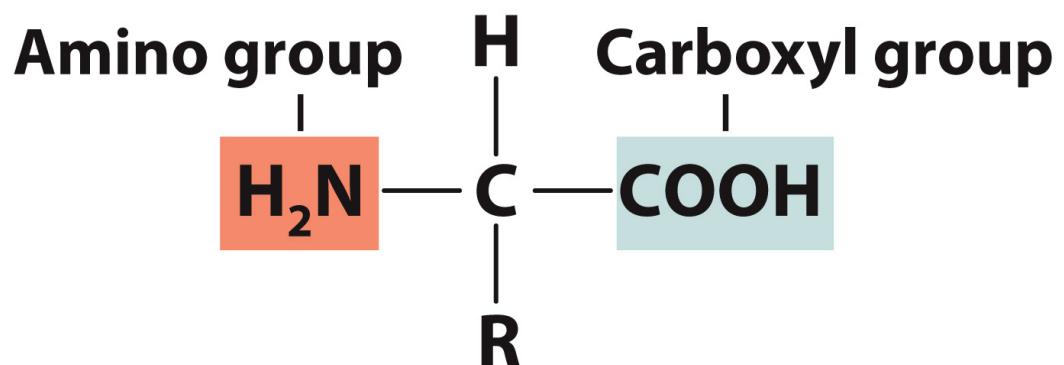


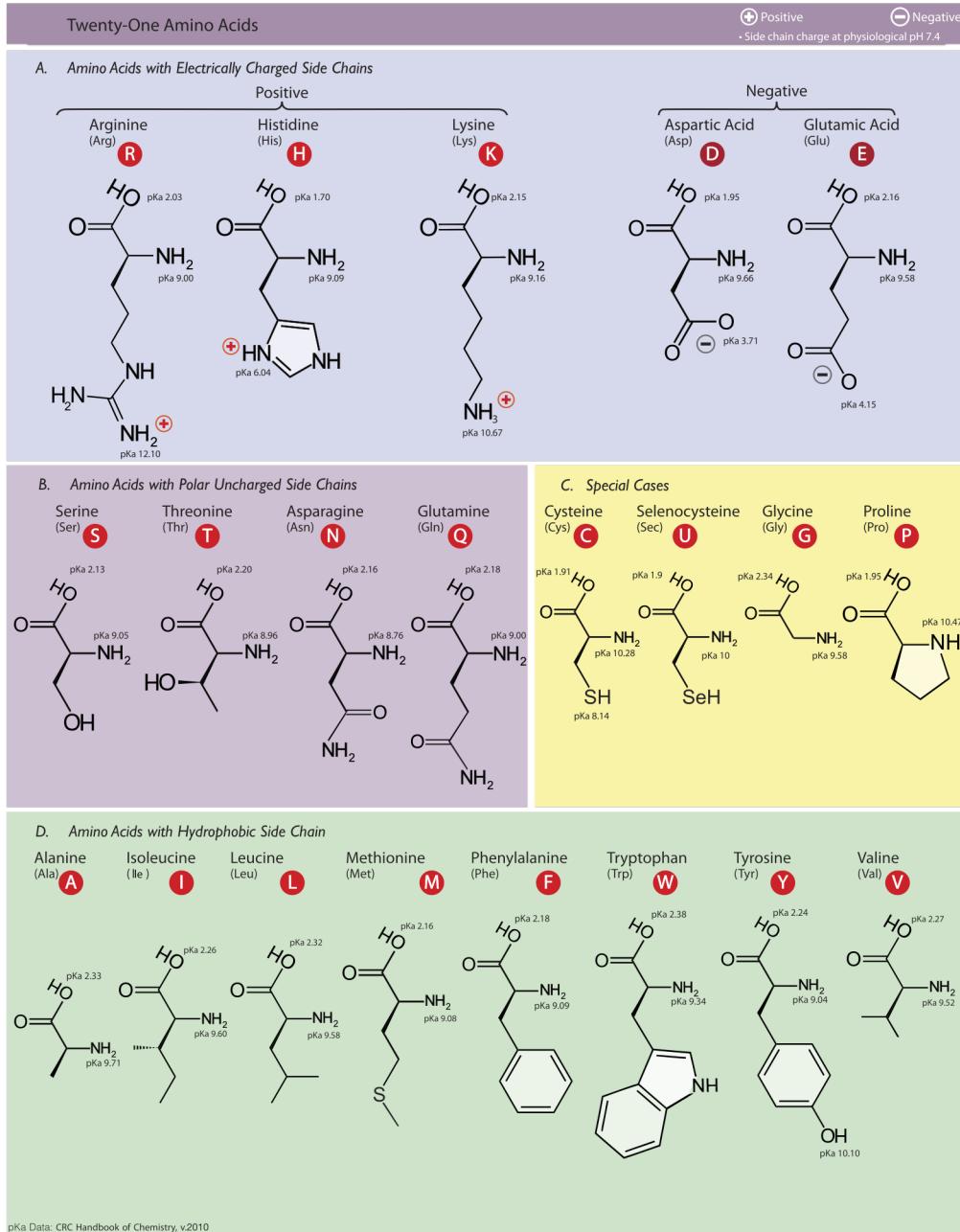
RNA: If you can't help make proteins,
get out of the kitchen.

Amino acid building blocks



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Amino acid general structure: R groups



