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Meiosis and Sexual Life Cycles

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Objective: You will be able to explain how meiosis results in the transmission of chromosomes from one generation to the next.

Do Now:

- Do you know any of the answers below?
 - Identify the ways that somatic cells are different from gametes (sex cells)
 - Differentiate between autosomes and sex chromosomes
 - Differentiate between diploid and haploid cells
 - Describe homologous chromosomes

Homologous Chromosomes

Non-homologous

Karyotype



- A diploid cell ($2n$)
 - Has two sets of each of its chromosomes
(homologous pairs)
 - In a human has 46 chromosomes ($2n = 46$)

How do we know that we are looking at a diploid cell?

Human male
G-bands



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- A haploid cell (n) ...also called monoploid
 - Has only one member from each homologous pair
 - In a human this is 23 chromosomes ($n = 23$)

How do we know that we are looking at a haploid cell?

Human male
G-bands



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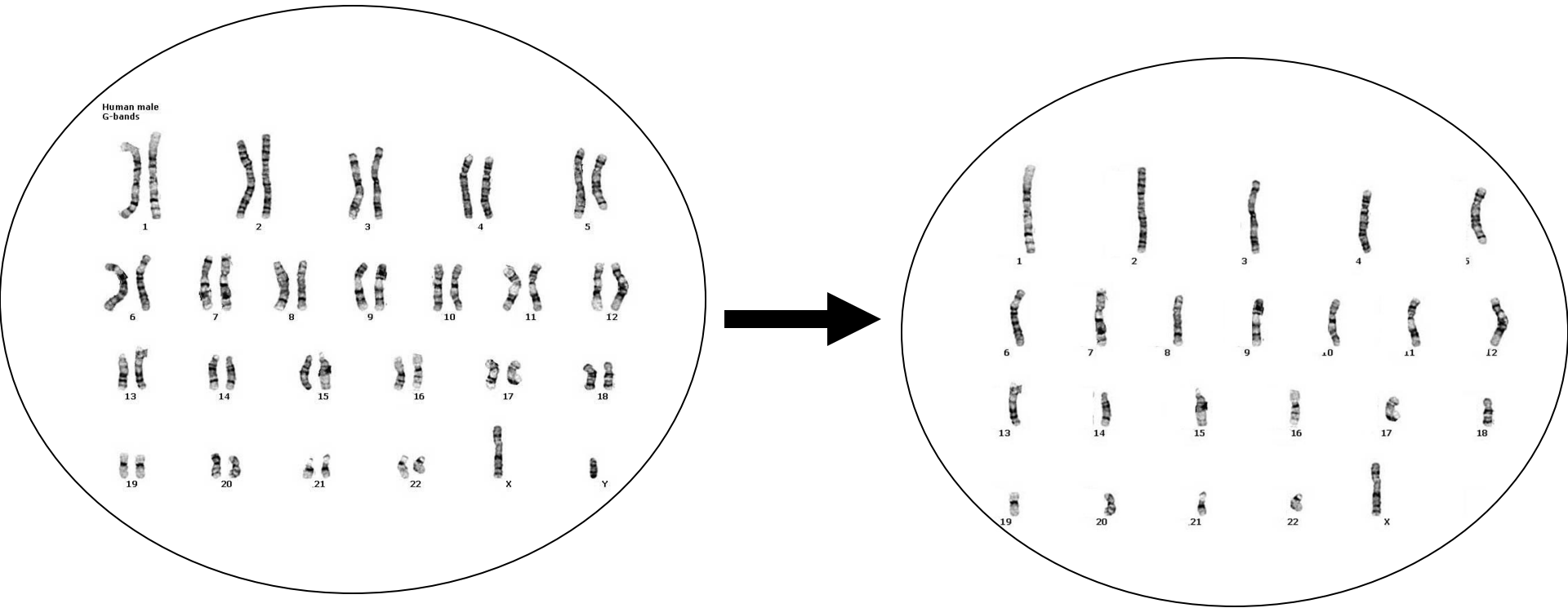


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Meiosis divides diploid cells into haploid cells



