

## 1. Overproduction

Every species tends to produce more individuals than can survive to maturity

### 2. Variation

The individuals have many characteristics that differ

## 3. Selection

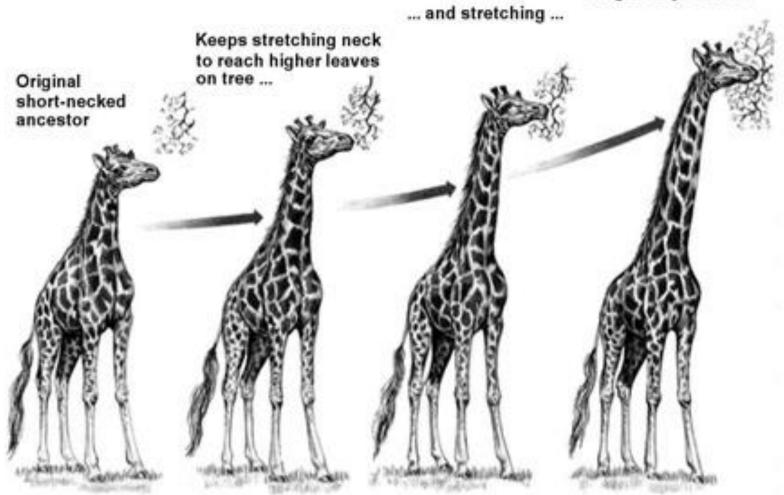
Some individuals survive longer and reproduce more than others do

## 4. Adaption

The traits of those individuals that survive and reproduce will become more common in a population

# Causes of Variation

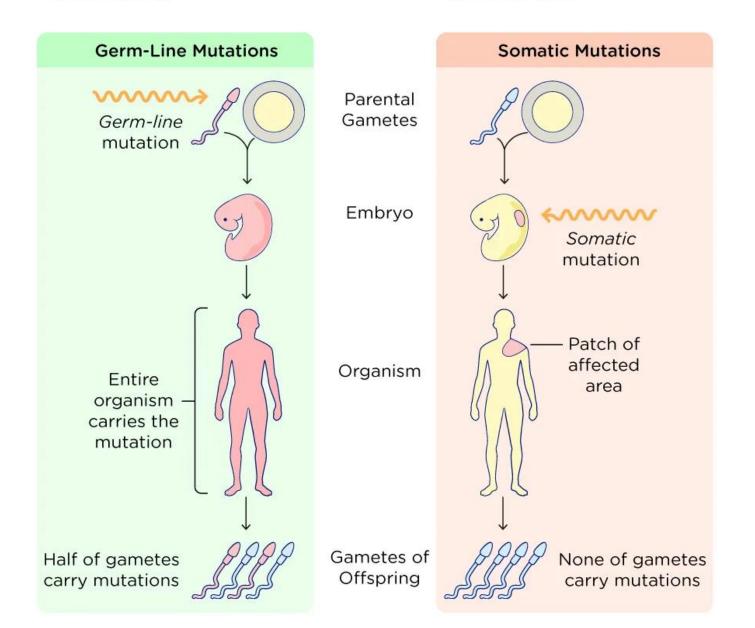
... and stretching until neck becomes progressively longer. Yay! Leaves!



