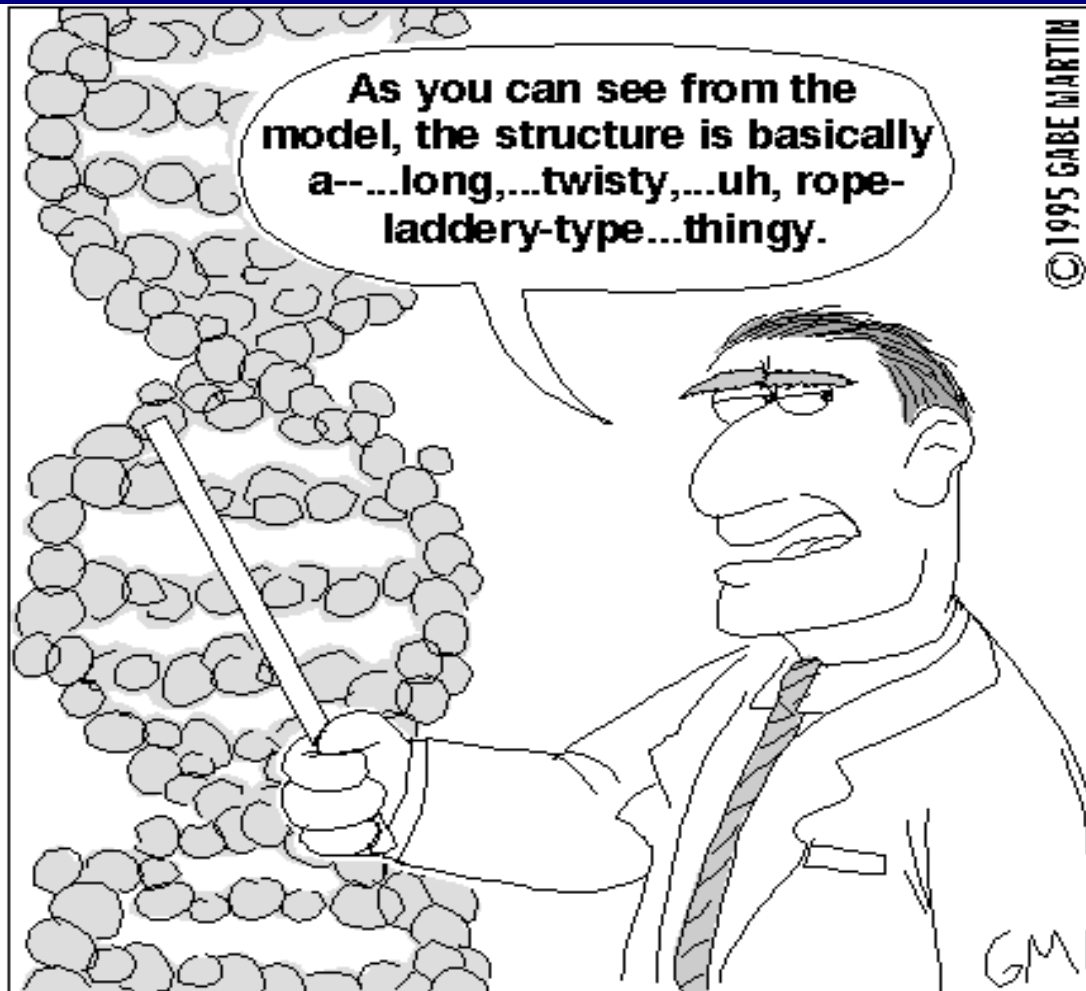


Biology 30 Unit 1

Introduction to Cell Division



1953: The structure of the DNA molecule is first described.

