



# DNA/RNA

Transcription and Translation

# Review.....

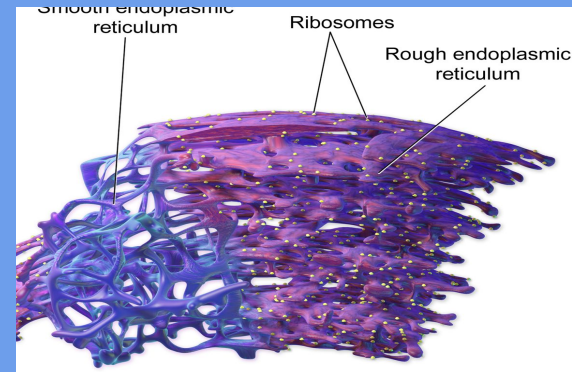
- DNA is responsible for controlling the production of proteins in the cell
- Which is essential for life



- Chromosomes contain several thousand genes, each with directions to make one protein
- What organelle is responsible for protein production?

# Where are Proteins Produced?

- RIBOSOMES!
- Ribosomes are found in two places:
  - Free Floating in the Cytoplasm
  - Attached to the Endoplasmic Reticulum(Rough ER)

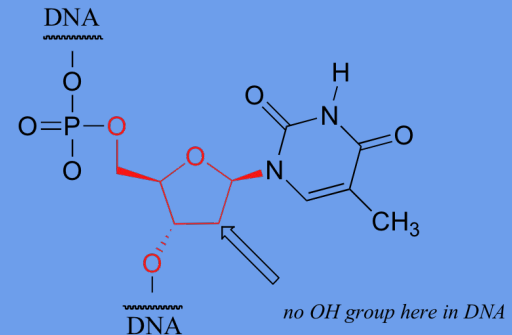
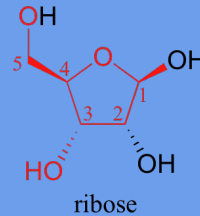


So...how does information needed to build the protein get delivered from the DNA to the ribosomes?

- With the help of RNA in a process called Protein Synthesis!

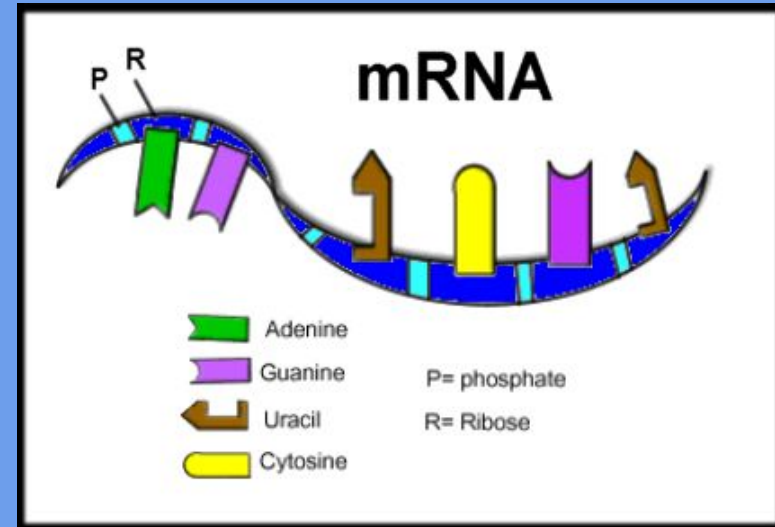
# What is RNA?

- RNA stands for Ribonucleic Acid
- One subunit of RNA is a nucleotide (just like DNA!)
  - 1 - 5 Carbon Sugar(Ribose in RNA)
  - 1 - Phosphate Group
  - 1 - Nitrogenous (N) Base
- Three types of RNA
  - mRNA - Messenger
  - rRNA - Ribosomal
  - tRNA - Transfer



# mRNA

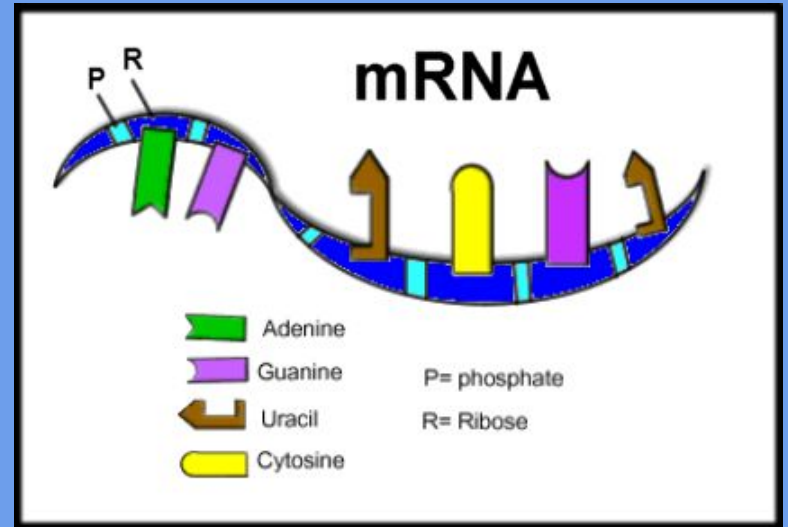
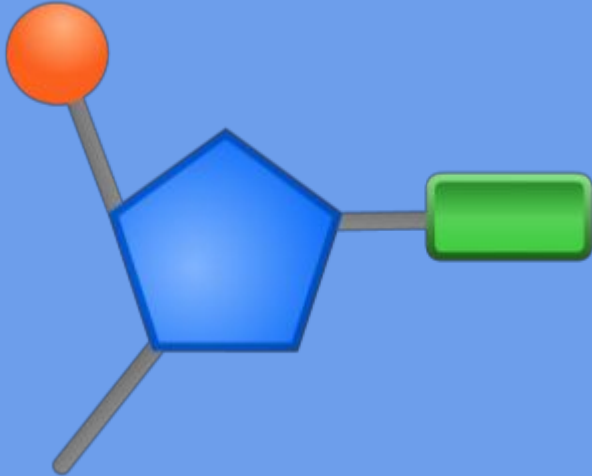
- Looking at the mRNA below, how is it different visually from DNA?
  - Single Stranded
  - Shorter and able to leave the nucleus
  - The sugar is Ribose
  - There is a different base
    - Uracil(U) takes place of the Thymine (T)