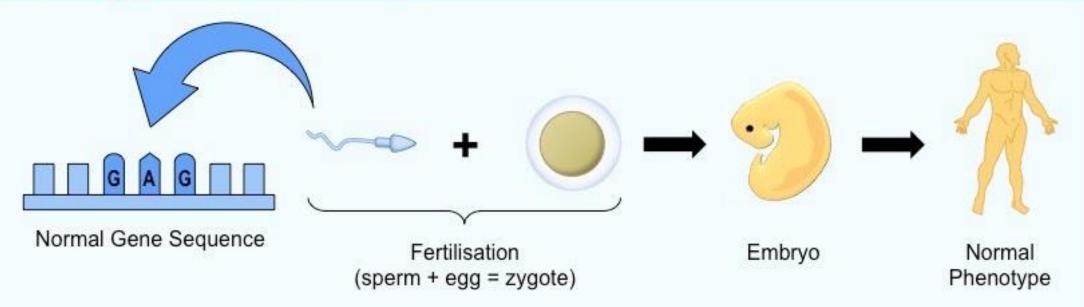
Lamarck's Giraffe

Germ Line Cells: sex cells (sperm and egg) which form offspring

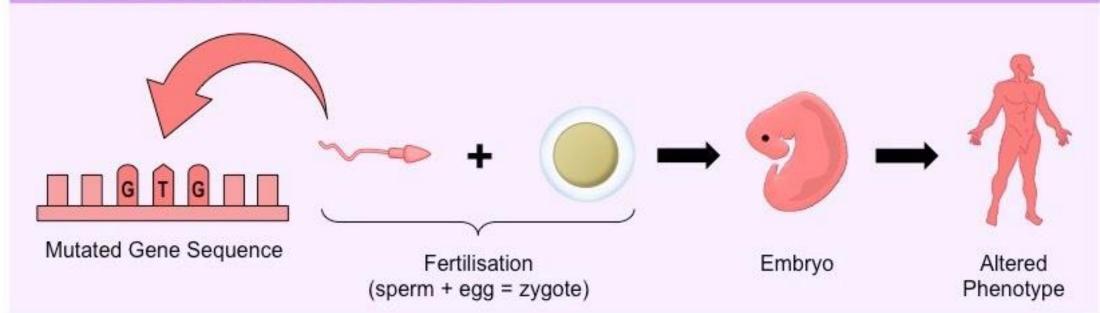
**Somatic Cells:** cells of an organism, other than the germ line cells