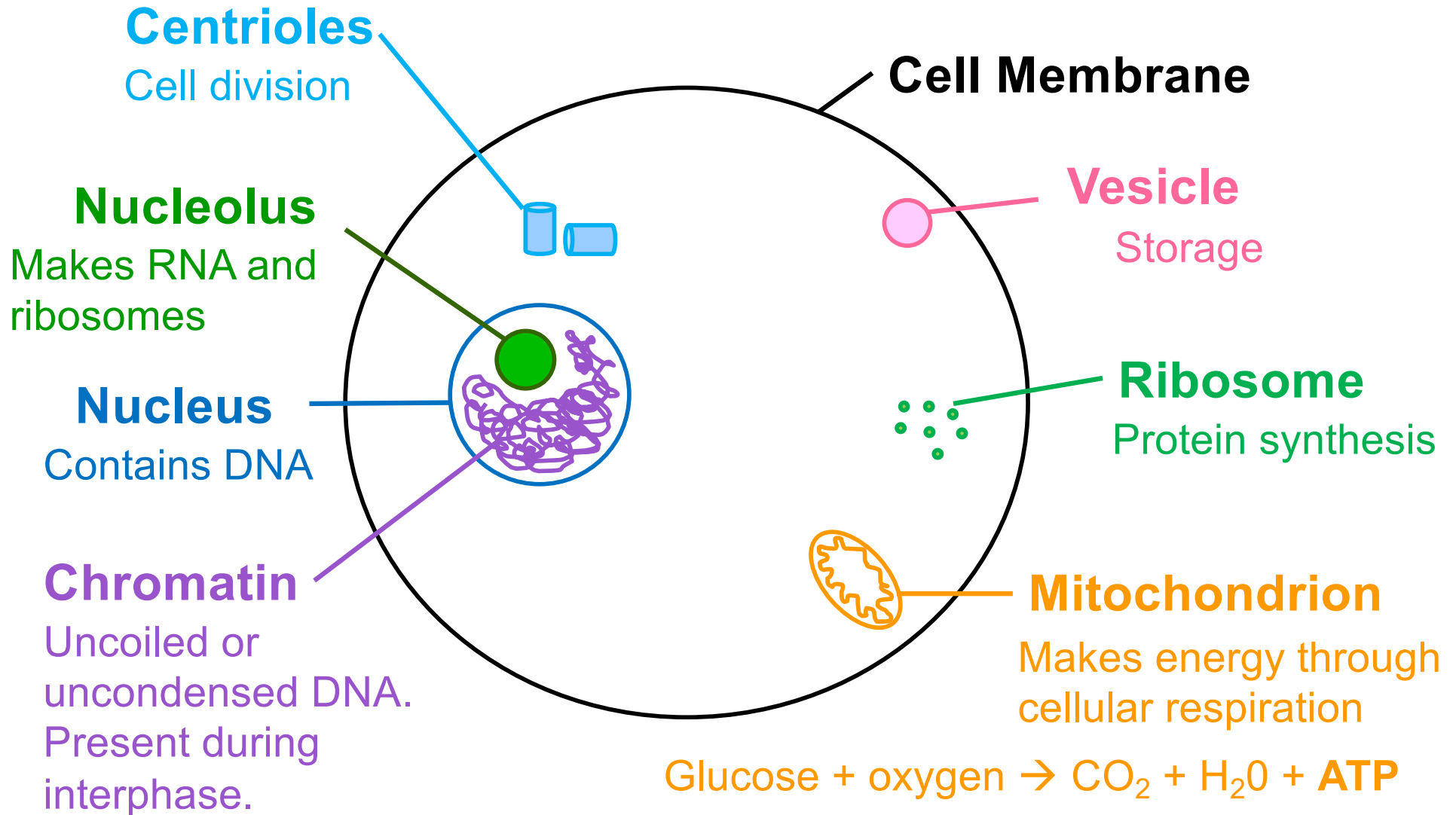


Learner outcomes...

What you need to know!

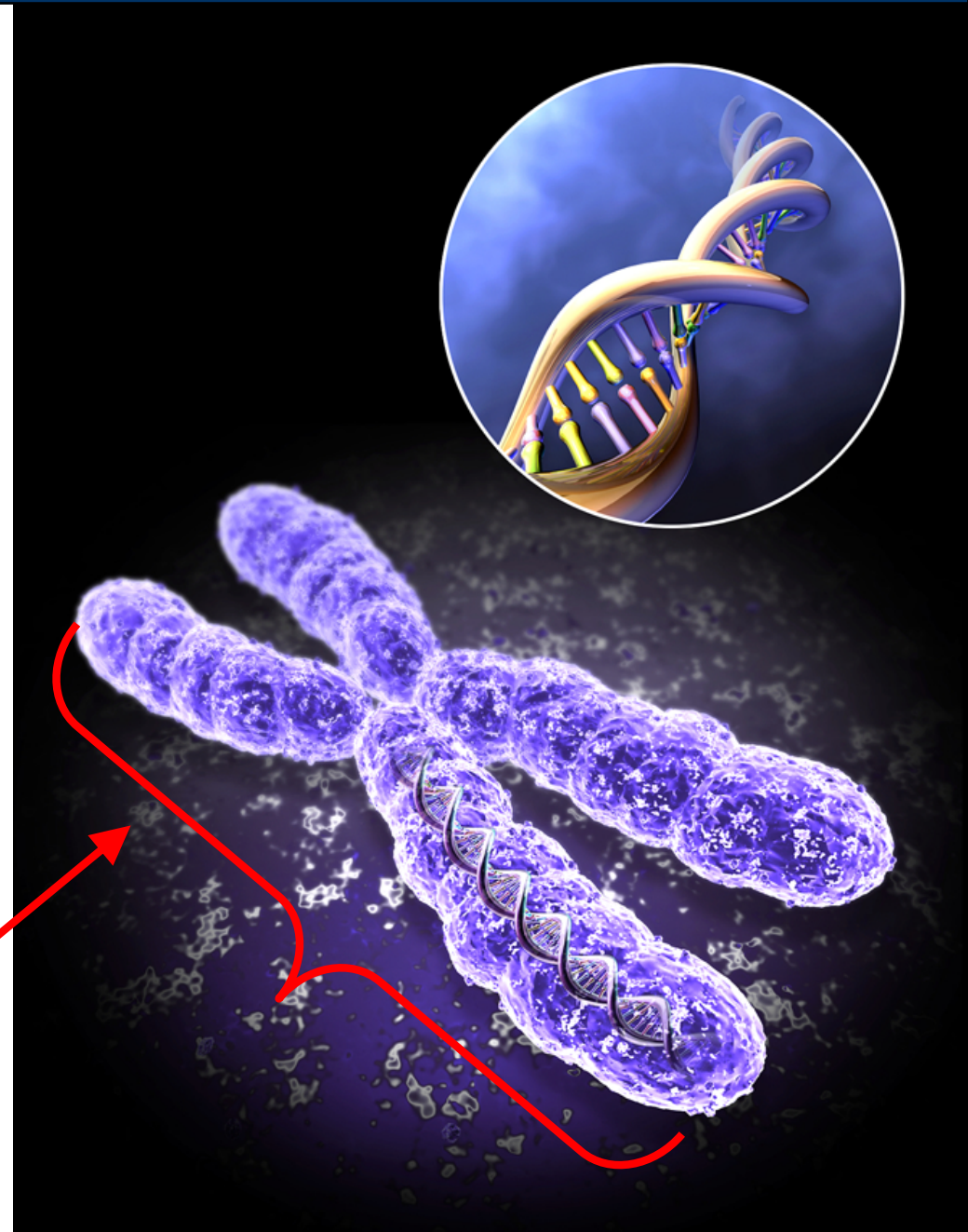
- define and explain the significance of chromosome number in somatic and sex cells; i.e., haploidy, diploidy and polyploidy
- explain, in general terms, the events of the cell cycle; i.e., interphase, mitosis and cytokinesis
- describe the process of meiosis (spermatogenesis and oogenesis) and the necessity for the reduction of chromosome number
- compare the processes of mitosis and meiosis
- describe the processes of crossing over and nondisjunction and evaluate their significance to organism inheritance and development
- compare the formation of fraternal and identical offspring in a single birthing event
- describe the diversity of reproductive strategies by comparing the alternation of generations in a range of organisms; e.g., *Daphnia*, sea anemone, moss, pine.

Animal Cell



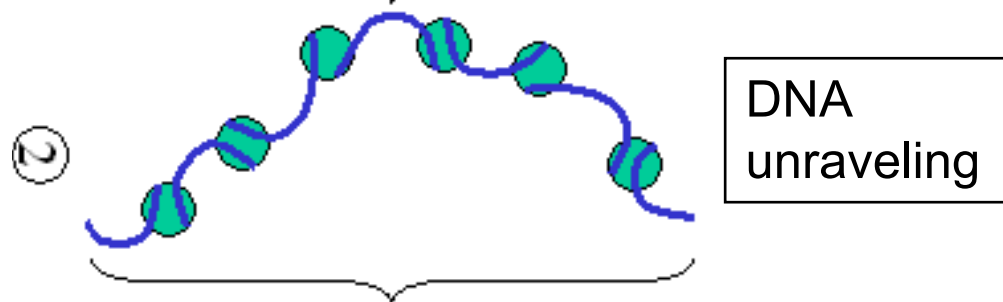
Chromosome

- The genetic information of a cell is contained in its DNA in the nucleus
- When a cell is preparing to divide, DNA is coiled around a histone protein and then condensed and packaged to form a chromosome

