

Complete the gaps with the appropriate words:

Mimic, Fitness score, Offsprings, Roulette Wheel, Selection, Mutation rate, Selection, Crossover, Mutation, Mutation, Chromosomes, Search space

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2. Value assigned to each solution representing the abilities of an individual to 'compete':  
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3. A population of individuals is maintained within a \_\_\_\_\_, each representing a possible solution to a given problem.
4. At the beginning of a run of a genetic algorithm a large population of random \_\_\_\_\_ is created.
5. At each step, the genetic algorithm selects individuals from the current population to be parents and uses them to produce the \_\_\_\_\_ for the next generation.
6. \_\_\_\_\_: apply random changes to individual parents to form children.
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8. \_\_\_\_\_: It does not guarantee that the fittest member goes through to the next generation, merely that it has a very good chance of doing so.
9. \_\_\_\_\_: This is the chance that a bit within a chromosome will be flipped (0 becomes 1, 1 becomes 0).
10. \_\_\_\_\_: choose the individuals, called *parents*, that contribute to the population at the next generation.
11. \_\_\_\_\_: combine two parents to form children for the next generation.
12. \_\_\_\_\_: Its purpose is to maintain diversity within the population and inhibit premature convergence.

## ANSWERS

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*Mutation*
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*Roulette wheel selection*
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