The peptide bond and primary protein structure

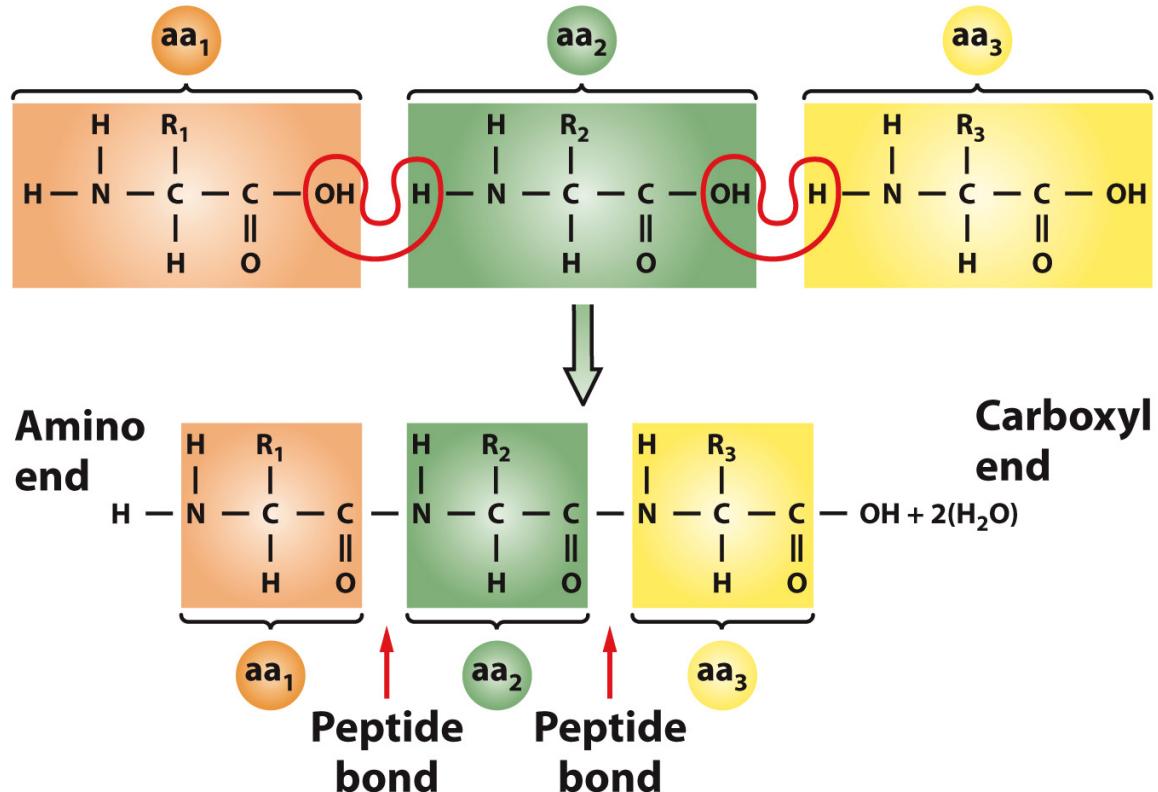
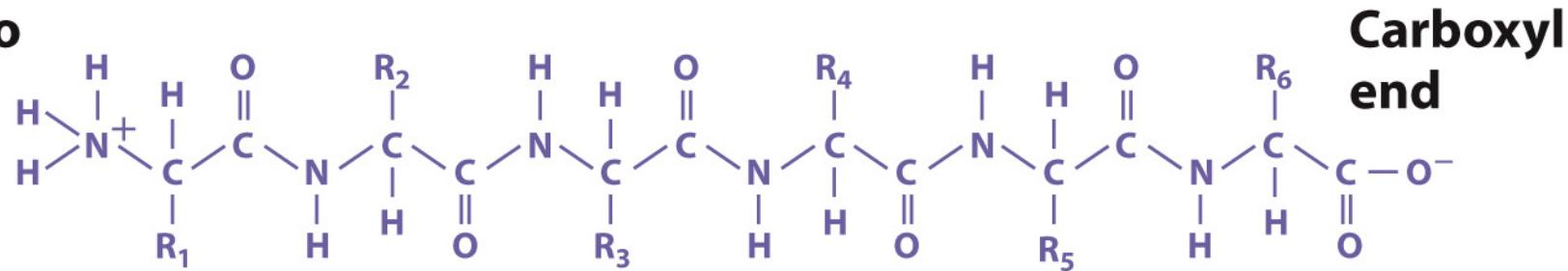


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Primary structure

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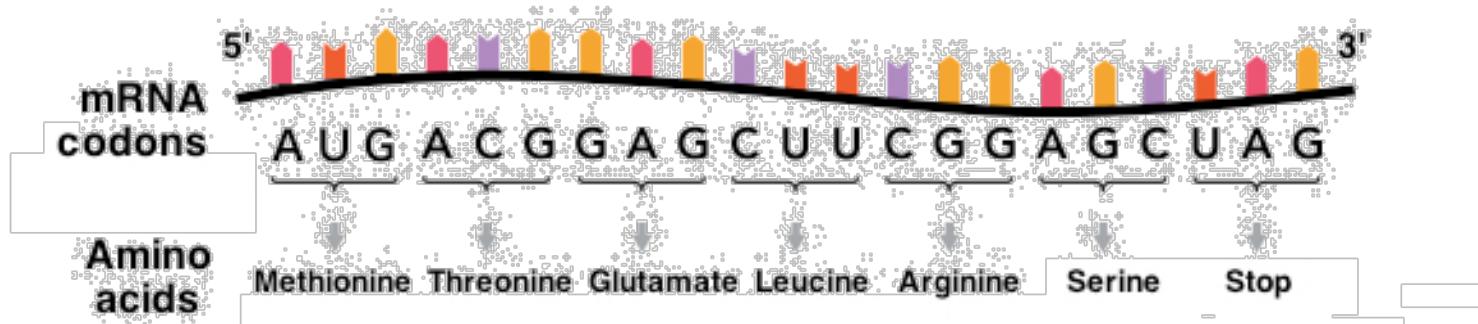


Carboxyl
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Levels of protein structure – determined by R groups!

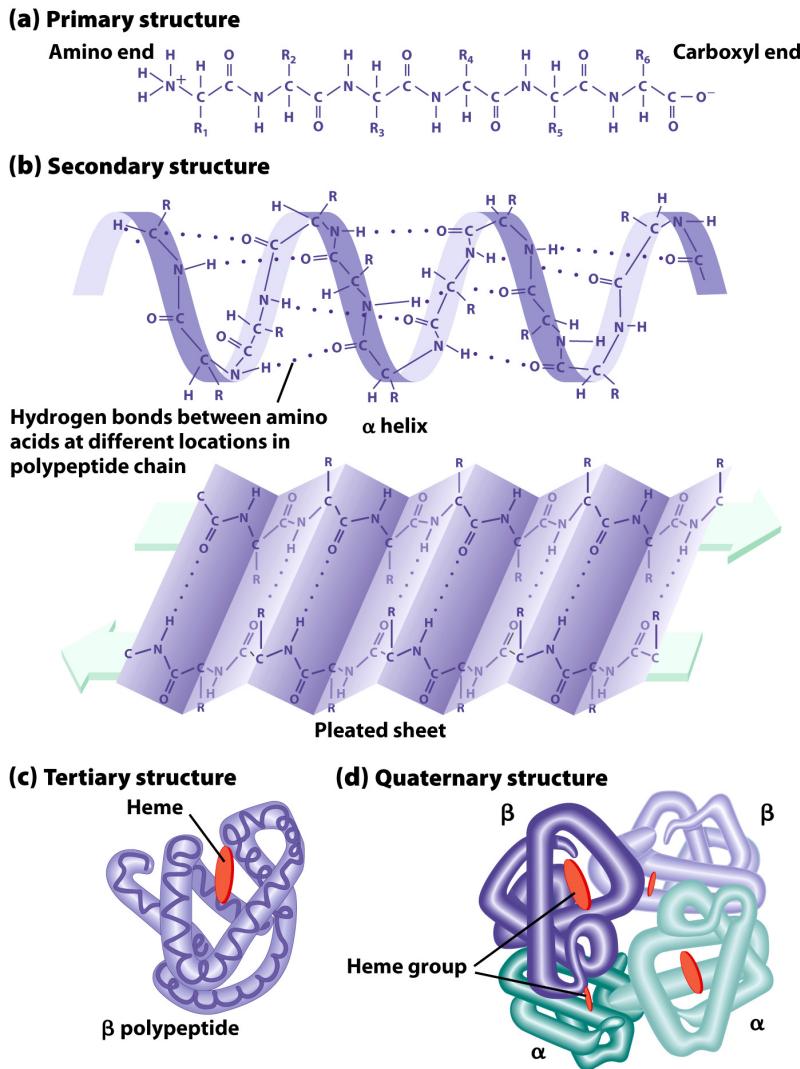


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Overlapping versus non-overlapping genetic codes: We do not overlap!

