MUTATIONS

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What Are Mutations?

- Changes in the nucleotide sequence of DNA
- May occur in somatic cells (aren't passed to offspring)
- May occur in gametes (eggs & sperm) and be passed to offspring

Are Mutations Helpful or Harmful?

- Mutations happen regularly
- Almost all mutations are neutral
- © Chemicals & UV radiation cause mutations
- Many mutations are repaired by enzymes

Are Mutations Helpful or Harmful?

- Some type of skin cancers and leukemia result from somatic mutations
- Some mutations may improve an organism's survival (beneficial)

CLASSES OF MUTATION

SPONTANEOUS MUTATION

INDUCED MUTATION

> SPONTANEOUS MUTATION

- they are mainly caused during dna replication or by incorporation of incorrect nucleotide in the growing dna chain.
- They occur naturally by changes in DNA sequence during replication.

>INDUCED MUTATION

- Induced mutation are caused by the changes in DNA brought about by some environmental factor called mutagens.
- E.g.- UV light,x-rays,gamma rays etc...,

Types of Mutations

Chromosome Mutations

- May Involve:
 - > Changing the structure of a chromosome
 - > The loss or gain of part of a chromosome

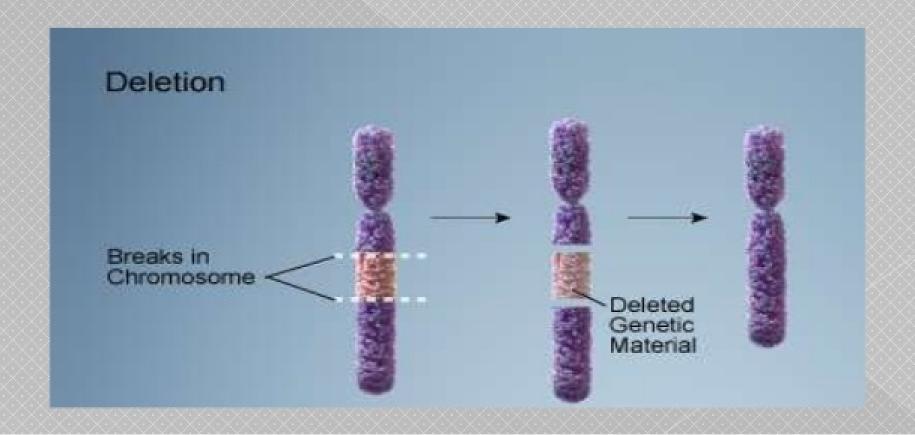


Chromosome Mutations

- Five types exist.
 - > Deletion
 - > Inversion
 - > Translocation
 - Nondisjunction
 - > Duplication

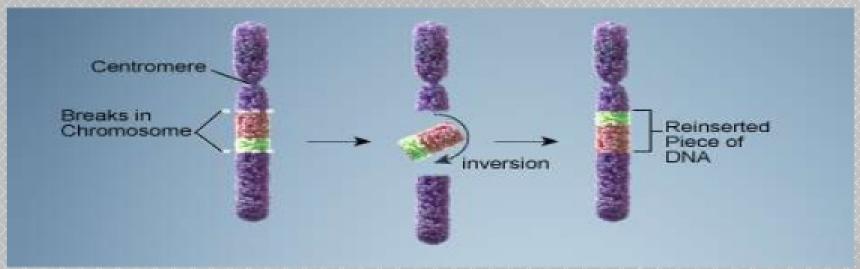
Deletion

- Due to breakage
- A piece of a chromosome is lost



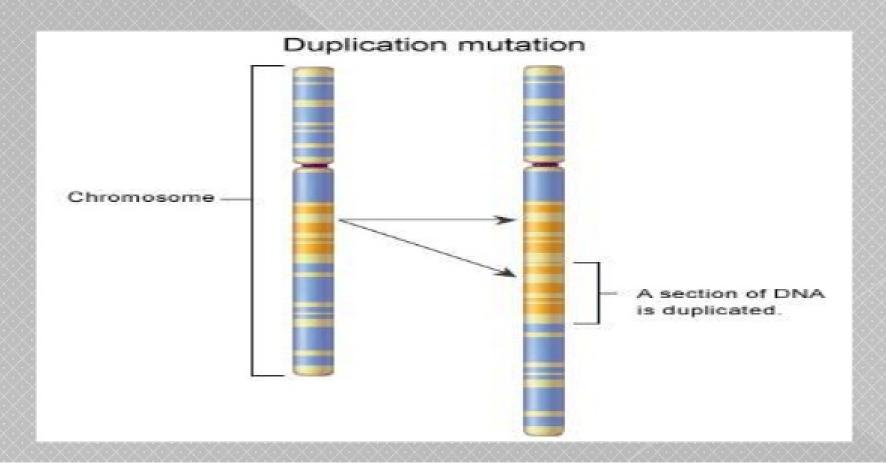
Inversion

- © Chromosome segment breaks off
- Segment flips around backwards
- Segment reattaches



