

SI Genetics- Full Discipline Demo

DNA Replication, Mitosis, and Meiosis

Final Report - Answer Guide

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Test Your Knowledge

Match each term with the best description.

Terms to match:

- DNA polymerase
- G1
- Helicase
- Mitotic phase
- S

Descriptions to match:

- Interphase step where cell increases in size and builds up energy reserves
- Interphase step where cell replicates DNA
- Cell cycle stage where the cell divides
- Enzyme that opens DNA at the replication fork
- Enzyme responsible for adding complimentary nucleotides to the 3' end of the growing DNA chain

Correct answers:

1 G1 2 S 3 Mitotic phase 4 Helicase 5 DNA polymerase

Categorize each statement as referring to mitosis or meiosis.

⌘ Daughter cells are identical to parent cell. ⌘ Homologous chromosomes synapse and cross over. ⌘ Four unique daughter cells are produced. ⌘ Responsible for the growth and maintenance of tissues.	
Mitosis	Meiosis
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Correct answers:

1 Daughter cells are identical to parent cell.

Responsible for the growth and maintenance of tissues.

2 Homologous chromosomes synapse and cross over.

Four unique daughter cells are produced.

Exploration

Cell division occurs during the ____ phase of the cell cycle.

- ☐ G1
- ☐ G2
- ☐ S
- ☒ Mitotic



DNA replication is a semiconservative process, with each strand of the double helix acting as a template for a new, complimentary strand.

- ☒ True
- ☐ False



During ____ of mitosis, chromosomes align at the cell's equator.

- ☐ anaphase
- ☐ prophase
- ☒ metaphase
- ☐ telophase

✓

Synapsis occurs during ____ of meiosis.

- ☐ anaphase II
- ☐ metaphase I
- ☒ prophase I
- ☐ prophase II

✓

Meiosis results in four identical daughter cells.

- ☐ True
- ☒ False

✓

Exercise 1

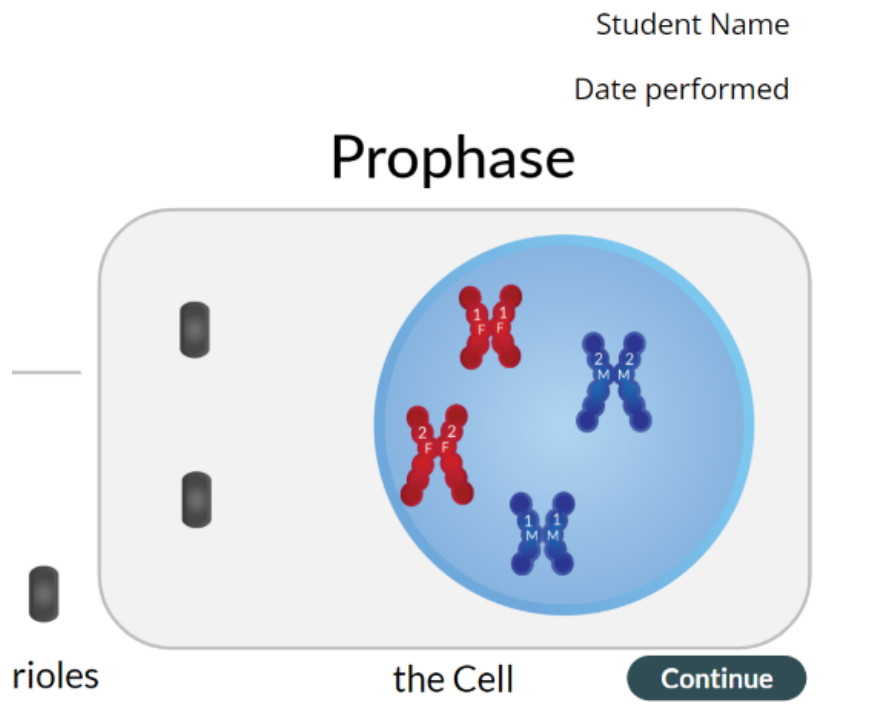
How do prophase, prophase I, and prophase II differ from each other? Reference Photos 1, 6, and 10 in your explanation.

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How do mitosis and meiosis differ in the daughter cells that are produced? Reference Photos 5 and 13 in your explanation.

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Photo 1: Prophase Model
(SAMPLE ANSWER BELOW)



Data Table 1: Mitosis Description
(SAMPLE ANSWER BELOW)

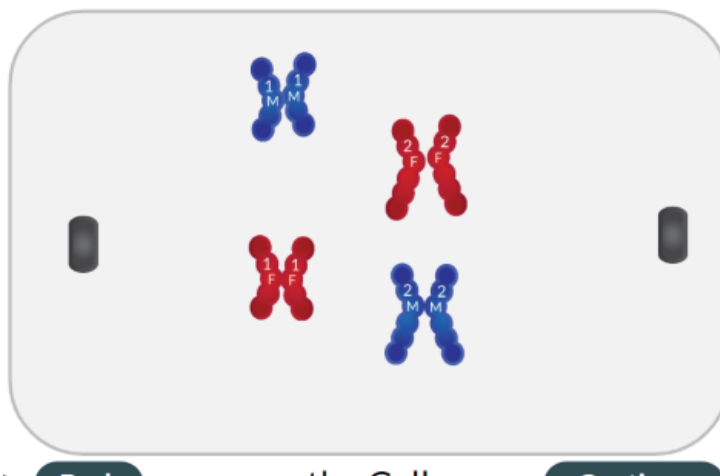
Mitosis Step	Description of Step
Prophase	The chromosomes condense and become more tightly coiled, forming two sister chromatids bound together at the centromere. Mitotic spindle fibers begin appearing from the centrosomes and the nucleolus disappears.
Prometaphase	The nuclear envelope fragments and the microtubules surrounding the spindle enter the nuclear area and attach to the condensed chromosomes, moving them toward the cell's equator.
Metaphase	The chromosomes align at the metaphase plate (the cell's equator) and the two kinetochores of each chromosome are attached to microtubules from opposite spindle poles.
Anaphase	The sister chromatids separate from each other and are pulled towards opposite ends of the cell.
Telophase	Nuclear envelopes are formed around each of the newly separated sets of chromosomes.
Cytokinesis	Divides the cytoplasm to produce two new cells. In animal cells, a cleavage furrow is formed, pinching the cell in two. In plant cells, the cells are divided through the formation of a cell plate.