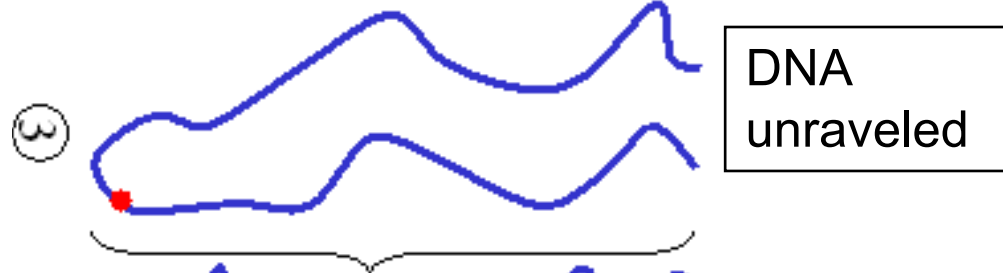




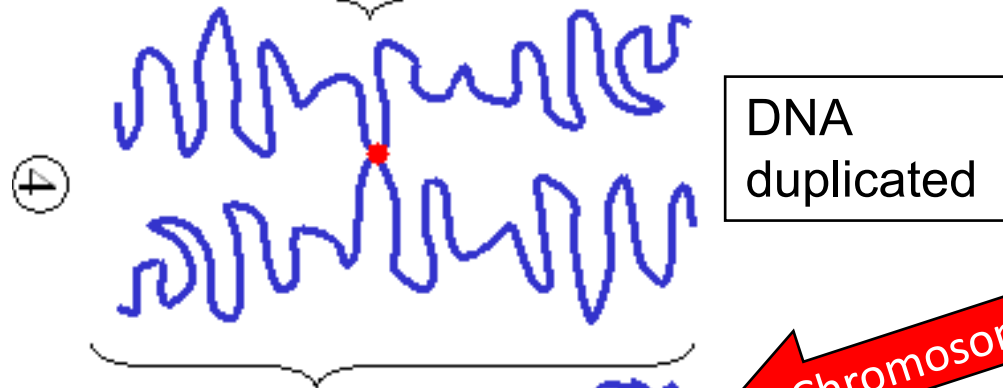
DNA
Double
Helix



DNA
unraveling



DNA
unraveled



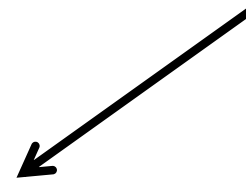
DNA
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DNA
condensed

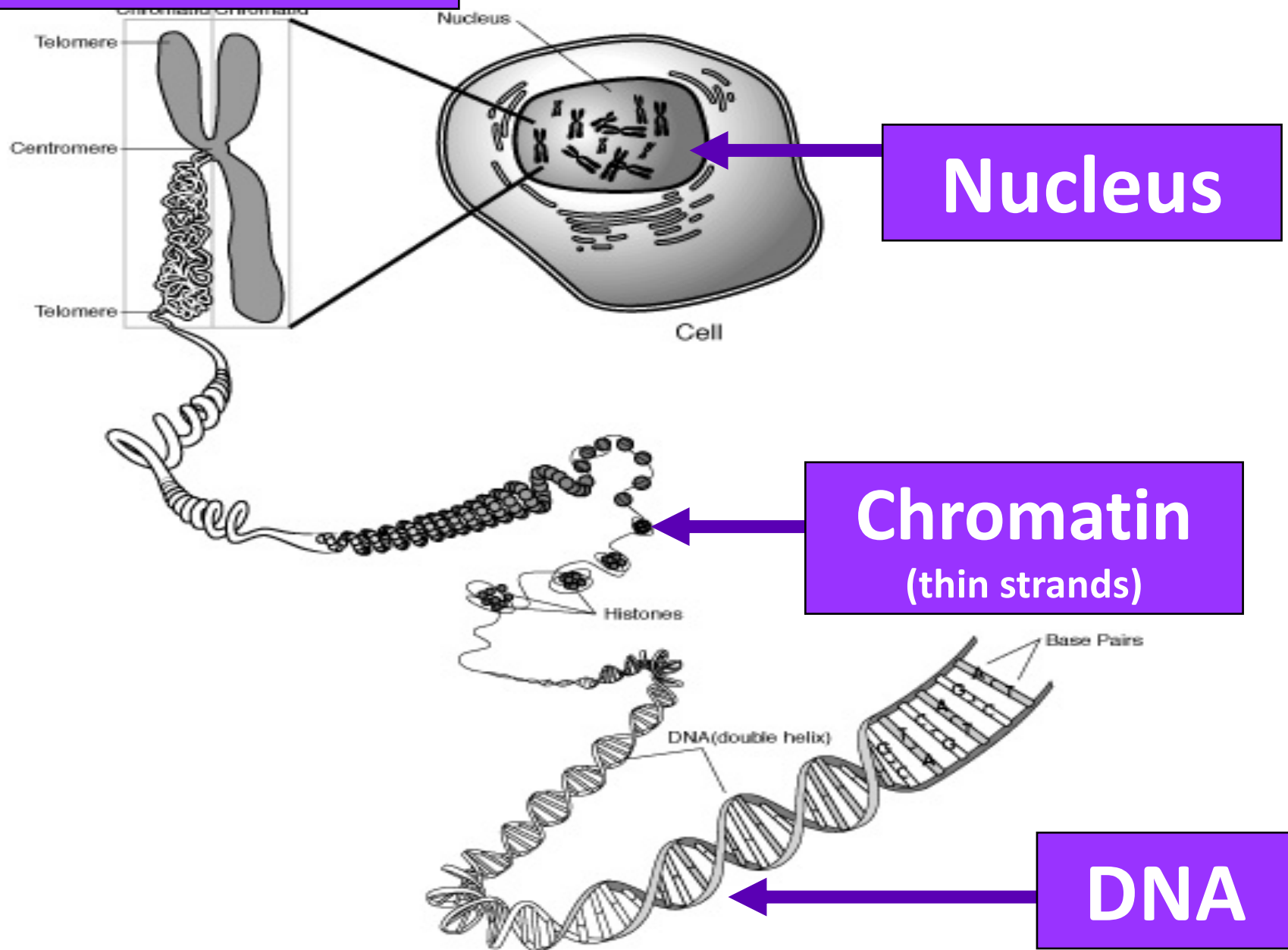
Chromosomes

- long threads of **DNA** wrapped around a bead of protein (**a histone**) to form **chromatin** (threadlike)



- When a cell is getting ready to divide the **chromatin coils up and forms thicker strands of chromosomes** and later replicate to look like X's.