Duplication

Occurs when a gene sequence is repeated

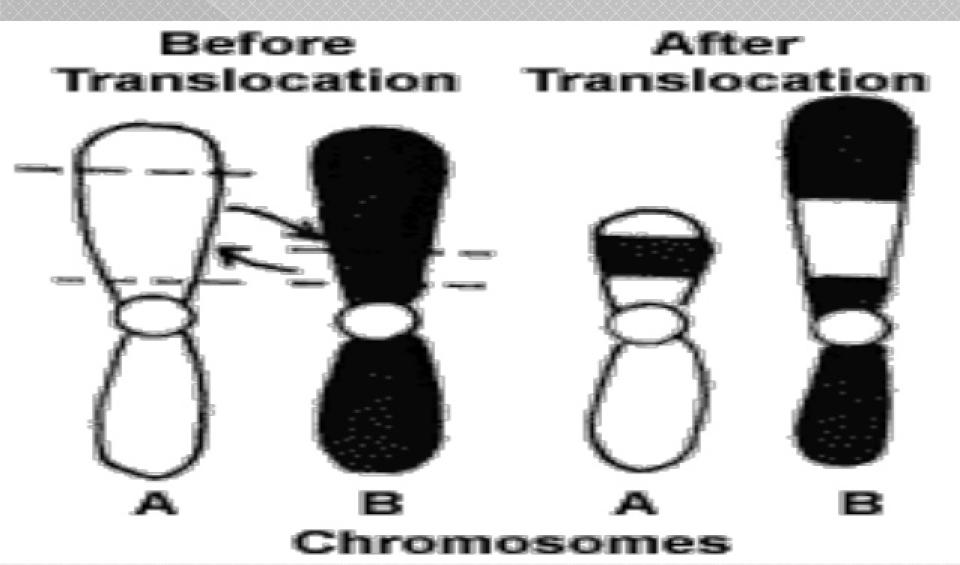


Translocation

Involves two chromosomes that aren't homologous

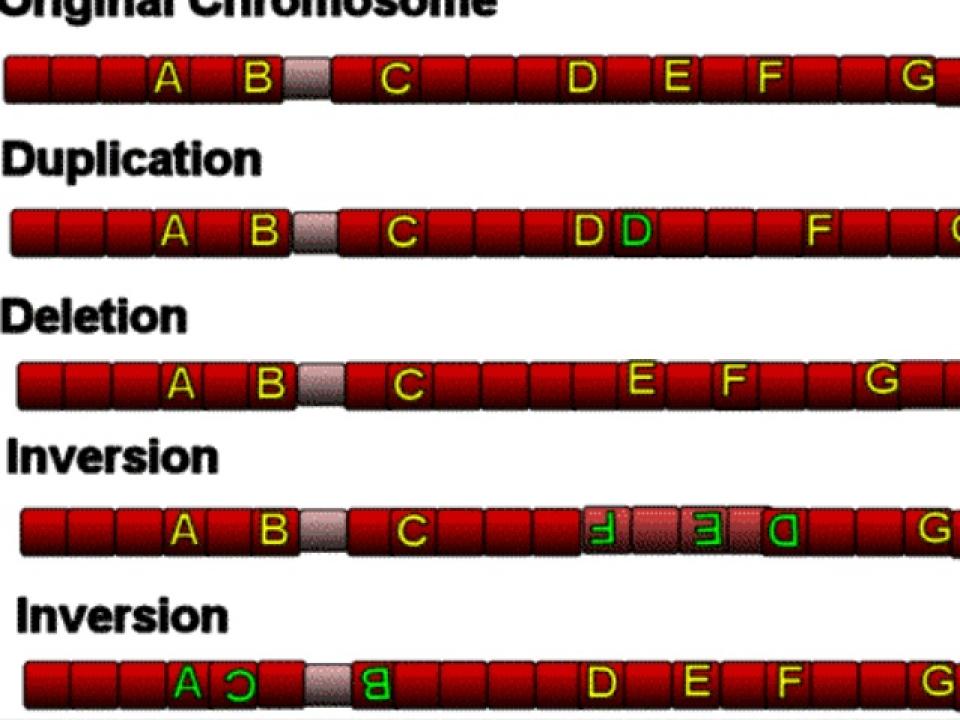
Part of one chromosome is transferred to another chromosomes

Translocation



Nondisjunction

- Failure of chromosomes to separate during meiosis
- Causes gamete to have too many or too few chromosomes
- Disorders:
- Klinefelter's Syndrome XXY chromosomes
 - Down Syndrome three 21st chromosomes
 - Turner Syndrome single X chromosome



Gene Mutations

- Change in the nucleotide sequence of a gene
- May only involve a single nucleotide
- May be due to copying errors, chemicals, viruses, etc.

Types of Gene Mutations

Include:

- > Point Mutations
- Substitutions
- > Insertions
- > Deletions
- > Frameshift

Point Mutation

Change of a single nucleotide

Includes the deletion, insertion, or substitution of ONE nucleotide in a gene

Frame shift Mutation

Inserting or deleting one or more nucleotides

© Changes the "reading frame" like changing a sentence

Proteins built incorrectly



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