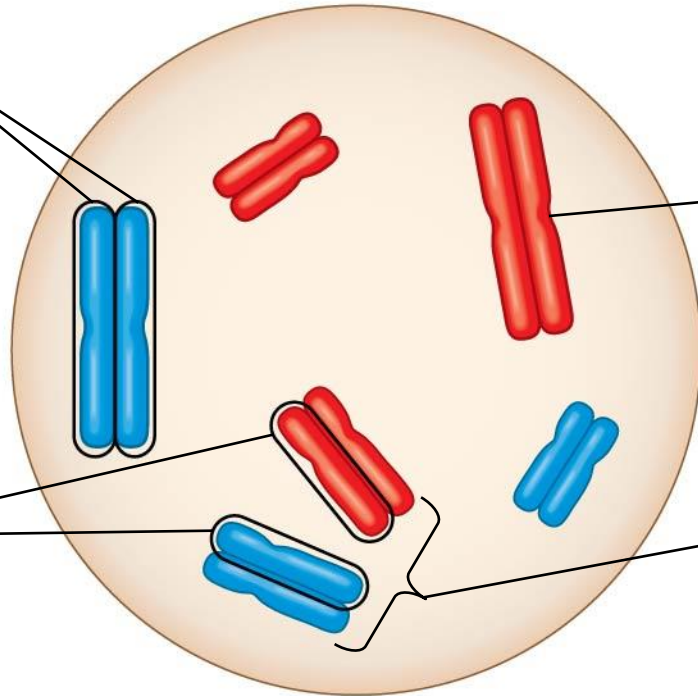
Review

Key

$2n = 6$ {  Maternal set of chromosomes ($n = 3$)
 Paternal set of chromosomes ($n = 3$)

Sister chromatids of one duplicated chromosome

Two nonsister chromatids in a homologous pair



Centromere

Pair of homologous chromosomes (one from each set)

Summary of Meiosis

- Creates four daughter cells, each with a haploid set of chromosomes
- Each daughter cell is genetically distinct from the others and from the parent cell

Objective: You will be able to describe similarities and/or differences between the phases and outcomes of mitosis and meiosis.

