

# inbreeding *(in-breed-ing)*

## Definition

n. the breeding of closely related individuals, especially to preserve desirable traits in a stock.

## Example Sentence

**Inbreeding** can lead to a decrease in genetic diversity within a population.

## More Example Sentences

Farmers sometimes use **inbreeding** to maintain specific traits in livestock.

## Synonyms

interbreeding; linebreeding; consanguinity

## Antonyms

outbreeding; crossbreeding; hybridization

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