Chromosome



DNA

A 2 nm diameter DNA duplex

Chromatin

B 11 nm diameter histone fiber

C 30 nm chromatin fiber

D 300 nm coiled chromatin fiber

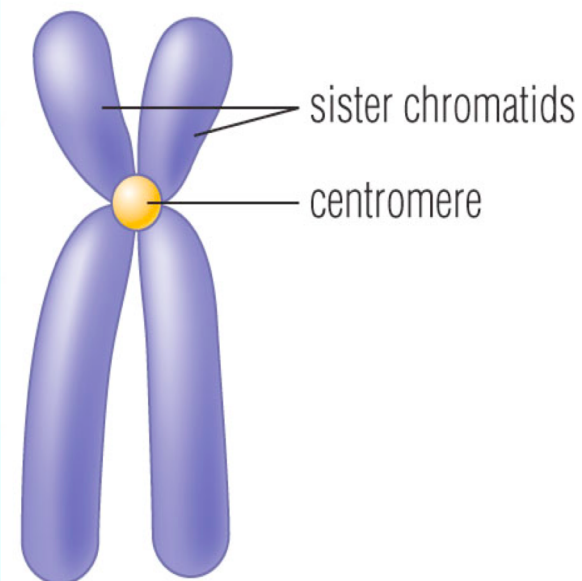
protein scaffold

E 700 nm diameter coiled coil

F 1400 nm diameter metaphase chromatid

Chromosome

Chromosomes depicted in this X-shaped form



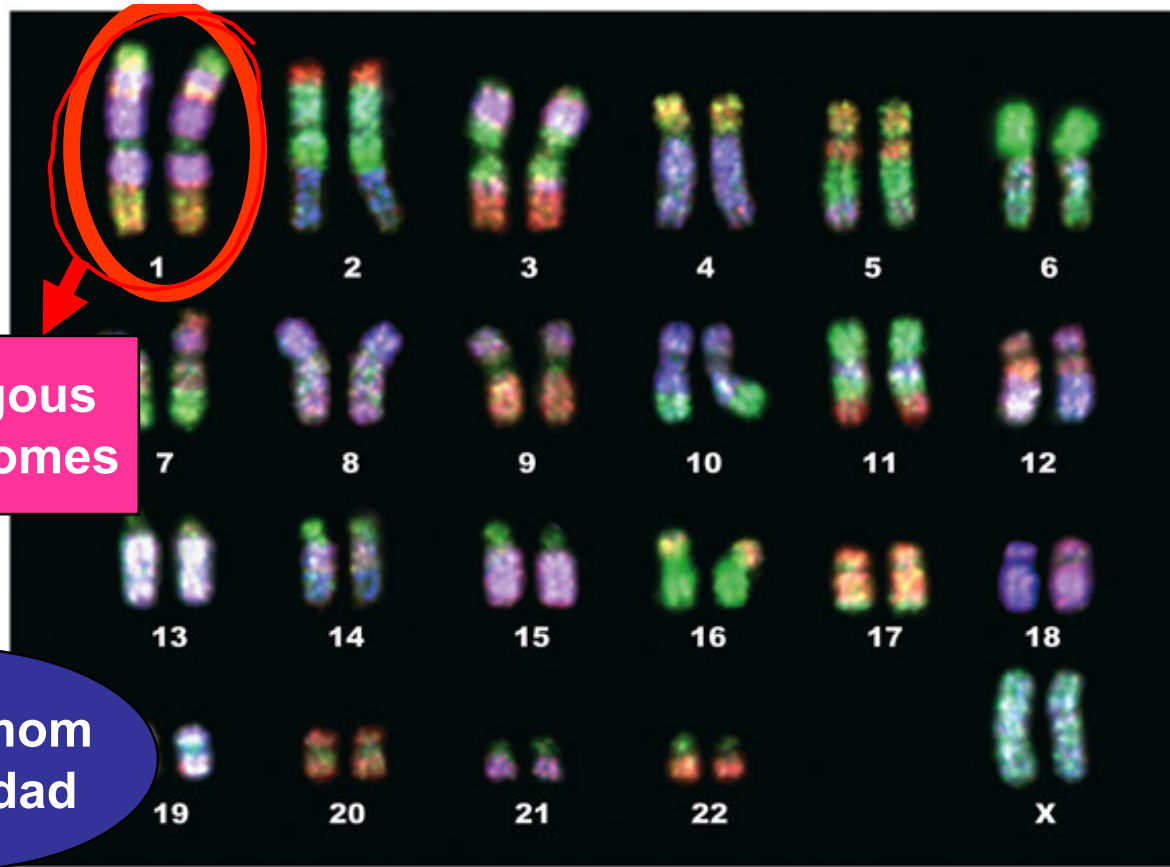
...have already been duplicated in preparation for mitosis (or meiosis).

The two identical copies (sister chromatids) are connected at the centromere.

- DNA is found in chromatin / chromosomes
- Chromosomes = condensed(bundled) chromatin



**Chromosomes look like X's
only when they are replicated!**

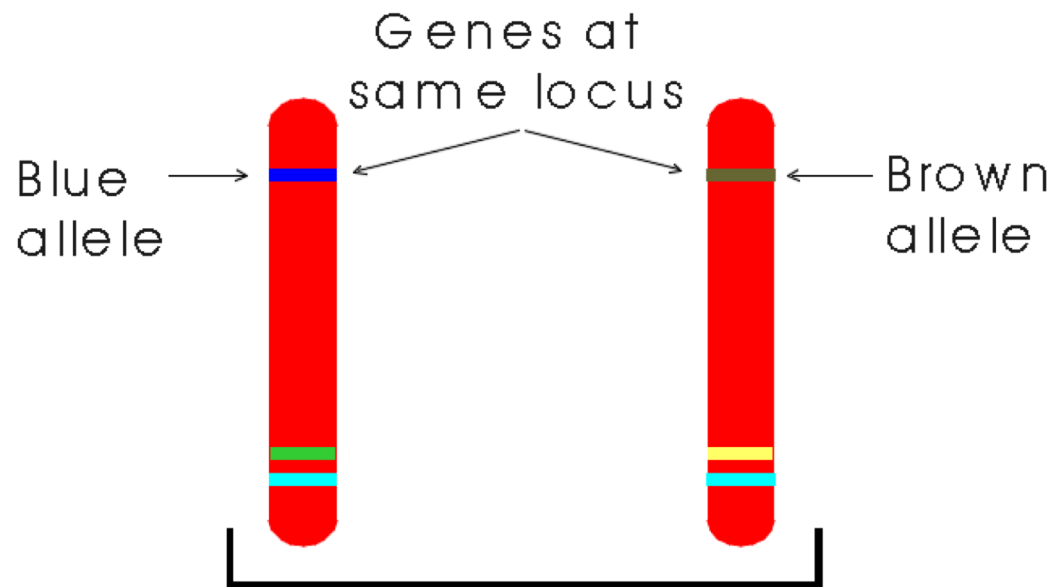


Humans have **46** chromosomes (**23 pairs**).
44 are **autosomes** (not sex controlling).
Autosomes are chromosomes #1-22.
2 are sex chromosomes (# 23 pair)