Photo 2: Prometaphase Model
(SAMPLE ANSWER BELOW)

Student Name _____

Date performed _____

Prometaphase



5 **Back**

the Cell

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Photo 3: Metaphase Model
(SAMPLE ANSWER BELOW)

Student Name

Date performed

Metaphase

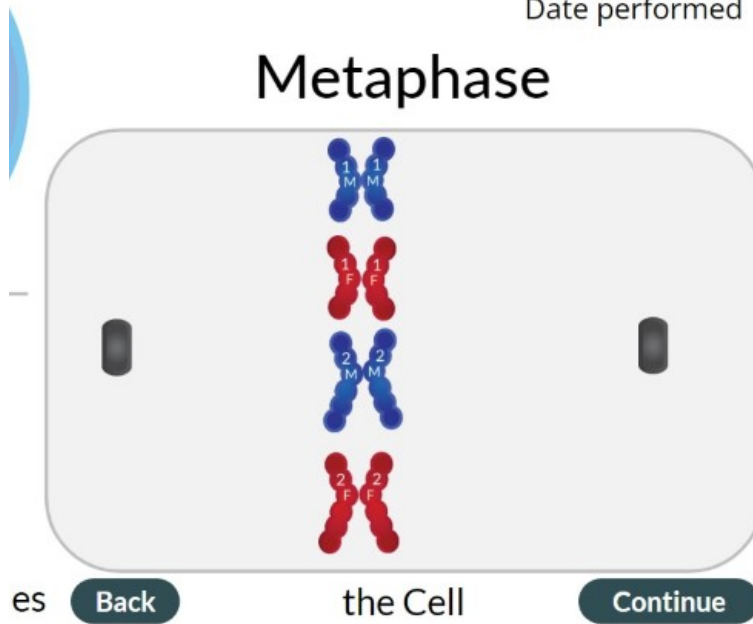


Photo 4: Anaphase Model
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Student Name

Date performed

Anaphase

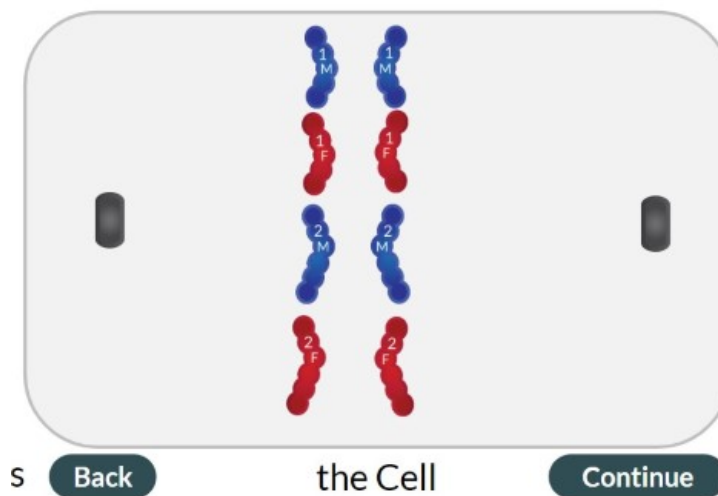


Photo 5: Telophase/Cytokinesis Model
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Student Name

Completion Date

Telophase/ Cytokinesis

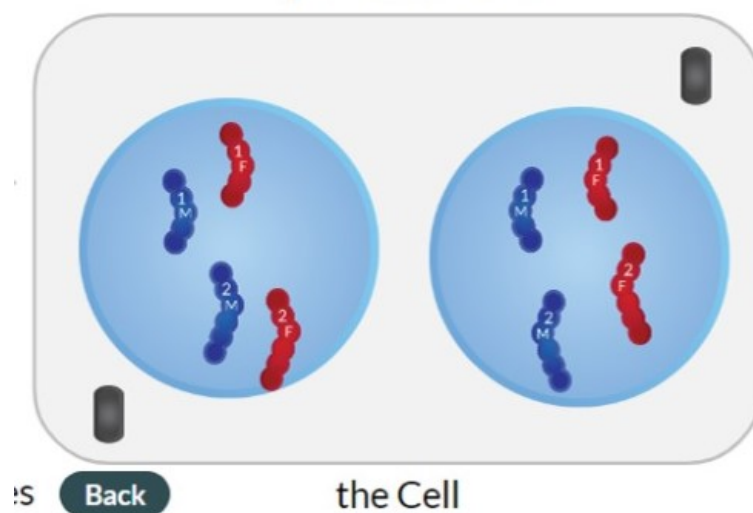
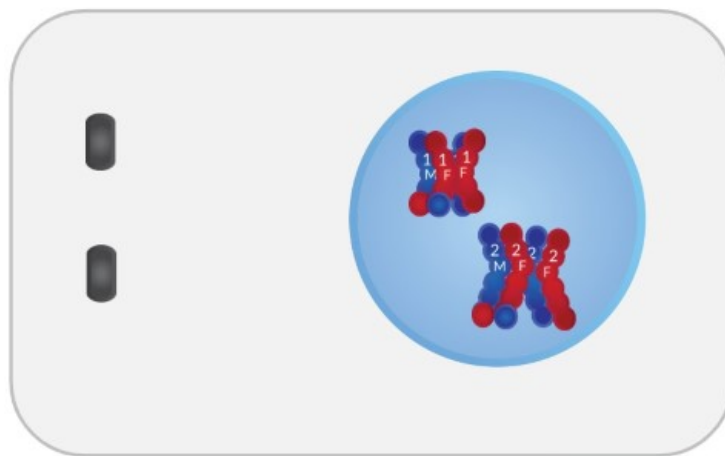


Photo 6: Prophase I Model
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Student Name

Completion Date

Prophase I



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Data Table 2: Meiosis Stage Descriptions
(SAMPLE ANSWER BELOW)

Meiosis Phase	Description of Step
Prophase I	Homologous chromosomes condense and pair, becoming closely entwined around one another in a process called synapsis. The chromosomes then cross over one another, exchanging genetic information. The other processes of prophase I mirror those of prophase in mitosis with the centrioles migrating, the nucleoli disappearing, and the breakdown of the nuclear envelope.
Metaphase I	The pairs of homologous chromosomes align along the metaphase plate. The chromatids in each chromosome attach to the microtubules, directing the chromosomes from each pair toward opposite poles
Anaphase I	The homologous chromosomes separate and each moves toward an opposite pole, with the centromere leading the way. The sister chromatids remain attached to each other during this process, unlike anaphase of mitosis.
Telophase/Cytokinesis I	The chromosomes arrive at opposite poles in the cell and the cell divides, forming two daughter cells, each with half the number of chromosomes as the parent cell.
Prophase II	A new spindle apparatus is formed in each cell, chromosomes condense, and the nuclear envelope breaks down.
Metaphase II	The chromosomes (non-identical, sister chromatids) are positioned along the metaphase plate. The microtubules attach to each of the chromatids.
Anaphase II	The sister chromatids separate from one another as the centromeres separate and move to opposite poles of the cell.
Telophase/Cytokinesis II	The nuclei form and the cells divide, resulting in four daughter cells, each containing half the DNA of the parent cell.

