Amoeba Sisters Video Recap: “Sex-Linked Traits”

Below is a picture of a human karyotype.

1. Place numbers by each chromosome pair. How many chromosome pairs are there? __________

2. How many chromosomes in total are there? __________

3. Circle the sex chromosomes. How many sex chromosomes are there? __________

4. Is this individual a male or female? __________

5. How were you able to determine your answer for #4?
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6. Color blindness is a sex-linked recessive disorder on the X chromosome. If the allele “b” is used to denote color blindness, circle the genotype(s) that correctly represent(s) a female that is color blind.

BB  Bb  bb  X^B^B  X^B^b  X^b^Y  X^b^X^B  X^b^X^b  X^b^Y^b  X^b^Y

7. Color blindness is a sex-linked recessive disorder on the X chromosome. If the allele “b” is used to denote color blindness, circle the genotype(s) that correctly represent(s) a male that is color blind.

BB  Bb  bb  X^B^B  X^B^b  X^b^Y  X^b^X^B  X^b^X^b  X^b^Y^b  X^b^Y
8. Bob is color blind, but he knows that neither of his parents were color blind. He is wondering if he received the gene for color blindness from his mother, his father, or both of his parents. What would you tell Bob? Show a Punnett square to prove your answer!

9. Suzy knows that an individual’s sex is determined by sex chromosomes. She knows that females have two X chromosomes and males have one X and one Y chromosome. She creates the Punnett square cross below to show sex inheritance. She wants to know which parent determines the sex of a baby---is it the mother, father, or both? Complete this cross. What would you tell Suzy? Why?

10. In the video example, the sex-linked disorder was a recessive trait. However, sex-linked disorders can be dominant! (Conduct a search to see some of the sex-linked dominant disorders that exist). Sex-linked dominant disorders will show even if there is only one dominant allele present. Using the allele D to stand for a dominant sex-linked trait, show a cross with a woman who does not a dominant sex-linked disorder (X<sup>d</sup>X<sup>d</sup>) with a man that does. Will the disorder in this particular cross be more common in daughters or sons?