

Bikini Bottom Genetics
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Scientists at Bikini Bottoms have been investigating the genetic makeup of the organisms in this community. Use the information provided and your knowledge of genetics to answer each question.

1. For each genotype below, indicate whether it is a heterozygous (H_e) OR homozygous (H_o).

TT _____ Bb _____ Dd _____ Ff _____ tt _____ dd _____

Dd _____ ff _____ Tt _____ bb _____ BB _____ FF _____

Which of the genotypes in #1 would be considered purebred? _____

Which of the genotypes in #1 would be hybrids? _____

2. Determine the phenotype for each genotype using the information provided about SpongeBob.



Yellow body color is dominant to blue.

YY _____ Yy _____ yy _____

Square shape is dominant to round.

SS _____ Ss _____ ss _____

3. For each phenotype, give the genotypes that are possible for Patrick.

A. tall head (T) is dominant to short (t).

Tall = _____ Short = _____

Pink body color (P) is dominant to yellow (p).

Pink body = _____ Yellow body = _____



4. SpongeBob SquarePants recently met SpongeSusie Roundpants at a dance. SpongeBob is heterozygous for his square shape, but SpongeSusie is round. Create a Punnett square to show the possibilities that would result if SpongeBob and SpongeSusie had children. HINT: Read question #2!

- A. List the possible genotypes and phenotypes for their children.

5. Patrick met Patti at the dance. Both of them are heterozygous for their pink body color, which is dominant over a yellow body color. Create a Punnett square to show the possibilities that would result if Patrick and Patti had children. HINT: Read question #3!

- A. List the possible genotypes and phenotypes for their children.

6. Everyone in Squidward's family has light blue skin, which is the dominant trait for body color in his hometown of Squid Valley. His family brags that they are a "purebred" line. He recently married a nice girl who has light green skin, which is a recessive trait. Create a Punnett square to show the possibilities that would result if Squidward and his new bride had children. Use B to represent the dominant gene and b to represent the recessive gene.



- A. List the possible genotypes and phenotypes for their children.

- B. Assume that one of Squidward's sons, who is heterozygous for the light blue body color, married a girl that was also heterozygous. Create a Punnett square to show the possibilities that would result if they had children.

- D. Would Squidward's children still be considered purebreds? Explain!

7. Assume that one of Mr. Krabs' sons, who is heterozygous for his tall eyeballs, married a girl that was also heterozygous. Create a Punnett square to show the possibilities that would result if they had children.
- A. List the possible genotypes and phenotypes for their children.

- B. Did the hospital make a mistake? Explain your answer.

Bikini Bottom Genetics 2

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Use your knowledge of genetics to complete this worksheet.

1. Use the information for SpongeBob's traits to write the phenotype (physical appearance) for each item.

(a) Yellow body -	(e) Stubby nose -
(b) Roundpants -	(f) Round eyes -
(c) Oval eyes -	(g) Squarepants -
(d) Long nose -	(h) Blue body -

2. Use the information in the chart in #1 to write the genotype (or genotypes) for each trait below.

- (a) Yellow body - Ll -
- (b) Roundpants - Ss -
- (c) Oval eyes - Yy -
- (d) Long nose - ss -
- (e) Stubby nose - Rr -
- (f) Round eyes - Yy -
- (g) Squarepants - Ss -
- (h) Blue body - Rr -

3. Determine the genotypes for each using the information in the chart in #1.

- (a) Heterozygous round eyes - Ll -
- (b) Purebred squarepants - Ss -
- (c) Homozygous long nose - ss -
- (d) Hybrid yellow body - Yy -

4. One of SpongeBob's cousins, SpongeBillyBob, recently met a cute squarepants gal, SpongeGerty, at a local dance and fell in love. Use your knowledge of genetics to answer the questions below.

- (a) If SpongeGerty's father is a heterozygous squarepants and her mother is a roundpants, what is her genotype? Complete the first Punnett square to show the possible genotypes.

Based on your results, what would Gerty's genotype have to be? _____

- (b) Complete the second Punnett square to show the possibilities that would result if Billy Bob & Gerty had children.
NOTE: SpongeBillyBob is heterozygous for his squarepants shape.

- (c) What is the probability of kids with squarepants? _____ %
- (d) What is the probability of kids with roundpants? _____ %

8. If SpongeBob's aunt described in #7 wanted children with long noses, what type of fellow would she need to marry in order to give her the best chances? Use the Punnett square to help you answer this question.