Females = XX Males = XY

Homologous Chromosomes

Homologous chromosomes carry the same genes at the same location or **locus**. One from mom and one from dad



Even though homologous chromosomes look alike they are **NOT IDENTICAL** because they carry different forms or **alleles** of the same gene.
-but essentially they are “talking” about the same thing

Diploid (2n)

**DIPLOID is the number of chromosomes
IN EACH SET of somatic(body) cells**

or in other words

**having two complete sets chromosomes
in each somatic(body) cell**

- Humans obtain $\frac{1}{2}$ their chromosomes from their mom(**n**) and $\frac{1}{2}$ from dad (**n**)

- **$n + n = 2n$**

- In humans,

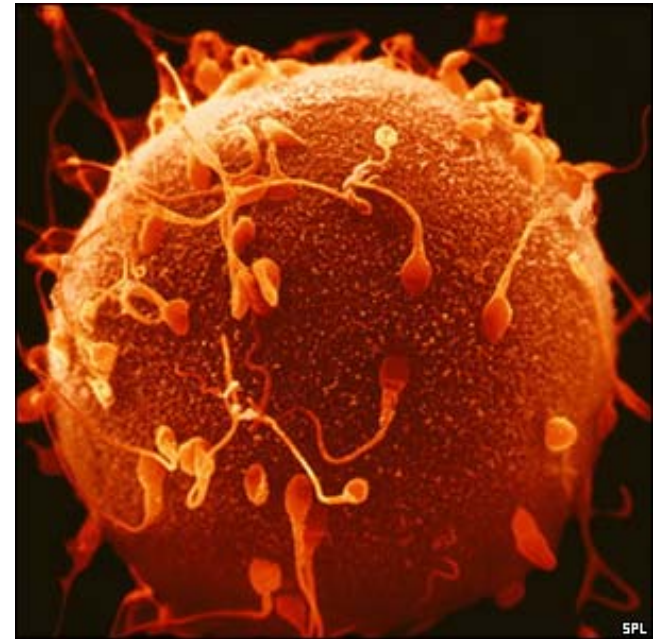
-total **diploid number of chromosomes is 46**

$$2n=46$$

Haploid (n)

- In humans the total number of chromosomes in the **gametes** (egg or sperm) of an organism
- In humans,
 - sperm have 23 chromosomes
 - eggs have 23 chromosomes
 - Therefore, the **haploid (n) number is 23**

$$n=23$$



“n” means...

NUMBER OF UNIQUE CHROMOSOMES

Haploid (n)

- HAPLOID number is NOT ALWAYS the number of chromosomes in gametes
- In humans,
 - sperm have 23 chromosome & eggs have 23 chromosomes
 - the **haploid (n) number is 23....easy peezy...BUT**
- In strawberries they have 56 chromosomes total BUT have 7 in each set with 8 unique sets
 - so their haploid number would be 8 while it has 28 chromosomes in gametes

**HAPLOID number is THE NUMBER OF
UNIQUE SETS OF CHROMOSOMES**

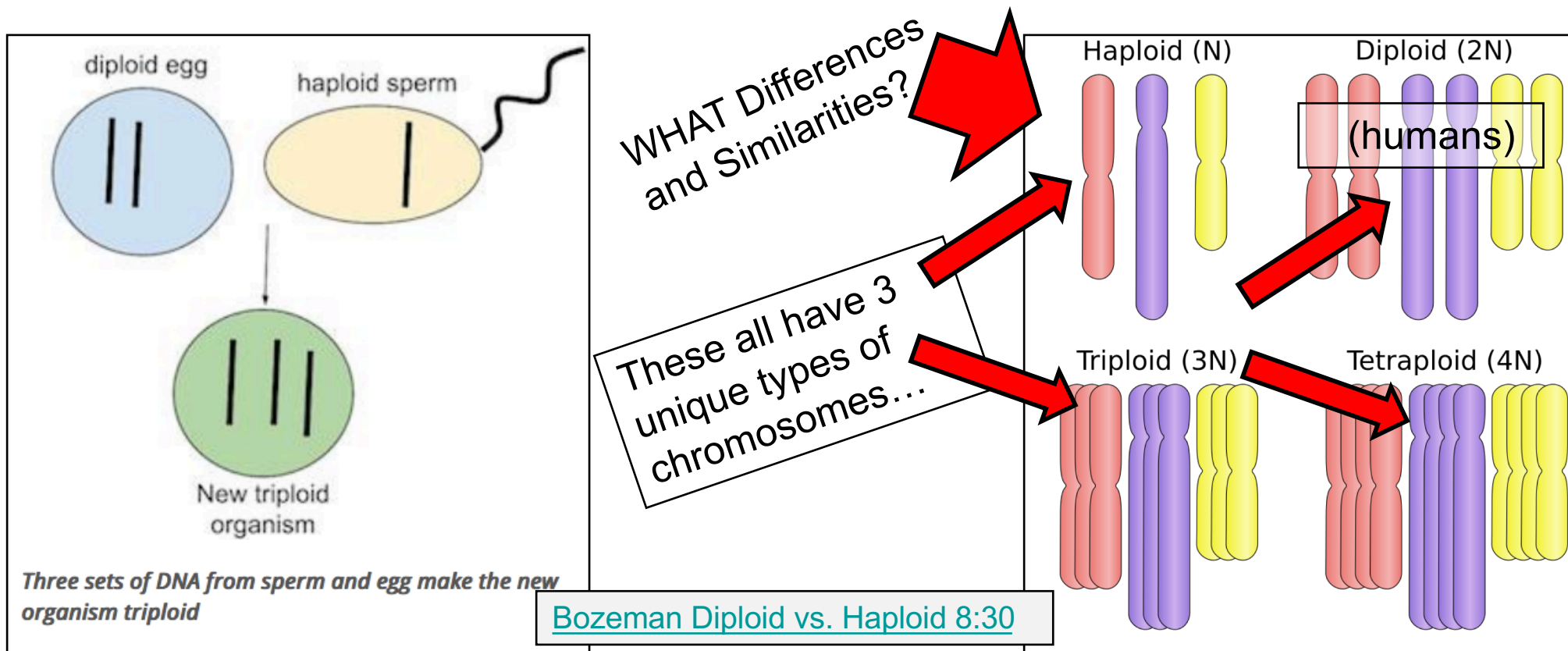
Diploid Numbers Are Unique

- Just because two organisms may have the same diploid number DOES NOT mean that they are related
- Diploid numbers DO NOT indicate the complexity of an organism!!

