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| Compare meiosis and mitosis. | Give three advantages of sexual reproduction. | Describe the structure of DNA. | Label the parts the make up a nucleotide. |
| What are the names of the male and female gametes in plants? in animals? | 3 Give four advantages of asexual reproduction f | | What effect might a mutation in a non-coding region of DNA have? |
| What is asexual reproduction? | 2 3 | How many pairs of chromosomes does an ordinary human body cell contain? | Define the following terms. genome: gamete: |
| male A B female | 4 Describe how three different organisms reproduce both g | Complete the complementary strand to show which bases pair up. A A C T A G G C A T T A T C A | |
| How many chromosomes are in cell B? | 1. | How many amino acids does this strand code for? Explain how a change in this DNA sequence could result in a change in the protein that this gene codes for. | allele: dominant: |
| What is the process called that produces cell C from cell A? How many chromosomes are in cell C? How many chromosomes are in cell E? | | | recessive: |
| What is the process that produces cell E called? | Describe how protein synthesis occurs. | | genotype: |
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| Explain why it's important for us to study the human genome. | Give an example of a characteristic caused by a single gene. Give an example of a characteristic caused by a single gene. What causes most characteristics? A woman with polydactyly is heterozygous for the polydactyly allele. The woman marries a man who does not have polydactyly. Draw a punnet square diagram to help you explain what the probability of their first child having polydactyly is. Use the symbol A for the dominant allele and the symbol a for the recessive allele. | The diagram shows the inheritance of cystic fibrosis in one family. | Evaluate the process of embryo screening. |
| that is affected by a combination of genetic and environmental variation. | Which sex chromosomes do human females carry? | Person A is pregnant with their third child. Use a genetic diagram to explain the probability that their child will have cystic fibrosis. | Explain the benefits and risks of selective breeding. |
| What causes new variants in the genes of a species? | Which sex chromosomes do human males carry? | | |
| Explain what effects this could have on the phenotype of an organism. | Use a punnet square to show the inheritance of sex. | What is selective breeding? | |
| | What is the chance that a pregnancy produces a boy? | | |









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| This is a fossil of the prehistoric bird Archaeopteryx. Archaeopteryx is now extinct. Give some factors that could contribute to a species extinction. | MRSA is resistant to antibiotics. The graph shows how the number of MRSA infections has changed over the last 15 years. Deaths from MRSA in England and Wales | Why can bacteria evolve rapidly? | How did Lamarck's theory differ from Darwin's? |
| | 2000 1500 500 500 500 500 500 500 | Explain how bacteria can become resistant to antibiotics. | Explain how the work of Mendel contributed to our i understanding of genetics. |
| What are fossils? | Describe the trend in the data. | | |
| Give three ways fossils may be formed. | | Use Darwin's theory of natural selection to explain how f | Why was the importance of Mandal's discovery not j |
| | Explain what measures were put in place in England and Wales in 2006 that caused the trend in the data shown on the graph. | | Why was the importance of Mendel's discovery not recognised until after his death? |
| What can we learn from fossils? | | | Explain the role that Alfred Russel Wallace played in the \mathbf{k} |
| Why can scientists not be certain about how life began on earth? | | Give three reasons that it took a while before Darwin's theory of natural selection was accepted? | publication of the theory of evolution by natural selection. |
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| The anole lizards are found on the Caribbean islands. There a the anole lizard, found on different Caribbean islands, could h | are around 150 species of the lizard which evolved from a singl nave evolved from a common ancestor. | e species that colonised the islands. Explain how two species of | |
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- Evaluate the process of embryo screening.
- Student responses may cover the following:
- The process used to collect cells has a risk of miscarriage, so sometimes a healthy foetus will be miscarried.
- Sometimes the tests can give a false-positive or falsenegative result.
- Screening allows people to make choices about whether they have a family or not.
- The decision to terminate a pregnancy is a very difficult one that will vary based on the individual's views and religious beliefs.
- Some people decide not to have the screening to avoid making these decisions.
- Screening can allow a family to prepare for a child with an inherited disorder.
- Screening is expensive, so is not currently offered to everyone.
- However, if a child is born with a genetic disorder, it can be expensive for society to provide the healthcare and support needed.
- Some people worry that genetic screening may lead to 'designer babies'.

Explain the benefits and risks of selective breeding.

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Selective breeding produces organisms that are useful to us and has improved our food production.

It reduces the number of alleles in a population which reduces the variation of a species. If the environment then changes the organisms may not be able to cope with the change and may die out.

It can lead to inbreeding which can make a breed particularly prone to disease or inherited defects. This could cause a whole herd or crop to be affected by a disease all at once.