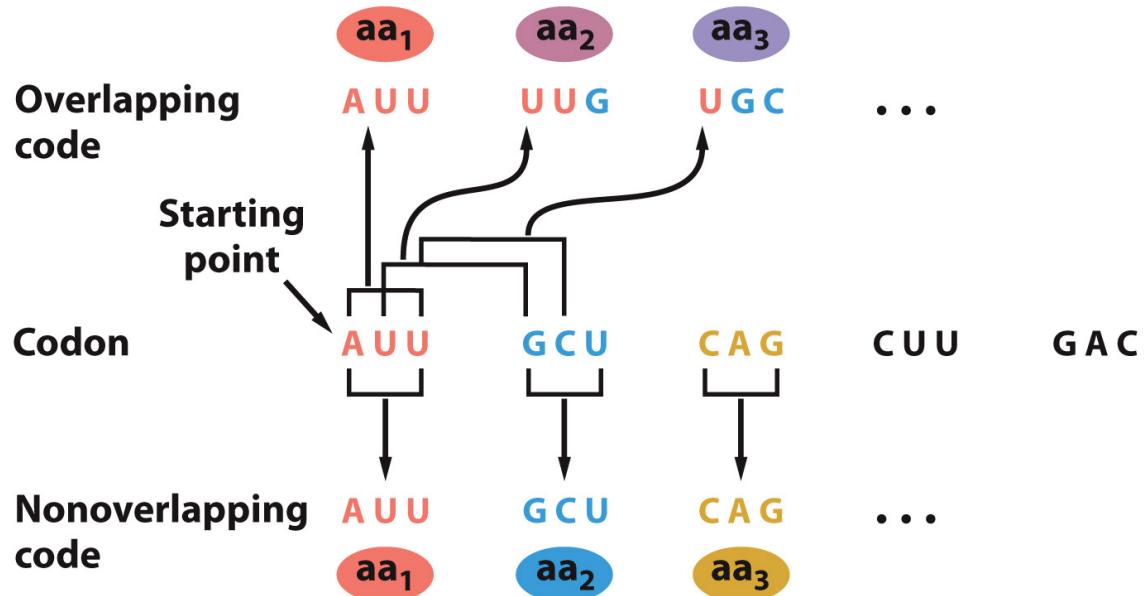


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The genetic code

| | | Second letter | | | | | | |
|--------------|--|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | | U | C | A | G | | | |
| First letter | | U | UCU UCC UCA UCG | UAU UAC UAA UAG | Tyr Stop Stop | UGU UGC UGA UGG | Cys Stop Trp | U C A G |
| C | | CUU CUC CUA CUG | CCU CCC CCA CCG | CAU CAC CAA CAG | His Gln | CGU CGC CGA CGG | Arg | U C A G |
| A | | AUU AUC AUA AUG Met | ACU ACC ACA ACG | AAU AAC AAA AAG | Asn Lys | AGU AGC AGA AGG | Ser Arg | U C A G |
| G | | GUU GUC GUA GUG | GCU GCC GCA GCG | GAU GAC GAA GAG | Asp Glu | GGU GGC GGA GGG | Gly | U C A G |

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The structure of transfer RNA (tRNA)

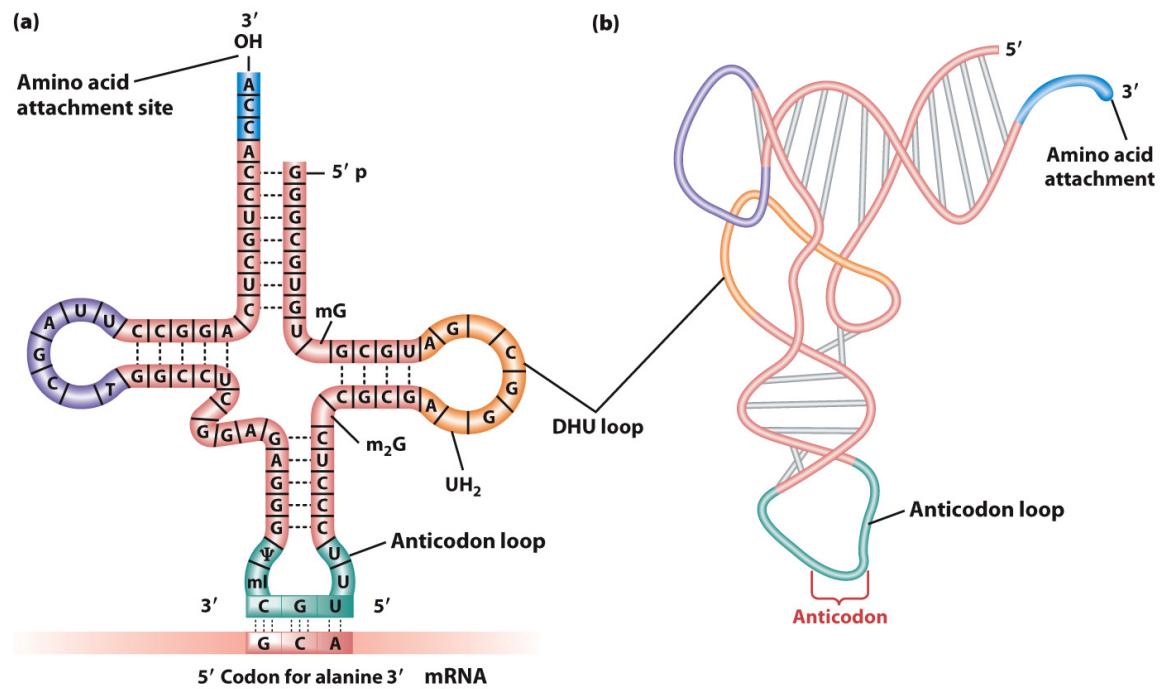
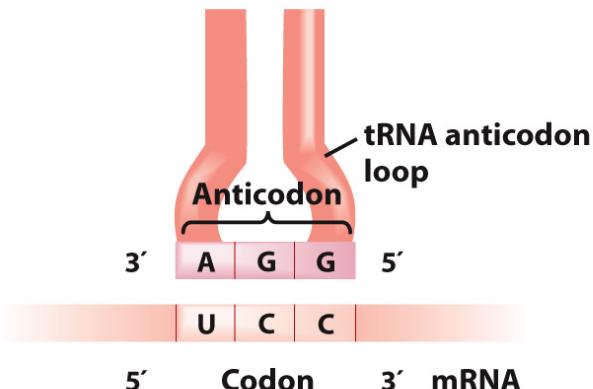


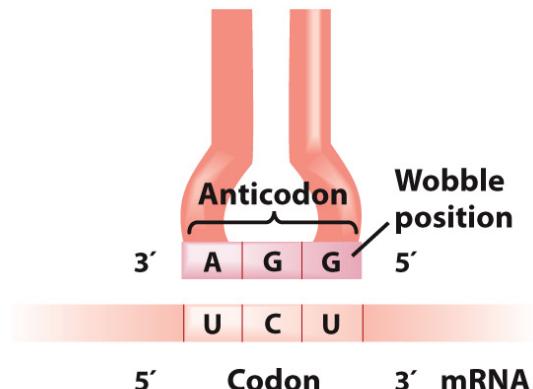
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Wobble allows tRNA to recognize two codons

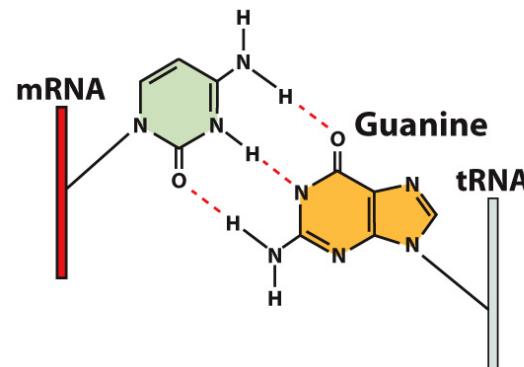
Normal complementary pairing



Alternative pairing



Cytosine



Uracil

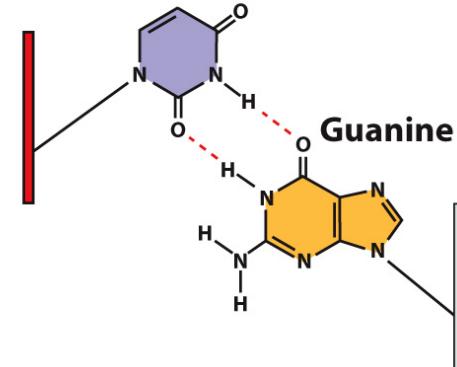


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Codon–Anticodon Pairings Allowed by the Wobble Rules

TABLE 9-1

Codon–Anticodon Pairings Allowed by the Wobble Rules

| 5' end of anticodon | 3' end of codon |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| G | C or U |
| C | G only |
| A | U only |
| U | A or G |
| I | U, C, or A |

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Two subunits of a ribosome are comprised of rRNA (1-3 types) and many proteins (up to 50!)

