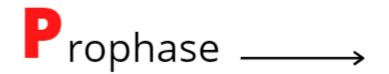


Mitosis vs. Meiosis

| | Mitosis | Meiosis |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| Purpose | To distribute genetic material equally; To grow and repair | To produce diversity; For reproduction |
| Type of Cell? | Somatic cells | Germ cells |
| How many Cell Divisions? | 1 | 2 |
| Crossing Over? | No | Yes |
| Final Cell Ploidy? | Diploid (2n) | Haploid (n) |
| Daughter Cells | Two identical diploid(2n) cells | Four nonidentical haploid(n) cells |



- *Duplicated chromosomes condense
- *Homologous chromosomes pair up
- * Crossing over and chiasmata occur (ONLY IN MEIOSIS)
- M etaphase —→
- *Nuclear membrane breaks down
- *Spindle microtubules are attached to each centromere on opposite poles
- *Paired chromosomes line up at the equator
- A naphase ——
- *Sister chromatids are pulled to opposite poles of the cell by spindle fibers
- *Chromosome Disjunction
- **T** elophase →
- *Cell pinches in the middle
- *Chromosomes decondense and new nuclear membranes form
- *Cytokinesis: Daughter cells separated by cytoplasmic membranes



