

# Punnett Squares



S1-1-11 Observe, collect, and analyze class data of single trait inheritance. Examples: hand clasp, earlobe attachment, tongue rolling

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If we know the possible GAMETES that each parent will pass on to their offspring, We can determine the possible GENOTYPES that will result by using a PUNNETT SQUARE.

A punnett square shows three types of information:

1. The GAMETES each parent can produce.
2. The GENOTYPE COMBINATIONS that are PRODUCED.
3. The PROBABILITY that a particular GENOTYPE will OCCUR.

We must remember that genetics is very COMPLEX, and what results from our punnett squares is not what ALWAYS HAPPENS, since there may be other FACTORS involved.

# Steps to Doing Punnett Squares

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**1.** Draw a punnett square, like a tic-tac-toe board:


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2. *Fill in the gametes each parent can contribute. One parent on the top, and another on the left side.*


3. *Match the genes in the table.*

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	B	B
b	Bb	Bb
b	Bb	Bb

The resulting genotypes are all Bb, meaning that ALL the offspring will be BLACK PIGS → their PHENOTYPE is BLACK.

This means that the PROBABILITY of BLACK pigs is 100%

Notice that the DOMINANT gene (CAPITOL letter) is written FIRST.

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## Example 2

A heterozygous black pig (Bb) mates with another heterozygous black pig (Bb).


What is the probability of a white pig being born?