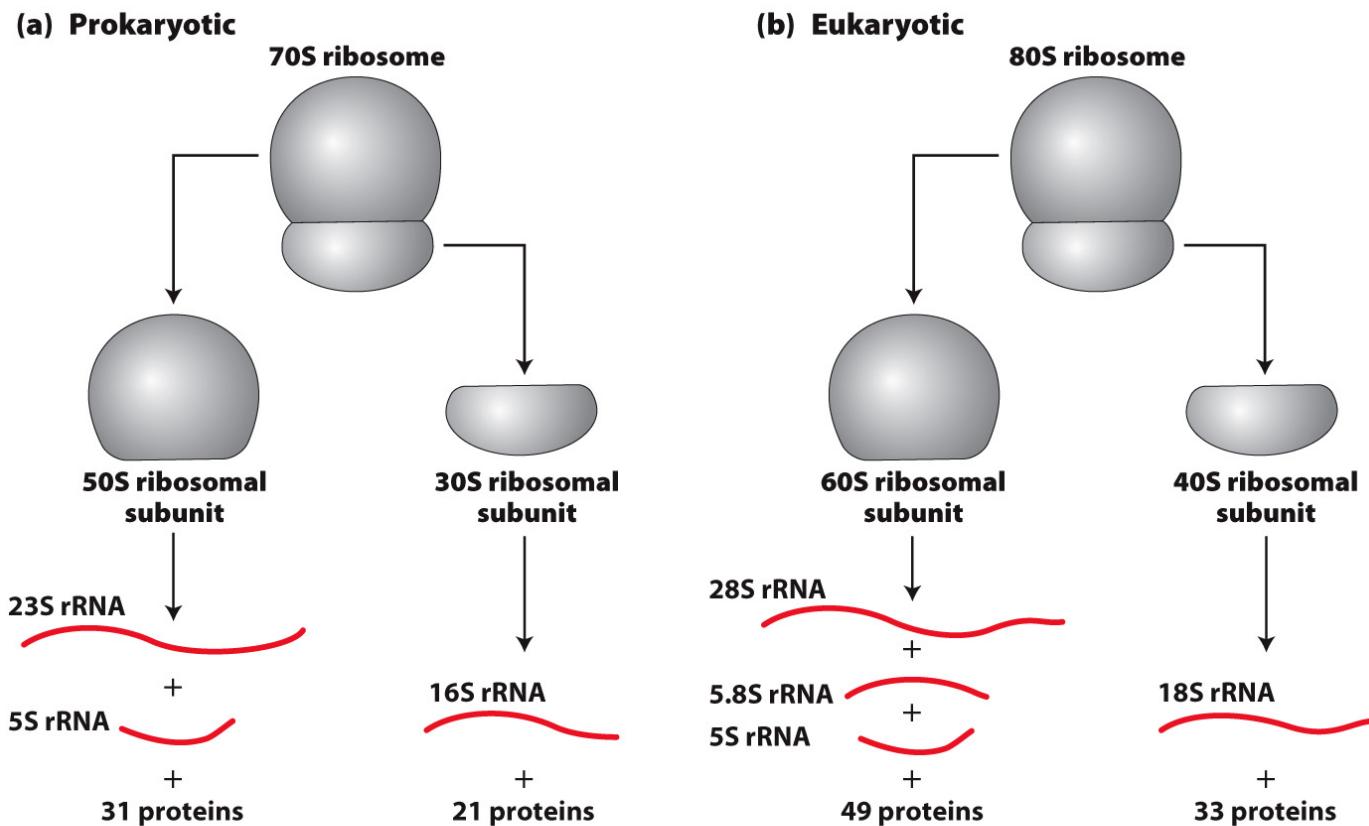


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Shine–Dalgarno sequence

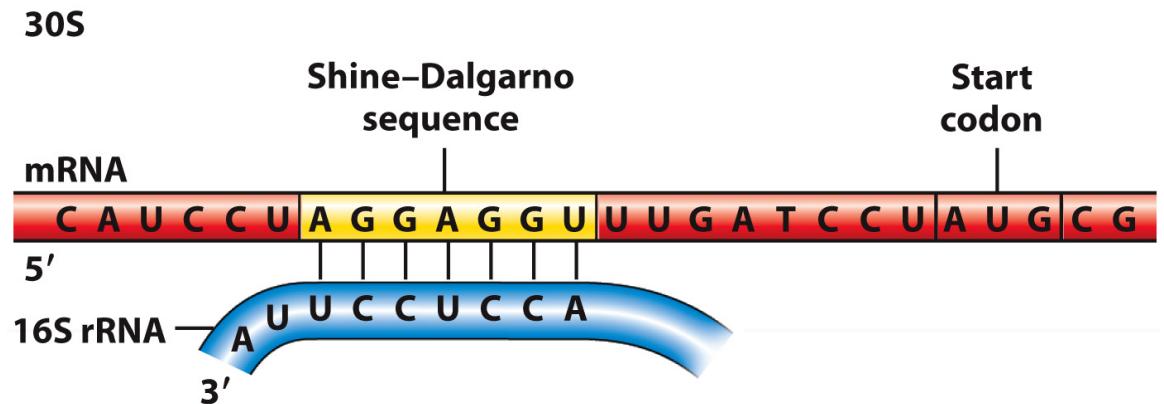


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Translation initiation in prokaryotes

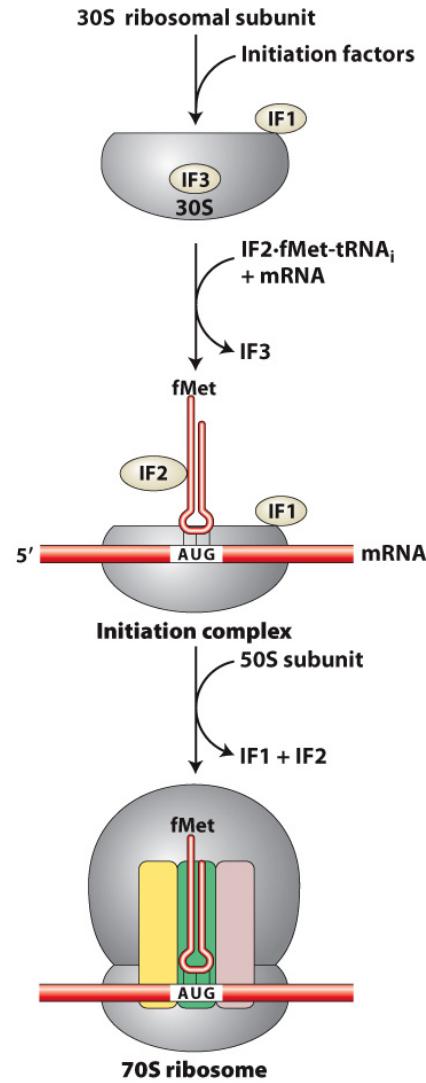


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Translation initiation in eukaryotes