Figure 10.8a

MEIOSIS I: Separates homologous chromosomes

Prophase I

Metaphase I

Anaphase I

Telophase I and Cytokinesis

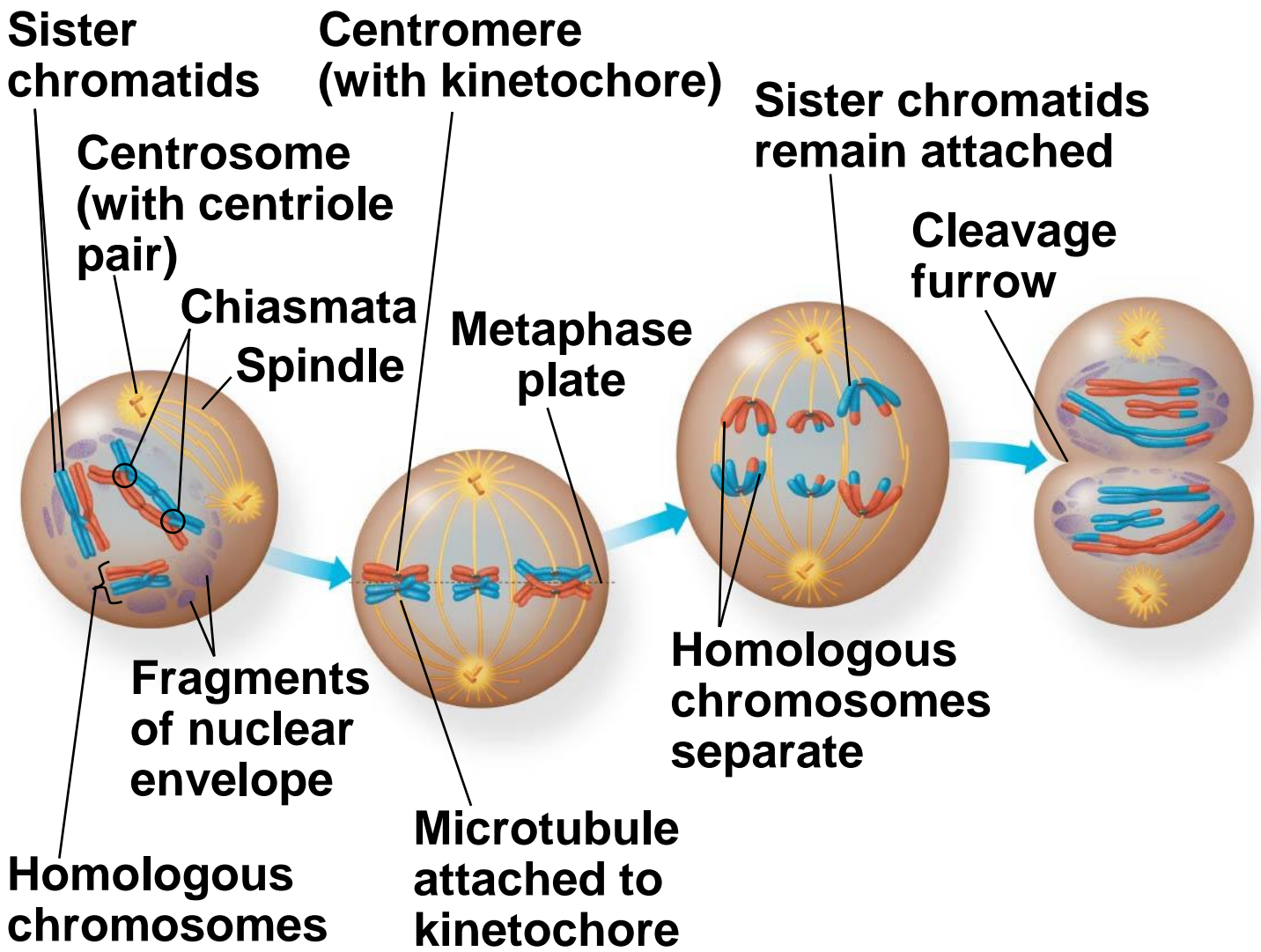


Figure 10.8b

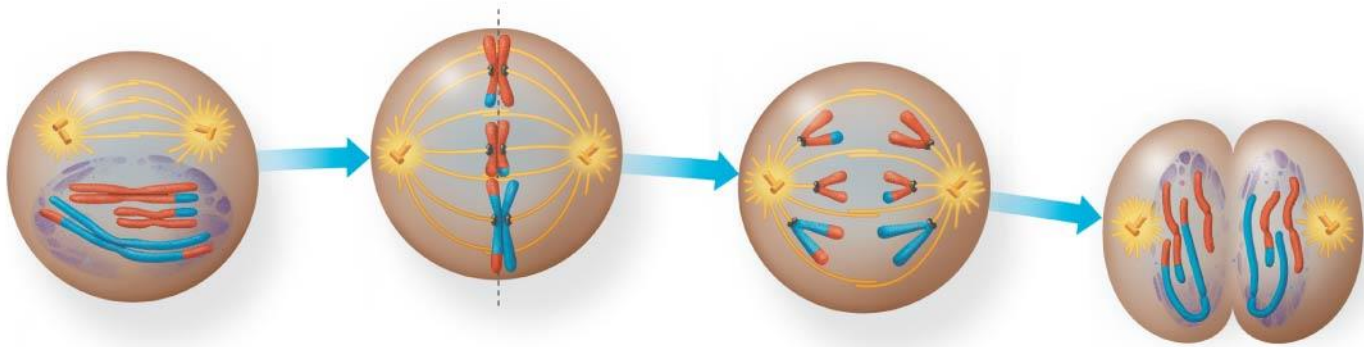
MEIOSIS II: **Separates sister chromatids**