Photo 7: Metaphase I Model
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Student Name

Completion Date

Metaphase I

Metaphase I

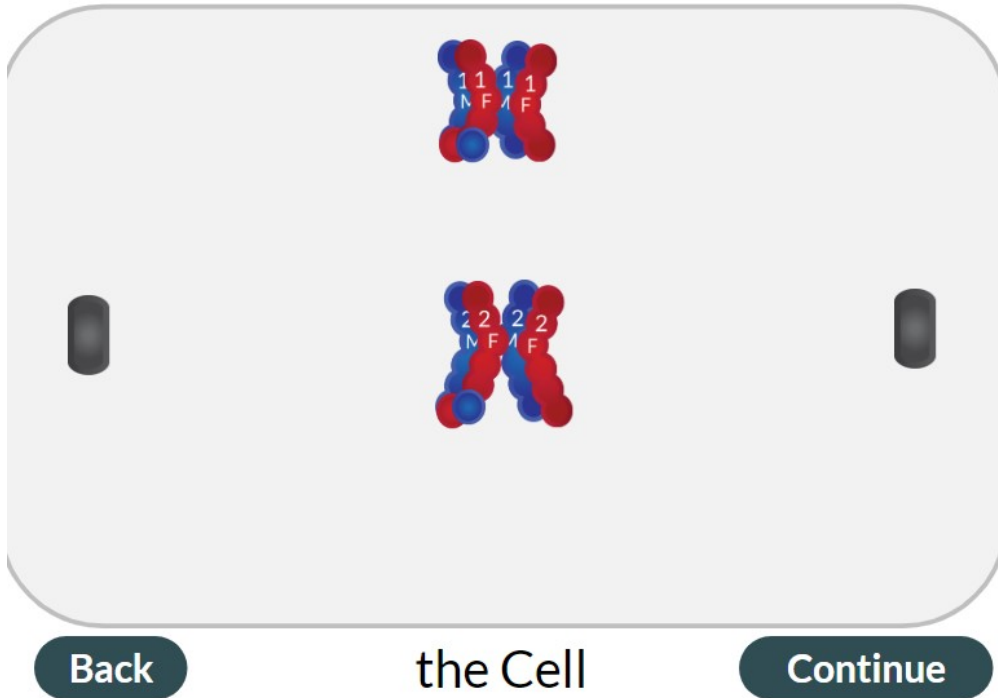
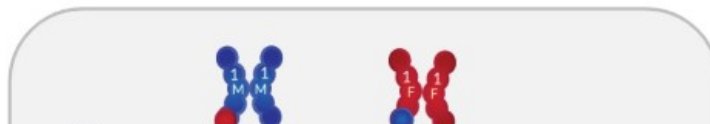


Photo 8: Anaphase I Model
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Student Name

Completion Date

Anaphase I



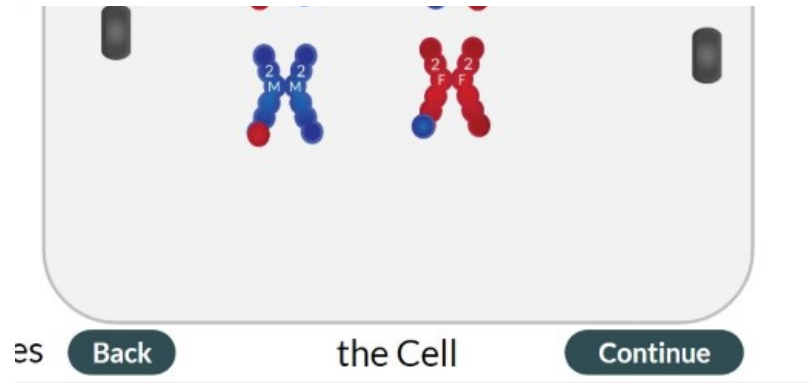


Photo 9: Telophase I Model
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Student Name

Completion Date

Telophase/Cytokinesis I



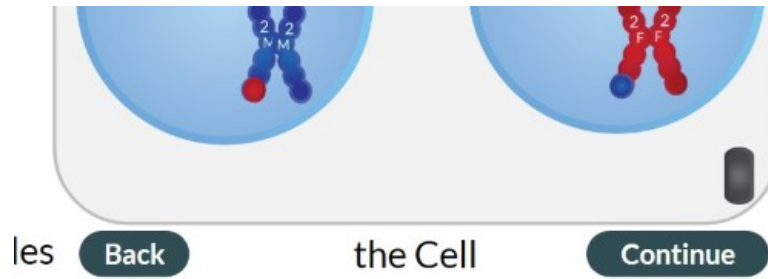
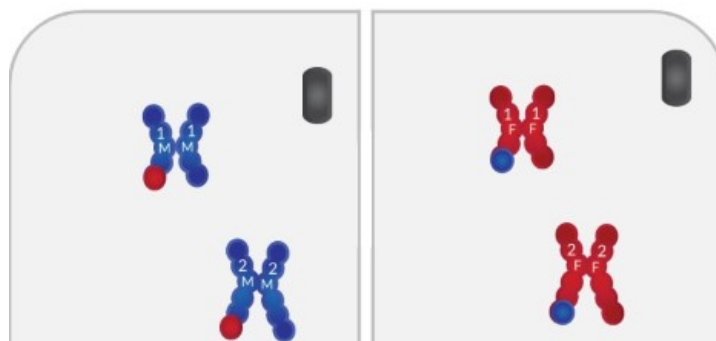


Photo 10: Prophase II Model
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Student Name

Completion Date

Prophase II



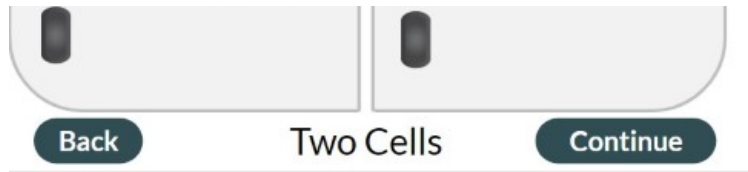
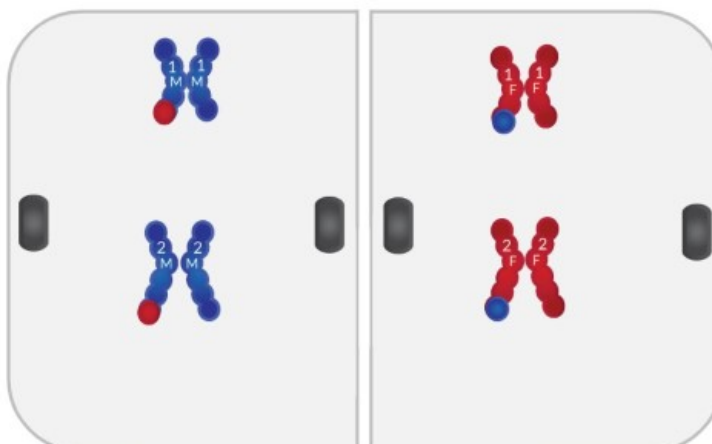


