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# Meiosis (key concepts)

#### Nuclear division

- Results in half the DNA as parent
- Gametes in animals
  - Sperm and egg
- Meiosis produces
  - 4 daughter cells
  - Each different combination of
    - chromosomes



# Meiosis (overview)

### □ Theory

More genetically variable offspring of population

More able to resist disease or environmental extremes



- section of DNA that influences one or more hereditary traits in an individual
- Alleles
  - Different version of a specific gene
    - Mother's allele
      - black hair
    - Father's allele
      - blonde hair



# Chromosomes role in sex



Homologous chromosomes

Same genes, but possibly different alleles

Humans have 23 paired sets of chromosomes

Diploid cells

■ 2n=46

# Sex cells

### Gametes

One from "mother", one from "father"

- In humans
  - □ n=23 (haploid)
  - 22 autosomes
    - Non-sex chromosomes
  - 1 sex chromosome

■ X or Y □ X+X=female

□ X+Y=male





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# **Before Meiosis**

- Each chromosome is replicated
- Producing identical sister chromatids



# Meiosis is in 2 parts



In animals, these cells become gametes.

## **Fertilization**



# The Cycle of Sex



# Early Prophase I

Chromosomes condense; spindle apparatus forms

Homologous pairs combine into tetrad



## Late Prophase I

### Non-sister chromatids separate

### Crossing over happens



Interphase Early Prophase I Late Prophase I



 Individual chromosomes carry genes from both parents via "crossing over"
Known as "recombinant chromosomes"

Late Prophase I





### Tetrads line up at metaphase plate





### Paired homologous chromosomes separate

Migrate to opposite ends of cell



# Telophase I & Cytokinesis

Paired homologous chromosomes keep migrating
Cell divides



## Prophase II

### Spindle fibers attach

#### to centromere of each sister chromatid



# Metaphase II

### Replicated chromosomes line up

#### At metaphase plate



## Anaphase II

#### Sister chromosomes separate

#### daughter chromosomes move to opposite sides



# Telophase II

Chromosomes arrive at opposite ends

Nuclear envelope forms around haploids



# Mitosis vs. Meiosis

### Meiosis

- Homologous chromosomes pair
- Four daughter cells
  - Half genetic material as parents

#### Mitosis

- Homologous chromosomes don't pair
- Two daughter cells
  - Genetically identical to parents

