6.5 TRAITS AND PROBABILITY

## Punnett Square

- Axes: represent possible gamete genotypes of each parent.
- Grid boxes: show all possible genotypes of offspring.

Ratios: predicted genotypic & phenotypic

- ratios can be determined from a
- Punnett Square

specific ratios based on the example of

Punnett Square used.



cross between an organism with the recessive phenotype (homozygous recessive **Testcross**:

genotype) and an organism with the dominant phenotype but an unknown phenotype; looking at the

resulting offspring allows one to figure out the genotype of dominant organism.



**Probability:** the likelihood that a particular event will happen; predicts the average number of occurrences; the distribution of genes in gametes and the fertilization of a particular egg.