Photo 11: Metaphase II Model
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Student Name

Completion Date

Metaphase II



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Two Cells

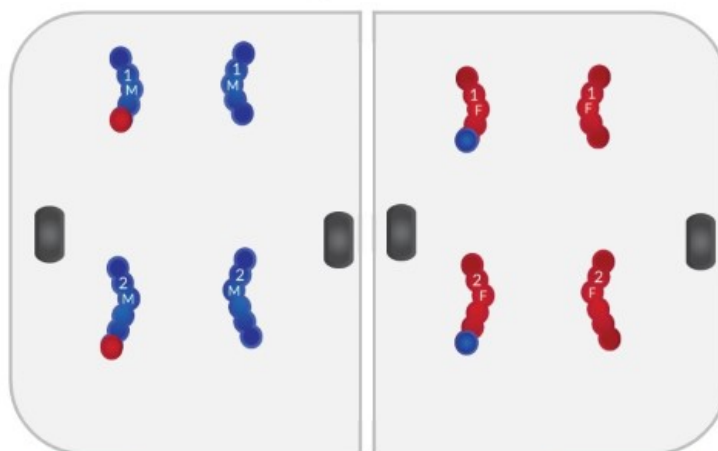
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Photo 12: Anaphase II Model
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Student Name

Completion Date

Anaphase II



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Two Cells

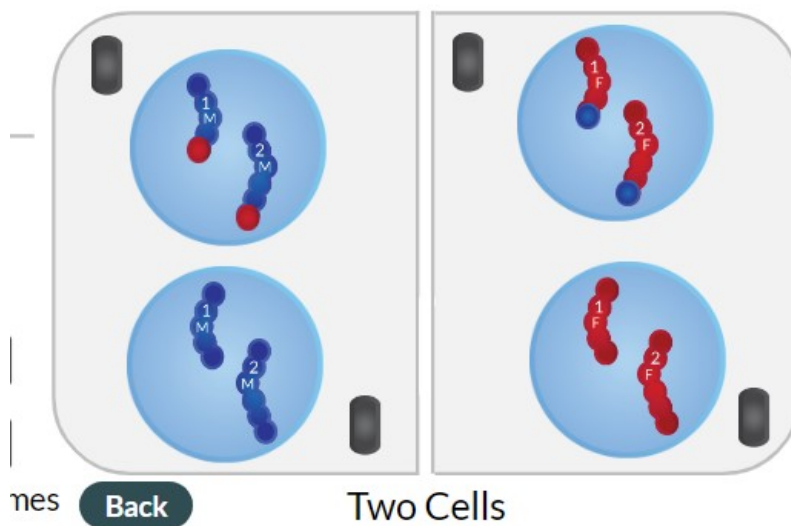
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Photo 13: Telophase/Cytokinesis II Model
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Student Name

Completion Date

Telophase/Cytokinesis II



Exercise 2

What percentage of the cell cycle does the mitotic phase occupy? How was this supported when viewing the onion root tip slide?

The mitotic phase accounts for 10% of the cell cycle. This was supported by the onion root tip slide in which only about 10% of the cells were undergoing mitosis.

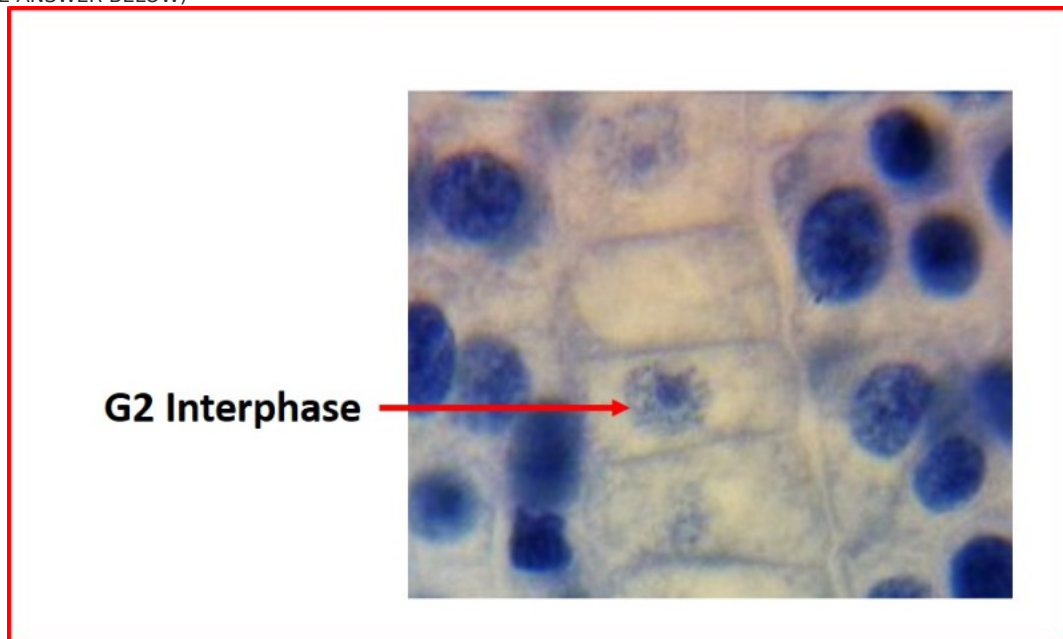
How did mitosis differ between the plant and animal cells viewed in this exercise? Reference specific photos to support your explanation.

Telophase/cytokinesis differed between the onion root tip cells and the whitefish blastula cells. In the blastula, a cleavage furrow formed, pinching the cell in two as shown in **Photo 26**. In the root tip, the cells divided through the formation of a cell plate as shown in **Photo 20**.

What is DNA replication and when does it occur during the cell cycle? Which onion root tip and whitefish blastula cells observed in this exercise would be most likely performing DNA replication?