Prophase II

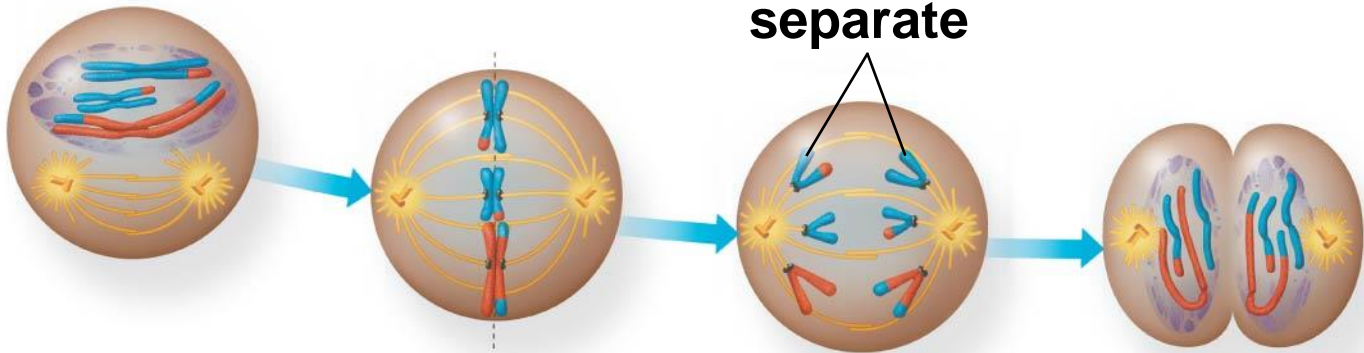
Metaphase II

Anaphase II

Telophase II and Cytokinesis



Sister chromatids separate

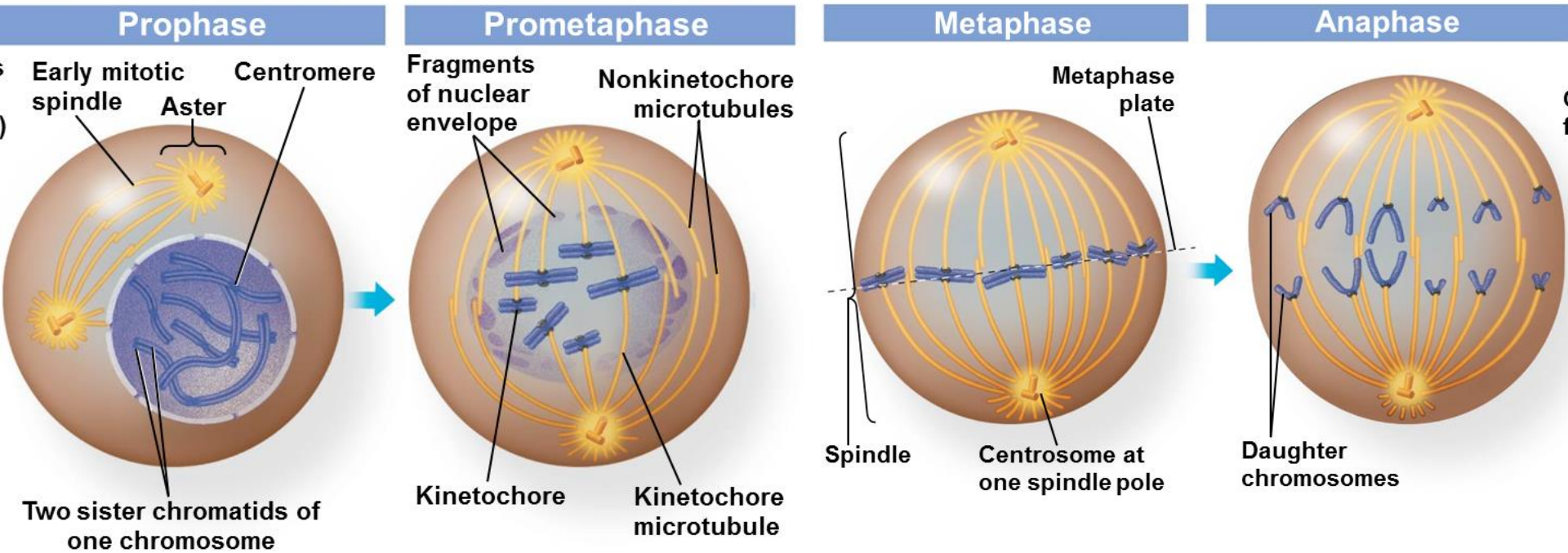


Haploid daughter cells forming

Open your textbook to the p. 206-207 that shows meiosis

Compare the stages of mitosis (below) with the stages of meiosis

MITOSIS



Three events are unique to meiosis, and all three occur in meiosis I

- Synapsis and crossing over in prophase I:
Homologous chromosomes physically connect and exchange genetic information
- At the metaphase plate, there are paired homologous chromosomes (tetrads), instead of individual doubled chromosomes
- At anaphase I, it is homologous chromosomes, instead of sister chromatids, that separate

Meiosis

- During meiosis, homologous chromosomes are paired, with one homologue originating from the maternal and the other from the paternal parent.
- Orientation of the chromosome pairs is random with respect to the cell poles.
- Separation of the homologous chromosomes ensures that each gamete receives a haploid ($1n$) set of chromosomes composed of both maternal and paternal chromosomes.

