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# 1 | Types of Mutations

## 1.1 | By Place

**Germline mutations** mutate the egg/cell's causes no/local problems but pass the mutated gene down to the children fully through cells.

**Somatic mutations** mutated somatic cell causes local mutations that does not influence much (cancer, but)

### 1.1.1 | By Method

#### Point mutations

Change one codon on the gene and potentially cause something.

- Silent mutation: has no effect on protein
- Missense: result in amino acid substitution
- Nonsense: substitutes a stop codon for an amino acid

#### Indel/Frameshift mutation

Shift by adding/subtracting codons and shift the gene. Everything downstream to the point of mutation will be completely incorrect.

## 1.2 | Mutations in other places

**Promoter/Enhancer mutation:** control the level of expression for genes, which could relate to cancer (over-activation) or a protein deficiency (lack of activation)

**Splice donor and acceptor site mutation:** including extra intron or cutting out required exon

**Ribosome binding sites:** prevents the ribosome from binding

## 1.3 | Large scale DNA changes

Taking whole chunks of DNA or swapping them; usually caused by your DNA wholly breaking (Radioactivity? Incorrectly functioning enzymes?) and then your repair machinery stitching it up wrongly.