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Photo 14: Plant Cell - G2 of Interphase
(SAMPLE ANSWER BELOW)



Data Table 2: Microscopy Magnification
(SAMPLE ANSWER BELOW)

	Magnification
Plant Cell- G ₂ of Interphase	600X
Plant Cell- Prophase	600X
Plant Cell- Prometaphase	600X
Plant Cell- Metaphase	600X
Plant Cell- Anaphase	600X
Plant Cell- Telophase/Cytokinesis	600X
Animal Cell- G ₂ of Interphase	150X
Animal Cell- Prophase	150X
Animal Cell- Prometaphase	150X
Animal Cell- Metaphase	150X
Animal Cell- Anaphase	150X
Animal Cell- Telophase/Cytokinesis	150X

Photo 15: Plant Cell - Prophase
(SAMPLE ANSWER BELOW)

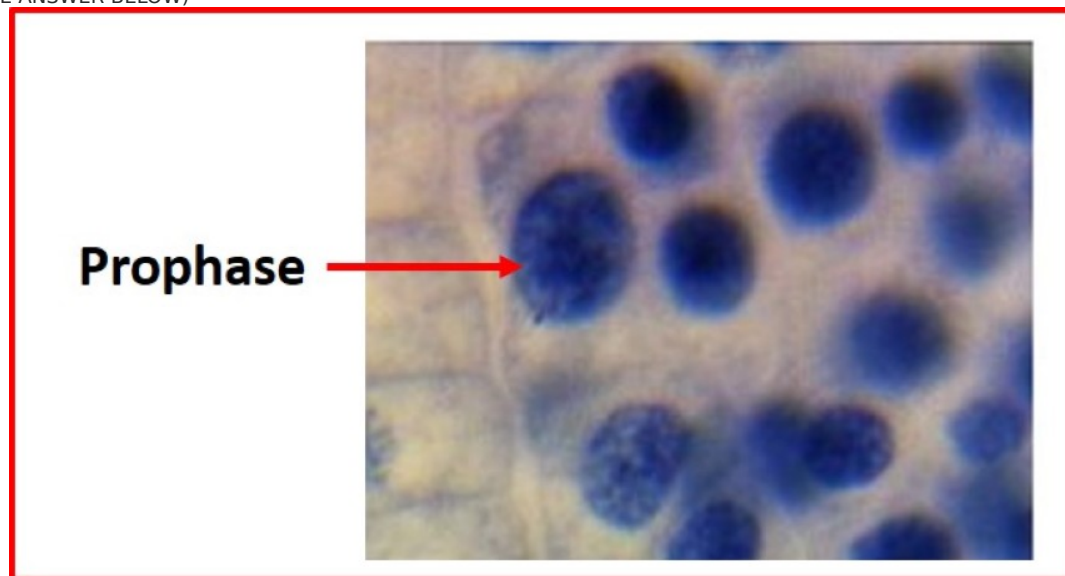


Photo 16: Plant Cell - Prometaphase
(SAMPLE ANSWER BELOW)

Prometaphase

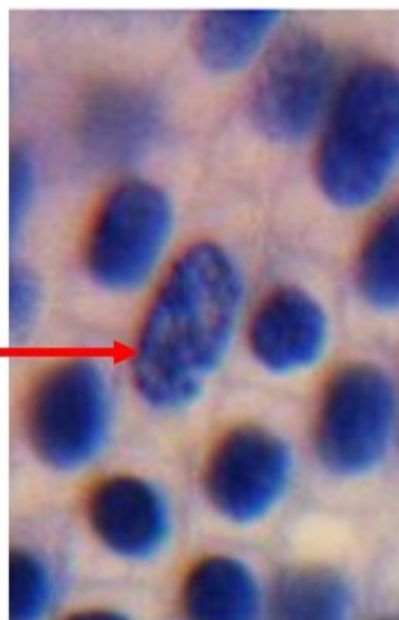


Photo 17: Plant Cell - Metaphase
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Metaphase

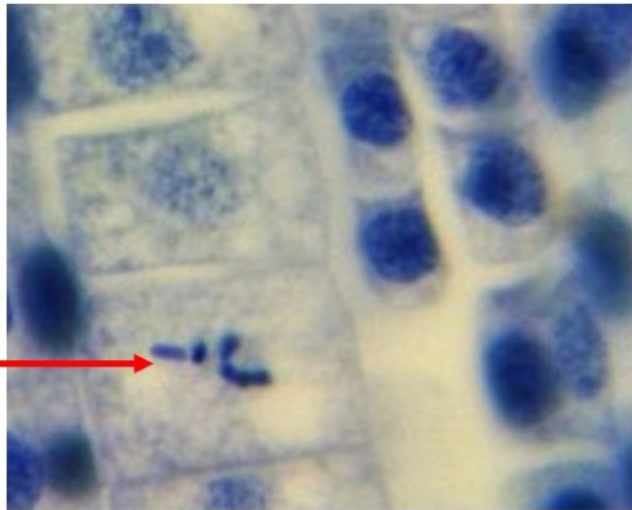


Photo 18: Plant Cell - Anaphase
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Anaphase →

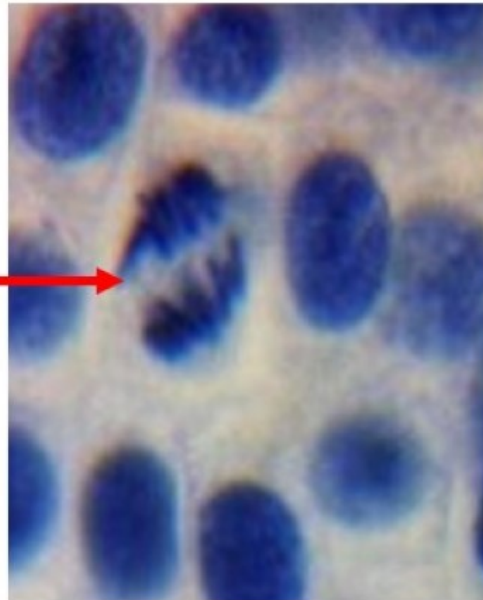


Photo 19: Plant Cell - Telophase/Cytokinesis
(SAMPLE ANSWER BELOW)