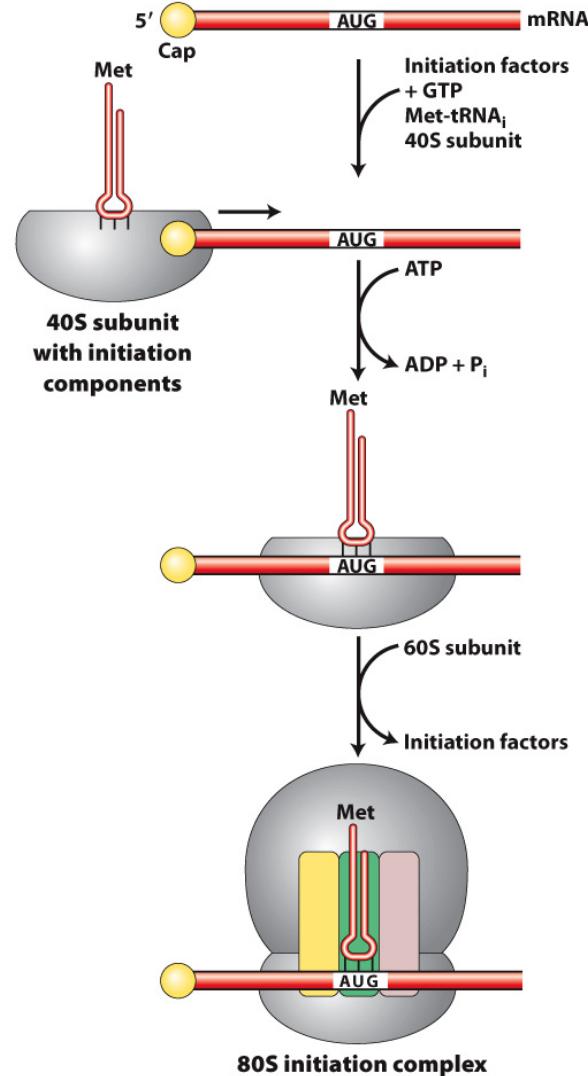
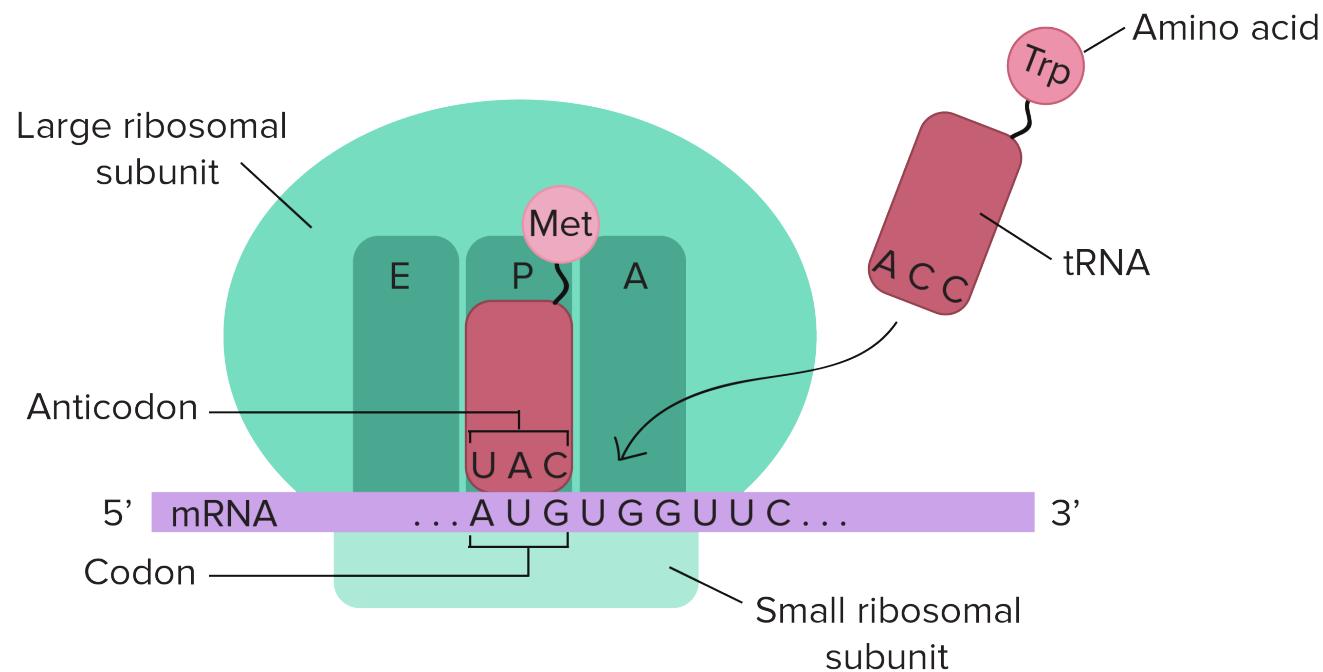


