

**ACTIVITY 6: PREDICT THE PHENOTYPES & GENOTYPES OF SONIA'S CHILDREN**

**Directions:** Work individually or with a partner to complete the Punnett square and answer the questions in writing. Then, debrief as a class.

1. When Sonia grew up, she married a man who also has sickle cell trait (is heterozygous).

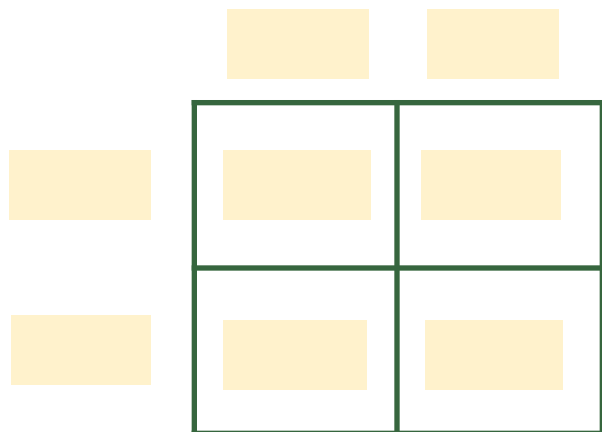
a. What is Sonia's genotype?

AA       AS       SS

b. What is Sonia's husband's genotype?

AA       AS       SS

2. Complete the Punnett square using Sonia and her husband's genotypes.



- **heterozygous:** having two different alleles for a certain gene
- **genotype:** the combination of alleles for a certain trait; for example AA or Aa
- **phenotype:** an expressed trait (shown characteristic)

**REMINDER:**

$\frac{1}{4} = 25\%$

$\frac{2}{4} = 50\%$

$\frac{3}{4} = 75\%$

$\frac{4}{4} = 100\%$

3. Determine (figure out) the probability (chance) of Sonia's child having each phenotype (shown trait).

→ Hint: Look at the phenotype and genotype table on page 3.

- a. Normal blood cells       %
- b. Sickle cell trait       %
- c. Sickle cell anemia       %

**REMINDER:**

- AA = normal blood cells
- AS = sickle cell trait
- AA = sickle cell anemia