

Heredity or Not?

Heredity deals with the characteristics an organism inherits from its parents. For example, if you have blue eyes and your parents have blue eyes, this is a trait you have inherited. Some characteristics are not inherited but are learned traits. A person's manners are an example of a learned trait.

Part I

Directions: Read each example. If it is an inherited trait, write the letter *I*. If it is a learned trait, write the letter *L*.

- _____ 1. Big feet
- _____ 2. Being able to swim
- _____ 3. Naturally curly hair
- _____ 4. A good singing voice
- _____ 5. Being able to name all fifty states
- _____ 6. Being short or tall
- _____ 7. A positive attitude
- _____ 8. Freckles
- _____ 9. Getting good grades in school
- _____ 10. Being polite



Part II

Directions: On the back of this page, draw a picture of yourself. Then list at least four traits about you that are inherited traits rather than learned traits.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____