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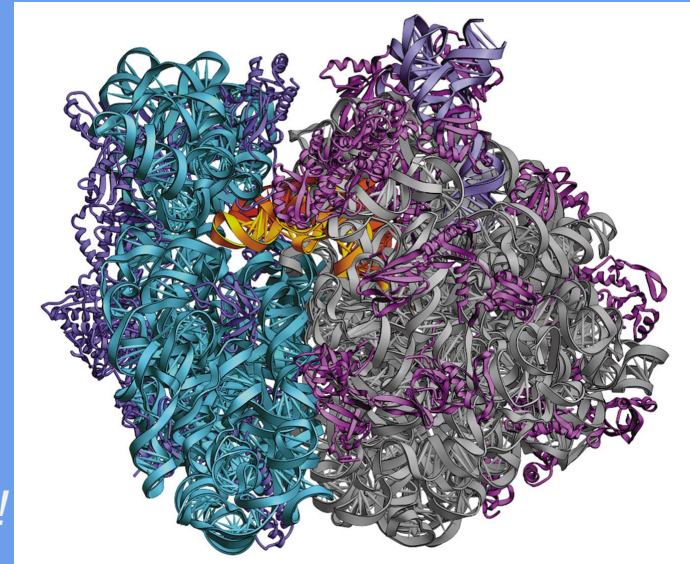
Your Nucleotide: Phosphate, 5-Carbon Sugar & Nitrogen Base

Your strand of RNA - each Nitrogen Base



# What does mRNA do?

- It's job is to take directions from one gene and transport it to a ribosome in the cytoplasm where it is translated.
  - This is so the cell can begin assembling ***amino acids***, the building blocks of proteins
  - like it's name, it is sending messages on how to do the job
  - this is part of the process is called ***Protein Synthesis***