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Schematic model

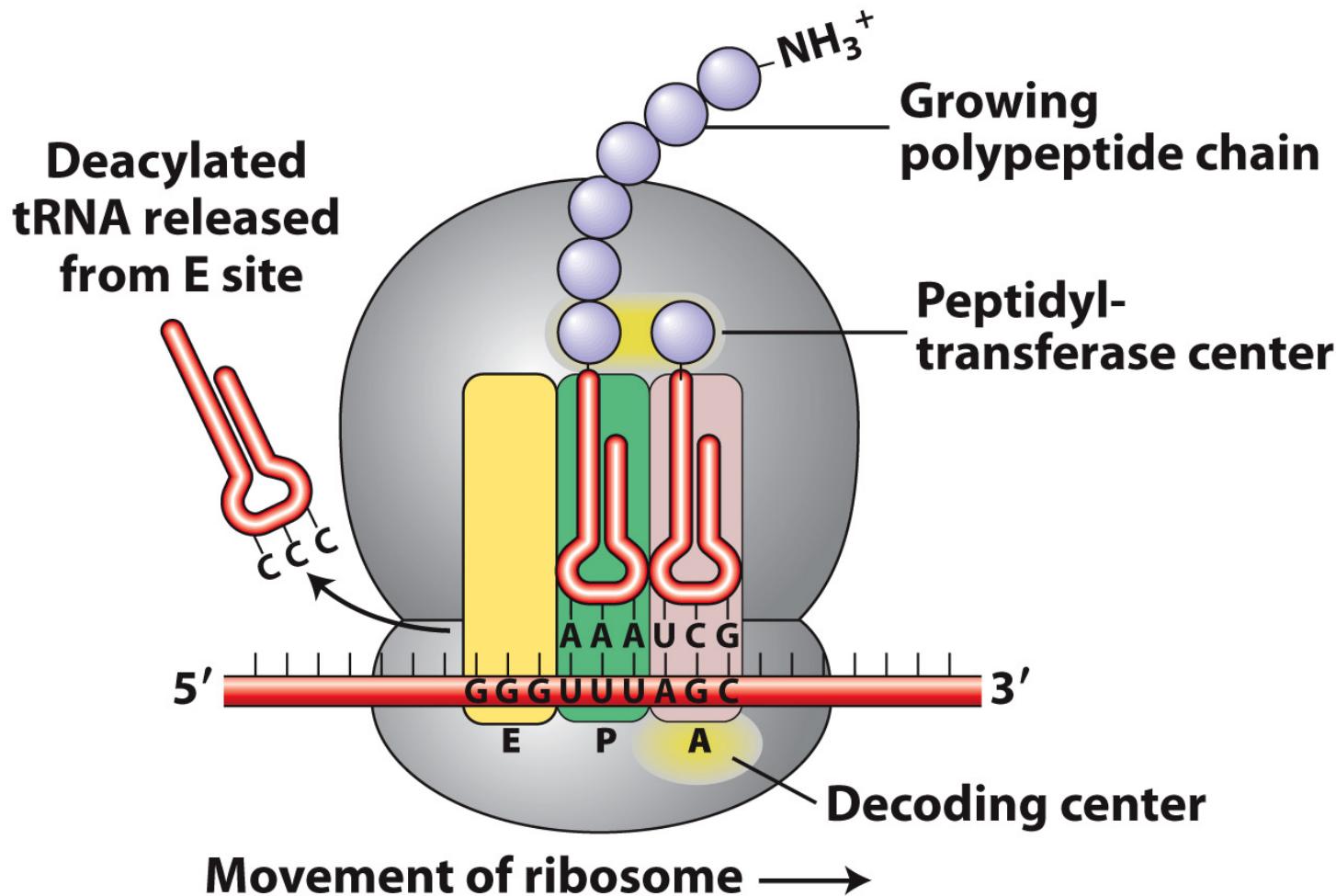


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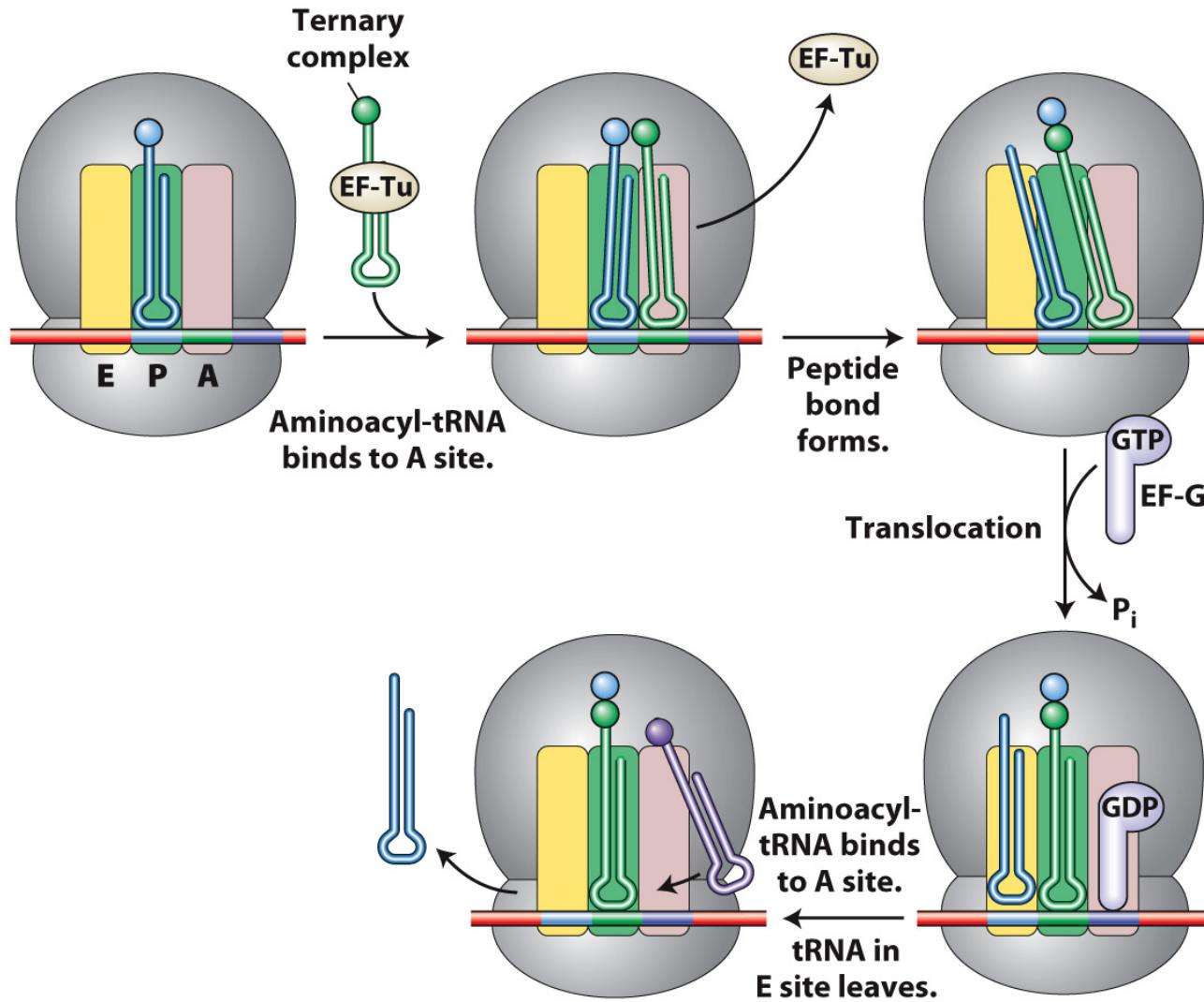


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Termination of translation

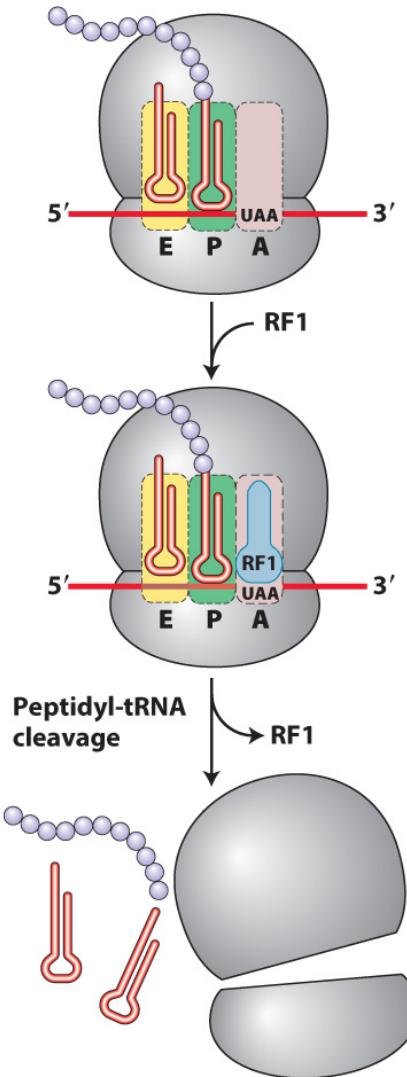
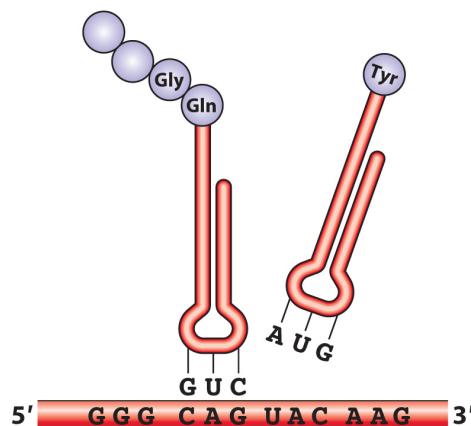


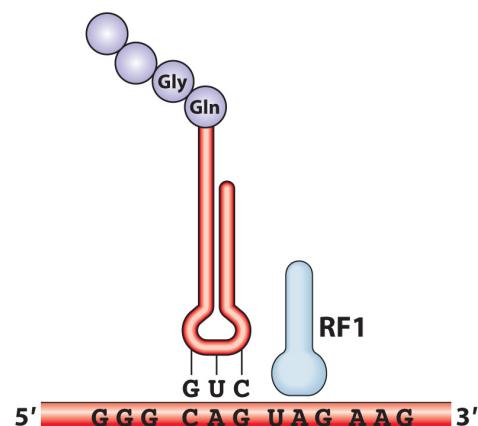
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A suppressor counteracts the effects of a nonsense mutation

(a) Wild type: no mutations. The tyrosine tRNA binds to the codon UAC.