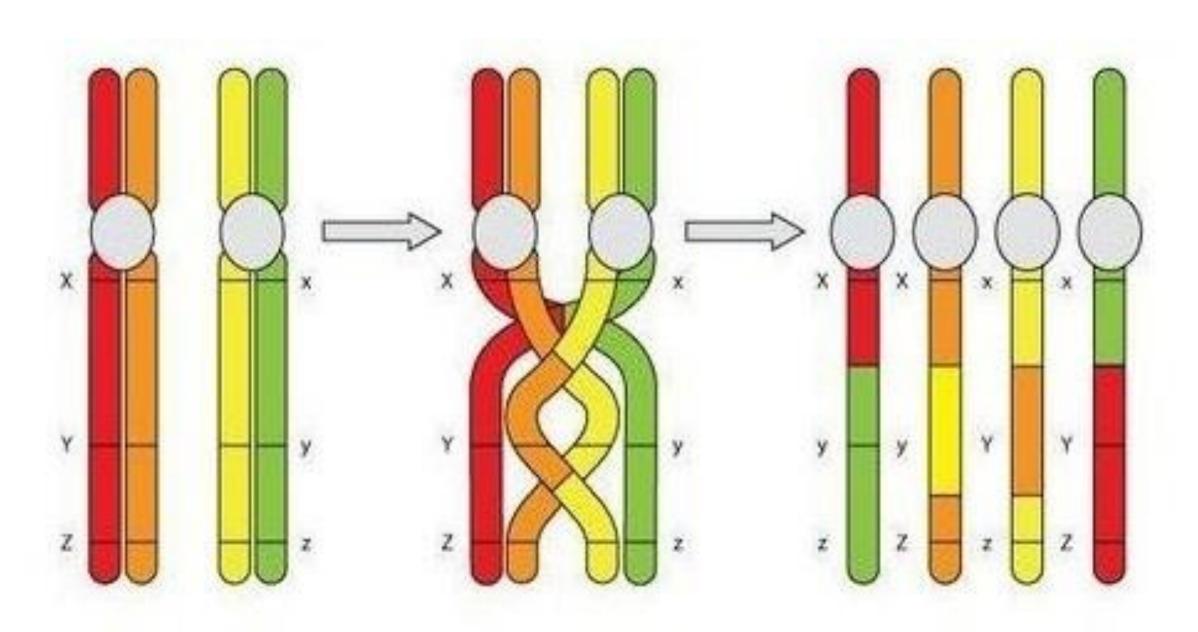


# Phenotype 1 – Normal Gene Sequence



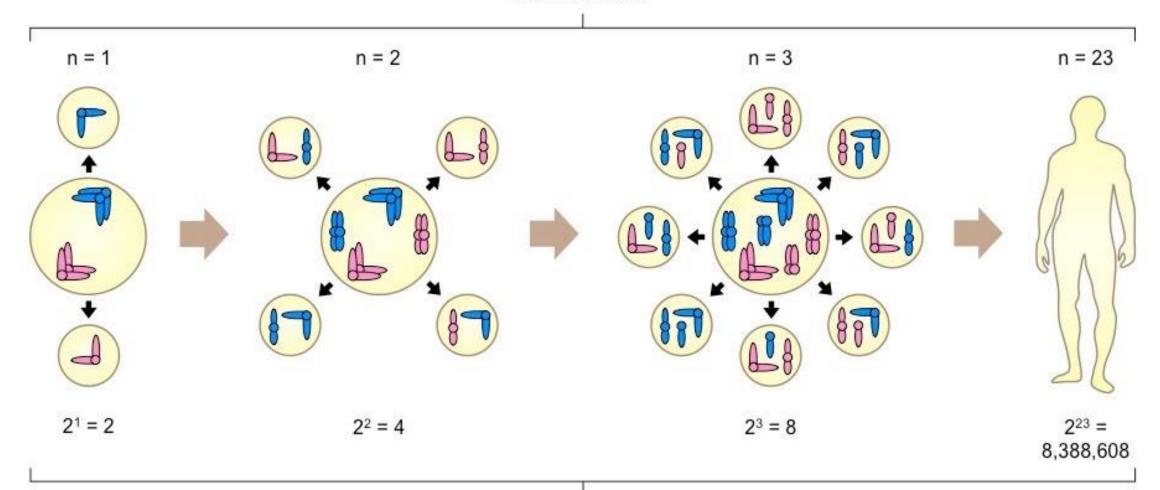
### Phenotype 2 - Mutated Gene Sequence





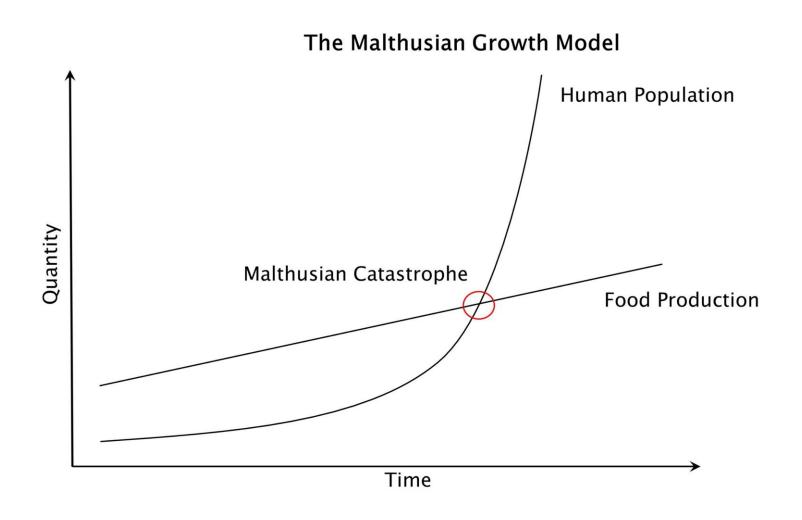
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### Haploid Number

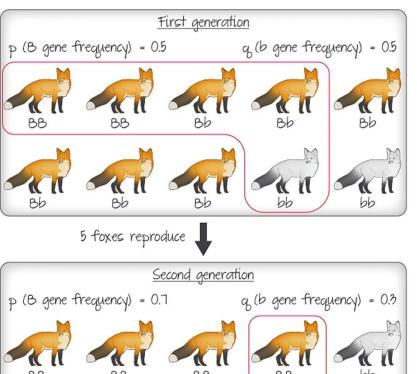


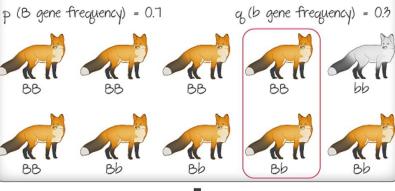
**Gamete Combinations** 

# Malthusian Dilemma

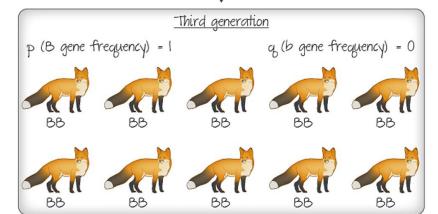


# Overproduction of Offspring & Adaptations





2 foxes reproduce



# Adaptations

- Structural
- Behavioural
- Physiological
- Biochemical
- Developmental

# Example: Echidna Adaptations



### Structural Adaptations

Sharp quills for protection from predators

Protruding snout (for accessing termite mounds)

