

Dominant and Recessive Genes

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Genes are the instructions for your body. They determine what your body looks like, what eye or hair color you have, and more. Genes stay together in *pairs*, but each gene in a pair might be different than its partner. Genes may be either **dominant** or **recessive**.



Let's take a look closer look at the qualities of dominant and recessive genes.

A dominant gene overrides a recessive gene. If there are one or two dominant genes in a gene pair, the gene pair will be **dominant**. If there are two recessive genes in a gene pair, the gene pair will be **recessive**.

Label each pair of genes dominant or recessive. Write a 'D' or 'R' in the triangle.

Reference: D – dominant, R – recessive
Br – brown, Bl – blue, Rd – red