(b) Amber mutation introduces UAG stop codon. Translation stops.



(c) A further mutation changes the tyrosine tRNA codon to AUC. Tyrosine tRNA reads the UAG codon. Translation continues.

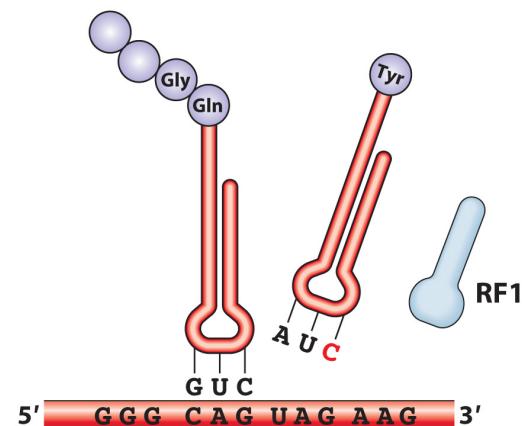


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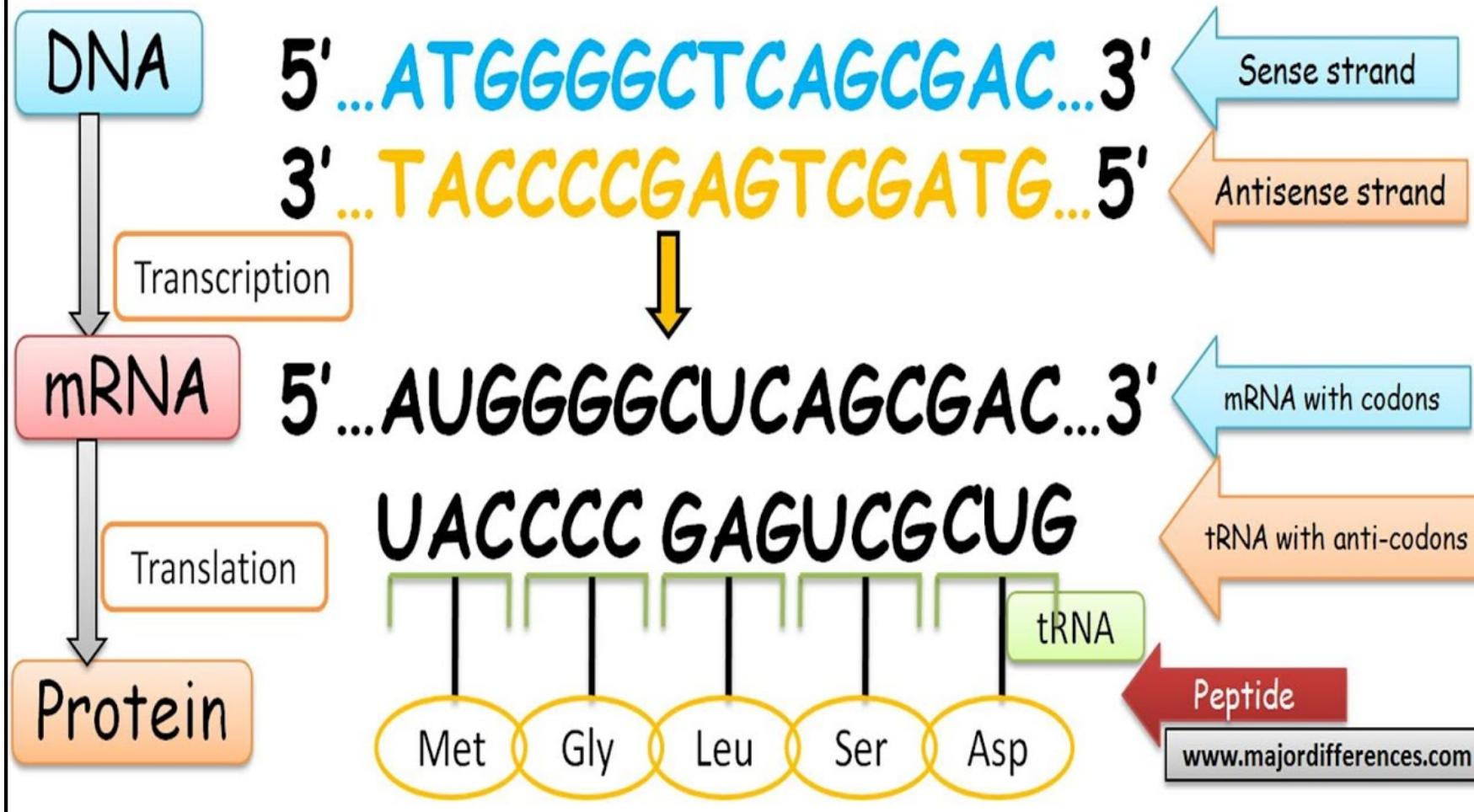


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Fill in the table below with the appropriate nucleotides and amino acids. Label the polarity and/or the amino and carboxyl ends of each molecule type.

12. Use the codon dictionary in Figure 9-5 to complete the following table. Assume that reading is from left to right and that the columns represent transcriptional and translational alignments.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| C | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | DNA double helix |
| | | | | T | G | A | | | | | | | | | |
| | C | A | | U | | | | | | | | | | | mRNA transcribed |
| | | | | | | | G | C | A | | | | | | Appropriate tRNA anticodon |
| | | | Trp | | | | | | | | | | | | Amino acids incorporated into protein |

Label the 5' and 3' ends of DNA and RNA, as well as the amino and carboxyl ends of the protein.

| | | | | Second letter | | | | | | | |
|--------------|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|--|--|---|---|---|---|
| | | U | C | A | G | | | U | C | A | G |
| First letter | U | UUU } Phe UUC UUA UUG } | UCU } Ser UCC UCA UCG } | UAU } Tyr UAC UAA Stop UAG Stop } | UGU } Cys UGC UGA Stop UGG Trp } | | | U | C | A | G |
| | C | CUU } Leu CUC CUA CUG } | CCU } Pro CCC CCA CCG } | CAU } His CAC CAA Gln CAG } | CGU } Arg CGC CGA CGG } | | | U | C | A | G |
| | A | AUU } Ile AUC AUU Met | ACU } Thr ACC ACA ACG } | AAU } Asn AAC AAA Lys AAG } | AGU } Ser AGC AGA Arg AGG } | | | U | C | A | G |
| | G | GUU } Val GUC GUA GUG } | GCU } Ala GCC GCA GCG } | GAU } Asp GAC GAA Glu GAG } | GGU } Gly GGC GGA GGG } | | | U | C | A | G |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |

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13. Consider the following segment of DNA:

5' GCTTCCCAA 3'
3' CGAAGGGTT 5'

Assume that the top strand is the template strand used by RNA polymerase.