**Telophase/
Cytokinesis**

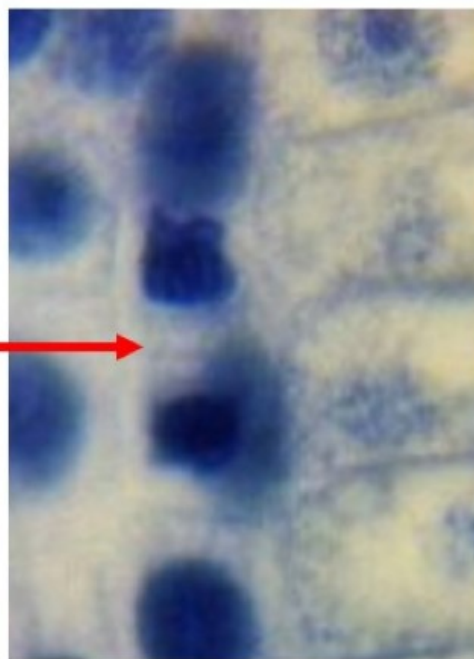


Photo 20: Animal Cell - G2 of Interphase
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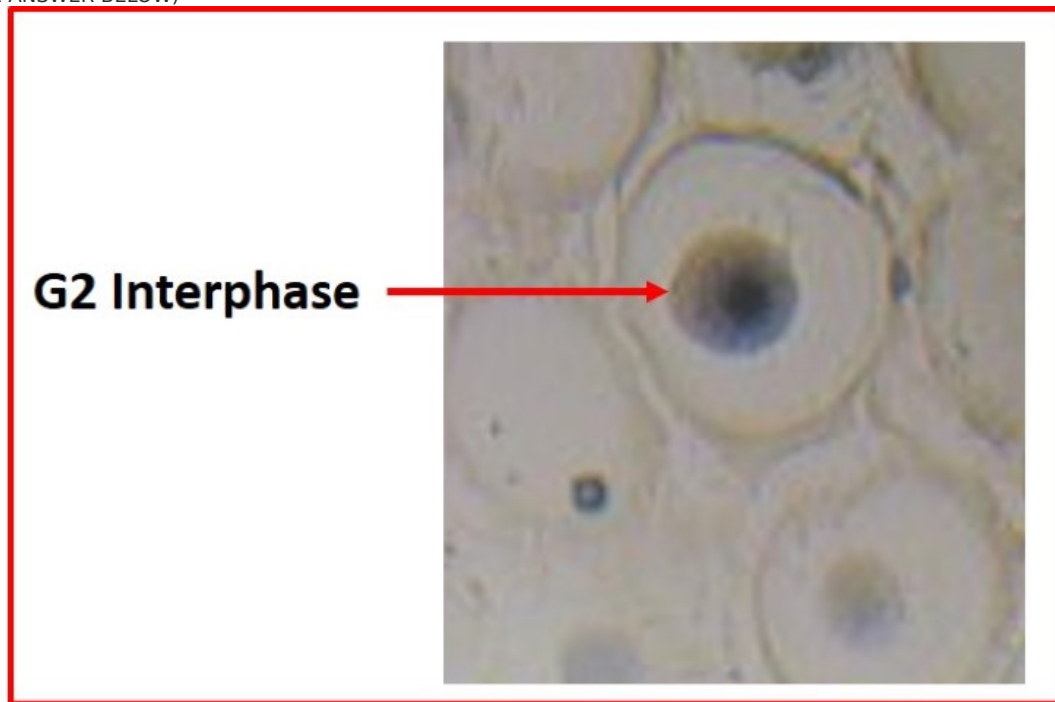


Photo 21: Animal Cell - Prophase
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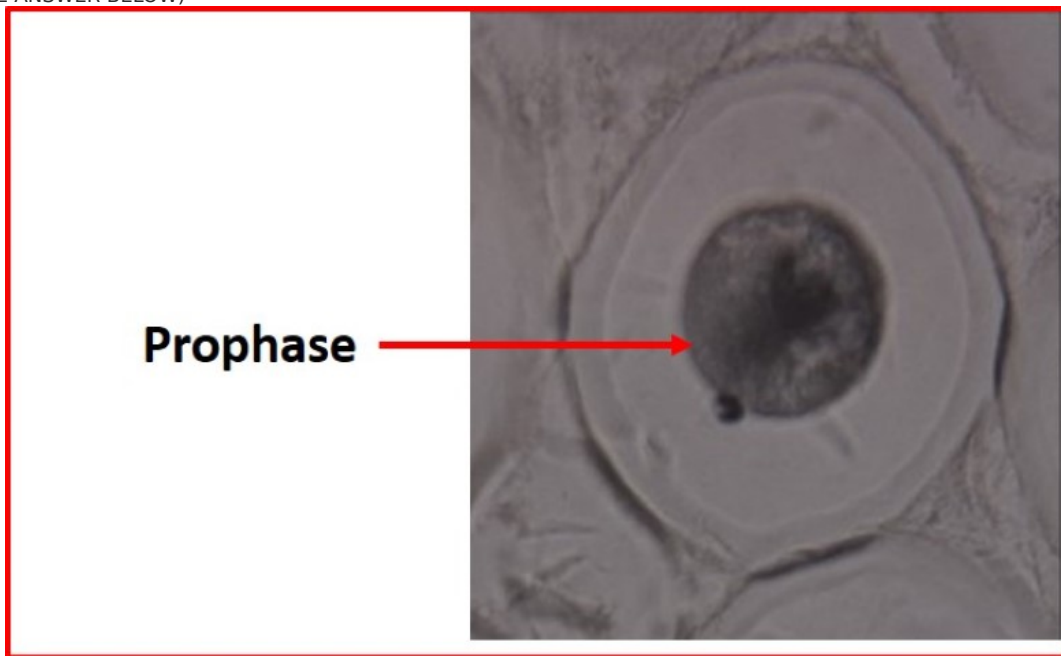


