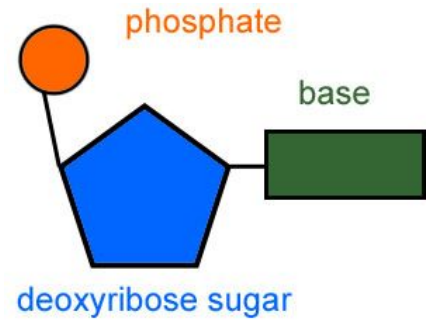


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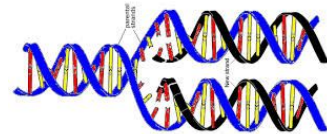
DNA: *Stores genetic information*

- DNA is ALWAYS kept in the **nucleus**!!!!!! It NEVER leaves.
- **Double-helix** = twisted ladder discovered by Watson and Crick!
- Made up of **nucleotides** together in chains
 - o **5-carbon Sugar** = Deoxyribose (in DNA) or Ribose (in RNA)
 - o **Nitrogenous base** = Adenine, Cytosine, Guanine, Thymine, or Uracil (A, C, G, T, U)
 - o **Phosphate group**
- Base-pairing rules
 - o Adenine pairs with Thymine (A—T)
 - o Cytosine pairs with Guanine (C—G)



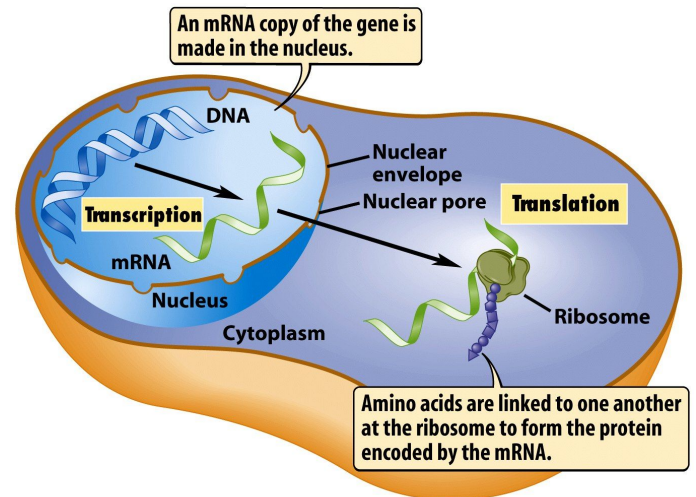
DNA Replication: *Making copies of DNA*

- Happens in **NUCLEUS**
- Carried out by enzyme DNA polymerase
- DNA helix unzips and new bases are brought in using base-pairing rules



Transcription: *DNA → RNA*

- Happens in **NUCLEUS**
- Uses DNA code to make a strand of mRNA
- REMEMBER: in RNA, the base Uracil replaces Thymine!
 - o (A—U)
 - o (C—G)



DNA: T C A A C A T G

RNA: A G U U G U A C

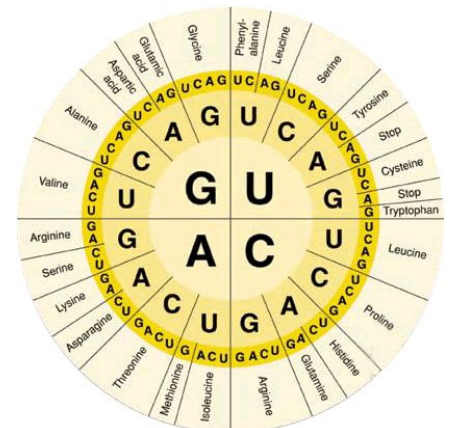
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Translation:

RNA → Protein

- Happens in **RIBOSOMES**
- Uses **mRNA** code to bring in **amino acids** to make **proteins**
 - o Codon = 3 base sequence

RNA sequence: UCG - CAC - GGU
Amino Acid sequence: Serine-Histidine-Glycine



**AUG= start codon

Mutations

- Mutations are **mistakes in the DNA or RNA sequence**
- Lead to a **change in the protein made**
 - o If a mutation causes no change it is called a silent mutation
- A mutation in a gamete (**sex cell**) results in the mutation existing in EVERY cell of the child
- **Deletions** (take one base away), **insertions** (add one base), and **substitutions** (switch base)



Inheritance

- There are two types of alleles: **dominant** (B) and **recessive** (b)
 - o If you have the dominant allele, you will show it!
- During **meiosis**, genes will mix and move around on their own before they are pulled apart. This leads to **variety** in how things look and, **combined with crossing over, is why you look different from your siblings!**

Homozygous	Same alleles! (BB, bb, AA, aa, dd)
Heterozygous	One of each allele (Bb, Aa, Dd) - Dominant phenotype will show!
Genotype	What your genes are (<i>bb, Bb, Tt, etc.</i>)
Phenotype	What the organism looks like (<i>blue eyes, brown hair, tall, Type O blood, etc.</i>)
Incomplete dominance	Heterozygote shows blended(mixed) phenotype - Red (RR) + white (WW) = pink (RW)
Codominance	Heterozygote shows both phenotypes - Red (RR) + white (WW) = red/white stripes (RW)
Sex-linked traits	Genes found on sex chromosomes (X or Y) - Male: X [?] Y Female: X [?] X [?]
Polygenic Inheritance	Traits that are controlled by several genes - Example: skin color in humans is a blend of approximately six different genes
Multiple Alleles	Gene with more than two alleles - Example: There are three alleles for blood type (I ^A , I ^B , i)

Practice Questions

_____ 1. Which type of cell must contain a mutation in order for the mutation to be passed from a woman to her offspring?

- a. Blood cell
- b. Brain cell
- b. Egg cell
- d. Skin cell

_____ 2. In tomato plants, the tall vine allele (**T**) is dominant to the short vine allele (**t**). Two tomato plants are crossed. Among the offspring plants grown from seed, 45% have tall vines and 55% have short vines. What are the **most likely** genotypes of the parent plants?

- a. **TT** and **tt**
- c. **Tt** and **tt**
- b. **Tt** and **TT**
- d. **tt** and **tt**

_____ 3. Garden pea plants can have yellow seeds or green seeds. In a pea plant that is heterozygous for seed color, the allele for yellow seeds masks the effects of the allele for green seeds. Which of the following terms best describes the allele for yellow seeds?

- a. Codominant
- b. Dominant
- c. Recessive
- d. Sex-linked

_____ 4. Which of the following processes produces the nucleotide sequence UUA from the sequence AAT?

- a. Meiosis
- c. Respiration
- b. Replication
- d. Transcription

_____ 5. In pea plants, the allele for smooth seeds (**R**) is dominant to the allele for wrinkled seeds (**r**). Two parent plants are crossed. Almost half of the offspring have smooth seeds, while the rest of the offspring have wrinkled seeds.

Which of the following identifies the **most likely** genotypes of the two parent plants?

- a. **RR** and **Rr**
- c. **Rr** and **rr**
- b. **RR** and **rr**
- d. **Rr** and **Rr**

_____ 6. An inherited metabolic disorder called phenylketonuria (PKU) can result in serious problems in infancy. The chance that two parents who are heterozygous will have a child with PKU is 25%. Which of the following terms **best** applies to the inheritance pattern for PKU?

- a. Codominant
- b. Dominant
- c. Recessive
- d. Sex-linked

_____ 7. In a eukaryotic cell, which of the following processes directly involves DNA?

- a. Translation
- c. Active transport of ions
- b. Cellular Respiration
- d. Replication of chromosomes

_____ 8. In a molecule of double-stranded DNA, the amount of adenine is always equal to the amount of _____

- a. Cytosine
- c. Thymine
- b. Guanine
- d. Uracil

_____ 9. In fruit flies, the gene for eye color is located on the X chromosome, and the red eye allele (**R**) is dominant to the white eye allele (**r**). A female fly with genotype $X^R X^r$ is mated with a male fly with genotype $X^r Y$. Which of the following best describes the expected outcome of the cross?