Organism	Diploid Number (2N)	Haploid Number (N)
Dog	78	39
Cat	38	
Shrimp		2
Scorpion	256	
Green Ash Tree		23
Human	46	

Polyploidy

- Some organisms are polyploid, meaning that **they have more than 2 chromosomes of a certain “type” of chromosome**
 - Tetraploid = **$4n$** (4 homologous chromosomes)...4 that are “talking” about the same thing
 - Triploid = **$3n$** (3 homologous chromosomes)...3 that are “talking” about the same thing
 - Octaploid = **$8n$** (8 homologous chromosomes)...8 that are “talking” about the same thing



Some interesting numbers:

Haplodiploidy: Having half the chromosomes of the females

(don't need to know this)

Grown from an
unfertilized egg...

Technically only
has a mother!



Grown from a
fertilized egg...

She can lay eggs
but has no sperm
to fertilize them
with so they
would all turn out
to be drones.



Ophioglossum reticulatum

Adders Tongue



Highest known
chromosome count at

1024

Watch this video on polyploidy...the SCI show

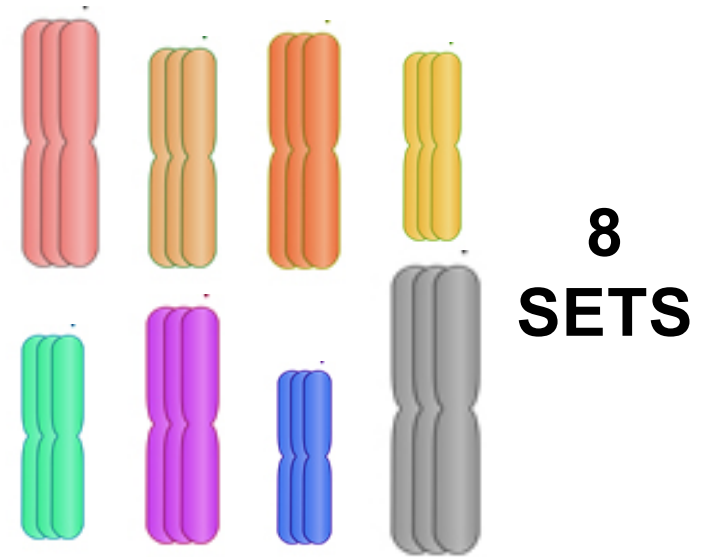
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=exA6-wrqOGQ>

- Why are mules sterile?

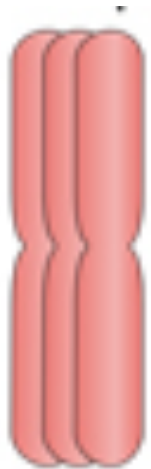
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Polyploidy Example

Number of Unique
Chromosome Sets
(number of sets)
(haploid number)



$$3n = 24$$



Number of homologous
chromosomes in each set
(# of similar chromosomes)

Total number of
chromosomes per
somatic cell

Polyploidy Calculations

- Example 1...

An organism has a ploidy number of $5n$, and a haploid number of 3. How many chromosomes does the organism have? we know that $n = 3$

$$5 \text{ (chromosomes in each set)} \times 3 \text{ (number of sets)} = 15 \text{ total}$$

$5n = 15$

Example 2...

An organism has a haploid number of 6 and 30 chromosomes total. What is the ploidy number?

we know that $n = 6$

we know that total # = 30

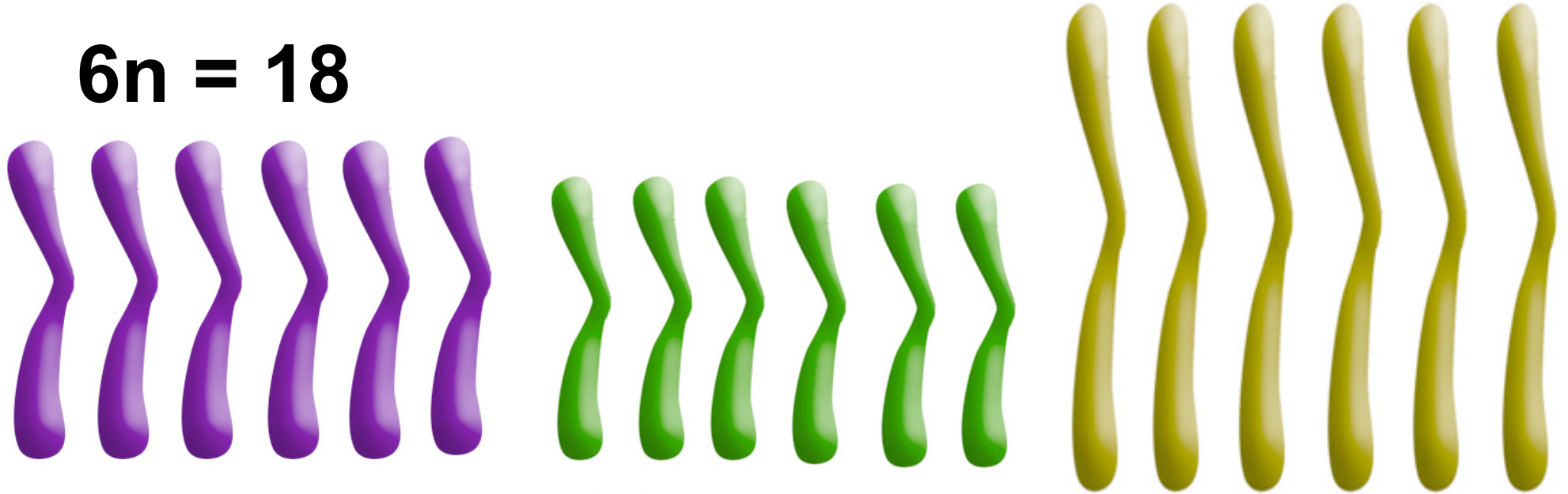
$$30 \text{ (total chromosomes)} / 6 \text{ (number of sets)} = 5n \text{ ploidy number}$$

