HERIDITY ALGINITY

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HEREDITY

 The passing of traits/ characteristics from parent to offspring

THE CELL

Contains a nucleus

• Nucleus contains chromosomes

- Are long and thin
- Twist around each other
- Contain genes
 - Made up of Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA)
- Are in pairs
 Homologous pairs

• Each chromosome has:

Centromere - separates the chromosome into two parts called 'arms'



- Males 22 pairs of XX chromosomes and
- 1 pair of XY chromosomes
 - 46 chromosomes in each cell
- Females 23 pairs of XX chromosomes
 - 46 chromosomes in each cell

The male chromosomes determines the sex of the child



 Contain the information that is passed on from parent to offspring

Made up of DNA

 Each parent passes on one form of each gene to the offspring



GENES ARE ON THE **CHROMOSOMES**

CHROMOSOMES ARE IN THE NUCLEUS

THE **NUCLEUS** IS IN THE <u>CELL</u>

CELL DIVISION

•Two types:

(1) MITOSIS

(2) **MEIOSIS**

<u>MITOSIS</u>

 This is a form of cell division that makes identical cells

• This type of cell division is for GROWTH

Takes place in all the body cells

Except sperm and egg

• Human cells each have <u>46</u> chromosomes

They are called **diploid** cells

<u>MITOSIS</u>

• First each chromosome makes a copy of itself

Then the nucleus divides into two

• The whole cell then divides into two cells

• Each cell is exactly like the parent cell

 Each cell has the same number of chromosomes as the parent cell

• Each cell has the same genes as the parent cell





- This is a form of cell division that halves the number of chromosomes in the cell
- Takes place only in the **SPERM AND EGG**
- Each sex cell (sperm and egg) has only <u>23</u> chromosomes
 - Half of what the other body cells have
 - They are called haploid cells

MEIOSIS

• First each chromosome makes a copy of itself

Then the nucleus divides into two

• The whole cell then divides into two cells

Each new cell then divides again into two cells

 Each resulting cell has half the number of chromosomes as the parent cell

MEIOSIS

Each chromosome makes a copy of itself

The cell divides into two cells

Each cell again divides into two cells