Chapter 3 Vocab (Part 2)

# preterm infants

Those born several weeks or more before their due date

# small-for-date infants

Below their expected weight considering length of pregnancy

# behavioral genetics

A field devoted to uncovering the contributions of nature and nurture to their diversity in human traits and abilities

# heritability estimates

Measure the extent to which individual differences in complex traits in a specific population are due to genetic factors

# kinship studies

Compare the characteristics of family members

# gene-environment interaction

Because of their genetic makeup, individuals differ in their responsiveness to qualities of the environment

# canalization

The tendency of heredity to restrict the development of some characteristics to just on or a few outcomes

# gene-environment correlation

Our genes influence the environments to which we are exposed

# niche-picking

The tendency to actively choose environments that complement our heredity

# epigenesis

Development resulting from ongoing, bidirectional exchanges between heredity and all levels of the environment