Photo 22: Animal Cell - Prometaphase
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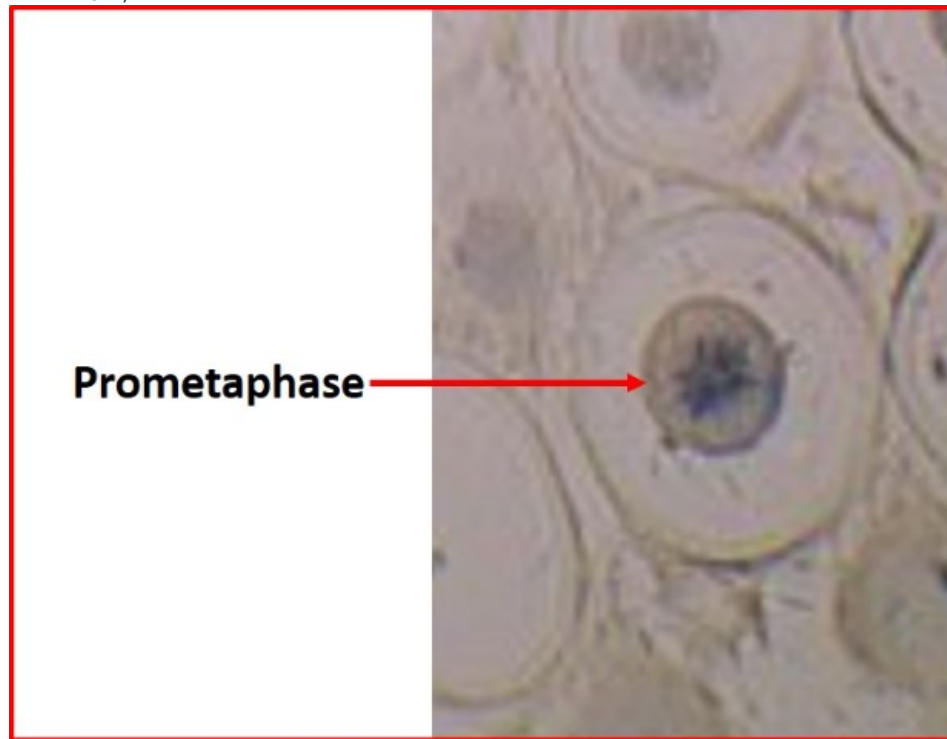


Photo 23: Animal Cell - Metaphase
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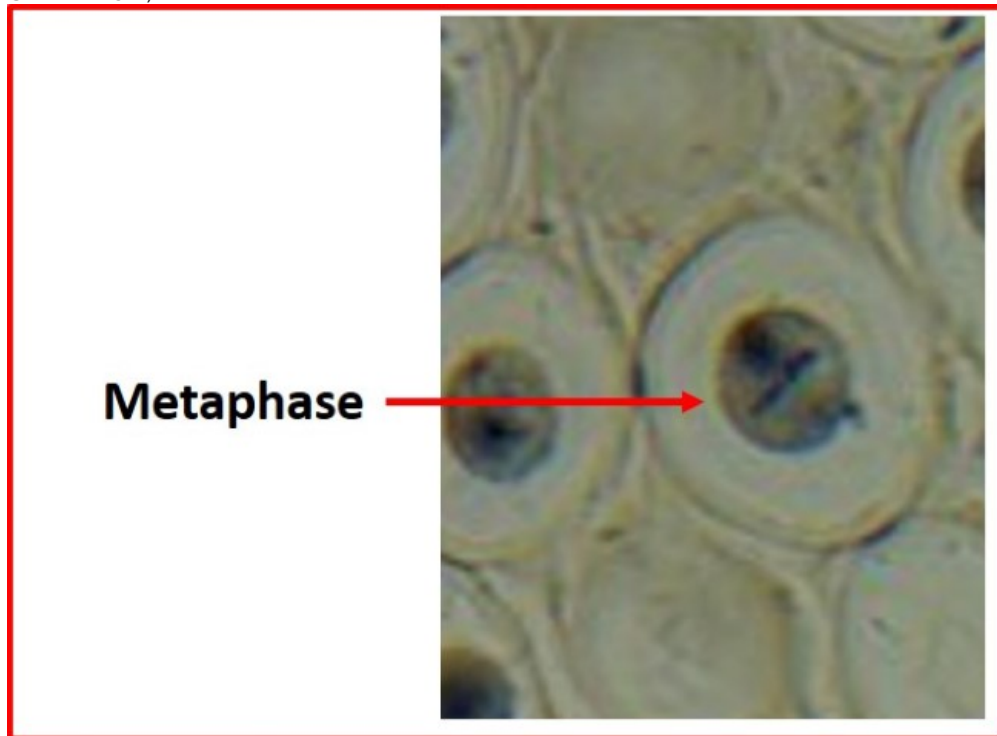


Photo 24: Animal Cell - Anaphase
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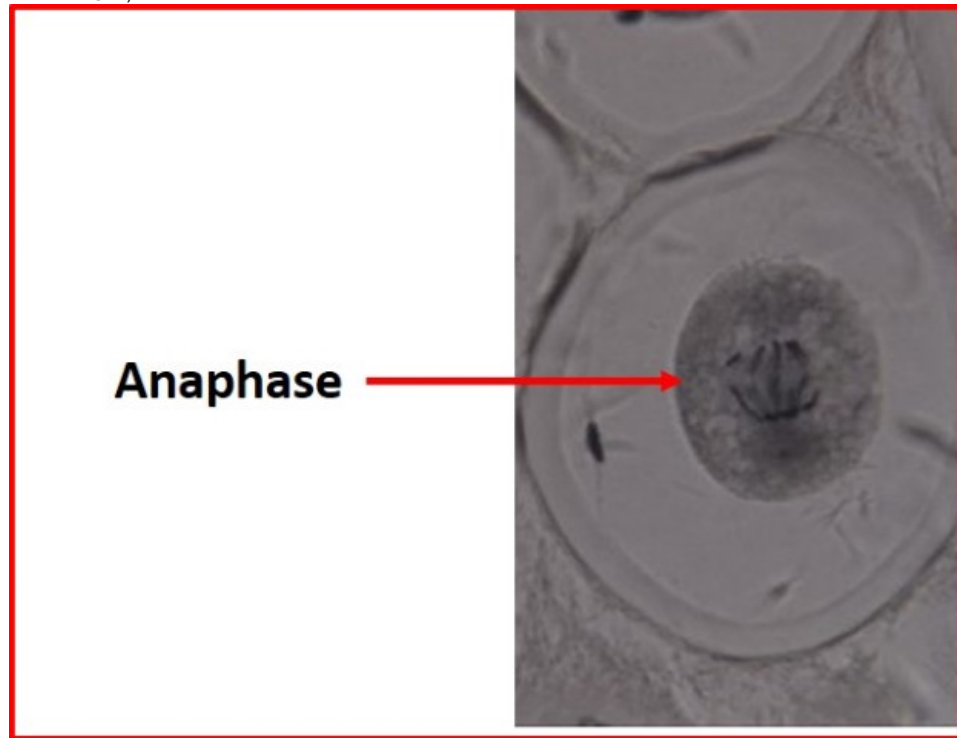
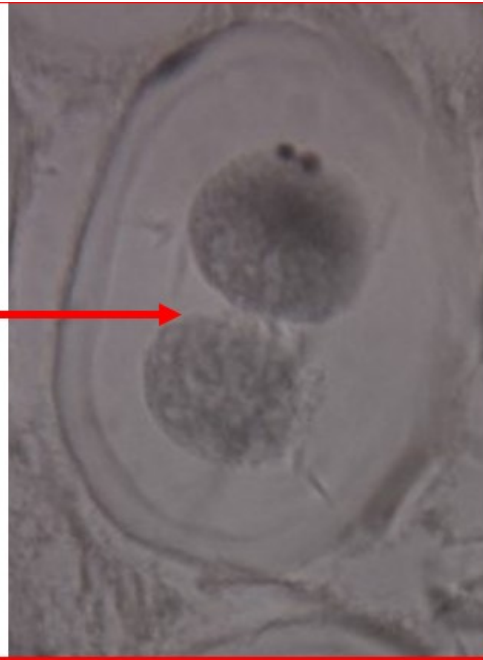


Photo 25: Animal Cell - Telophase/Cytokinesis
(SAMPLE ANSWER BELOW)

**Telophase/
Cytokinesis**



Competency Review

____ composes 90% of the cell cycle.

- ☐ Anaphase
- ☒ Interphase ✓
- ☐ Synapsis
- ☐ Telophase

DNA is replicated during the ____ phase of interphase.