*This is a Ribosome up close!*

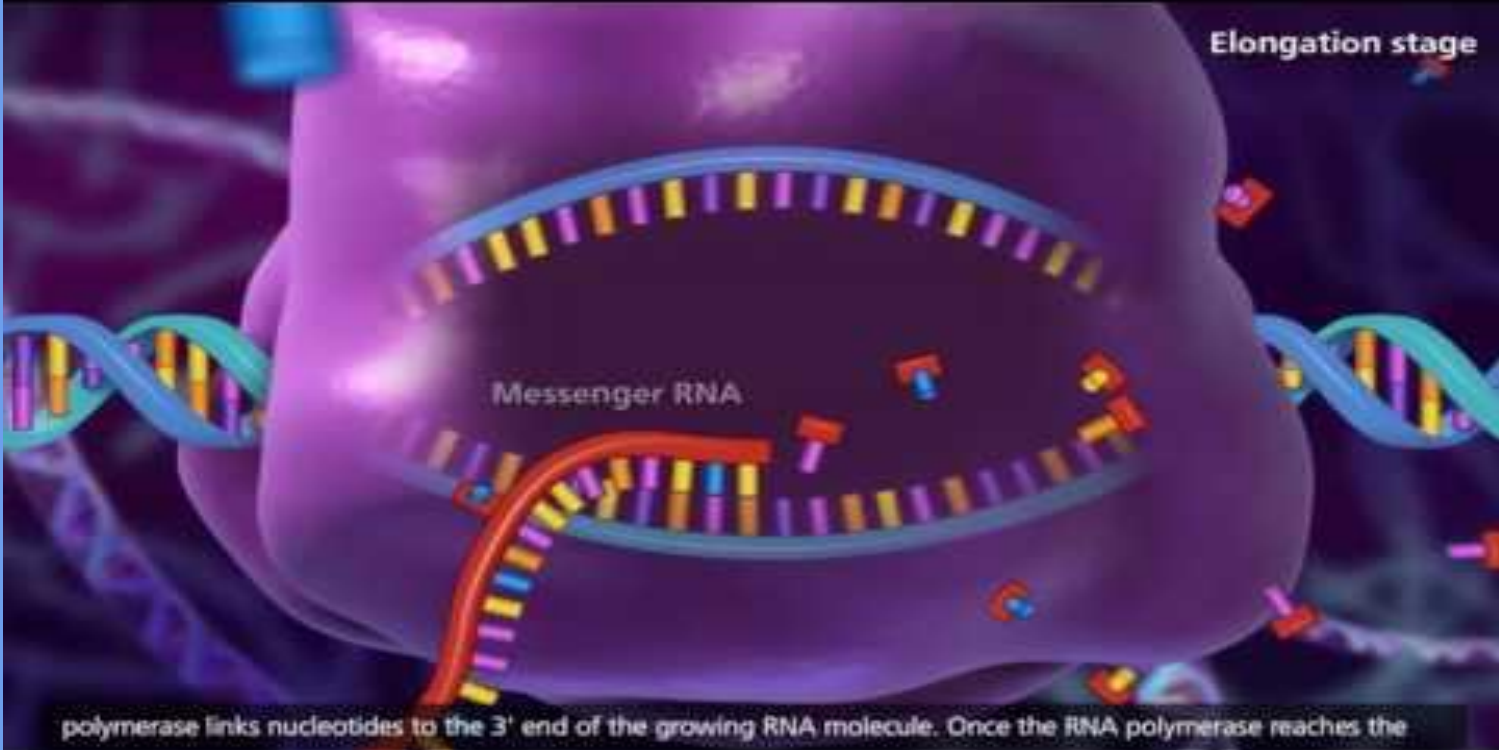


# What is Protein Synthesis

- a two stage process
  - ***Transcription*** and ***Translation***
- During this process, a messenger molecule (mRNA) carries instructions from DNA to the ribosomes
  - DNA **cannot** leave the nucleus
  - **BUT** the mRNA can
- mRNA make it possible for the proteins to be assembled by ribosomes outside of the nucleus

Elongation stage

Messenger RNA



polymerase links nucleotides to the 3' end of the growing RNA molecule. Once the RNA polymerase reaches the






# Protein Synthesis

Transcription

# Transcription

- happens when DNA is turned to mRNA
- happens when proteins need to be made in the cytoplasm
- Since DNA cannot leave the nucleus, it is transcribed into RNA (DNA  RNA)
  - Transcribe: to copy (copy in the same nucleic acid language, but it only copies what is needed)

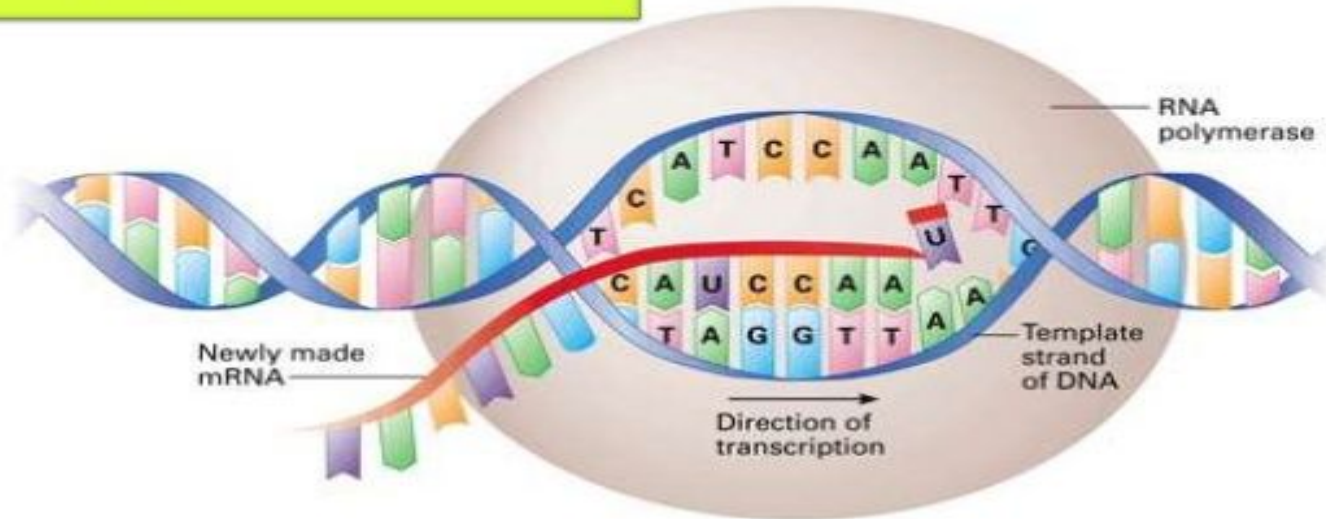
# How does transcription happen?

- After an enzyme targets the portion of the DNA that should be copied (initiation), the sections of DNA (genes) will temporarily unwind to allow mRNA to transcribe (copy). This will continue until the enzyme signals to stop or end.
- mRNA leaves the nucleus, travels into the cytoplasm and attaches to a ribosome
- the "message" from the DNA can now be translated to make a protein

# Transcription: DNA to RNA

- ❖ Template strand of DNA
- ❖ Newly made m RNA\*
- ❖ RNA polymerase

\*Pre m RNA



# Transcription: DNA to mRNA

- When transcribing DNA to mRNA you must remember the following complementary pairs
  - C (in RNA) will attach to a G (in DNA)
  - G (in RNA) will attach to a C (in DNA)
  - A (in RNA) will attach to a T (in DNA)
  - U (in RNA) will attach to a A (in DNA)



# Practicing Transcription:

- A piece of DNA reads: T A G C A T T C C G A U

- transcribe to mRNA: \_\_\_\_\_

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- transcribe to mRNA: \_\_\_\_\_

