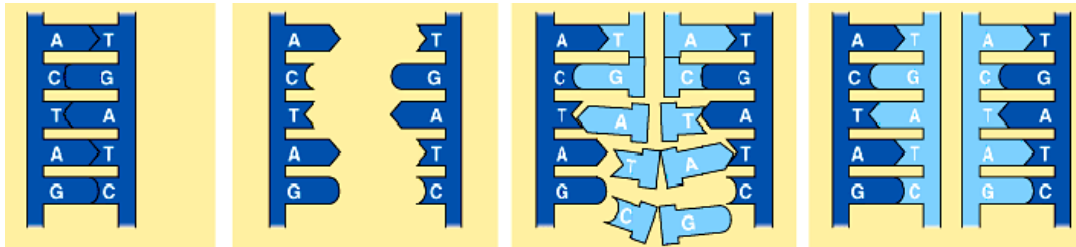


DNA Base Pairing Worksheet

When a cell copies a DNA molecule:

1. DNA is unzipped.
2. The complementary bases are added to each template strand.
3. The 2 new strands are proofread for errors.



When a cell copies its DNA (replication), the original DNA ladder is broken apart and new nucleotides are added to the center. This creates two exact copies, each one made from half the original DNA molecule.

- DNA polymerase (the enzyme which builds DNA) will only attach bases which match with the original strand of DNA.
- In DNA replication, **Adenine and Thymine** will bond together and **Cytosine and Guanine** will bond together.
- When creating the matching strand the following pairing rules must be used:

A? T
C? G

Directions: Use the base pairing rules above to figure out the sequence of the new strand of DNA for the original strands below.

1. AACGTACGATCGATGCACATGCATGGCTACGC

2. CCCGGGTATGCATGTACGTACGTTCGTATATCG

3. CGCGATCGAGCGATCGACGAATGCCTAGTTTT

4. TTAAACGAGCTGCTAGCTATTTTTTAAAACCCCG

5. CCGCTTTCGCTATTATAAAAAGGGCTATAACTA