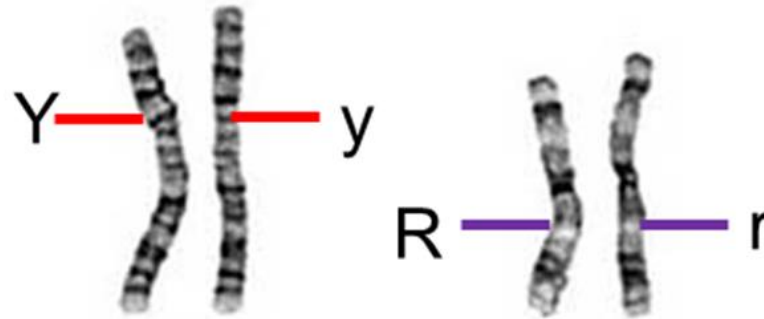
Look at p. 206-207...find where each of the statements above are occurring. (old book pages 198-199)

Objective: You will be able to explain how meiosis contributes to genetic variation.

- **Do Now:**

Individual Activity

- Take out your meiosis drawings
 - Add the following genes and alleles to the G₁ phase:
 - Add these throughout the phases of meiosis



- Explain independent assortment using your diagram
- Add in crossing over to your diagrams
- Random fertilization of these gametes will greatly add to genetic diversity in the next generation

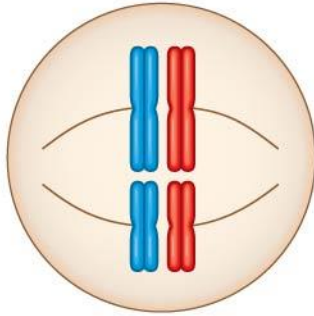
Meiosis and Genetic Variation

- Three mechanisms that contribute to genetic variation due to meiosis:
 - Independent assortment of chromosomes
 - Crossing over
 - Random fertilization

- Using the cells, genes and chromosomes you just drew, describe evidence to support how each of the three mechanisms contribute to genetic variation.

