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# Monster Mash



## Part 1: Multigenerational Observations—Shnorfs

1. What is a trait? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Where do we get our traits from? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. List three traits that you have:

\_\_\_\_\_

### Shnorfs



4. List traits that can vary between shnorfs:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Circle the traits in question 4 that are the same in the siblings (generation 2).

6. What patterns can you identify in this set of offspring (generation 2)? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. A model is your understanding of how traits are inherited. What key points need to be included in a model of heredity?

- There are \_\_\_\_\_ in a population of one species.
- **Siblings** have traits that are \_\_\_\_\_ but they have more traits \_\_\_\_\_ with each other than with the general population.
- In general, family members are not \_\_\_\_\_ to each other.

8. As a class we chose to look at the:                      Parent                      Offspring

9. What patterns do you notice about generation \_\_\_\_\_ of shnorfs compared to generation 2?

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10. What additional key points need to be included in a model of heredity?

- **Parents** have traits that are \_\_\_\_\_ from their offspring, but they have more traits \_\_\_\_\_ with each other than with the general population.

11. Use the information from questions 7 and 10 to create your initial model of heredity (a poster which explains how traits are inherited).

12. Based on your model, describe what you think another species of sibling monsters would look like. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Part 2: Multigenerational Observations—Dromos



### Dromos

13. List traits that can vary between dromos:

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14. Does your prediction match with the dromo siblings?      Yes              No

15. What patterns can you identify about the offspring (generation 2) in family 1? \_\_\_\_\_

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16. What patterns can you identify about the offspring (generation 2) in family 2? \_\_\_\_\_

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17. What patterns can you identify between family 1 and family 2? \_\_\_\_\_

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18. What do you think caused the families to look the way they do? \_\_\_\_\_

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19. What additional key points need to be included in a model of heredity?

- Some species produce offspring siblings that are \_\_\_\_\_

20. As a class we chose to look at the:      Parent              Offspring

21. What patterns do you notice about generation \_\_\_\_\_ of dromos compared to generation 2?

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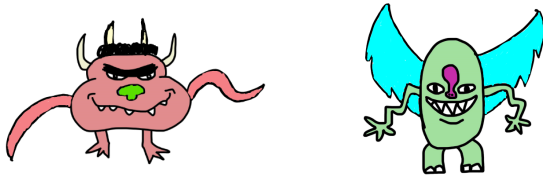
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22. What was different about shnorfs and dromos? \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

23. What additional key points need to be included in a model of heredity?

- Some species have parents that are \_\_\_\_\_.
- Traits can be inherited in \_\_\_\_\_.

24. Use the information from questions 19 and 23 to revise your model of heredity. On your model make sure to include what you predict a sibling of each the following shnorf would look like.



**Part 3: Shnorf Genetics** (the study of how traits are passed down)

25. Below are pictures of two shnorf siblings. Draw what you think their parents look like.

Sibling 1:



Sibling 2:



Parent 1:



Parent 2:



26. Were your predictions correct?                      Yes                      No

27. Where did sibling 1's nose color come from? \_\_\_\_\_

28. What does this mean about the parents' genes (genetic makeup) ? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

29. If nose color were determined by **one piece** of genetic information, would it be possible for two green-nosed parents to have a blue-nosed offspring?      Yes              No

30. Justify your answer to number 29. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

31. Could nose color be determined by **two pieces** of genetic information? Why or why not?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

32. We are exploring the trait of \_\_\_\_\_. The genetic information for traits are stored in \_\_\_\_\_. Within a \_\_\_\_\_, there are \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of information; these are called \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ code for the different versions of a trait; for example, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Even though the \_\_\_\_\_ could be different in a \_\_\_\_\_, only one will be seen.

33. What does this mean about how genetic information is passed down? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

34. What additional key points need to be included in a model of heredity?

- Genetic information is stored in \_\_\_\_\_ which contain \_\_\_\_\_ and determines \_\_\_\_\_.
- Not all alleles that are carried \_\_\_\_\_.
- Parents \_\_\_\_\_ to their offspring.

35. Use the information from question 34 to revise your model of heredity. In addition, make sure to include the following about the shnorf family consisting of two green-nosed parents, with blue-nosed AND green-nosed offspring:

- The alleles which are contained in each family member's genes. We will use \_\_\_\_\_ to represent the blue nose allele and \_\_\_\_\_ to represent the green nose allele.
- The possible allele combinations that the parents could pass down to their offspring.
- The fraction of offspring that are expected to show green noses, and the fraction of offspring that are expected to show blue noses.