- a. The chance of an offspring having red eyes is 75%.
- b. The chance of an offspring having white eyes is 50%.
- c. The chance that a male offspring will have white eyes is 0%.
- d. The chance that a female offspring will have red eyes is 100%.

_____ 10. During DNA replication, the wrong nucleotide was inserted in the DNA sequence. Which of the following terms describes this situation?

- a. Mutation
- b. Regeneration
- c. Transcription
- d. Translation

_____ 11. A partial Punnett square is shown below.

AA	AA
Aa	Aa

Which of the following statements describes the parental genotypes that would result in this Punnett square?

- a. Both parents are heterozygous.
- b. Both parents are homozygous dominant.
- c. One parent is homozygous recessive and the other parent is heterozygous.
- d. One parent is homozygous dominant and the other parent is heterozygous.

_____ 12. According to Mendel's law of segregation, which of the following statements describes what happens to the alleles of a gene pair?

- a. The alleles are moved to different chromosomes.
- b. The alleles are mutated in the process of mitosis.
- c. The alleles are separated during fertilization.
- d. The alleles are separated during gamete formation.

_____ 13. Which of the following features of DNA is **most important** in determining the phenotype of an organism?

- a. the direction of the helical twist
- b. the number of deoxyribose sugars
- c. the sequence of nitrogenous bases
- d. the strength of the hydrogen bonds

_____ 14. A portion of one strand of a DNA molecule has the sequence shown below.

ACCTGAAGG

Assuming there are no mutations in this portion of the DNA, what is the corresponding sequence on the complementary DNA strand?

- a. ACCTGAAGG
- b. GTTCAGGAA
- c. TGGACTTCC
- d. UGGACUCC

_____ 15. Which of the following statements best describes a DNA molecule?

- a. It is a double helix.
- b. It contains the sugar ribose.
- c. It is composed of amino acids.
- d. It contains the nitrogenous base uracil.

_____ 16. Fireflies produce light inside their bodies. The enzyme luciferase is involved in the reaction that produces the light. Scientists have isolated the luciferase gene.

A scientist inserts the luciferase gene into the DNA of cells from another organism. If these cells produce light, the scientist knows that which of the following occurred?

- a. The luciferase gene mutated inside the cells.
- b. The luciferase gene was transcribed and translated.
- c. The luciferase gene destroyed the original genes of the cells.
- d. The luciferase gene moved from the nucleus to the endoplasmic reticulum.

_____ 17. Individuals with one form of lactose intolerance do not produce the enzyme lactase because the gene coding for the production of lactase is shut off in their cells. This means that which of the following processes does **not** occur for the gene?

- a. hydrogenation
- b. mutation
- c. replication
- d. transcription

_____ 18. In humans, one form of night blindness is an inherited condition that affects far more males than females. Males with one copy of the allele for this form of night blindness will have the condition, but females must have two copies of the allele to have the condition.

Which of the following best describes the allele that codes for this form of night blindness?

- a. recessive on the X chromosome
- b. polygenic on the X chromosome
- c. dominant on the Y chromosome
- d. codominant on the Y chromosome

_____ 19. In tigers, the allele for orange fur is dominant to the allele for white fur. If two heterozygous tigers mate and produce offspring, what is the probability of an individual offspring having white fur?

- a. 0
- b. $\frac{1}{4}$
- c. $\frac{1}{2}$
- d. 1

21. A certain genetic disorder is caused by a single base mutation in the DNA of a certain gene. The mutation changes the amino acid glutamate (Glu) to aspartate (Asp).

- a. Identify the type of macromolecule (carbohydrate, lipid, nucleic acid, protein) that changes when Glu changes to Asp. Explain your answer.

Val-Ser-Ala-Arg-Asp

The sample of DNA below is being analyzed to determine if a patient has the genetic disorder.

3' CAA-TCG-CGG-TCT-CTT 5'

- b. Determine the mRNA sequence from the patient's DNA sequence.
- c. Using the information in the codon table below, determine the amino acid sequence that is coded for by the mRNA sequence you determined in part (b)
- d. Determine whether the patient has the genetic disorder. Explain your answer.

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

