**Review 12.2: Sexual Orientation**

Max's parents are finding it difficult to accept that he is gay.

Max explains that he **1** (did/did not) choose his sexual orientation and that he **2** (can/cannot) change.

His parents want to understand why Max feels as he does, so Max begins by discounting all the myths he's sure they've heard. Max tells them that he does not fear the other sex, he was not smothered by **3** love or neglected by his **4**, he was not **5** as a child, and that he was not segregated by gender during **6**, and he does not fear or hate **7**.

Max notes that the most recent research evidence indicates a **8** basis for one's sexual orientation.

For example, researchers have found that a cell cluster in the **9** and a section of the **10** are larger in homosexual men, and that **11** (which months?) after conception, exposure to **12** levels typically experienced by a **13** fetus may predispose homosexuality in males.

Max continues to explain that there is also evidence of a **14** link: (1) homosexuality tends to run in families, especially on the **15** (mother's/father's) side; (2) twin studies show that **16** twins are more likely than **17** twins to share a sexual orientation, and (3) research with fruit flies has shown that **18** can determine sexual orientation.

Answers may be found in the Appendix at the end of this booklet.