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DNA & Inheritance



Keyword	Definition		
Nucleus	Contains genetic material. Controls all the cells activities		
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic Acid. The material inside the nucleus of cells, carrying the genetic information of a living being.		
Double Helix	The shape of DNA molecule with two strands twisted together in a spiral.	Nucleus	DNA
Chromosome	A coiled molecule of DNA containing many genes. Human body cells have 46.		
Gene	A gene is a section of DNA which controls a particular characteristic		
Mutation	A change in DNA	AHA	1
Variation	Differences between individuals.	1 ' 8	
Genetic	Relating to genes	Mutations lead to variation which can then be passed from parent to offspring	
Heredity	Genetic information that determines an organism's characteristics, passed on from parent to offspring		
Gamete	Sex cell containing half the genetic information to make an individual e.g. egg or sperm		
Allele	A different version of a gene		