- ☐ G0
- ☐ G1
- ☐ G2
- ☒ S ✓

The enzyme ____ prevents the DNA double helix ahead of the replication fork from getting too tightly wound.

- ☒ topoisomerase ✓
- ☐ DNA ligase
- ☐ primase
- ☐ DNA polymerase

During DNA replication, the lagging strand is made in small sections called Okazaki fragments.

- ☒ True ✓
- ☐ False

During mitosis, a parent cell divides to produce two identical daughter cells.

- ☒ True ✓
- ☐ False

During the ____ stage of mitosis, chromosomes condense and mitotic spindle fibers begin to form.

- ☐ anaphase
- ☐ metaphase
- ☒ prophase
- ☐ telophase

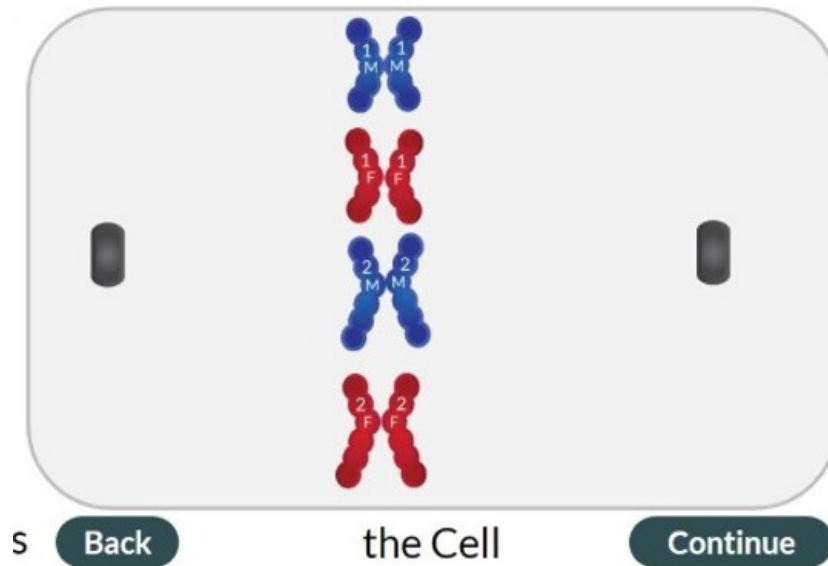
✓

Meiosis occurs in ____ cells.

- ☐ bone
- ☐ nerve
- ☒ reproductive
- ☐ blood

✓

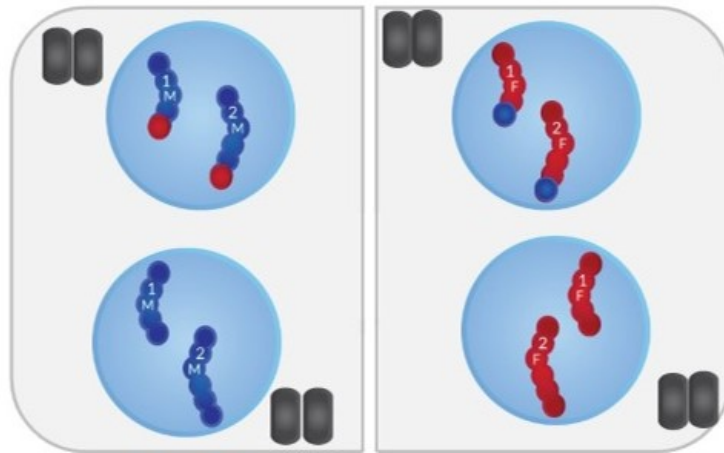
The digital interactive model below represents the ____ stage of mitosis.



- ☐ anaphase
- ☒ metaphase
- ☐ prophase
- ☐ telophase

✓

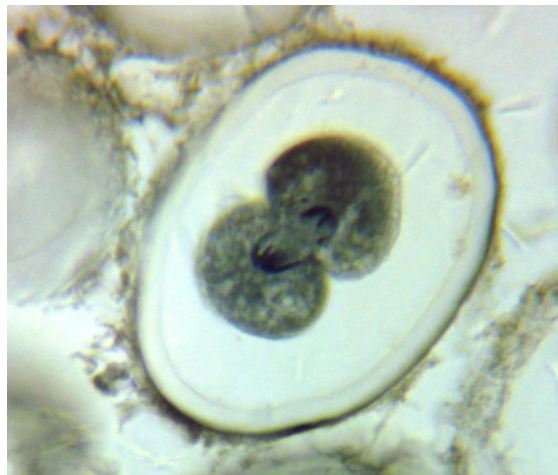
The digital interactive model below represents the final stages of meiosis.



- ☐ True
- ☐ False



The microscope image is of an animal cell undergoing the ____ stage of mitosis.



- ☐ anaphase
- ☐ metaphase
- ☐ prophase
- ☐ telophase



Most of the cells examined on a microscope slide of an onion root tip are actively dividing.

☐ True

☒ False



Extension Questions

Identical twins are formed from one fertilized egg, but fraternal twins form from two different fertilized eggs. Apply your knowledge of mitosis and meiosis to explain the genetic differences between identical and fraternal twins. (SAMPLE ANSWER BELOW)

Because identical twins are formed from one fertilized egg, they are created by mitosis. During mitosis, a parent cell (the fertilized egg) produces two genetically identical daughter cells. Each twin arises from one of these daughter cells. Therefore, identical twins are genetically identical. Fraternal twins arise from two separate fertilized eggs. Each egg includes unique genetic information due to chromosomes crossing over in meiosis I. Furthermore, the two sperm that fertilize the two eggs are also genetically distinct. Therefore, the fraternal twins are no more genetically similar as siblings born in separate births.