

Inherited vs. Acquired Traits

Inherited Traits:

- Traits passed down from parents to offspring. This includes physical traits and *instinctual* behaviors.

Acquired Traits:

- Traits that have occurred from life experiences. This includes *learned behaviors and skills*.
- Cannot be passed from parent to offspring through heredity.

Examples:

| | Trait | Inherited | Acquired |
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| 1 | A kitten has blue eyes | | |
| 2 | A boy has a tattoo | | |
| 3 | A puppy has curly fur | | |
| 4 | A hawk has a hooked beak | | |
| 5 | A girl has a scar on her ankle | | |
| 6 | A person has hair on his fingers | | |
| 7 | A driver has no tickets | | |
| 8 | A shark is a carnivore | | |
| 9 | A person can swim | | |
| 10 | A dog can "shake" | | |
| 11 | An amputee is missing a leg | | |
| 12 | A rose bush has yellow roses | | |
| 13 | A fish can swim | | |
| 14 | A person is a vegetarian | | |
| 15 | A girl prefers hip-hop music | | |
| 16 | A baby bird can fly when it leaves the nest | | |

Short Answer.

Is skin color an inherited or acquired trait? Explain.
