

# 9A Inheritance and selection

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Answer the following questions:



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- Q1. What do we call getting characteristics from our parents?
- Q2. What do we call the process of choosing particular animals or plants to breed?
- Q3. Name a long molecule that contains all the information needed to make a plant or animal
- Q4. What do we call a section of DNA that contains the information about a particular trait?
- Q5. What do we call differences in characteristics within a particular species?
- Q6. Name a domestic pet originally selectively bred from wolves?
- Q7. Name a farm animal selectively bred for efficient meat or milk production?
- Q8. Name the fine powder produced by flowering plants that contains male reproductive cells and causes hay-fever?
- Q9. What do we call a chemical made in a plant or animal that regulates growth and development?
- Q10. What do we call a single stage in the evolutionary descent of a group of animals or plants?
- Q11. What do we call the surroundings in which all animals and plants live?
- Q12. What do we call the natural home of a particular plant or animal?
- Q13. What do we call the X shaped structures in a cell nucleus made up of coiled up DNA?
- Q14. What do we call a genetically determined inherited characteristic?
- Q15. What do we call variations that can take any value, like height or weight?
- Q16. What do we call variations that can only take certain values like eye colour or number of fingers?

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### Answers:

A1. Inheritance

A2. Selection

A3. DNA Deoxyribonucleic acid

A4. A gene

A5. Variation

A6. Dog

A7. Cattle

A8. Pollen

A9. A hormone

A10. A generation

A11. The environment

A12. The habitat

A13. Chromosomes

A14. A trait

A15. Continuous

A16. Discrete

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1: What part of a normal cell contains the chromosomes ?

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- A Cell membrane
  - B The nucleus
  - C The cytoplasm
  - D The Cell wall
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2: What feature is the result of a person's environment ?

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- A Blood group
  - B Eye colour
  - C Hair colour
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3: What term describes how farmers try and improve the features of beef cattle ?

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- A Evolution
  - B Natural selection
  - C Extinction
  - D Selective breeding
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4: How many chromosomes does a normal human cell have ?

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- A 48
  - B 23
  - C 46
  - D 55
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