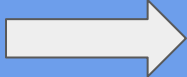




# Protein Synthesis

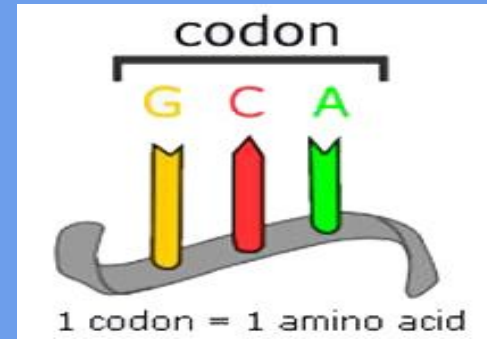
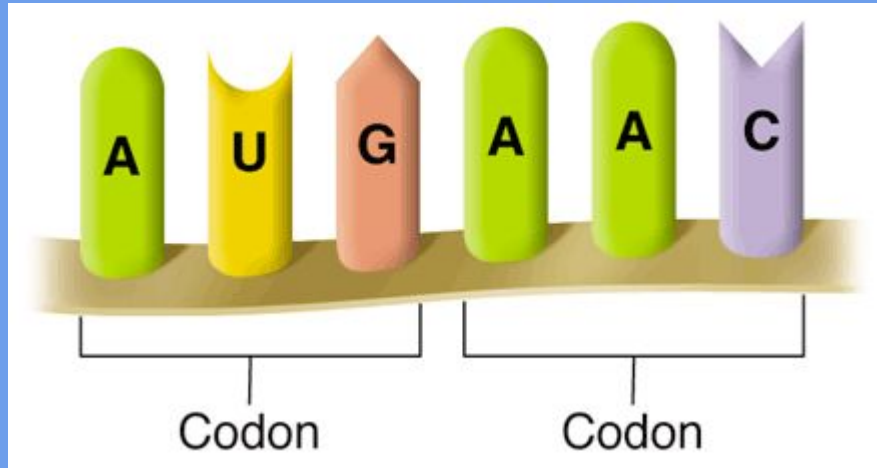
Translation

# What is Translation?

- the process in which mRNA is used as a blueprint to form chains of amino acids (RNA  Protein)
  - Amino Acids linked together form a protein
  - translate - to change a sentence from one language (nucleic acid) to another (amino acid)

# Codon (there are 20 different Amino Acids)

- Every 3 letters on an mRNA chain = codon
  - each codon (3 DNA letters) = 1 Amino Acid



# Reading a Codon Chart

- Given the mRNA, we can read a codon chart to translate it into the amino acid it codes for
- Remember, 1 word in nucleic acid language is a codon (three nucleotides)

		Second Base				
		U	C	A	G	
First Base	U	Phenylalanine	Serine	Tyrosine	Cysteine	U C A G
		Phenylalanine	Serine	Tyrosine	Cysteine	
		Leucine	Serine	Stop	Stop	
	C	Leucine	Serine	Tryptophan		U C A G
		Leucine	Proline	Histidine	Arginine	
		Leucine	Proline	Histidine	Arginine	
	A	Leucine	Proline	Glutamine	Arginine	U C A G
		Leucine	Proline	Glutamine	Arginine	
		Leucine	Proline	Glutamine	Arginine	
	G	Isoleucine	Threonine	Asparagine	Serine	U C A G
		Isoleucine	Threonine	Asparagine	Serine	
		Isoleucine	Threonine	Lysine	Arginine	
G	Methionine	Threonine	Lysine	Arginine	U C A G	
	Valine	Alanine	Aspartic acid	Glycine		
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G	Valine	Alanine	Glutamic acid	Glycine	U C A G	
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5' **AUG**GGUUGAUUU 3'



# Practice: Reading a Codon Chart

- What amino acid is coded for AUGGUCGCCCGAUAA?

- AUG - \_\_\_\_\_
- GUC - \_\_\_\_\_
- GCC - \_\_\_\_\_
- CGA - \_\_\_\_\_
- UAA - \_\_\_\_\_

First Letter	Second Letter				Third Letter
	U	C	A	G	
U	phenylalanine	serine	tyrosine	cysteine	U
	phenylalanine	serine	tyrosine	cysteine	C
	leucine	serine	stop	stop	A
	leucine	serine	stop	tryptophan	G
C	leucine	proline	histidine	arginine	U
	leucine	proline	histidine	arginine	C
	leucine	proline	glutamine	arginine	A
	leucine	proline	glutamine	arginine	G
A	isoleucine	threonine	asparagine	serine	U
	isoleucine	threonine	asparagine	serine	C
	isoleucine	threonine	lysine	arginine	A
	methionine	threonine	lysine	arginine	G
G	valine	alanine	aspartate	glycine	U
	valine	alanine	aspartate	glycine	C
	valine	alanine	glutamate	glycine	A
	valine	alanine	glutamate	glycine	G



# Practice: Reading a Codon Chart

- What amino acid is coded for AUGGUCGCCCGAUAA?
  - AUG - Methionine
  - GUC - Valine
  - GCC - Alanine
  - CGA - Arginine
  - UAA - stop

# Anticodon

- Region of mRNA that is a compliment to the codon

5' AUG CAA CCC GAC UCC AGC 3'

3' UAC GUU GGG CUG AGG UAG 5'