$5n = 30$

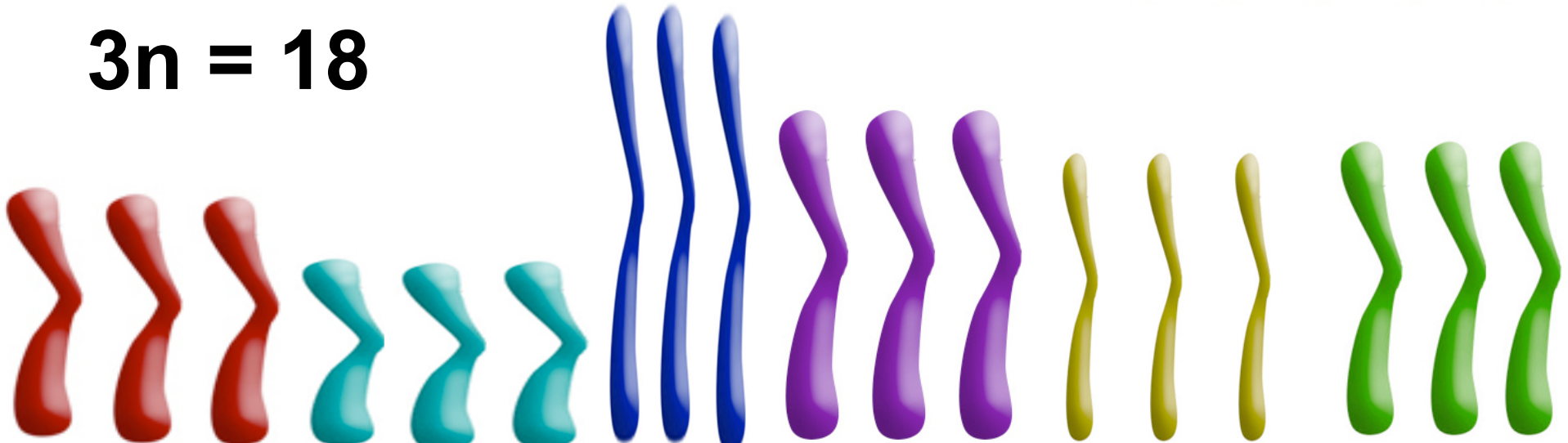
Polyploidy examples

Draw unique chromosomes to represent the following..

$$6n = 18$$



$$3n = 18$$



Polyploidy examples

PLOIDY = number of a chromosomes in a “set”
(eg) 4n means... 4 similar chromosomes that are “talking”
about the same things like hair colour, skin color, etc

Organism	Haploid (n)	Chromosome number	Ploidy
Human	23	46	2n
Oats	7	42	6n
Peanut	10	40	4n
Sugar Cane	10	80	8n
Potato	12	48	4n
Cotton	13	52	4n
Apple	17	51	3n

The case of the banana

- Tetraploid + Diploid = triploid

Organisms with odd number of chromosomes cannot reproduce sexually
-so you get good bananas without seeds



Wild banana
(big seeds but edible)

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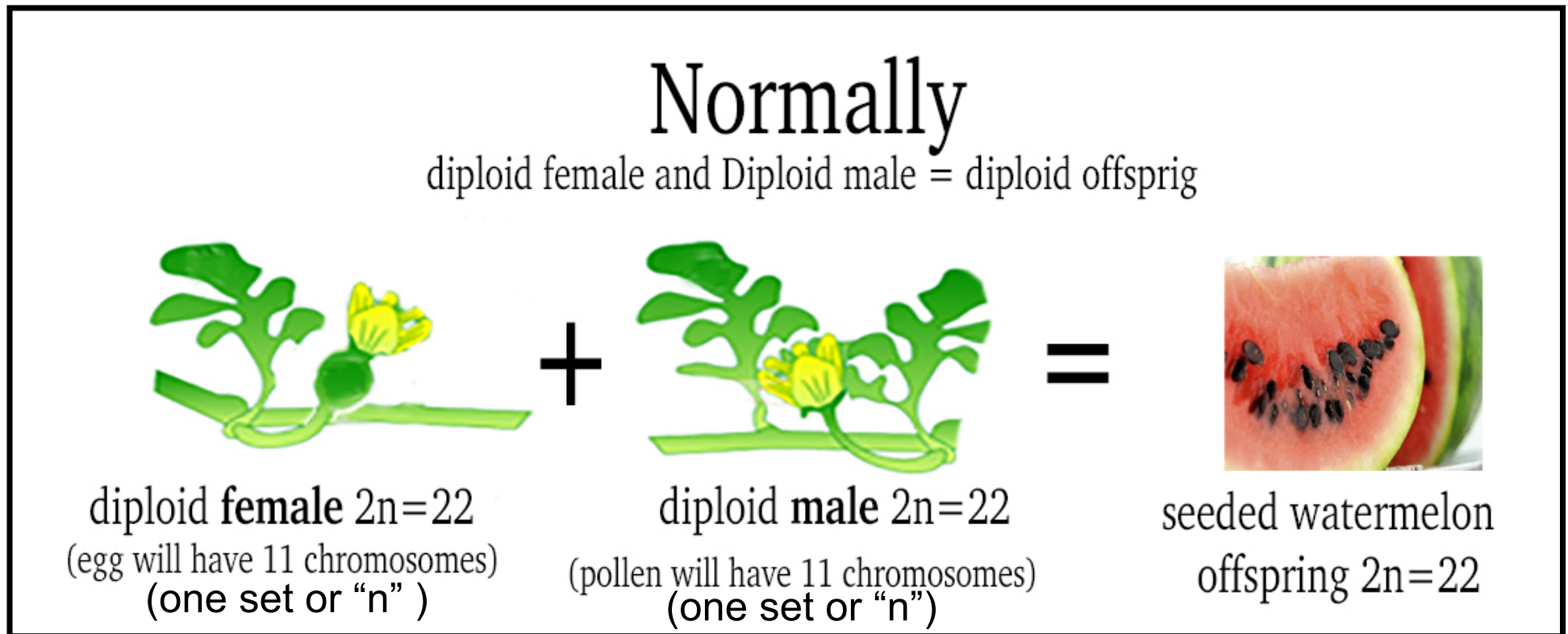
Wild banana
(smaller seeds but not good eating)

