**Genetics Vocabulary**

**genes**-part of DNA that is passed on from parent to offspring and influences inherited traits

**community-**a group of living things that belong to one or more species and are located in one place

**characteristics/traits-**a special quality or appearance that makes you different from others

**inherited behavior/trait-**a trait that is passed to offspring from a parent genetically

**learned behavior/trait-**a trait that is gained by knowledge or experience. Often learned from what is around them

**offspring-**the young of a person, animal, or plant

**parent-**an animal or plant that produces offspring

**population-**a group of one or more organisms living in a particular area or habitat

**organism-**an individual living thing such as a plant, person, or animal

**dominant trait-**a dominant gene or characteristic that will show over other recessive traits

**recessive trait-**a trait that is masked by a dominant trait or not shown. Must get 2 recessive traits for it to show