Met--Gln---Pro---Asp--Phe--Ser

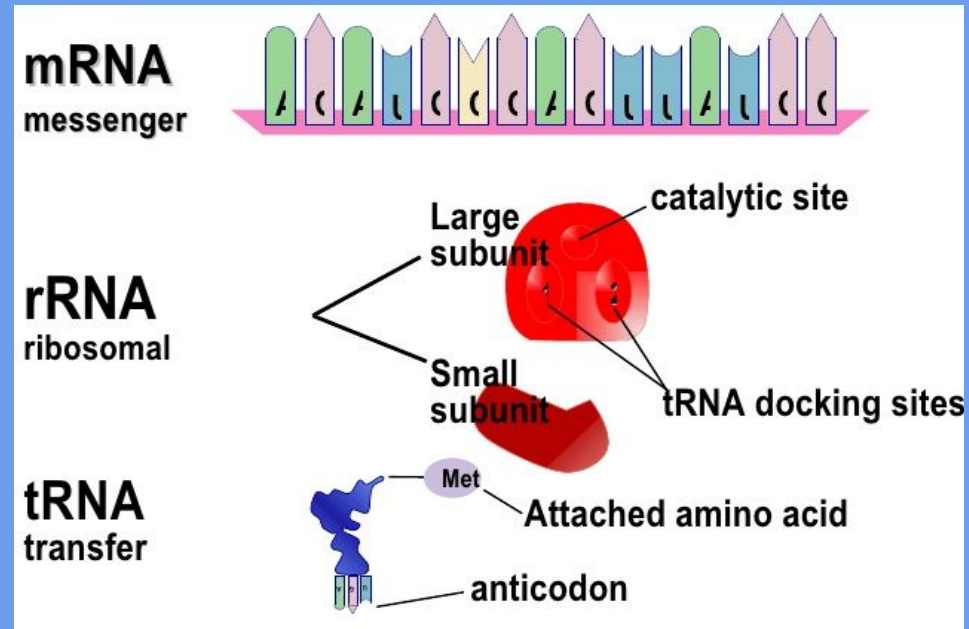
← **Codon**

← **AntiCodon**

← **Amino Acids**

# Translation

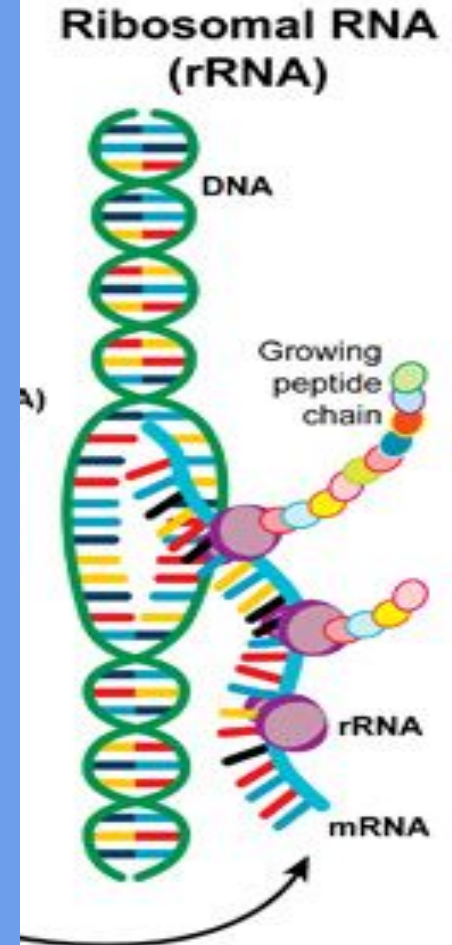
- Occurs in a ribosome in ALL cells
- This process uses all three forms of RNA (mRNA, rRNA and tRNA)
- DNA is not directly used!



# Step 1 of Translation

The mRNA leaves the nucleus and lands on a ribosome

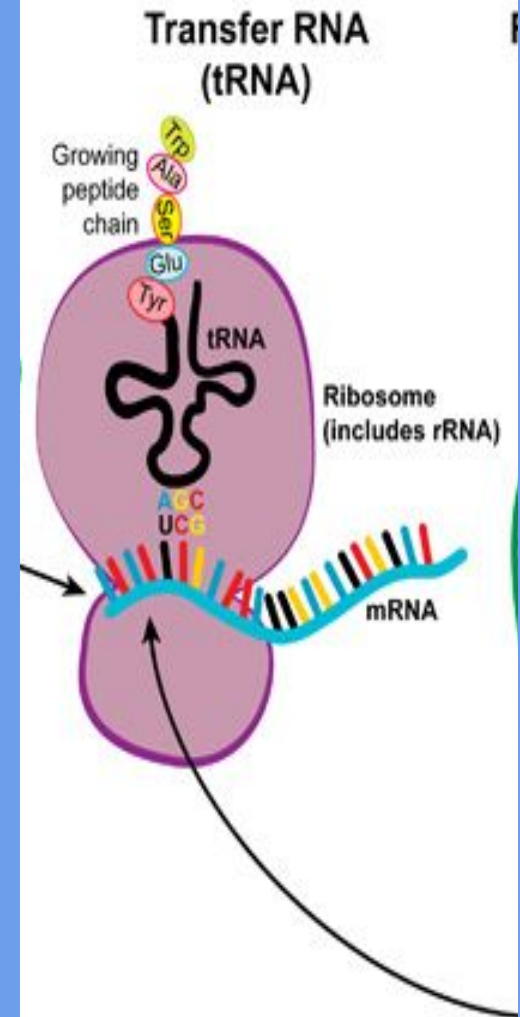
(rRNA - Ribosomal Ribonucleic Acid)