## Part 4: Predicting the Frequency of Traits - Shnorfs

36. Geneticists use \_\_\_\_\_ to calculate the fraction of siblings that will inherit a certain trait from their parents. Confirm that your model matches the fractions from this method.


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37. The following are eight siblings which are offspring from the parents we have been studying. Do these offspring match our predictions from question 35 and why?



	Green Nose	Blue Nose
Predicted Fraction (out of 8)		
Actual Fraction (out of 8)		

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38. When is our model the most accurate? \_\_\_\_\_

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39. The terms **dominant** and **recessive** are often used in discussing the inheritance of traits. What do you think these terms mean? \_\_\_\_\_

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40. What additional key points need to be included in a model of heredity?

- If the allele is dominant, \_\_\_\_\_

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- If the allele is recessive, \_\_\_\_\_

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- Punnett squares give \_\_\_\_\_

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41. Use the information from question 40 to revise your model of heredity. On your model, include a Punnett square to show the probability that two shnorf parents, one with tusks (allele "T") and one with no tusks (allele "N"), would have offspring with tusks. Having tusks is known to be a recessive trait.





## Part 5: Predicting the Frequency of Traits — Dromos

42. Are all dromos identical?      Yes                  No

43. What patterns did you notice about the dromo parent and their offspring that you saw?

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44. What does this mean about dromo parents? \_\_\_\_\_

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45. How likely is this to happen? \_\_\_\_\_

46. If you have identical parents, does this mean you will have identical offspring?      Yes                  No

47. Give an example to support your answer to question 46.

	Gene	Expressed Trait
Parent 1		
Parent 2		
Offspring		

48. How could a parent produce offspring that are identical to them? \_\_\_\_\_

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49. What does this mean about dromos? \_\_\_\_\_

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To reproduce, shnorfs undergo **sexual reproduction**.

50. How many parents are needed for sexual reproduction? \_\_\_\_\_

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51. When an offspring is produced through sexual reproduction, what does this mean about where the offspring's genetic makeup comes from? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

52. What do you think asexual reproduction is, and how many parents are needed? \_\_\_\_\_

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53. What additional key points need to be included in a model of heredity?

- Some species produce offspring through \_\_\_\_\_, others produce offspring through \_\_\_\_\_.

54. Use the information from question 53 to revise your model of heredity. On your model, make sure to include a definition of sexual and asexual reproduction.



## Part 6: Applying the Model

55. What patterns have you noticed in sets of human siblings? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

56. What patterns have you noticed between parents and their children? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

57. Use your model to make a claim about which type of reproduction humans undergo.

Humans undergo

sexual reproduction

asexual reproduction

because \_\_\_\_\_

evidence

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

58. According to your model, what does this mean about a human child's genes? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

59. In humans, the allele for freckles is known to be dominant. Use your model to calculate the probability that two parents without freckles will have a child with freckles.

	Gene	Expressed Trait	_____
Parent 1			_____
Parent 2			_____
Child			_____

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**Ploobs**

60. What patterns did you notice in the ploob offspring born in December of 2013? \_\_\_\_\_

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61. Use your model to make a claim about which type of reproduction ploobs undergo.

Ploobs undergo                      sexual reproduction                      asexual reproduction

because \_\_\_\_\_

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62. What patterns did you notice in the ploob offspring born in June of 2021? \_\_\_\_\_

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63. Was your prediction in question 61 correct?                      Yes                      No

64. What evidence supports this? \_\_\_\_\_

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65. How do you think ploobs reproduce? \_\_\_\_\_  
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66. What additional key points need to be included in a model of heredity?

- Some species \_\_\_\_\_

67. What do you think an advantage of sexual reproduction is? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. What do you think an advantage of asexual reproduction is? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Part 7: Verifying the Model

69. Is your model of heredity consistent with scientific findings?      Yes      No  
and is your model complete?      Yes      No

70. What are three interesting things that you learned from the article?

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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71. How is there diversity within populations that reproduce asexually? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

72. What additional key points need to be included in a model of heredity?

- Asexual reproduction is common in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Sexual reproduction is common in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Plants often reproduce \_\_\_\_\_.
- A benefit of sexual reproduction is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- A benefit of asexual reproduction is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

73. Use the information from question 66 and 72 to revise your model of heredity. Make sure that each group member describes a different type of asexual reproduction on a sticky note and places it on your model.