

What Determines the Sex of a Child?

Some diagrams provide information in a chart. Study the charts.

		Father	
		X	Y
Mother	X	XX	XY
	X	XX	XY

Ratio of offspring
 $XX: \frac{2 \text{ boxes}}{4 \text{ boxes}} = 50\%$
 $XY: \frac{2 \text{ boxes}}{4 \text{ boxes}} = 50\%$

Answer these questions about the diagram above.

1. What type of illustration is shown? _____
2. What do the letters represent? _____
3. Why are two letters written under both the mother and the father?

4. What does XX represent? _____
5. What does XY represent? _____
6. What are the possible outcomes of this cross? _____
7. According to the chart, what is the ratio of males to females in the offspring? _____