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# **Meiosis: Stop the Process Notes**

Chapter 14, Section 5, The Cell and Inheritance, p. 546-550.

**Directions**: read the prompt, and then read the specified passage. Use the passage to help you answer the prompt, recording your answer in the appropriate box.

## Read to the bottom of page 546.

1. What did Walter Sutton believe was the key to understanding how offspring have traits similar to their parents?

## Read to "Genes on Chromosomes," page 547.

- 2. Describe two observations Sutton made regarding grasshopper sex cells.
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## Read to the bottom of page 547.

3. What is the **chromosome theory of inheritance**?

## Read to "What Happens During Meiosis," page 548.

4. What is meiosis?

## Read to the bottom of page 548.

5. As a result of meiosis, the final cells have \_\_\_\_\_ as many chromosomes as the parent cell.

Fill in the number of chromosomes that would result from meiosis in each of the parent cells:

Parent Cells Chromosomes	after Meiosis Chromosomes
4	
46 (human)	
24 (grasshopper)	

## Read the first paragraph of page 549.

A Punnett Square is chart that shows all the possible combinations of alleles that can result from a genetic cross (sperm + egg).

6. A Punnett Square is a shorthand way to show events that occur during

# Possible sperm cells Possible egg cells Tt Tt Tt Female parent Tt Tt Tt

## Read to the bottom of page 549.

7. If the male parent cell is Tt, what chromosome alleles could the sperm cells possibly have?

## Read the first sentence on page 550.

8. How many TOTAL chromosomes do human body cells contain?

## Read the first paragraph on page 550.

9. How are the genes lined up in a pair of chromosomes?



## Read to the bottom of page 550.

10. Why is it important that sex cells have *half* the number of chromosomes as body cells?

Look back at Figure 28, on pages 548-549. For each of the following events, give each a **label** (Beginning, Meiosis I, Meiosis II, and End), draw a **picture** showing what the cell(s) look like at that particular stage, and put them in chronological (**number**) order.

Label:#	Label:#
<b>Event:</b> The chromosomes move to the center of the cell. The centromeres separate and single chromatids move to opposite ends. <b>Picture:</b>	<b>Event:</b> Two cells form, each with half the number of chromosomes. Each chromosome still has two chromatids. <b>Picture:</b>
<b>Event:</b> Four sex cells form with half the number of chromosomes as the parent cell. <b>Picture:</b>	Event: The chromosomes are copied.  Picture: