

SPI 4.1: I can identify the structure and function of DNA.

Kickoff:

Nucleotide: _____ ::nucleic
acid:polymer

Recall from standard 1.3, define what a nucleotide is with an illustration.

8.2 Structure of DNA

KEY CONCEPT

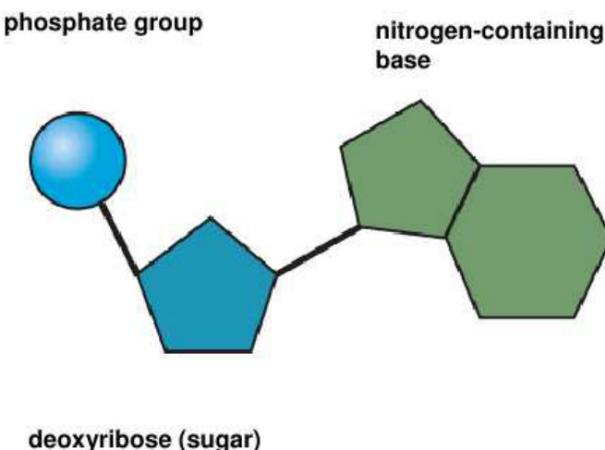
DNA structure is the same in all organisms.



8.2 Structure of DNA

► DNA is composed of four types of nucleotides.

- DNA is made up of a long chain of nucleotides.
- Each nucleotide has three parts.
 - a phosphate group
 - a deoxyribose sugar
 - a nitrogen-containing base



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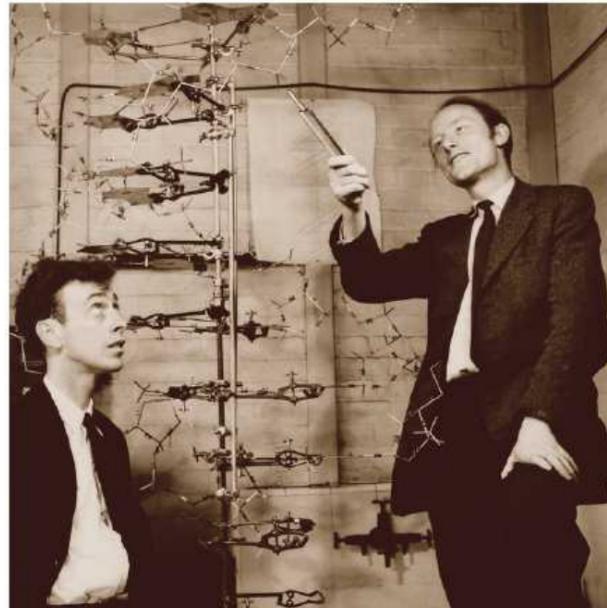
- The nitrogen containing bases are the only difference in the four nucleotides.

PYRIMIDINES = SINGLE RING			PURINES = DOUBLE RING		
Name of Base	Structural Formula	Model	Name of Base	Structural Formula	Model
thymine			adenine		
cytosine			guanine		

8.2 Structure of DNA

- Watson and Crick determined the three-dimensional structure of DNA by building models.

- They realized that DNA is a double helix that is made up of a sugar-phosphate backbone on the outside with bases on the inside.

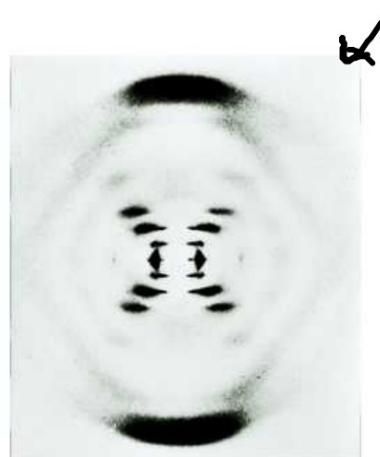


8.2 Structure of DNA

- Watson and Crick's discovery built on the work of Rosalind Franklin and Erwin Chargaff.
 - Franklin's x-ray images suggested that DNA was a double helix of even width.
 - Chargaff's rules stated that A=T and C=G.



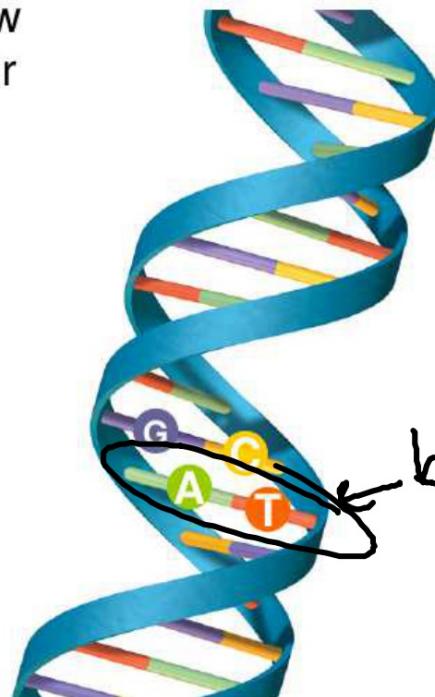
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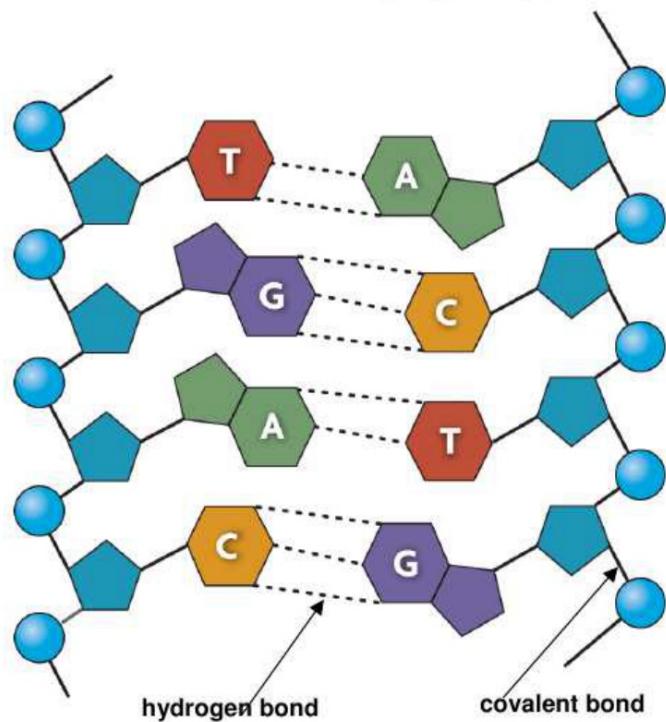
► Nucleotides always pair in the same way.

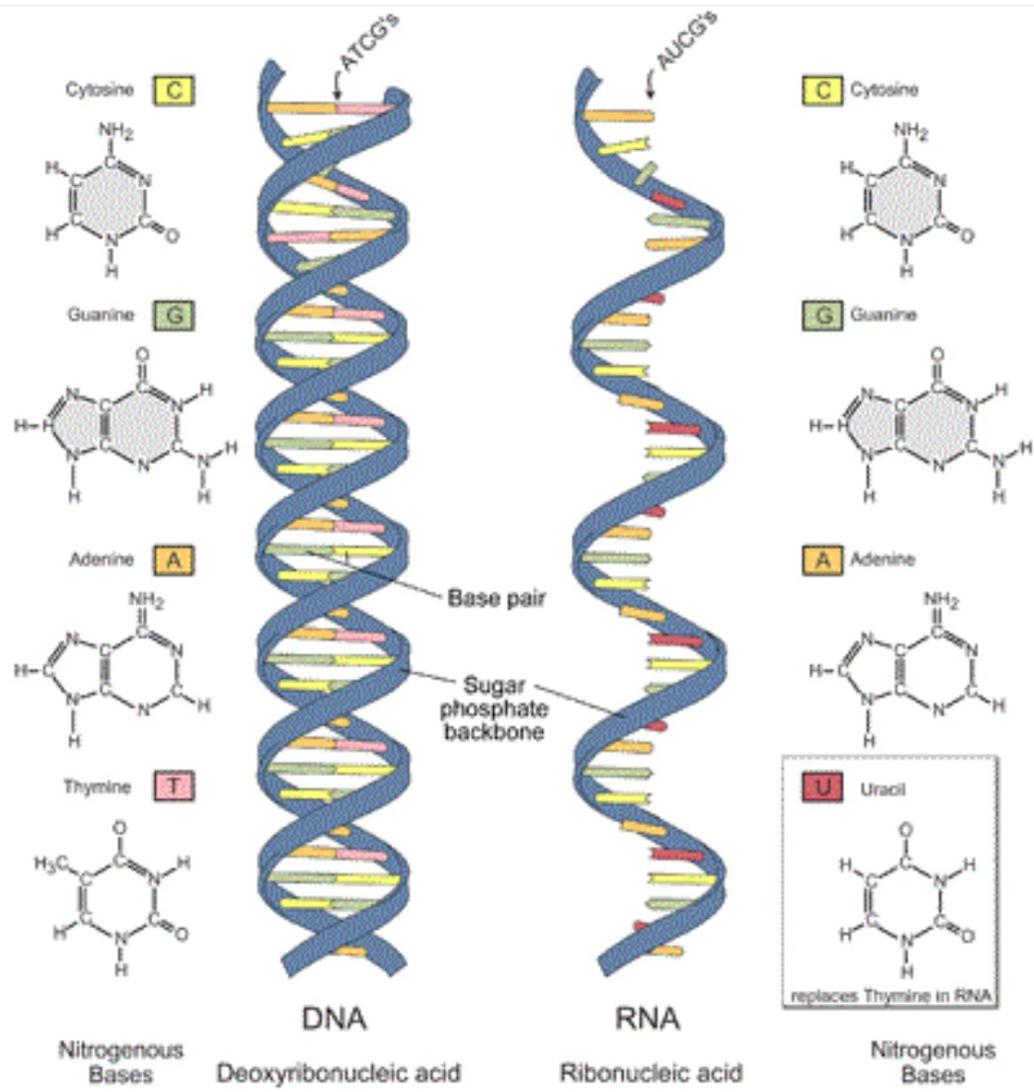
- The base-pairing rules show how nucleotides always pair up in DNA.
 - A pairs with T
 - C pairs with G
- Because a pyrimidine (single ring) pairs with a purine (double ring), the helix has a uniform width.



8.2 Structure of DNA

- The backbone is connected by covalent bonds.
- The bases are connected by hydrogen bonds.



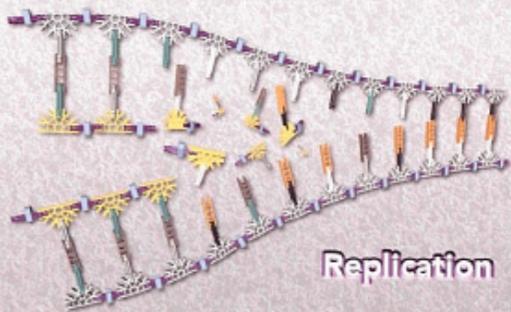


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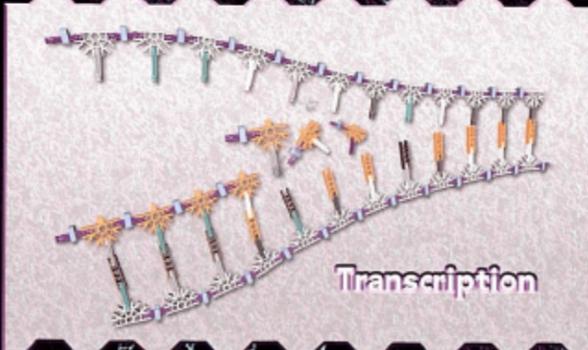
DNA, Replication and Transcription



Building



Replication



Transcription

DNA, Replication and Transcription

DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) and mRNA (messenger ribonucleic acid) molecules are both made up of nucleotide units bonded together in long chains. DNA nucleotides are made up of three sub-units: deoxyribose sugars, nitrogen-containing bases and phosphate groups. Similarly, mRNA nucleotides are made up of ribose sugars, nitrogen-containing bases and phosphate groups.

Two strands (*long chains*) of DNA bond together and wrap around each other to form the classic, double helix structure discovered by Watson and Crick. The long chain of mRNA remains as a single strand after it has been transcribed from a DNA double helix.

K'NEX Education uses distinct K'NEX pieces and color-coding to represent the various molecules and bonds that form DNA and mRNA. Use the following nucleotide "Key" to determine which K'NEX pieces you will need for the DNA and mRNA models you will build as part of this series of activities.

Component parts:

DNA pieces



Deoxyribose Sugar (use in parent strand)



Two (2) H-Bonds



Three (3) H-Bonds



Thymine (nitrogen-containing base)

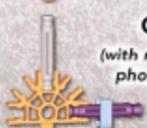
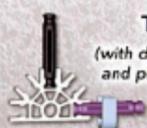
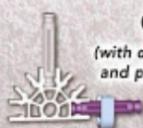
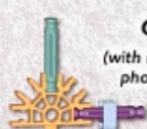
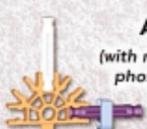
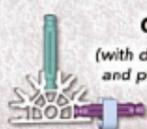
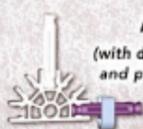


Deoxyribose Sugar
(substitute yellow Connectors for the gray
Connectors to form a daughter strand)

Key:

NUCLEOTIDES

(named for the nitrogen-containing base they include)



Building a basic DNA molecule:

1. First build all the nucleotides you will need (follow the "Key" on page 5).

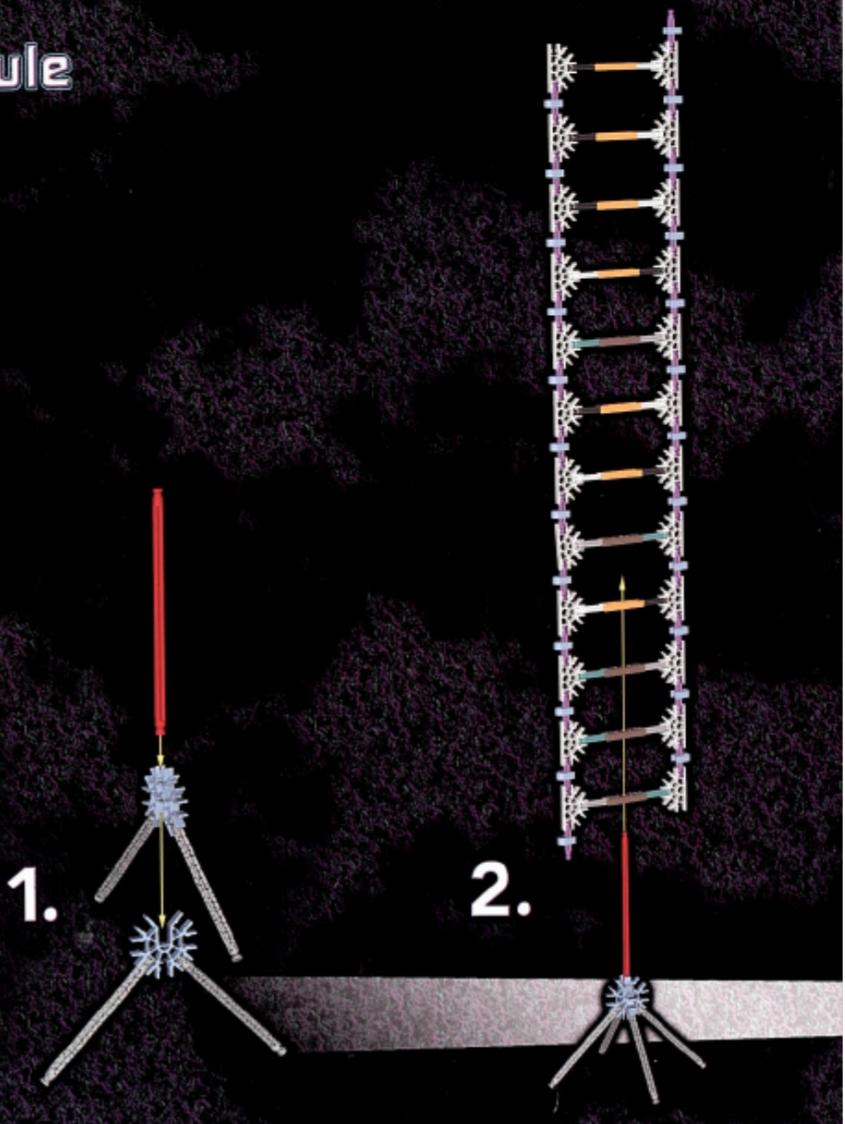
2. Then connect them (as shown) to make a flat model of a basic DNA molecule.

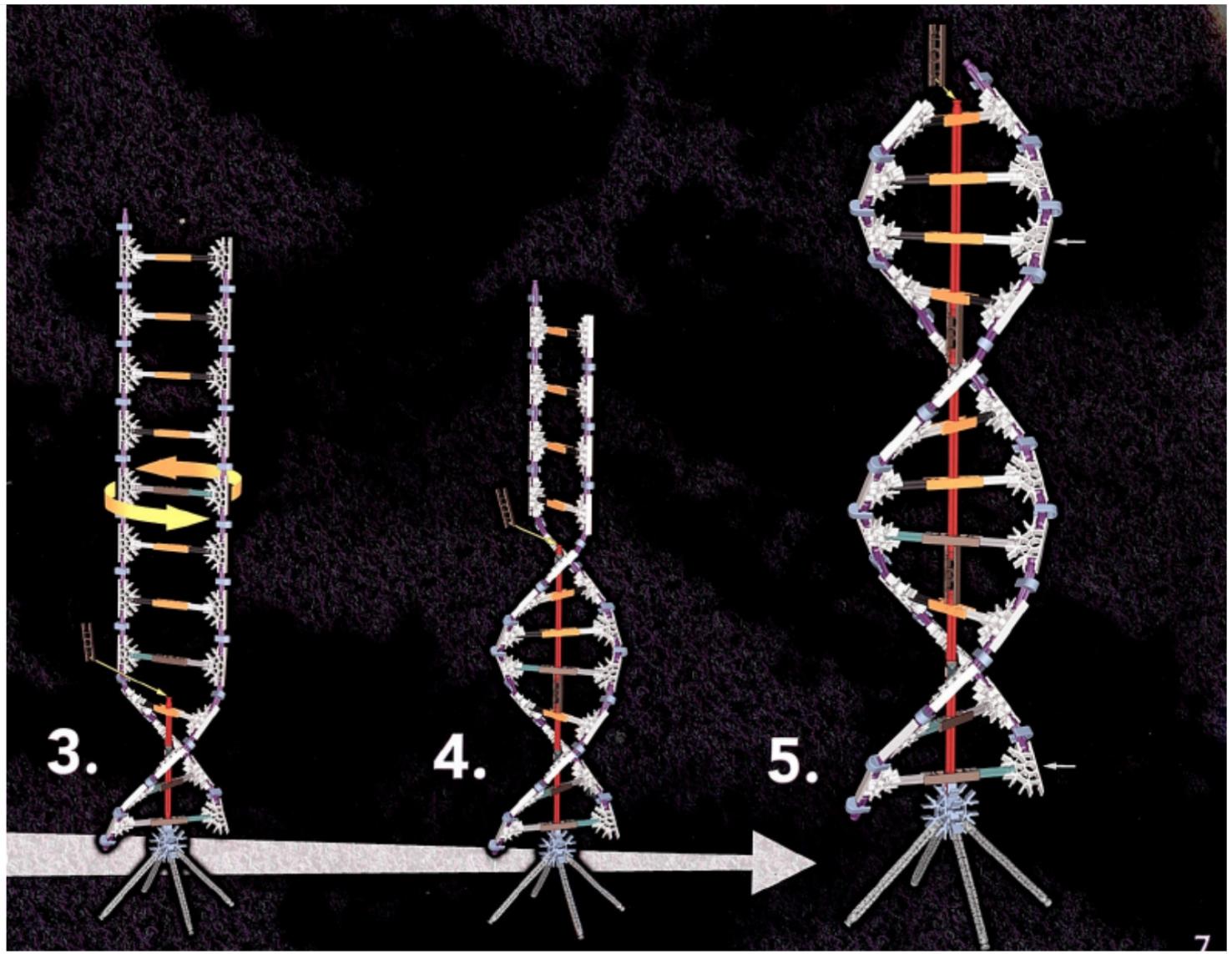
3. When it's complete you can twist the DNA molecule into a double helix by following the instructions on the next few pages.



Form the DNA molecule into a double helix:

1. Build a display stand with one red Rod on it to start. Make sure the 2 light blue Connectors "click" when you put them together.
2. Rotate all of the orange and brown (H-bonds) Connectors so that the holes point down to align with the red Rod on the display stand.
3. Push the flat DNA molecule down as you thread the first 4 middle Connectors (3 brown, 1 orange) over the red Rod. Twist the DNA molecule as you push it down over the red Rod (as shown). Add one brown Connector to hold the first 4 middle Connectors in the twisted position.
4. Repeat Step 3, using a second red Rod and brown Connector to hold the next 4 middle Connectors in the twisted position.
5. Repeat Step 3 again, using a third red Rod and brown Connector to complete the double helix on a stand.





Kickoff:

Write out the complementary DNA sequence to the following gene:

5' G T C A C C T G A A T G C 3'

8.3 DNA Replication

KEY CONCEPT

DNA replication copies the genetic information of a cell.



DNA aka:

deoxyribonucleic acid

twisted ladder

genes

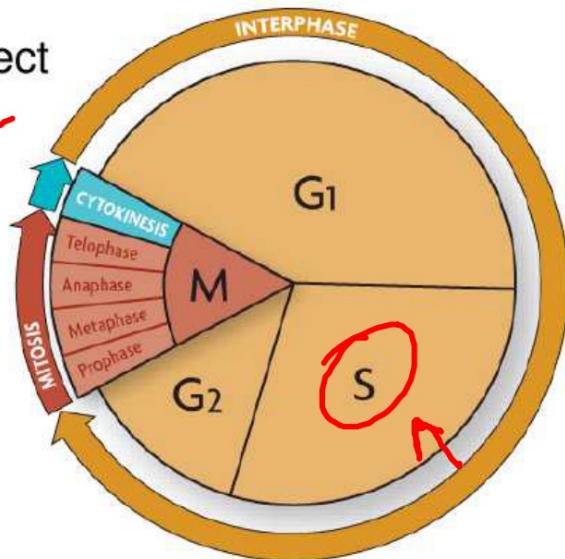
double helix

genetic code

8.3 DNA Replication

► Replication copies the genetic information.

- A single strand of DNA serves as a template for a new strand.
- The rules of base pairing direct replication. *A-T, G-C*
- DNA is replicated during the S (synthesis) stage of the cell cycle.
- Each ~~body~~^{Somatic} cell gets a complete set of identical DNA.

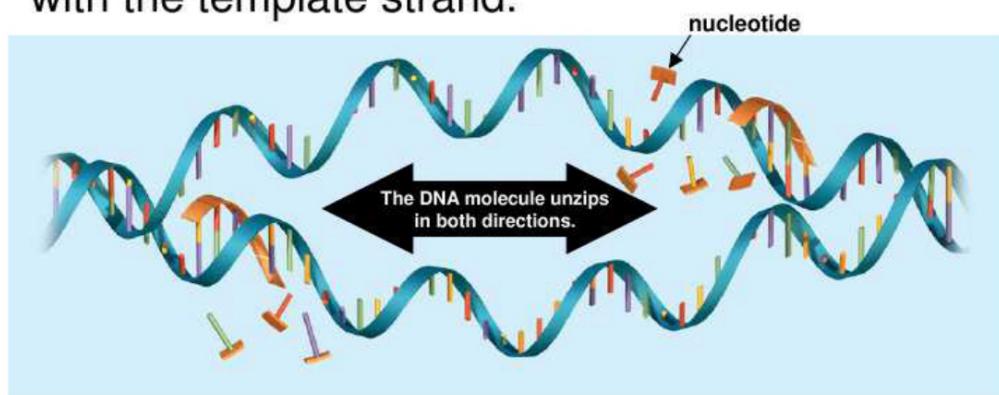


8.3 DNA Replication

- ▶ **Enzymes**
Proteins carry out the process of replication.

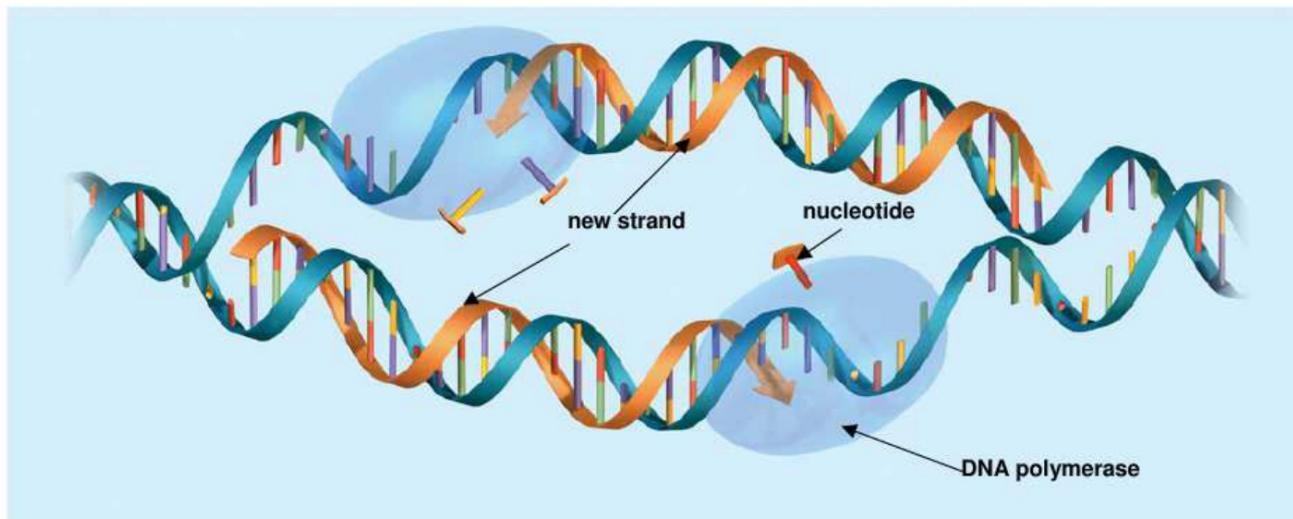
- DNA serves only as a template.
- Enzymes and other proteins do the actual work of replication.
 - Enzymes unzip the double helix.
 - Free-floating nucleotides form hydrogen bonds with the template strand.

DNA helicase



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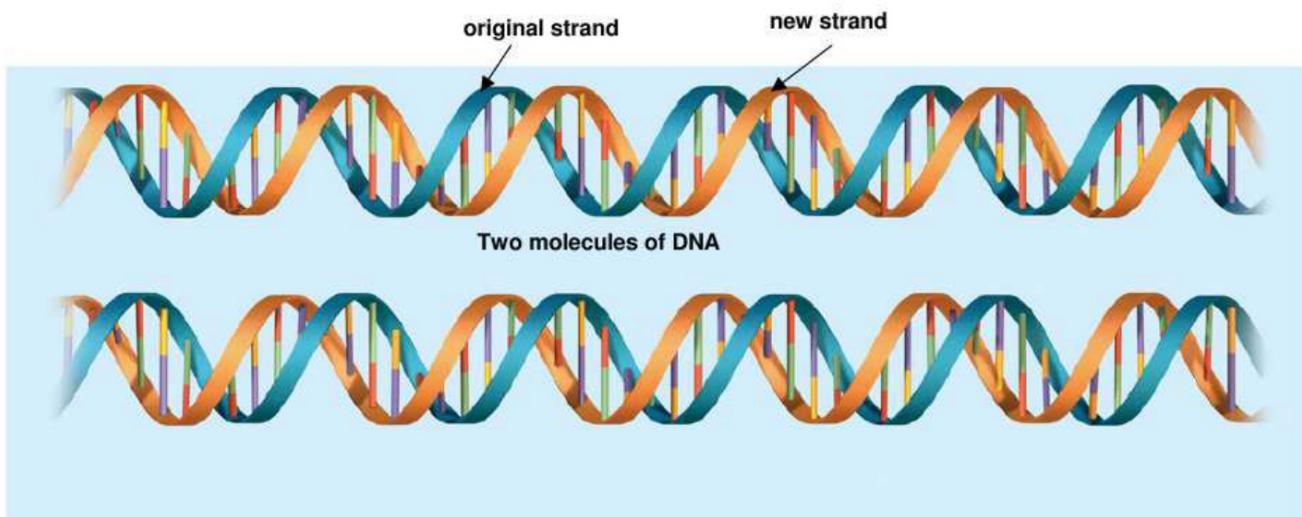
- DNA polymerase enzymes bond the nucleotides together to form the double helix.
- Polymerase enzymes form covalent bonds between nucleotides in the new strand.



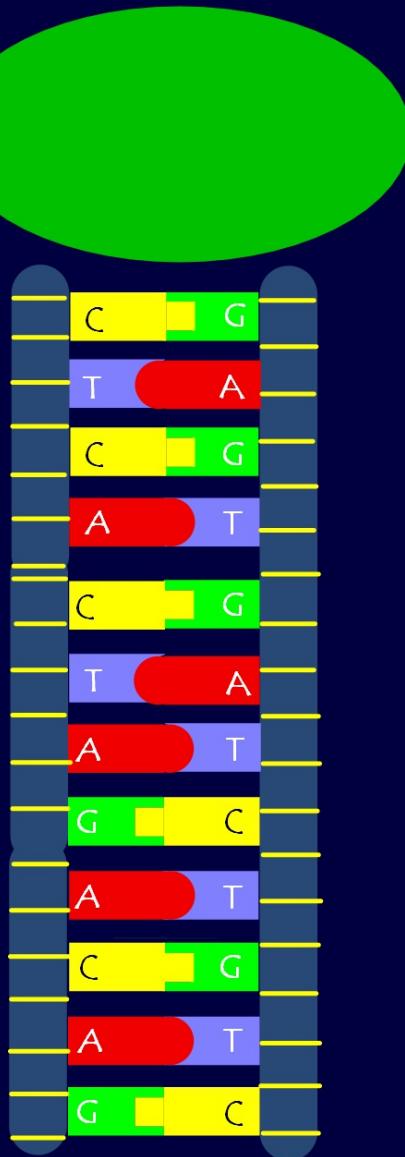
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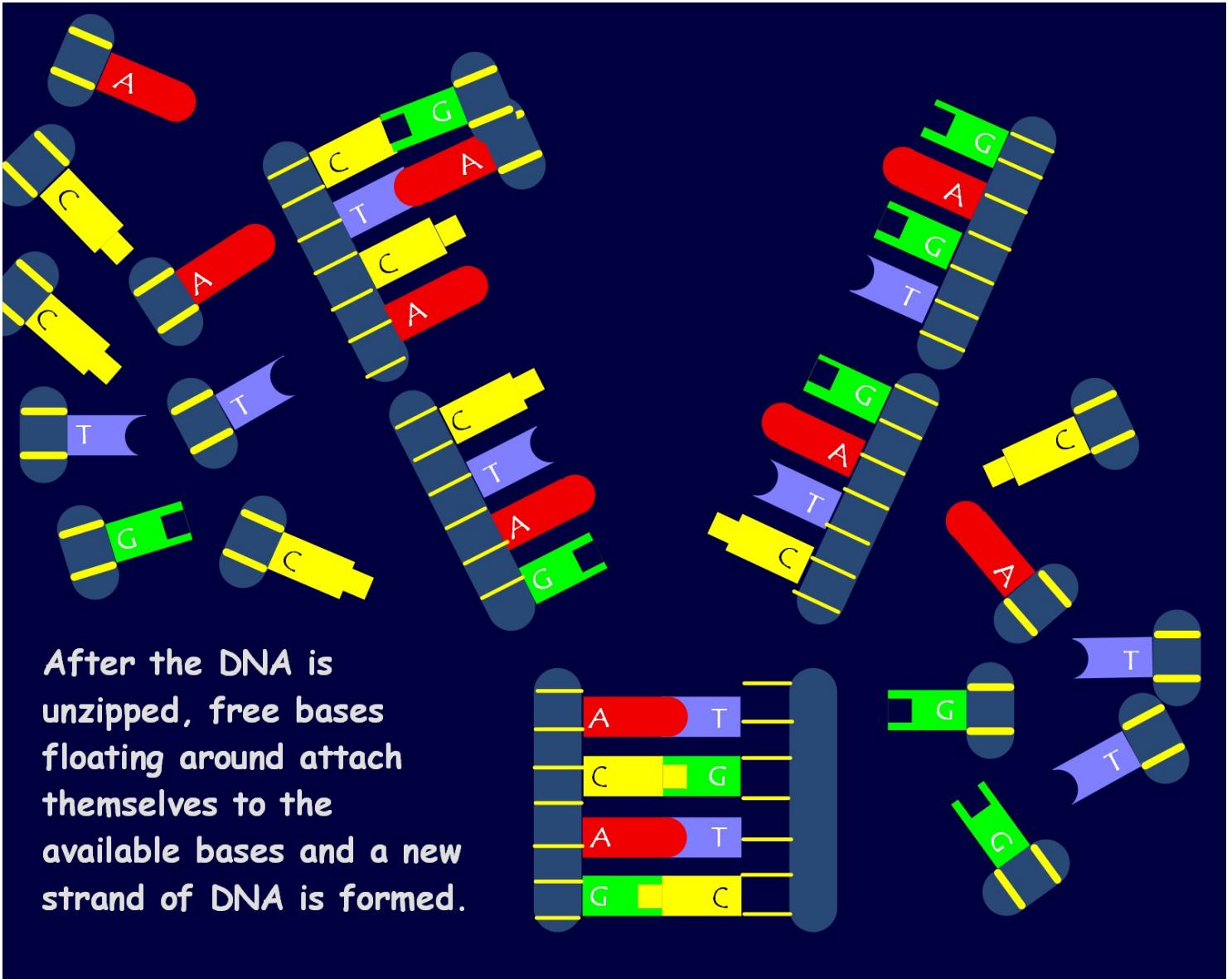
Semiconservative replication -

- Two new molecules of DNA are formed, each with an original strand and a newly formed strand.
- DNA replication is semiconservative.



**During interphase,
the chromosomes in
a nucleus duplicate.
How? An enzyme
attaches itself to
the DNA strand and
it literally unzips
the DNA strand.**



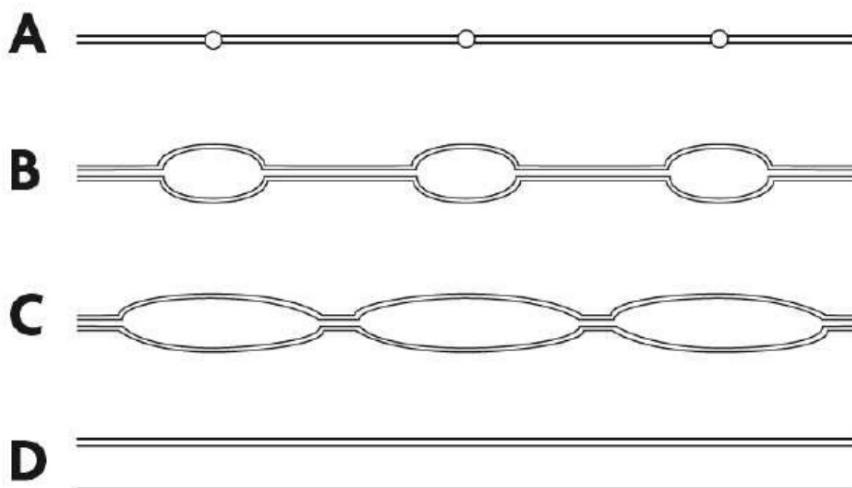


8.3 DNA Replication

► Replication is fast and accurate.

- DNA replication starts at many points in eukaryotic chromosomes.

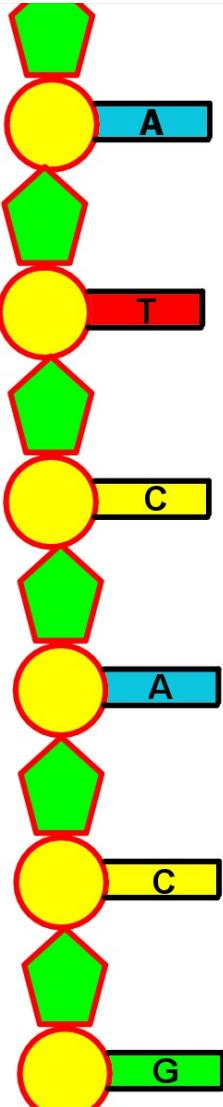
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There are many origins of replication in eukaryotic chromosomes.

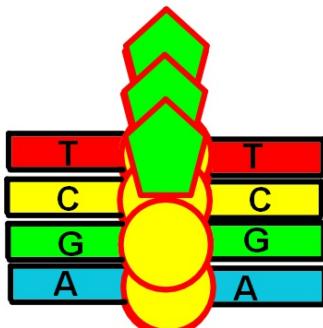
- DNA polymerases can find and correct errors.

DNA Replication



Phosphate

Sugar



DNA Replication

match the base with its complement

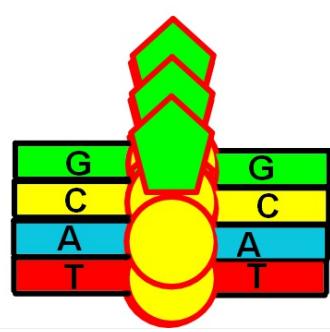
A T C C G A

A T C G

DNA Replication

G A C T C C A G T

A T C G



Kickoff:
What are the three
components of central
dogma?

Kickoff: Translate the amino acid sequence

Plant species A	DNA base sequence	AAC	CCA	AGT	GGA
	mRNA base sequence	UUG	GGU	UCA	CCU
	amino acid sequence				

Universal Genetic Code Chart
Messenger RNA Codons and the Amino Acids for Which They Code

		SECOND BASE				THIRD BASE
FIRST BASE	U	C	A	G		
	UUU } PHE UUC UUA } LEU UUG }	UCU } UCC UCA } SER UCG }	UAU } TYR UAC UAA } STOP UAG }	UGU } CYS UGC UGA } STOP UGG } TRP	U C A G	
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8.4 Transcription

KEY CONCEPT

Transcription converts a gene into a single-stranded RNA molecule.

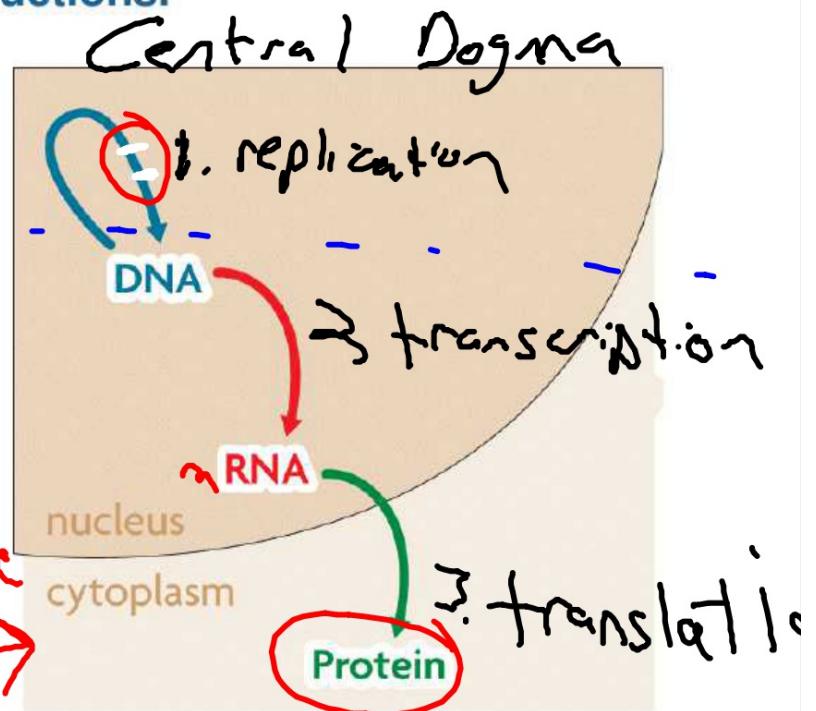


8.4 Transcription

- RNA carries DNA's instructions.

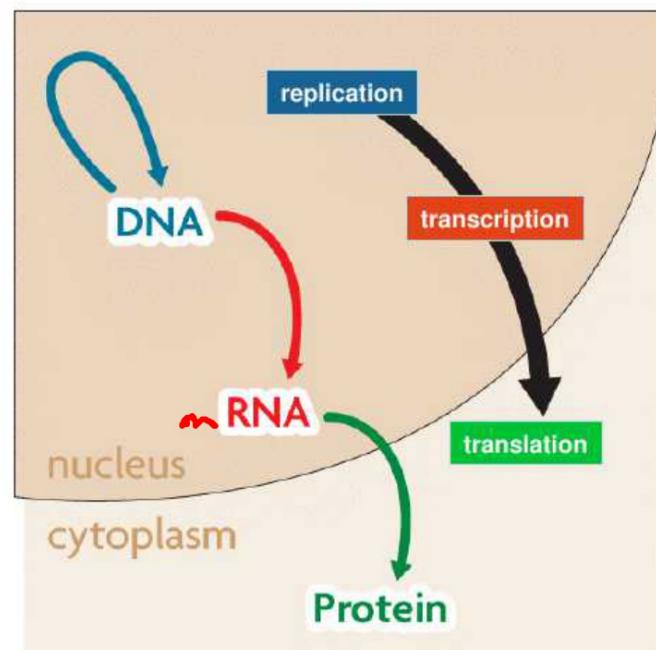
- The central dogma states that information flows in one direction from DNA to RNA to proteins.

Big Picture →



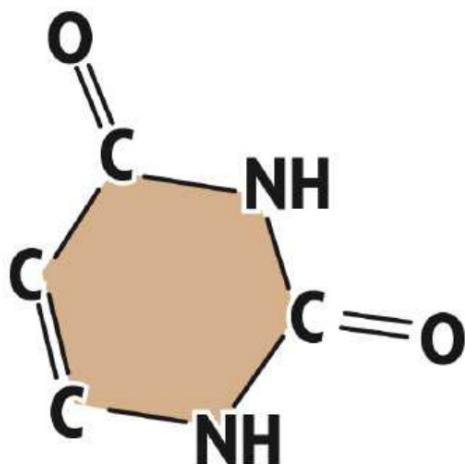
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- The central dogma includes three processes.
 1. – Replication
 2. – Transcription
 3. – Translation
- RNA is a link between DNA and proteins.



8.4 Transcription

- RNA differs from DNA in three major ways.
 - RNA has a ribose sugar.
 - RNA has uracil instead of thymine. (U instead of T)
 - RNA is a single-stranded structure.



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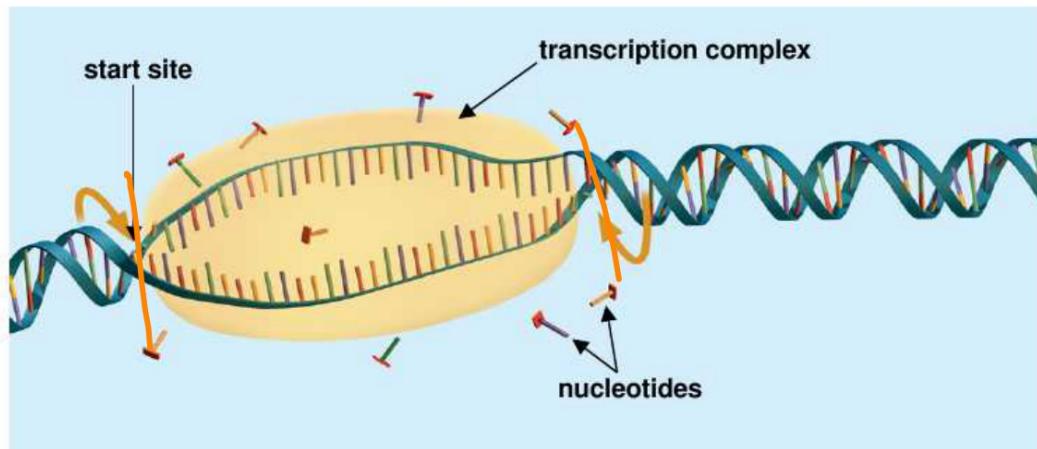
► Transcription makes three types of RNA.

- Transcription-copies DNA to make a strand of RNA.

— messenger RNA (mRNA)

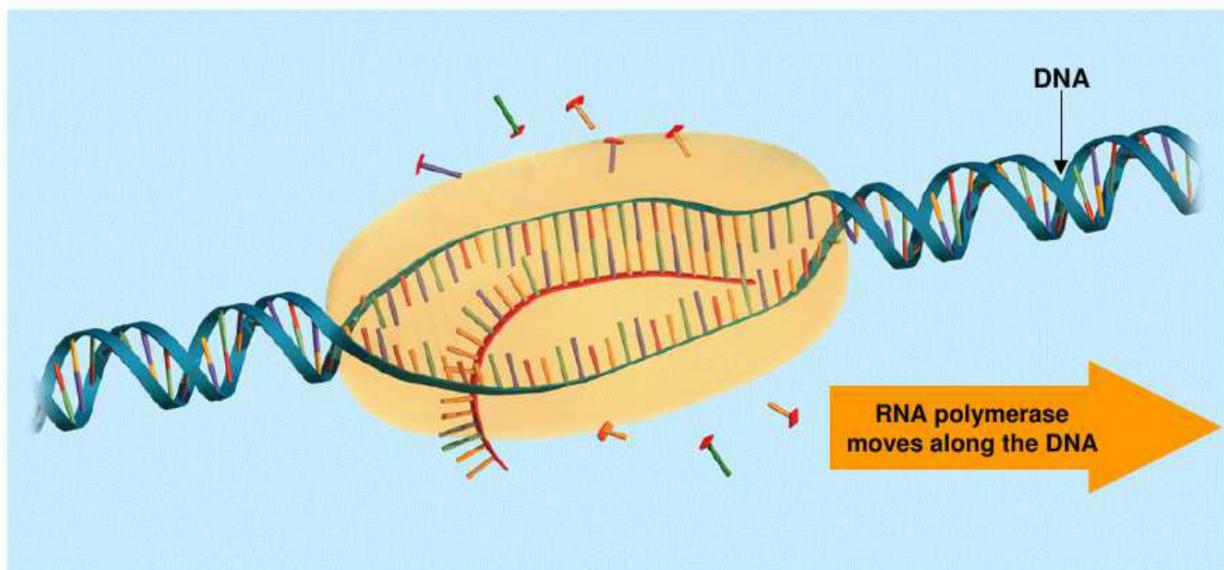
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- Transcription is catalyzed by RNA polymerase.
 - RNA polymerase and other proteins form a transcription complex.
 - The transcription complex recognizes the start of a gene and unwinds a segment of it.



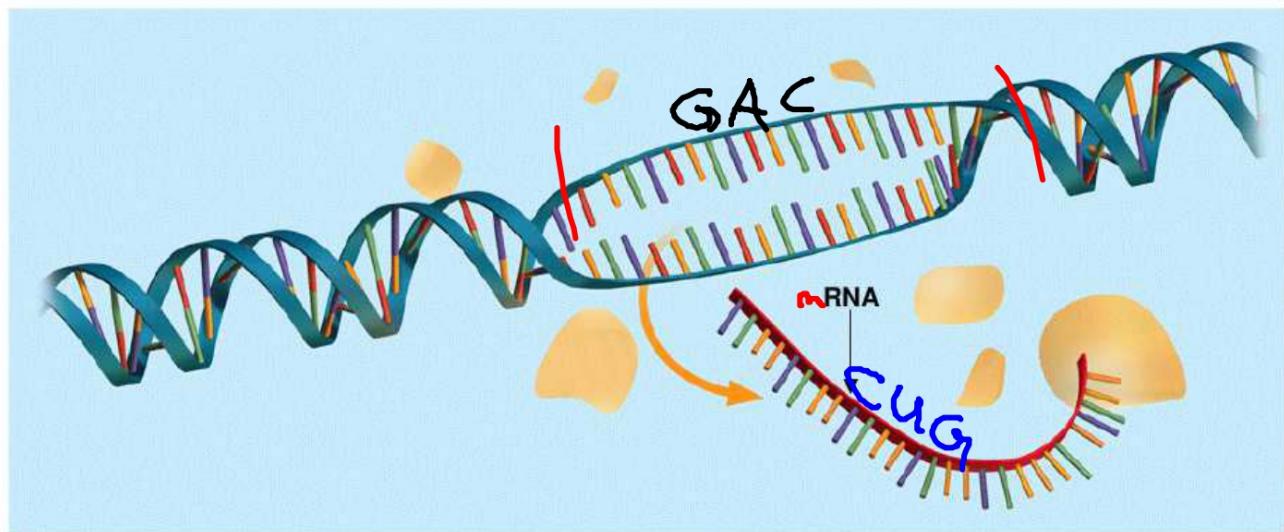
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- Nucleotides pair with one strand of the DNA.
- RNA polymerase bonds the nucleotides together.
- The DNA helix winds again as the gene is transcribed.



8.4 Transcription

- The **mRNA** strand detaches from the DNA once the gene is transcribed.



8.4 Transcription

- Transcription makes three types of RNA.
 - Messenger RNA (mRNA) carries the message that will be translated to form a protein.
 - Ribosomal RNA (rRNA) forms part of ribosomes where proteins are made. *(Site location)*
 - Transfer RNA (tRNA) brings amino acids from the cytoplasm to a ribosome.

1st strand of DNA

CATGCATGA

mRNA - GUACGUACU

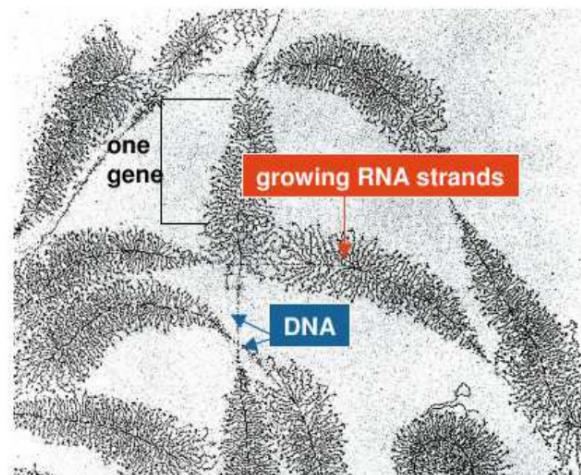
Val - Arg - Thr

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8.4 Transcription

► The transcription process is similar to replication.

- Transcription and replication both involve complex enzymes and complementary base pairing.
- The two processes have different end results.
 - Replication copies all the DNA; transcription copies a gene.
 - Replication makes one copy; transcription can make many copies.



Kickoff: Translate the amino acid sequence

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SPI 4.3: Recognize the interactions between DNA and RNA during protein synthesis.

8.5 Translation

KEY CONCEPT

Translation converts an mRNA message into a polypeptide, or protein.

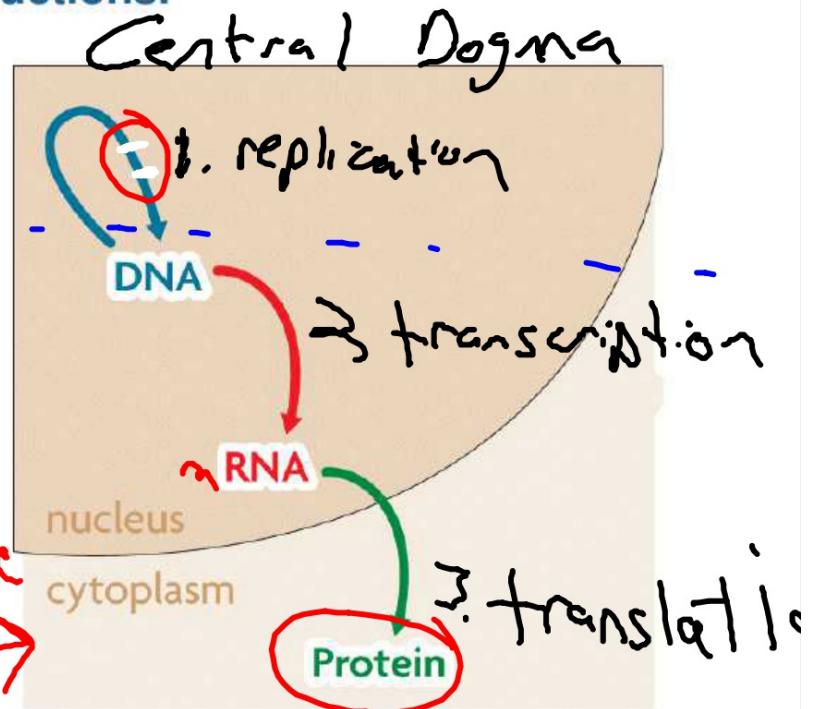


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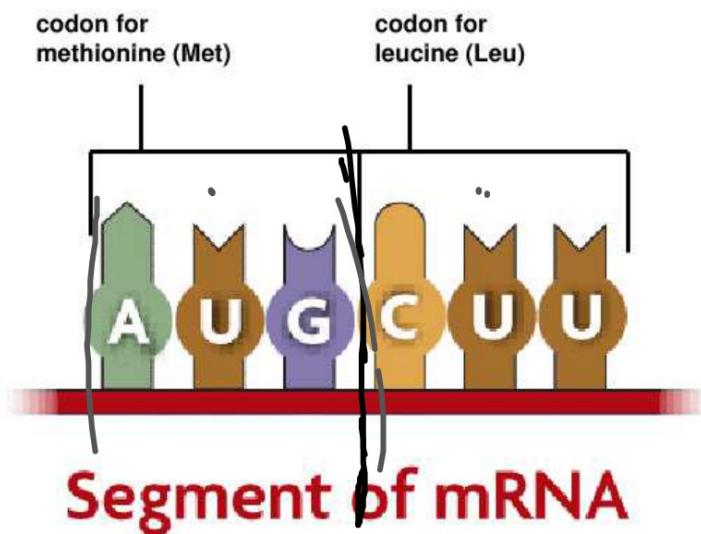
Big Picture →



8.5 Translation

► Amino acids are coded by mRNA base sequences.

- Translation converts mRNA messages into polypeptides.
- A codon is a sequence of three nucleotides that codes for an amino acid.



1. stop
is start
1,
; for
oni

first base, C,
t column.

second base,
top row. Find
where these
sect.

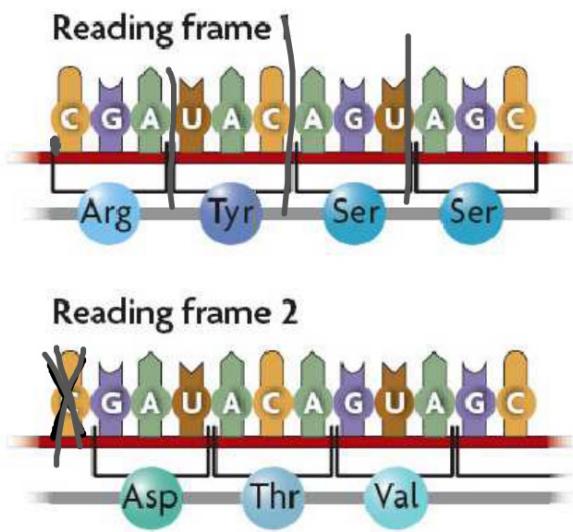
third base,
right col-
J codes
line, abbre-
His.

The genetic code matches each RNA **codon** with its amino acid or function.

		Second base										
		U	C	2	A	G						
First base	U	UUU UUC UUA UUG	phenylalanine (Phe)	UCU UCC UCA UCG	serine (Ser)	UAU UAC UAA UAG	tyrosine (Tyr)	UGU UGC UGA UGG	cysteine (Cys)	U C A G		
	C	CUU CUC CUA CUG	leucine (Leu)	CCU CCC CCA CCG		CAU CAC CAA CAG	histidine (His)	CGU CGC CGA CGG	arginine (Arg)	U C A G		
	A	AUU AUC AUA AUG		ACU ACC ACA ACG	threonine (Thr)	AAU AAC AAA AAG	asparagine (Asn)	AGU AGC AGA AGG		U C A G		
	G	GUU GUC GUA GUG		GCU GCC GCA GCG		GAU GAC GAA GAG	aspartic acid (Asp)	GGU GGC GGA GGG		U C A G		
		Third base										

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- A change in the order in which codons are read changes the resulting protein.

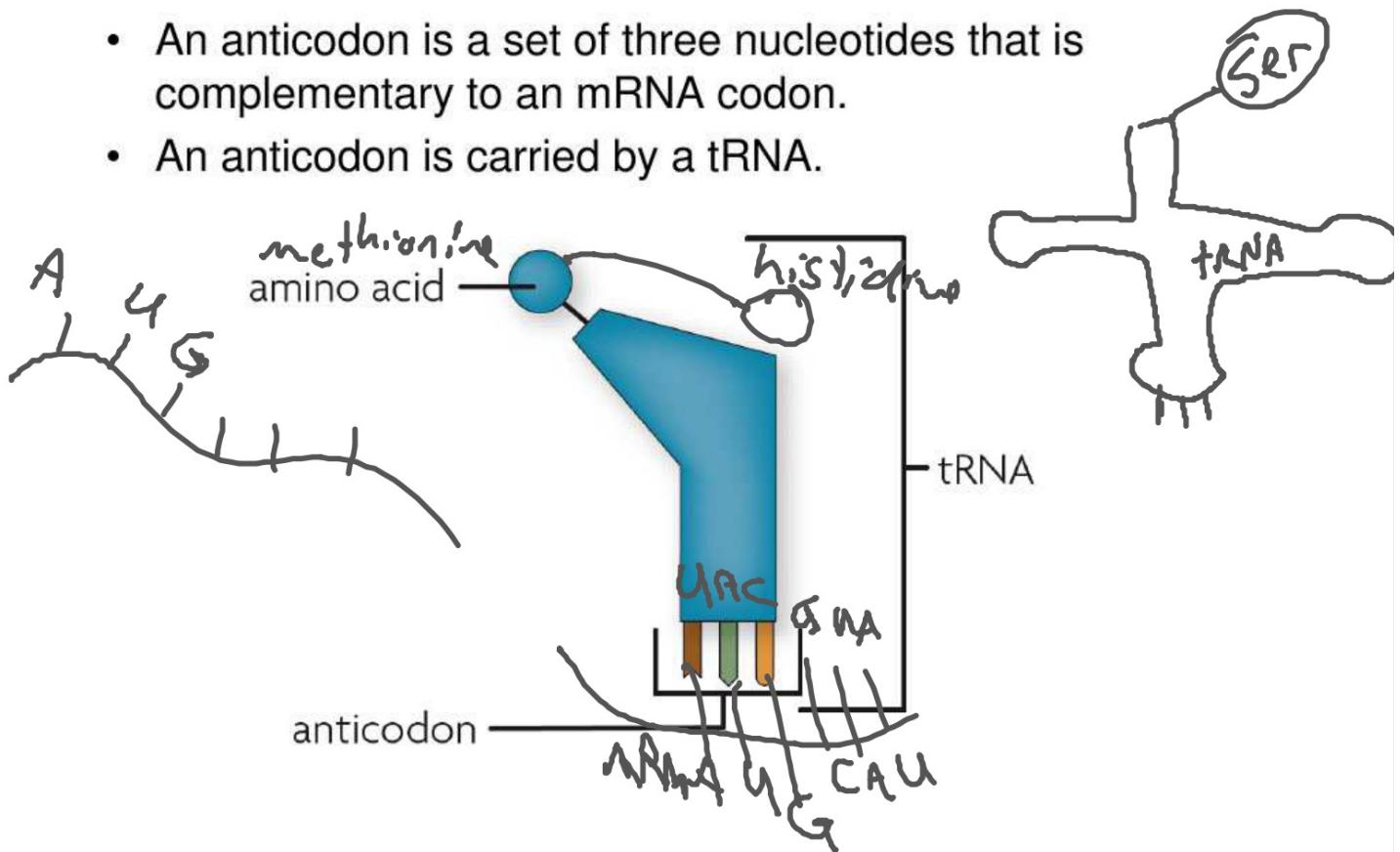


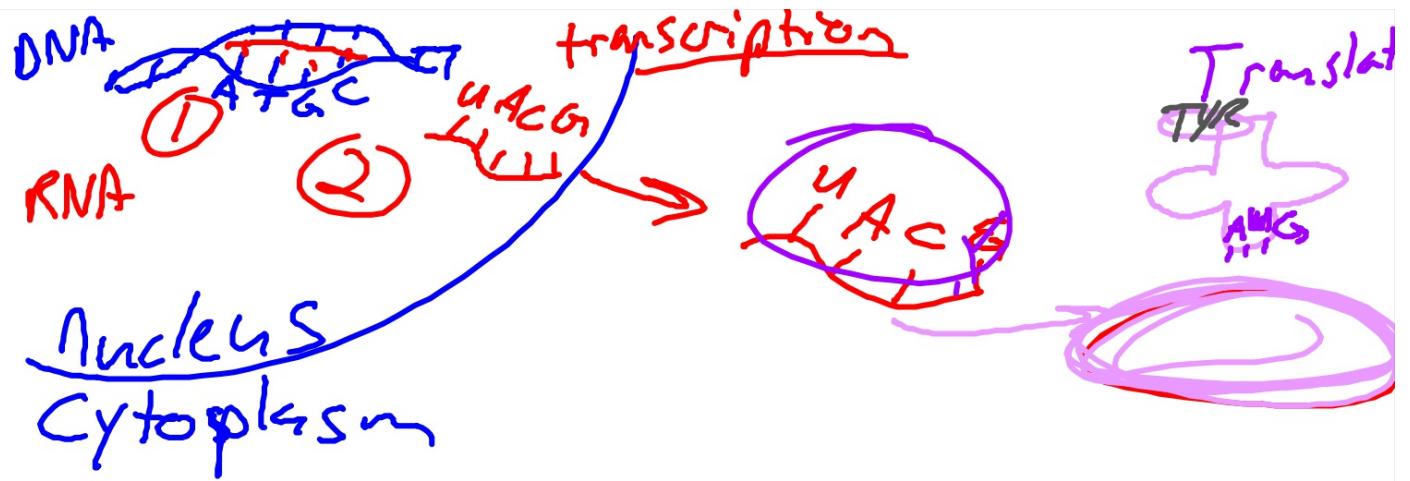
- Regardless of the organism, codons code for the same amino acid.

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► Amino acids are linked to become a protein.

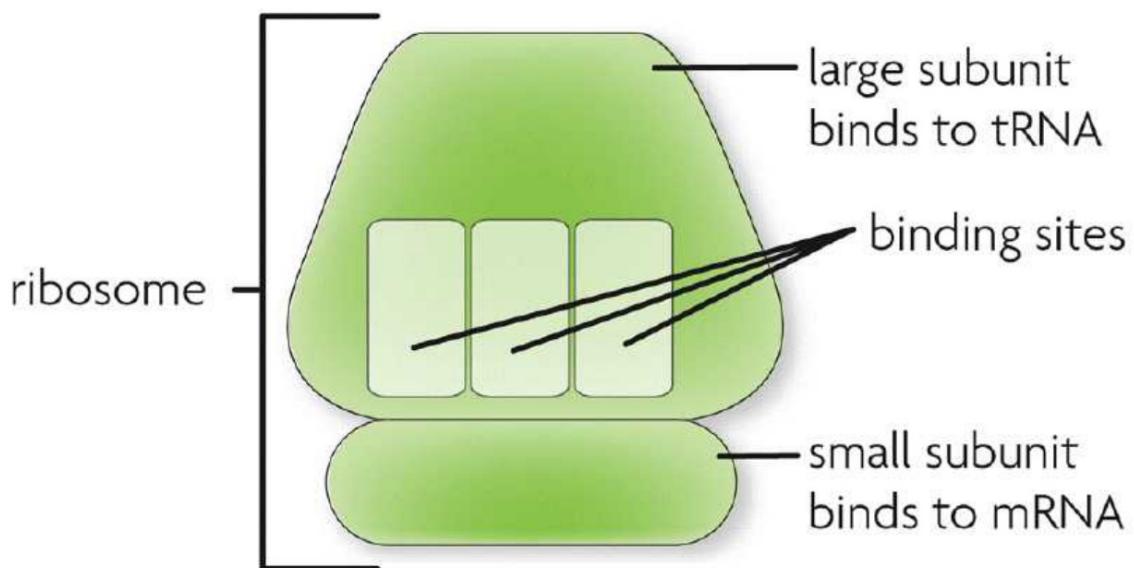
- An anticodon is a set of three nucleotides that is complementary to an mRNA codon.
- An anticodon is carried by a tRNA.





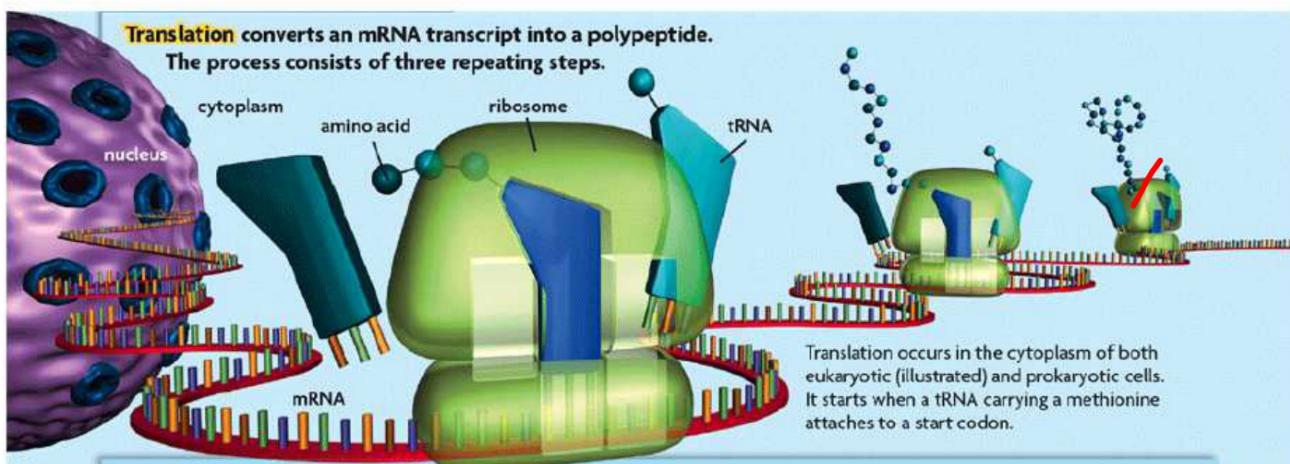
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- Ribosomes consist of two subunits.
 - The large subunit has three binding sites for tRNA.
 - The small subunit binds to mRNA.



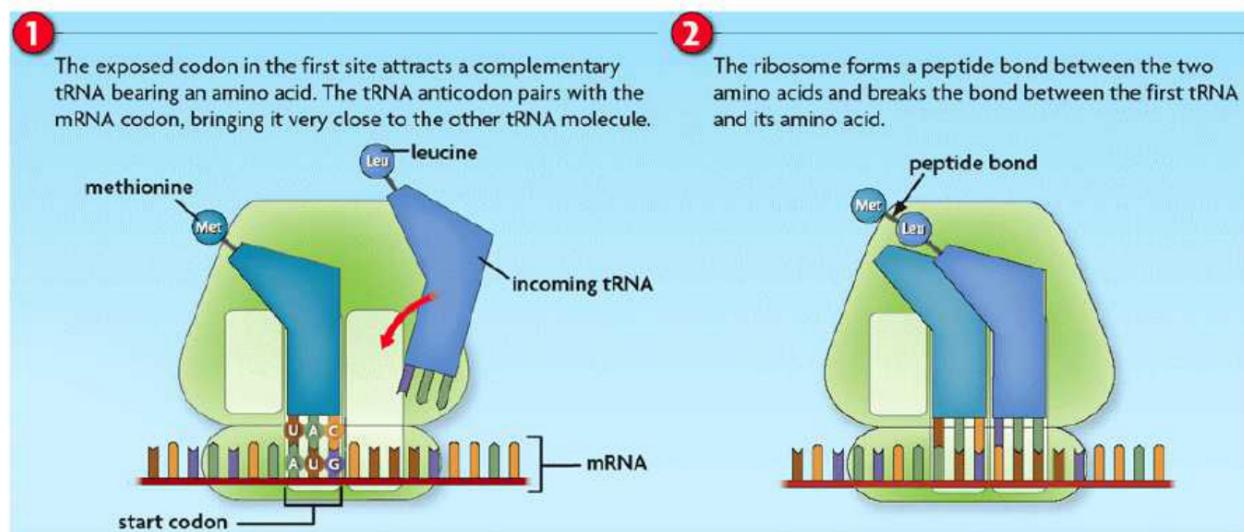
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- For translation to begin, tRNA binds to a start codon and signals the ribosome to assemble.
 - A complementary tRNA molecule binds to the exposed codon, bringing its amino acid close to the first amino acid.



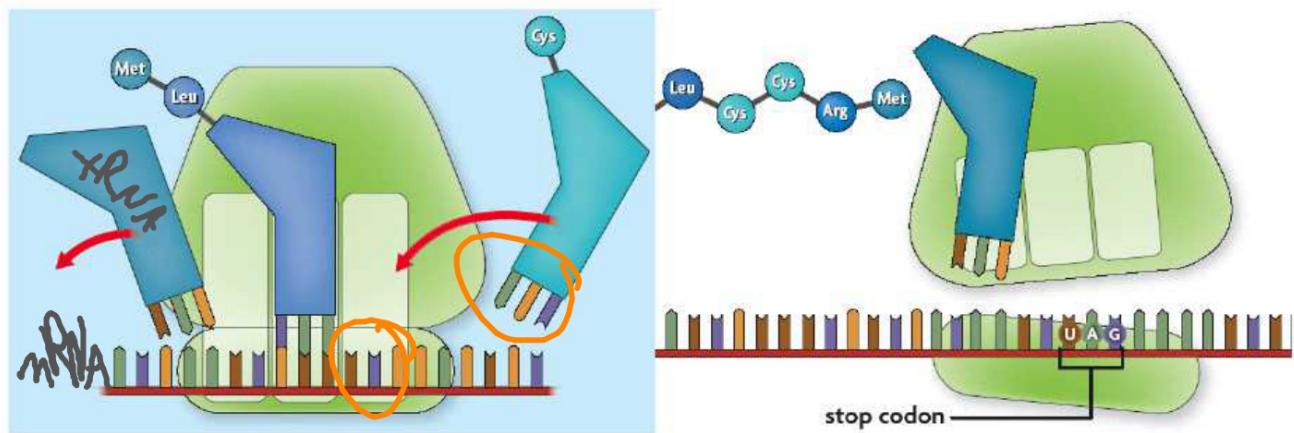
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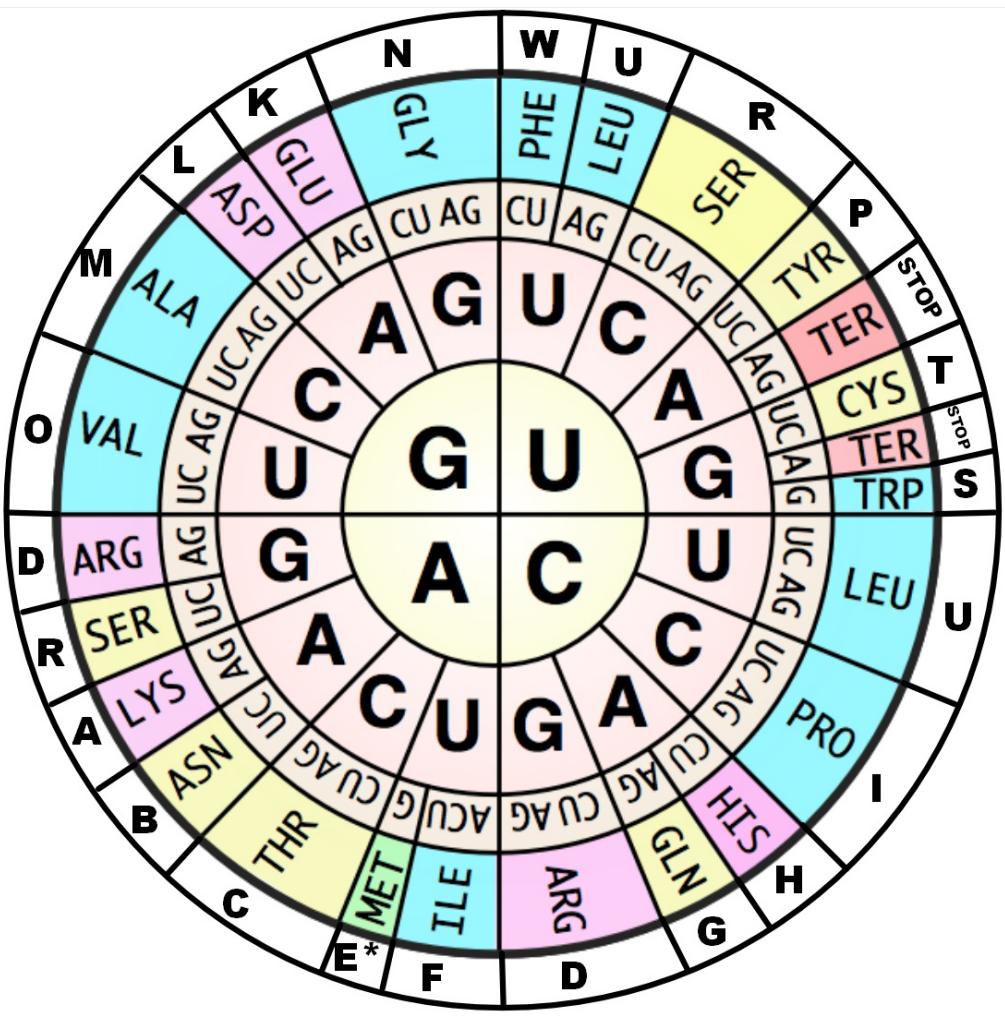
- The ribosome helps form a polypeptide bond between the amino acids.
- The ribosome pulls the mRNA strand the length of one codon.



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- The now empty tRNA molecule exits the ribosome.
- A complementary tRNA molecule binds to the next exposed codon.
- Once the stop codon is reached, the ribosome releases the protein and disassembles.





Parent DNA	Replicate DNA	mRNA	tRNA	Amino Acids
5'				
A				
G				
T				
A				
T				
G				
T				
T				
G				
T				
A				
A				
G				
C				
T				
3'				

