following features:

- 1) Two long chains that are similar to a ladder
  - Each row on the ladder contains a \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Nucleotides are composed of three main subunits
  - Sugar, \_\_\_\_\_ and nitrogenous base

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nucleotide

There are <u>4 nitrogenous bases</u>:

- Adenine (A)
- Cytosine (C)
- Guanine (G)
- Thymine (T)

The nitrogenous bases present on each chain will pair with one another in a specific manner.



The order in which the nitrogenous bases appear create a genetic code that is different in every individual. Each 'code' is known as a \_\_\_\_\_\_ and are involved in the production of a specific



*Gene:* a segment of DNA that controls protein production.

*The different versions of genes lead to variation within our population.* 

### **Importance of Protein Production**

All genes produce a particular protein that are important to the functioning of the cell. Proteins help to build parts of your body, communicate with other cells, catalyze reactions etc.



The two chains of the DNA can twist around one another and form what is known as a





The double helix DNA may be in a condensed



state

### **Chromosomes and Replicated DNA**

When DNA is in a condensed state it is known as a chromosome. All animals and plants each have a specific number of chromosome pairs.



Humans have 23 pairs of chromosomes that can be arranged in a karyotype. There are 23 chromosomes that are inherited by the egg (mother) and another 23 chromosomes that are inherited by the sperm (father).

*Karyotype:* a photograph of the chromosomes in a person's cells.

## **DNA Screening - Amniocentesis**

**DNA screening** is the process of testing individuals to determine whether they have the gene or genes associated with certain genetic disorders.



# **DNA Screening – Blood Testing**

Many genetic conditions can be detected through blood samples. Doctors may look for particular proteins in the blood sample. If there is a good quantity of the protein in question it means that the gene is functioning normally.



Blood samples can help detect genetic disorders such as PKU and Huntington's Disease.

# Altering Genes to Create Transgenic Organisms



### **Transgenic Organisms:**

• an organism whose DNA has been altered to contain the genes from another species.



 a form of genetically-modified organisms (GMOs)

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### **Possible Uses for GMOs**

- production of non-allergenic human proteins
- Development of pest-resistant crops
- Increased growth of crops and livestock

### **Concerns:**

- Spread of disease from GMOs
- Negative effects on ecosystems
- Allergic reactions from eating GMOs

## Cloning

**<u>Cloning</u>** is the process of creating identical genetic copies of an organism.





**Cloning Organisms** 



*Cloning an organism is much more complex.* 

### **Mutations**

<u>Mutation</u> is a change in the DNA of an organism. The change normally occurs in the nitrogenous bases that code for particular proteins/traits.



### **Mutations**

A **<u>mutagen</u>** is a substance or factor that can cause a mutation in DNA.

### What examples of mutagens can you think of?



### **Mutations**

A mutation in a gene may have several types of effects:

### A. no effect

• Mutation may have no effect on the final protein

#### B. harmful effect

• No protein, or negatively-altered proteins gets made.

### C. beneficial effect

 New form of a protein gets made, which gives the individual a survival advantage over other individuals.





### Homework

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