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Polyploidy is all around us

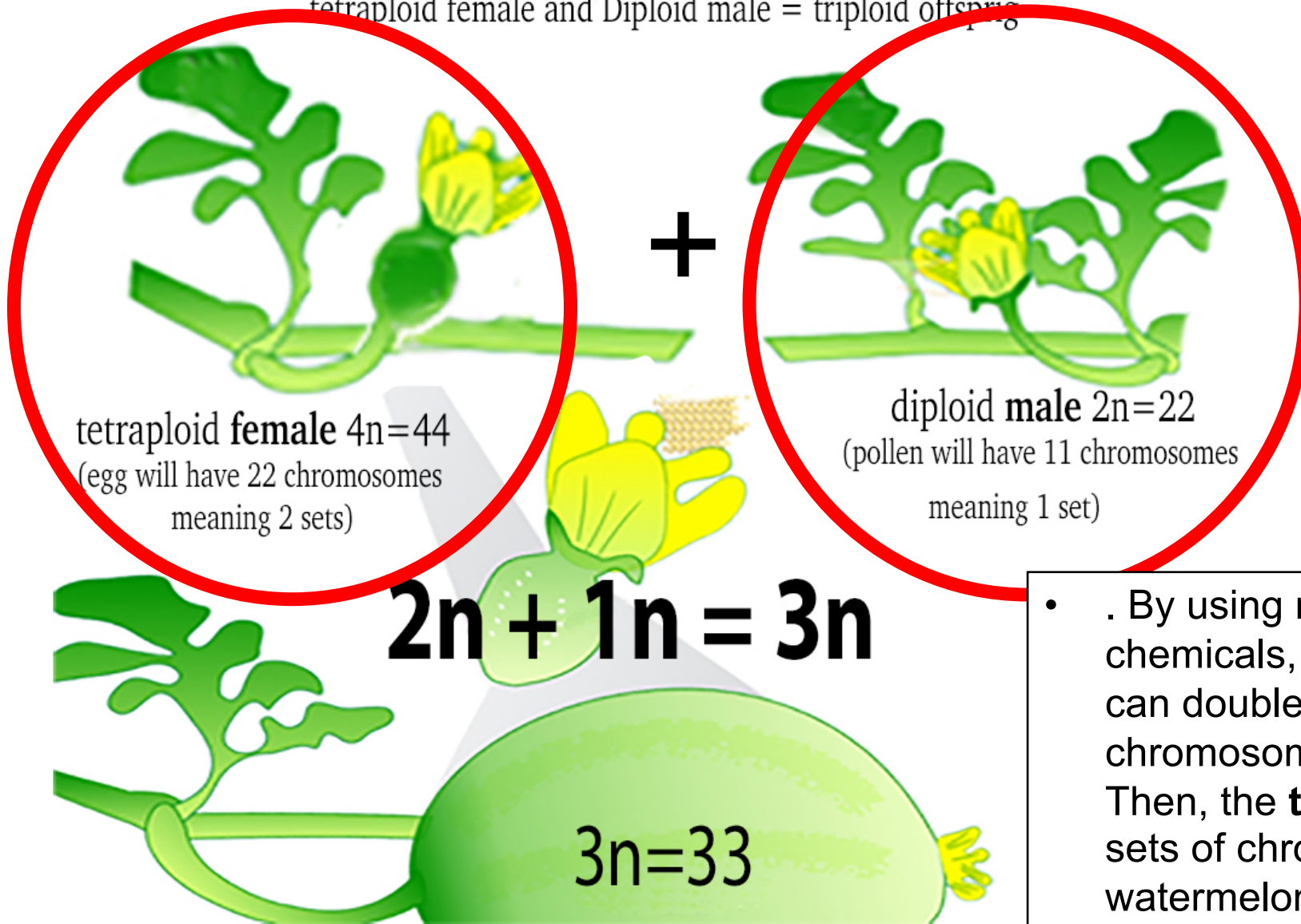
Have you ever wondered why there is such a thing as “seedless watermelons”? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvy1xA2RwxM>



$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} n & + & n & = & 2n \\ \text{(egg gamete)} & & \text{(sperm gamete)} & & \text{(full \# of chromosomes)} \end{array}$$

Polyploid example created by humans

tetraploid female and Diploid male = triploid offspring



These seeds are then planted to create seedless watermelons.

- By using natural chemicals, plant breeders can double the number of chromosomes in a plant. Then, the **tetraploid** (four sets of chromosomes) watermelons are crossed with a standard diploid watermelon to make **triploid** watermelon seeds.

Do with kids on sheet

Human Normal

$2n = 46$ $2n = 46$

↓ ↓

(23) (23)

$2n = 46$ offspring

$\frac{4n = 8}{(2)}$ $\frac{2n = 4}{(2)}$

What is similarity

* 2 sets * 2 sets

↓ ↓

oo oo oo- oo

= $\Rightarrow 3n_{(2)} = 6$

Human Example

Male
 $2n=46$

Female
 $2n=46$

Gamete

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Polyploid Example

Male
 $4n=8$

Female
 $2n=4$

draw parent
chromosomes

draw parent
gamete
chromosomes

draw added up
Chromosomes in
zygote

Polyploid Example 2

- a) Lets say an organism after modification is $7n=84$.
- b) If one of its parents is tetraploid, how many chromosomes does it have?

FIRST: find “n” in the $7n=84$

$$n = 12$$

SECOND: apply that to the tetraploid...

$$4n = ?$$

$$4(12) = ?$$

$$4(12) = 48$$

So the tetraploid parent has 48
chromosomes

Ploidy REVIEW

Haploid = “n” or number of distinct sets of chromosomes
(eg) as humans we have 23 distinct chromosomes

Diploid = “2n” or we have 2 in every distinct set of chromosomes
(eg) we have 23 sets(distinct sets) of chromosomes. **2 in each set**

Polyploid = “3n, 4n, 5n, etc.” or **3 chromosomes** in each distinct set,
4 chromosomes in each distinct set,
5 chromosomes in each distinct set,

QUESTION!! What if you had a octaploid mama and the child turned out be a hexaploid. What is the ploidy of the dad?

$$8n + ? = 6n + 4n + \mathbf{2n} = 6n$$

...therefore **Dad is 4n**

QUESTION!! What if you had a hexaploidy mom and a tetraploidy dad, what would your ploidy be?

$$6n + 4n = ?? + 3n + \mathbf{2n} = \mathbf{5n}$$