

- 2 In 1886, Sir Francis Galton claimed that the height of a child could be predicted by working out the mean height of its parents.

Scientists have since discovered that the inheritance of height is an example of polygenic inheritance.

- (a) Explain what is meant by the term **polygenic inheritance**.

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- (b) Some scientists have suggested that diet may affect the growth of a child.

Explain how the height of an adult human demonstrates how environmental factors interact with genotype.

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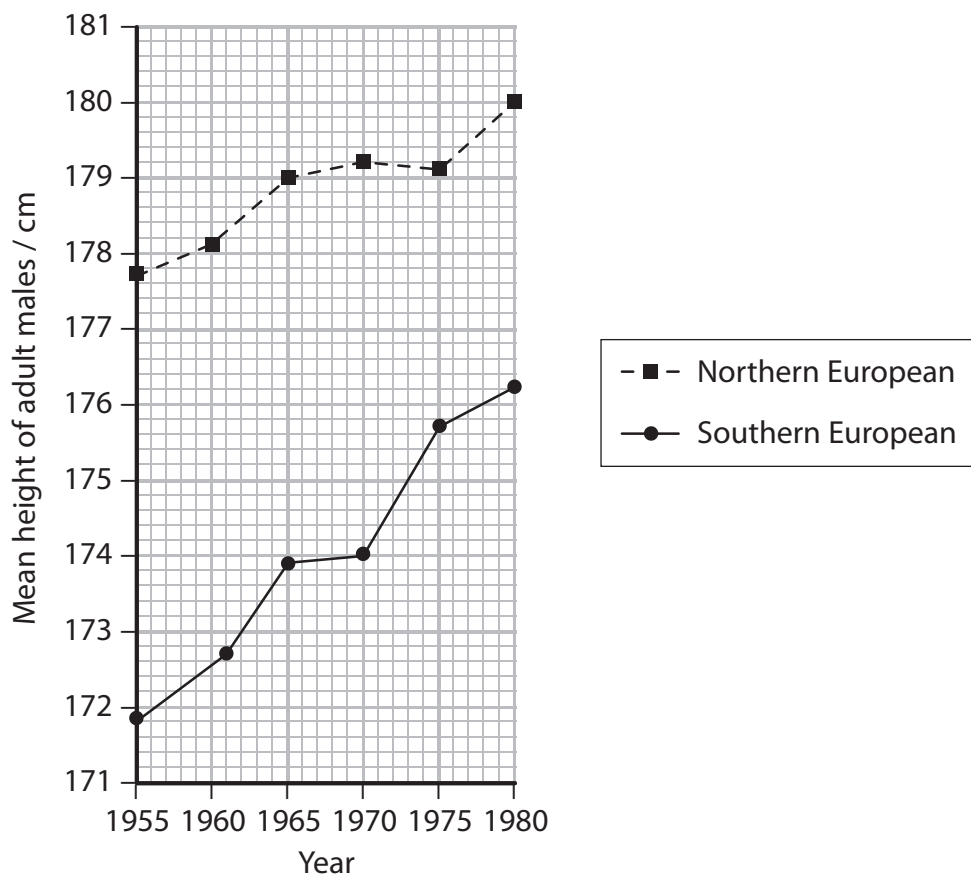
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- (c) The graph below shows the mean height of populations of adult males in Northern and Southern Europe from 1955 to 1980.



- (i) Using the information in the graph, describe the changes in mean height for adult European males from 1955 to 1980.

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(ii) Suggest an explanation for the changes in mean height of these two groups of adult males.

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