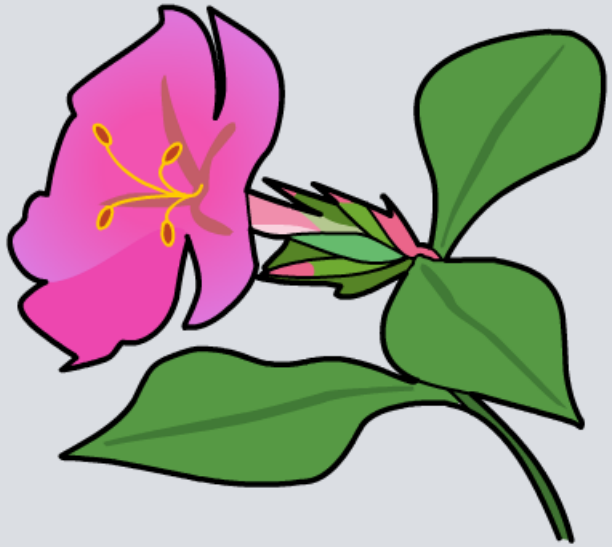
# Incomplete Dominance and Codominance

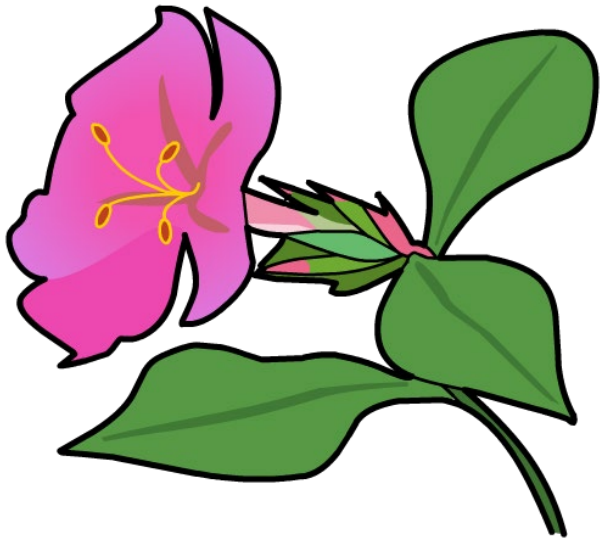


# What is incomplete dominance?

Sometimes two different alleles are neither fully dominant or recessive to each other.

In heterozygous individuals, this creates a phenotype that is an intermediate mix of the other two. This is called **incomplete dominance**.

For example, when a **red** *Mirabilis jalapa* plant (also called the snapdragon or 'four o'clock flower') is crossed with a white *Mirabilis jalapa* plant, all the offspring flowers are **pink** because both the red and white alleles are expressed.



# What is codominance?

The human ABO blood group system is controlled by three alleles: **A**, **B** and **o**. **A** and **B** are dominant while **o** is recessive.

In heterozygous individuals who have both **A** and **B** alleles, both are fully expressed, creating an extra phenotype.

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This is called **codominance**.

What is the pattern of inheritance of the ABO blood system?

# Codominance in humans

## Blood groups in the offspring of heterozygous parents

Humans have four different types of blood group, which are controlled by just three alleles (**A**, **B** and **o**).

If a person who is heterozygous for blood group **A** reproduces with someone who is heterozygous for blood group **B**, what are the possible blood groups of their offspring?

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