## **Genes and Chromosomes**

## Mendel's Ideas about Genes

**Idea:** Individuals have two copies of a gene for each trait. Different forms of the same gene are called **alleles**. Genes control how their traits will appear.

Picture: How to Make Long Hair

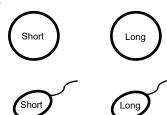
How to Make Short Hair



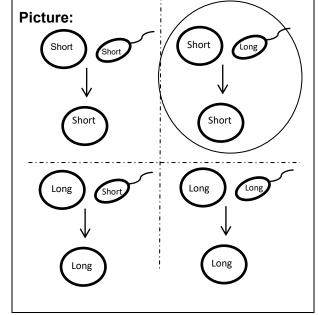


**Idea:** These two alleles separate when eggs and sperm are made. Each parent passes just one copy of a gene (or allele) to each offspring.

## Picture:



**Idea:** Each offspring gets one allele from the father and one allele from the mother.



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