KS3

Unit B3: Genetics and evolution

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Var	Variation and Inheritance				
1	Species	a group of living things which can interbreed to produce			
		fertile offspring			
2	Hybrid	offspring of two plants or animals of different species			
3	Breed	animals or plants within a species having a distinctive			
		appearance			
4	Variation	differences between individuals of the same species			
5	Continuous	measurement that can take any in value within a range			
	variable	e.g. a person's height			
6	Discontinuous	measurement that can take only a limited number of			
	variable	different values e.g. eye colour			
7	Environmental	variation within a species, caused by the conditions in			
	variation	which they live			
8	Inherited	variation within a species, caused by characteristics being			
	variation	passed on from the parents (In the genes)			
9	Characteristics	features of an organism			
10	Genetic	involving the genes			
11	Genes	section of DNA			
12	Genome	all the DNA of an organism			
13	Chromosomes	a strand of DNA			
		humans have 23 pairs			
14	DNA	molecule that carries genetic material			
15	Double helix	the shape of the DNA molecule with two strands twisted			
		together in a spiral			
16	Nucleotide	the basic unit that forms DNA			

Classification				
17	Classification	way of grouping organisms		
		Kingdom→Phylum→Class→Order→Family→Genus→Species		
18	Binomial	A two part name, made up of a genus and a species		

Adaptations, natural selection and selective breeding				
19	Organism	a living thing		
20	Adaptation	a feature of an organism which helps it to survive in its		
		environment		
21	Habitat	areas in which living things are able to meet all their needs		
22	Parent	mother or father		
23	Reproduction	the production of new organisms from their parents		
24	Offspring	new individual formed during reproduction		
25	Generations	a group of individuals born around the same time		
26	Evolution	the change of inherited characteristics within a population		
		over time through natural selection		
27	Natural	organisms that are better adapted to their environment		
	selection	tend to survive and produce more offspring		
28	Selective	humans choosing which individual plants or animals will		
	breeding	reproduce		
29	Charles	scientist responsible for the theory of evolution		
	Darwin			
30	Parent	mother or father		

Exti	Extinction and gene banks			
32	Extinct	no remaining individuals of a species are alive		
33	Endangered	organisms at risk of extinction		
34	Captivity	being kept imprisoned (e.g. in a zoo)		
35	Botanical	relating to plants		