Sharp claws for digging / burrowing

#### **Behavioural Adaptations**

Curls into ball when threatened (exposes quills)

Digs burrows in which to nest and rest

May hibernate during winter in very cold regions

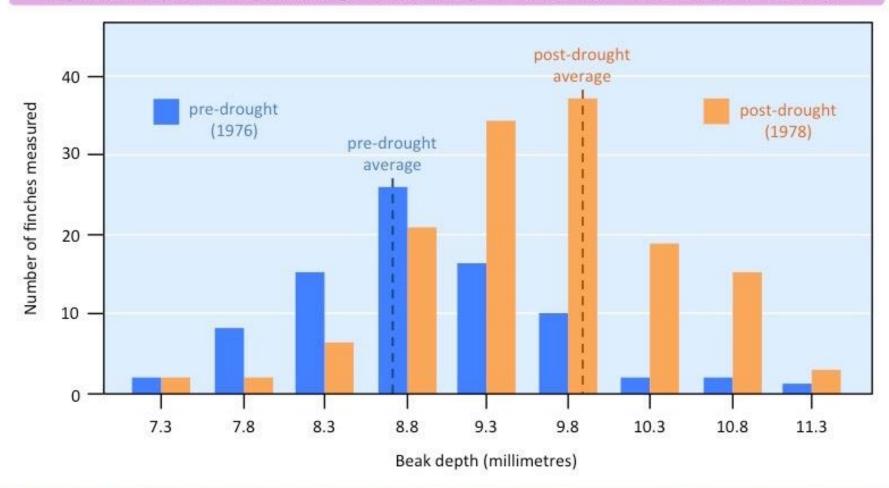
### **Physiological Adaptations**

Ears sensitive to low frequencies (detect ant sounds)

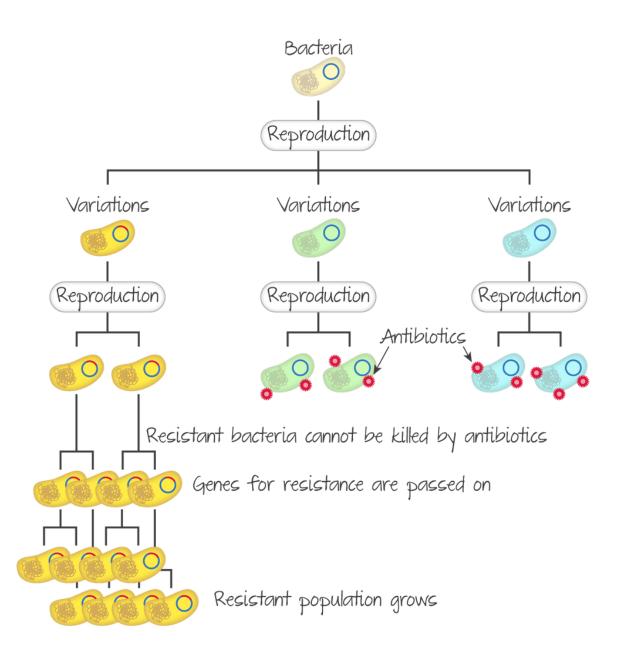
Well developed olfactory system (used for detection)

Tongue can stiffen and penetrate soil due to blood flow

#### Hypothesis: Dry conditions produce larger seeds and may affect beak size in finches due to natural selection



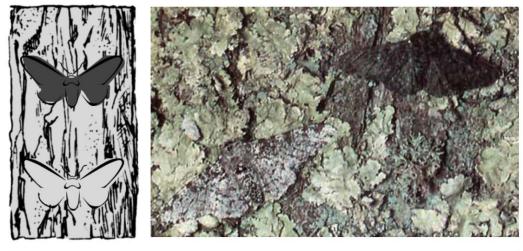
Conclusion: Drought produced larger seeds, meaning birds with larger beaks were more likely to survive and reproduce



# Peppered Moth

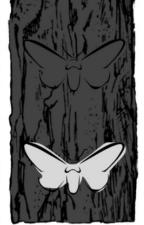
The peppered moth exhibits variation in its pigmentation – light vs dark (melanic)

- Pollution from industrial activities darkened tree bark (was covered with soot)
- This conferred a benefit to dark moths (camouflage), changing allele frequency









**Polluted Environment (Post-Industrial)**