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Mother _____

Father _____

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3. Can you think of some other similar characteristics that you share with either of your parents? Do you like/dislike the same things? Do you laugh at the same things? Do you get annoyed by the same things? Describe these similarities below:

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Look closely at the family below. Do the children have any characteristics that are similar to their parents. Label some of the similar characteristics, then answer the questions below.



1. Choose the son or the daughter to write about. Describe some of the characteristics which they have inherited from each parent:

Mother _____

Father _____


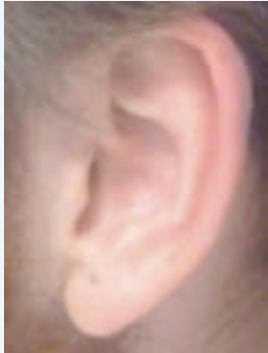
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3. Can you think of some characteristics **you** have that are **not inherited**? You have some characteristics that have developed over time because of the way you are raised by your family, the food that you eat and many other factors. **Describe some of your own characteristics** that you think are **not inherited**, suggesting what factors may be responsible.



Read the characteristics listed below. How, as a large group or a whole class, could you organise yourselves according to each of these characteristics? In groups? In a line? As a giant, human pictogram? Discuss and share your ideas.

I can roll my tongue.	I cannot roll my tongue.
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<p>My earlobe is attached to the side of my head.</p>  <p><small>"TattooedAttachedEarlobe". Via Wikipedia - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:TattooedAttachedEarlobe.png#mediaviewer/File:TattooedAttachedEarlobe.png</small></p>	<p>My earlobe is not attached to the side of my head.</p>  <p><small>"Earlobefreephoto". Via Wikipedia - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Earlobefreephoto.jpg#mediaviewer/File:Earlobefreephoto.jpg</small></p>
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Shoe size	Eye colour
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I like olives.	I do not like olives.
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I have a straight hairline.	I have a V-shaped hairline.
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Hair colour	Height
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My second toe is longer than my big toe.	My second toe is not longer than my big toe.
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Read these questions and discuss them with a partner. Write down your responses on scrap paper, mini-whiteboards or in books.

Which of these characteristics are inherited? Which are not necessarily only inherited? Why? Can you describe some of the different ways you were able to organise children according to their characteristics?

Did you notice any interesting trends in your group or class? Were there any characteristics shared by many people? Were there any characteristics that no one had?

Can you think of some more characteristics that are inherited? Think about ways in which you are similar to your parents.

Write a definition of 'inheritance' in your own words.