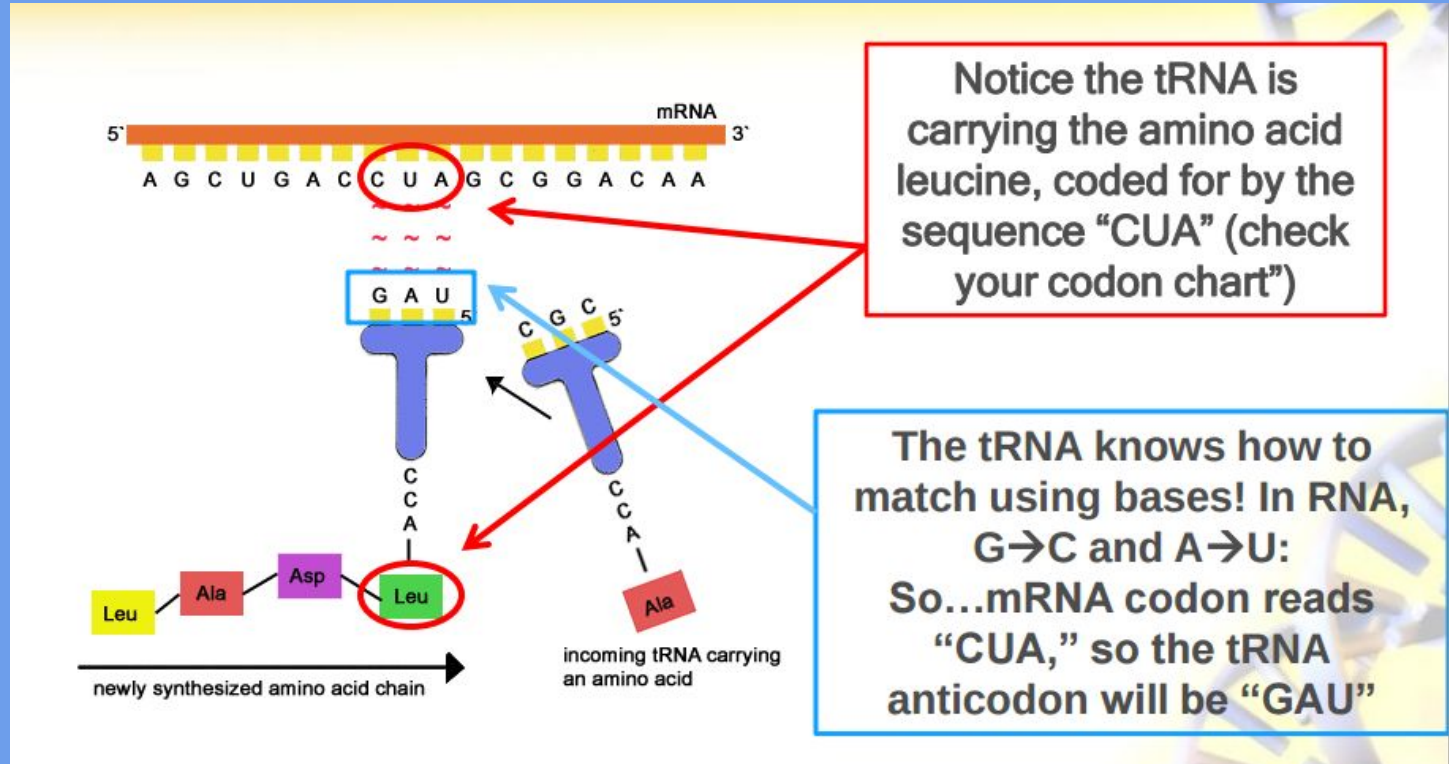
# Step 2 of Translation

The tRNA (with the correct anticodon) lands on the ribosome opposite a codon on the mRNA

(tRNA - Transfer Ribonucleic Acid)



