

Chapter 38 ~ Plant Reproduction and Development

5 ADAPTATIONS FOR SUCCESS OF SEED PLANTS

- Reduced gametophytes microscopic and can be protected
- Heterospory two types of spores (male and female)
- Ovules and egg production ovule protects developing zygote
- Pollen and sperm production water proof
- Seeds multicellular, protective coating, can store energy (spores can't)

SEXUAL REPRODUCTION

- Alternation of generations: haploid (n) and diploid (2n) generations take turns producing each other
- Sporophyte (2n): produces haploid spores by meiosis; these spores divide by mitosis giving rise to male and female haploid plants called....
- Gametophytes (n): develop and produce gametes



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FLORAL VARIATIONS

- Floral organs: sepals, petals, stamens (male), carpels (female)
- How did Mendel cross the pea plants?
- What 2 laws were developed?
- What is the difference between genotype and phenotype?



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GAMETOPHYTE DEVELOPMENT

• Male gametophyte: (in pollen sacs of anther)

- Divides by meiosis into 4 1n microspores
- Mitosis produces a generative cell (sperm) and a tube cell (pollen tube)= a pollen grain

• Female gametophyte: (in ovule)

- Divides by meiosis to 4 cells, only 1 survives to a 1n megaspore
- 3 mitotic divisions forms the embryo sac
- Includes: 1 egg cell (female gamete) and 2 polar nuclei



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DOUBLE FERTILIZATION

- Pollination (pollen grain lands on a receptive stigma)
- Tube cell (pollen tube produced down the style)
- Generative cell (2 sperm by mitosis)
- Enters ovary
- 1 sperm fertilizes egg to form zygote; other sperm combines with 2 polar nuclei to form 3n endosperm (food-storing tissue)



THE SEED

From fertilized ovule.....

The mature seed:

- seed coat (protection)
- cotyledons (seed leaves)

embryo



- Seed dormancy (low metabolic rate and growth) suspension)
- Imbibition (uptake of water) triggers metabolic • changes
- Radicle first, then shoot tip; stimulated by light
- Germination



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ASEXUAL REPRODUCTION

Produces clones

Fragmentation

Pieces of parents break off to form new individuals that are exact genetic replicas

Other examples: Cutting, test-tube cloning

Some flowers self-fertilize and others prevent it to ensure genetic variation

PLANTS AND GENETIC ENGINEERING

- Artificially selecting traits in plants
- Genetically modified organisms
 - Ex: corn (increase in kernels), Golden rice (increased vitamin A)
- Biofuels decreased dependence on fossil fuels

Concerns: fear of allergies, effects of nontarget organisms