

# Meiosis - The Continuation of Life

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Fill in the Blanks:

- 1) All higher forms of life \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ reproduction begins with the mating of a male and a female.
- 3) Sexual reproduction starts with the release of male \_\_\_\_\_ into the female reproductive tract.
- 4) Inside each male sperm cell's nucleus is his DNA blueprint for life.
- 5) Their destination is the female egg cell.
- 6) The egg's nucleus contains her DNA blueprint.
- 7) The sperm cell secretes a special enzyme to penetrate the egg cell's \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8) Inside the egg the sperm breaks open and releases its nucleus of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9) Which combines with the egg cell nucleus also containing \_\_\_ chromosomes.
- 10) The fertilized egg now has \_\_\_\_\_ chromosomes...the correct number for humans...
- 11) The complete DNA blueprint for a new life...is now read by enzymes in the egg and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 12) Through the process of \_\_\_\_\_, the egg cell undergoes its first regular cell division. It separates its duplicated chromosomes and divides in two!
- 13) The fertilized egg continues \_\_\_\_\_ and undertakes its long journey of growth and development.
- 14) Sperm and egg cells are made by a special cell division process called \_\_\_\_\_!
- 15) A "parent" sperm or egg cell must divide twice to produce \_\_\_\_\_ "daughter" cells, each having only \_\_\_ the chromosome number.
- 16) Meiosis begins with "Interphase"
- 17) In the nucleus of a human parent sperm cell float \_\_\_ pairs of chromosomes (46 total).
- 18) One set of 23 is from the males' mom, the other set of 23 is from the male's dad.
- 19) During interphase these two sets pair up they are now called "\_\_\_\_\_ chromosomes".
- 20) Each chromosome pair is then replicated.
- 21) The parent cell nucleus now has \_\_\_\_\_ chromosomes (46X2)

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- 22) To prepare for the cell division, all the chromosomes now thicken and condense.
- 23) In **prophase I**, two “centrosomes” form and begin to migrate to the opposite poles of the cell.
- a. In the nucleus, the four paired homologous chromosomes continue \_\_\_\_\_.
- 24) They are so closely touching each other that they exchange sections of DNA. It is called “Crossing Over”
- 25) Crossing over mixes up genes, and helps to produce \_\_\_\_\_ offspring.
- 26) As prophase I continues, the nuclear membranes \_\_\_\_\_, and spindle fiber from the centrosomes seek out each chromosome.
- 27) The spindle fibers attach to each chromosome at a central point call a “\_\_\_\_\_.”
- 28) In **Metaphase I**, the spindle fibers position the chromosomes in the middle of the cell.
- 29) During **Anaphase I**, duplicated chromosome pairs are randomly pulled apart to \_\_\_\_\_ sides of the cell.
- 30) In **Telophase I**, nuclear membranes form around the separated chromosome pairs and the cell pinches in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. One parent cell has divided into \_\_\_\_\_ cells.
- 31) These two cells each have \_\_\_\_\_ chromosomes.
- 32) In **Meiosis II**, the two daughter cells undergo a \_\_\_\_\_ complete cell \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. The duplicated chromosomes \_\_\_\_\_ again.
- b. The result is \_\_\_\_\_ daughter cells, each containing only \_\_\_\_\_ of the parent cell’s original DNA.
- 33) These 4 cells will grow tails and become sperm.
- a. Each contains \_\_\_\_\_ chromosomes, ready to combine with the \_\_\_\_\_ chromosomes in an \_\_\_\_\_...to form a new human life!