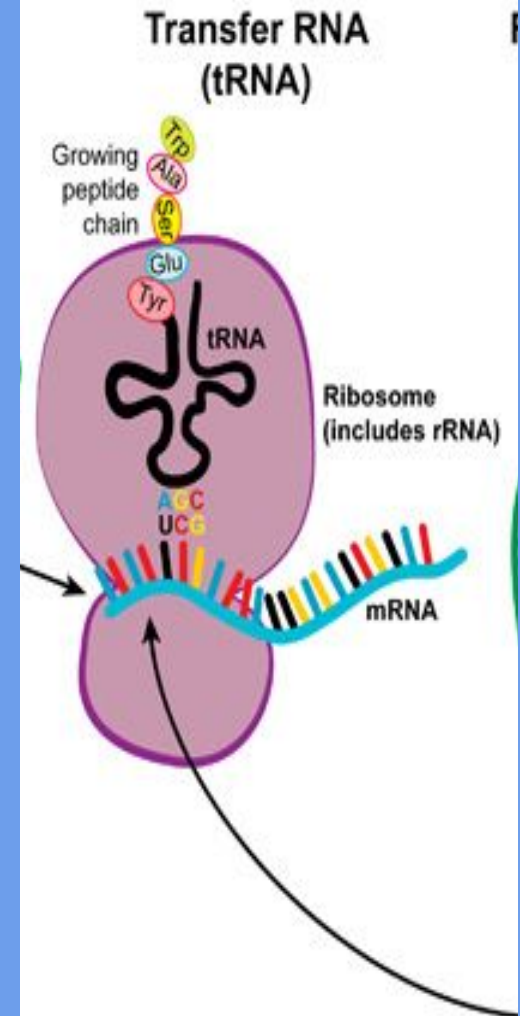
# tRNA: A Closer Look



# Step 3 of Translation

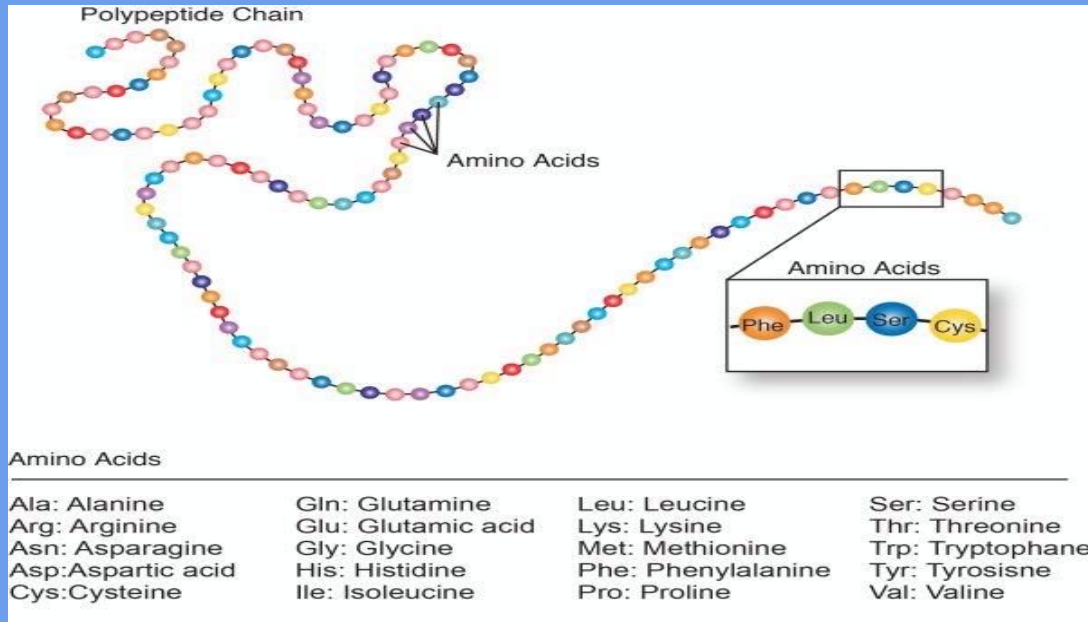
The tRNA leaves the ribosome, but the amino acid that it coded for stays on the ribosome to be read

(tRNA - Transfer Ribonucleic Acid)



# Step 4 of Translation

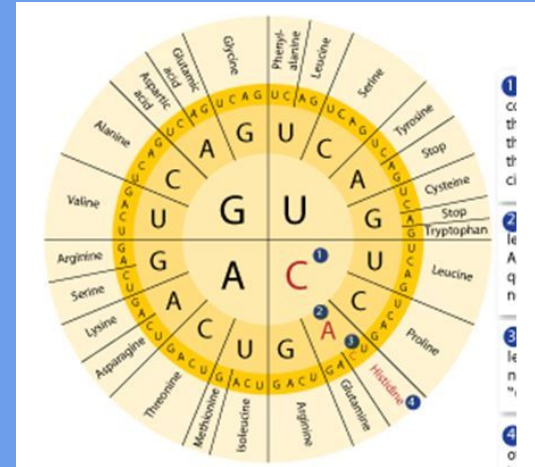
The ribosome moves to the next codon bringing in another amino acid to the growing protein (Polypeptide) chain.