Independent Assortment

Possibility 1



**Two equally probable
arrangements of
chromosomes at
metaphase I**

Possibility 2

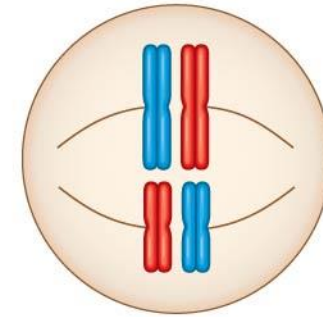


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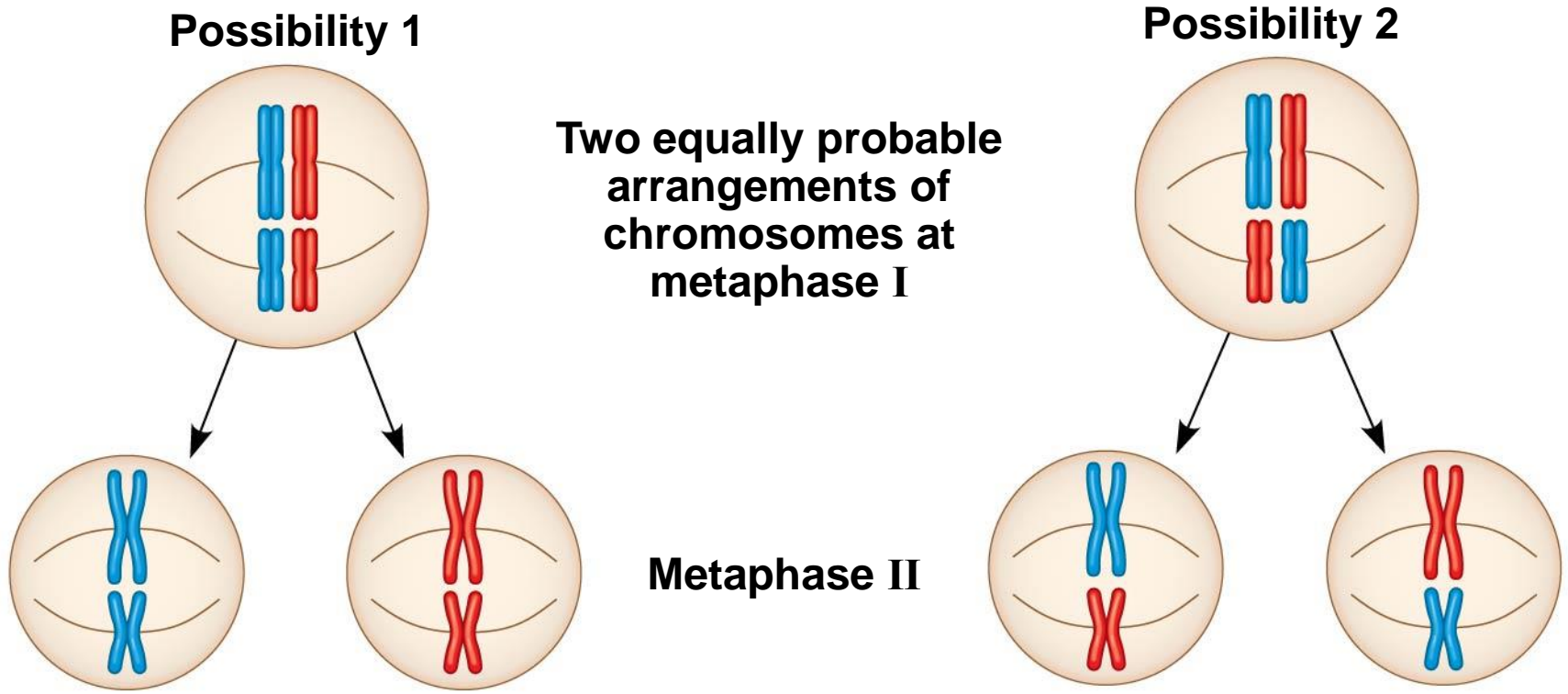
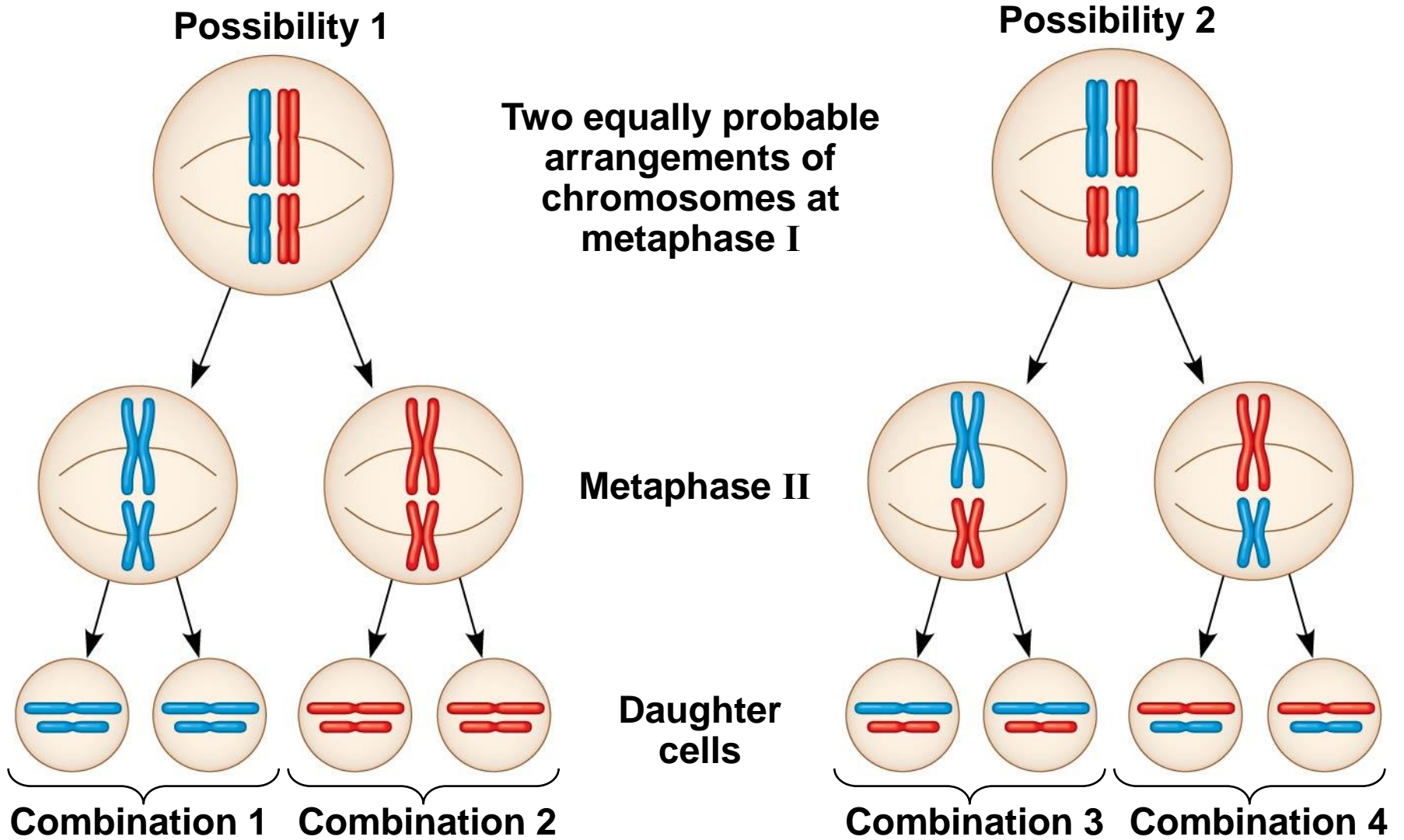