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Chemical analysis led Carl Woese to adapt the system we used for classification. Describe how his system divides organisms. Into three domains: • archaea - primitive bacteria which live in extreme environments; • bacteria (true bacteria); • eukaryote - these includes protists, fungi, plants and animals.

Complete the boxes to show the way Linnaeus classified living things.



How are organisms named?

By the binomial system of genus and species.

What is evolution?

A change in the inherited characteristics of a population over time through a process of natural selection. This may result in the formation of a new species.

When did the first simple life forms develop?

3 billion years ago

What evidence do we have for evolution?

fossils
 antibiotic resistance in bacteria



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This is a fossil of the prehistoric bird Archaeopteryx.

Archaeopteryx is now extinct. Give some factors that could contribute to a species extinction.

New predators, better competitors, a catastrophic event (e.g. volcanic eruption, meteor), changes to the environment over time, lack of food, new diseases.

What are fossils?

The remains of organisms from millions of years ago. They are now found in rocks.

Give three ways fossils may be formed.

- 1. From parts of organisms that have not decayed because one or more of the conditions for decay were absent.
- 2. When parts of the organism are replaced by minerals as they decay.
- 3. As preserved traces of organisms, such as footprints, burrows and rootlet traces.

What can we learn from fossils?

How organisms have changed over a long period of time.

Why can scientists not be certain about how life began on earth?

Many early life forms were soft bodied so left few traces behind. Most traces have been destroyed by geographical activity.

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Describe the trend in the data.

15 years.

From 1993 to 2006, the number of deaths due to MRSA increases from ~450 to ~2150. After 2006, the number of deaths from MRSA starts to decrease and reaches ~650 by 2011.

Explain what measures were put in place in England and Wales in 2006 that caused the trend in the data shown on the graph.

Doctors only prescribed antibiotics when they were really needed, not for treating non-serious or viral infections.

Information was given to patients telling them to complete their course of antibiotics, so all bacteria are killed and none survive to mutate and form resistant strains.

Patients with antibiotic resistant bacteria were isolated from other patients.

Increased information about handwashing was provided for staff and visitors to hospitals and care homes. Alcohol gel was provided throughout hospitals.

Why can bacteria evolve rapidly? They reproduce at a fast rate.

Explain how bacteria can become resistant to antibiotics.

Mutations arise that produce new strains.

Some mutations may cause the strain to become resistant to antibiotics.

Bacteria are no longer killed by antibiotics, so they survive and reproduce. This increases the population of antibiotic resistant bacteria.

The resistant strain is spread between people because they are not immune to it and there is no effective treatment.

f Use Darwin's theory of natural selection to explain how the length of giraffe necks has increased over time.

The population of giraffes will have had lots of variation in neck length. They will have competed for food and resources. Those with the longest necks are more able to reach food and are therefore most likely to survive and reproduce. They then pass the alleles for the long necks onto the next generation.

Give three reasons that it took a while before Darwin's theory of natural selection was accepted?

- 1. The theory challenged the idea that God made all the animals and plants that live on earth.
- 2. There wasn't enough evidence at the time to convince a lot of scientists.
- 3. The mechanism of inheritance was not understood until 50 years after the theory was published.

The anole lizards are found on the Caribbean islands. There are around 150 species of the lizard which evolved from a single species that colonised the islands. Explain how two species of the anole lizard, found on different Caribbean islands, could have evolved from a common ancestor.

- The ancestral populations of anole lizards were separated (geographical isolation) because they were on different islands.
- There was genetic variation in each population, each environment would have had different environmental conditions.
- The individuals in each population that were better adapted to those conditions would survive and reproduce/natural selection occurs.
- · The alleles for the beneficial phenotypes were passed to their
- offspring, eventually.
- The two populations would be so different they could not successfully interbreed.





e How did Lamarck's theory differ from Darwin's? He thought that changes that occur to the organism during its lifetime are inherited by the offspring.

Explain how the work of Mendel contributed to our understanding of genetics.

Mendel carried out breeding experiments with peas. He bred pea plants with different characteristics and counted the number of offspring of each type. He was able to predict how traits would be inherited.

He thought that each characteristic was determined by separate 'units' that are passed on to offspring unchanged. These units were later called genes.

Why was the importance of Mendel's discovery not recognised until after his death?

At the time, nobody knew about genes or chromosomes and people didn't understand his theories. When scientists observed chromosomes and how they move during cell division, they finally accepted his work.

Explain the role that Alfred Russel Wallace played in the publication of the theory of evolution by natural selection.

He worked worldwide gathering evidence for evolution. He worked on warning colouration in animals. He independently proposed the theory of evolution by natural selection and published joint writings with Darwin in 1858. This prompted Darwin to publish On the Origin of Species a year later. He did a lot of pioneering work on a theory for speciation.

