**Biology 9: Introduction to Genetics -- Genetics Science Learning Center**

Objective: Students will browse the Genetics Science Learning Center Website to learn about basic genetics, including the structure of DNA, transcription and translation, and the relationship between genes, proteins and traits.

**Site Location:** [**http://learn.genetics.utah.edu/**](http://learn.genetics.utah.edu/) .............*Click on the link that says "Tour the Basics" .*

**What is DNA?**

2. What does DNA stand for? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
3. Why is DNA called a blueprint? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
4. The "twisted ladder" shape of the DNA molecule is called a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
5. Name the four bases found in a DNA molecule: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
6. A DNA strand is made of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which make up \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which make up sentences.  
7. These "sentences" are called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Hint - Look at the navigation bar at the top, you'll need to click on "What is a Gene" to continue.

**What is a Gene?**

8. What is a gene? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
9. Blood cells use a protein called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to capture and carry oxygen.  
10. When a gene is changed, it is said to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
11. A mutation in the hemoglobin gene causes what disorder: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**What is a Chromosome?**

12. If you stretched out all the DNA from a single cell, how long would it be?? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
13. How many chromosomes are in a human cell? \_\_\_\_\_ a mosquito? \_\_\_\_\_ a carp? \_\_\_\_\_

**What is a Protein?**

14. How is a protein like a car engine? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
15. Receptor proteins are responsible for picking up \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
16. Each gene in DNA encodes information on how to make a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
17. Once in the cytoplasm, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reads the message.

**What is Heredity?**

18. The passing of traits from parents to child is the basis of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
19. Every child receives\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of its chromosomes from his mother and half from his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
20. When a sperm and egg join, they create a single cell called a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
21. Each child inherits a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ set of chromosomes.

**"What is a Trait?"**

22. Give an example of a physical trait: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
23. A dog fetching a bone is an example of what kind of trait? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
24. Scientists describe the set of information for each form of trait as an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   
25. What word is used to describe having two of the same alleles? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What letters would be used to describe someone with a straight thumb? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
26. What letters would be used to describe a heterozygous combination? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
27. What combination of alleles are possible in a child if the parents are Hh and Hh (there are four)? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
28. Give an example of incomplete dominance: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**"Build a DNA Molecule" - return to the home page and find this activity**

30. Build a DNA molecule. What is the base pair rule? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Practice building DNA for a while.

**Return to home page, click on "DNA to Protein" > "Transcribe and Translate a Gene"**

31. Define transcription: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
32. Define translation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
33. Follow the instructions for the activity. List the amino acid sequence you created.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**"What Makes a Firefly Glow" (return to "DNA to Protein")**

30. Fireflies glow to attract a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and to avoid \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
31. RNA polymerase binds to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gene.  
32. When transcription is complete, the LUC mRNA moves to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
33. The ribosome interprets the mRNA to produce a string of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
34. In order to become a functioning luciferase enzyme, the string must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
35. The enzymes bind to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to create light.