Figure 10.10-3



Crossing Over

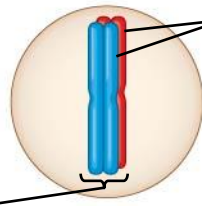
- Crossing over results from homologous chromosomes exchanging segments of DNA

- Crossing over begins in prophase I

Crossing Over

Prophase I
of meiosis

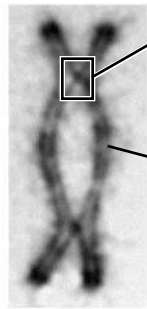
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homologs



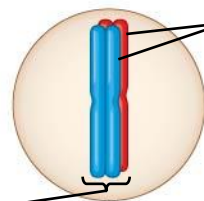
Nonsister chromatids
held together
during synapsis

Figure 10.11-5

Prophase I of meiosis



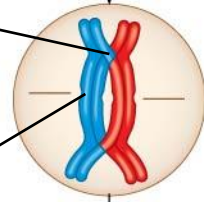
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Centromere
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**Nonsister chromatids
held together
during synapsis**

**Pair of
homologs**

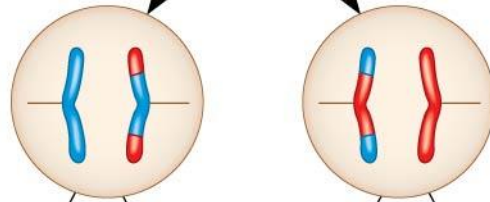
**Synapsis and
crossing over**



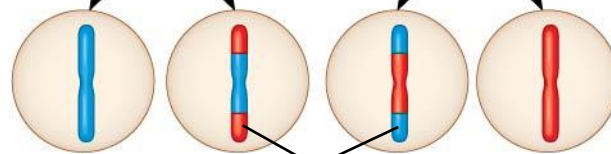
Anaphase I

**Breakdown of
proteins holding sister
chromatid arms together**

Anaphase II



Daughter cells



Recombinant chromosomes

Random Fertilization

- Each person can make 8.4 million different sex cells from independent assortment
- That means parents can produce a zygote with about 70 trillion diploid combinations
 - That's without accounting for crossing over