- Draw the RNA transcribed.
- Label its 5' and 3' ends.
- Draw the corresponding amino acid chain.
- Label its amino and carboxyl ends.

| | | Second letter | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|
| | | U | C | A | G | U C A G | | | | | |
| First letter | U | UUU UUC UUA UUG | Phe Leu | UCU UCC UCA UCG | Ser | UAU UAC UAA UAG | Tyr Stop Stop Stop | UGU UGC UGA UGG | Cys Stop Trp | U C A G | Third letter |
| | C | CUU CUC CUA CUG | Leu | CCU CCC CCA CCG | Pro | CAU CAC CAA CAG | His Gln | CGU CGC CGA CGG | Arg | U C A G | |
| A | AUU AUC AUA AUG | Ile Leu Met | ACU ACC ACA ACG | Thr | AAU AAC AAA AAG | Asn Lys | AGU AGC AGA AGG | Ser Arg | U C A G | | |
| G | GUU GUC GUA GUG | Val | GCU GCC GCA GCG | Ala | GAU GAC GAA GAG | Asp Glu | GGU GGC GGA GGG | Gly | U C A G | | |

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18. a. In how many cases in the genetic code would you fail to know the amino acid specified by a codon if you knew only the first two nucleotides of the codon?
- b. In how many cases would you fail to know the first two nucleotides of the codon if you knew which amino acid is specified by it?

| | | Second letter | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | | U | C | A | G | | | | | |
| First letter | U | UUU UUC UUA UUG | Phe Leu | UCU UCC UCA UCG | Ser | UAU UAC UAA UAG | Tyr Stop Stop | UGU UGC UGA UGG | Cys Stop Trp | U C A G |
| | C | CUU CUC CUA CUG | Leu | CCU CCC CCA CCG | Pro | CAU CAC CAA CAG | His Gln | CGU CGC CGA CGG | Arg | U C A G |
| | A | AUU AUC AUU AUG | Ile Leu Met | ACU ACC ACA ACG | Thr | AAU AAC AAA AAG | Asn Lys | AGU AGC AGA AGG | Ser Arg | U C A G |
| | G | GUU GUC GUA GUG | Val | GCU GCC GCA GCG | Ala | GAU GAC GAA GAG | Asp Glu | GGU GGC GGA GGG | Gly | U C A G |

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17. Which anticodon would you predict for a tRNA species carrying isoleucine? Is there more than one possible answer? If so, state any alternative answers.

20. If a polyribonucleotide contains equal amounts of randomly positioned adenine and uracil bases, what proportion of its triplets will encode (a) phenylalanine, (b) isoleucine, (c) leucine, and (d) tyrosine?

| | | Second letter | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|--------------|--------------|
| | | U | C | A | G | | |
| U | | UUU Phe UUC UUA UUG | UCU Ser UCC UCA UCG | UAU Tyr UAC UAA Stop UAG Stop | UGU Cys UGC UGA Stop UGG Stop | U C A G | |
| C | CUU Leu CUC CUA CUG | CCU Pro CCC CCA CCG | CAU His CAC CAA Gln CAG | CGU Arg CGC CGA CGG | UCAG | First letter | Third letter |
| | AUU Ile AUC AUA AUG Met | ACU Thr ACC ACA ACG | AAU Asn AAC AAA Lys AAG | AGU Ser AGC AGA AGG | UCAG | | |
| | GUU Val GUC GUA GUG | GCU Ala GCC GCA GCG | GAU Asp GAC GAA Glu GAG | GGU Gly GGC GGA GGG | UCAG | | |
| | | | | | | | |

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24. The enzyme tryptophan synthetase is produced in two sizes: large and small. Some mutants with no enzyme activity produced exactly the same size enzymes as the wild type. Other mutants with no activity produced just the large enzyme; still others, just the small enzyme.
- Explain the different types of mutants at the level of protein structure.
 - Why do you think there were no mutants that produced no enzyme?

27. A certain nonsense suppressor corrects a nongrowing mutant to a state that is near, but not exactly, wild type (it has abnormal growth). Suggest a possible reason why the reversion is not a full correction.

35. Explain why antibiotics that bind the large ribosomal subunit, such as erythromycin and Zithromax, do not harm us.

21a. You have synthesized three different messenger RNAs with bases incorporated in random sequence in the following ratios: (a) 1 U:5 C's, (b) 1 A:1 C:4 U's, (c) 1 A:1 C:1 G:1 U. In a protein-synthesizing system in vitro, indicate the identities and proportions of amino acids that will be incorporated into proteins when each of these mRNAs is tested. (Refer to Figure 9-5.)

| | | Second letter | | | | | |
|--------------|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|------------------|--|
| | | U | C | A | G | | |
| First letter | U | UUU UUC UUA UUG } Phe | UCU UCC UCA UCG } Ser | UAU UAC UAA Stop UAG Stop } Tyr | UGU UGC UGA Stop UGG Trp } Cys | U C A G | |
| | C | CUU CUC CUA CUG } Leu | CCU CCC CCA CCG } Pro | CAU CAC CAA CAG } His Gln | CGU CGC CGA CGG } Arg | U C A G | |
| | A | AUU AUC AUA AUG } Ile Met | ACU ACC ACA ACG } Thr | AAU AAC AAA AAG } Asn Lys | AGU AGC AGA AGG } Ser Arg | U C A G | |
| | G | GUU GUC GUA GUG } Val | GCU GCC GCA GCG } Ala | GAU GAC GAA GAG } Asp Glu | GGU GGC GGA GGG } Gly | U C A G | |

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40. You are studying an *E. coli* gene that specifies a protein. A part of its sequence is:

-Ala-Pro-Trp-Ser-Glu-Lys-Cys-His-

You recover a series of mutants for this gene that show no enzymatic activity. By isolating the mutant enzyme products, you find the following sequences:

Mutant 1: -Ala-Pro-Trp-Arg-Glu-Lys-Cys-His-

Mutant 2: -Ala-Pro-

Mutant 3: -Ala-Pro-Gly-Val-Lys-Asn-Cys-His-

Mutant 4: -Ala-Pro-Trp-Phe-Phe-Thr-Cys-His-

What is the molecular basis for each mutation? What is the DNA sequence that specifies this part of the protein?

| | | Second letter | | | | | |
|--------------|---|--|----------------------------------|--|---|------|--|
| | | U | C | A | G | | |
| First letter | U | UUU } Phe UUC UUA } Leu UUG } | UCU } Ser UCC UCA UCG } | UAU } Tyr UAC UAA Stop UAG Stop } | UGU } Cys UGC UGA Stop UGG Trp } | UCAG | |
| | C | CUU } CUC CUA } Leu CUG } | CCU } CCC CCA CCG } | CAU } His CAC CAA } Gln CAG } | CGU } CGC CGA CGG } | UCAG | |
| | A | AUU } AUC AUA } Ile AUG Met | ACU } ACC ACA ACG } | AAU } Asn AAC AAA } Lys AAG } | AGU } Ser AGC AGA } Arg AGG } | UCAG | |
| | G | GUU } GUC GUA } Val GUG } | GCU } GCC GCA GCG } | GAU } Asp GAC GAA } Glu GAG } | GGU } GGC GGA GGG } | UCAG | |

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