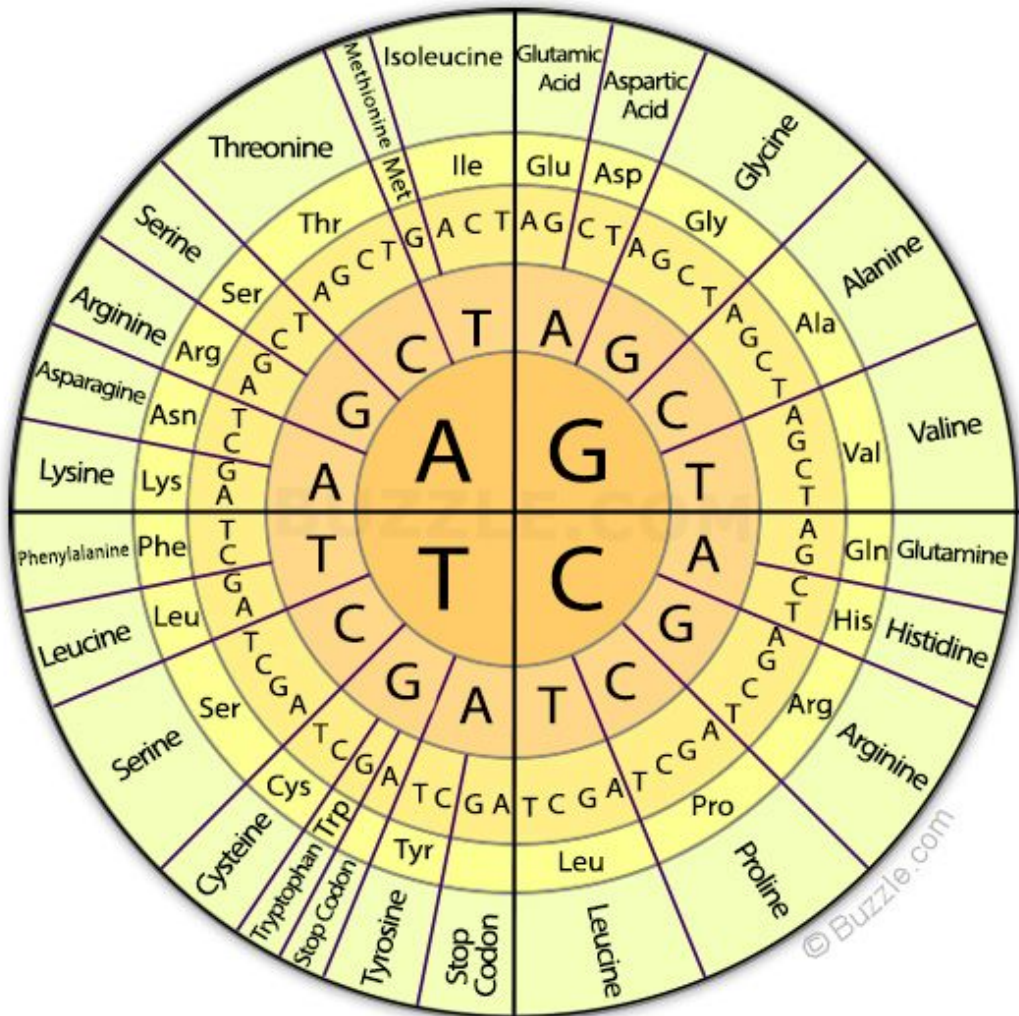




# Amino Acid Chain

- Will start with the “START codon” - AUG
- tRNA will continue to add amino acids until it reaches a “STOP codon”
  - (UAA, UAG, UGA)
- Reaching the stop protein, means a complete protein has been built
- The protein un-attaches from the ribosome



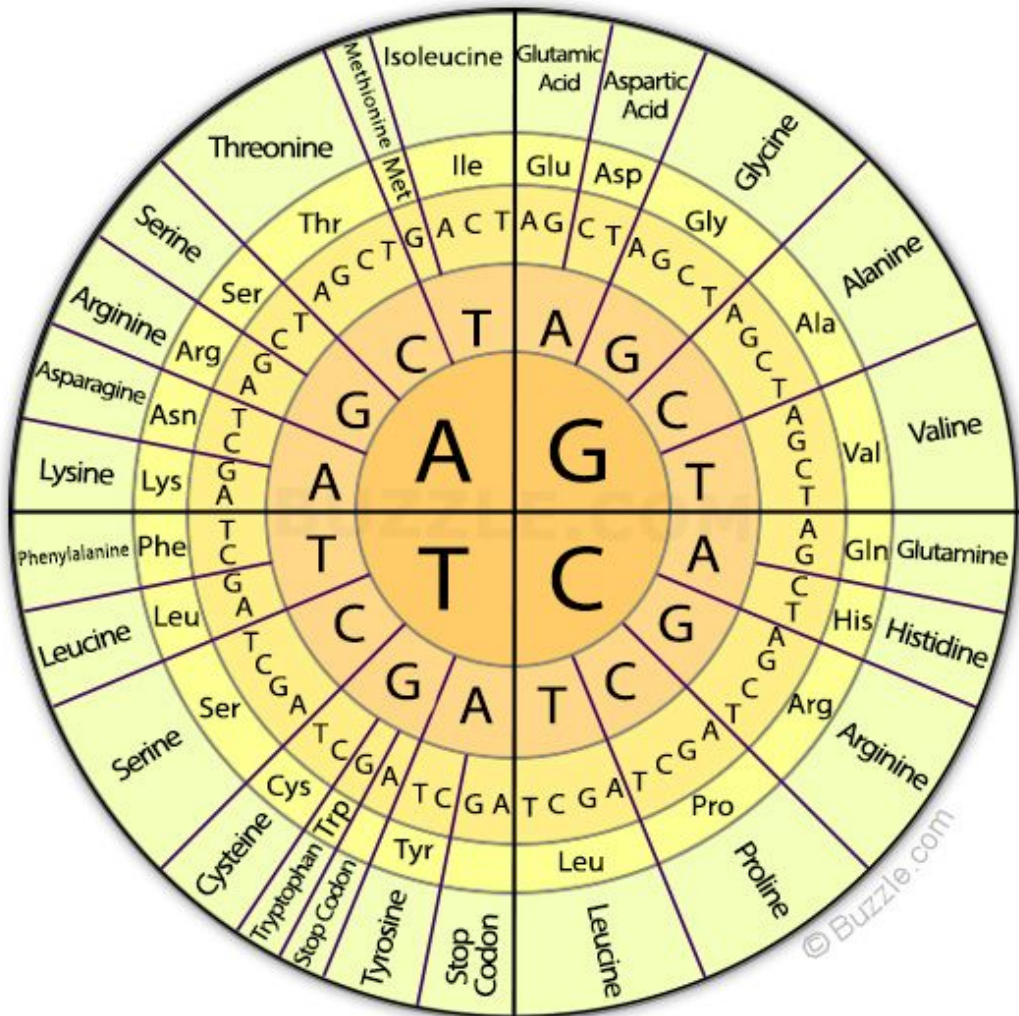


# Code the Following Amino Acids:

1. TGC - \_\_\_\_\_
2. CCG - \_\_\_\_\_
3. ACG - \_\_\_\_\_

To decode the codon, move from the center circle towards the periphery.

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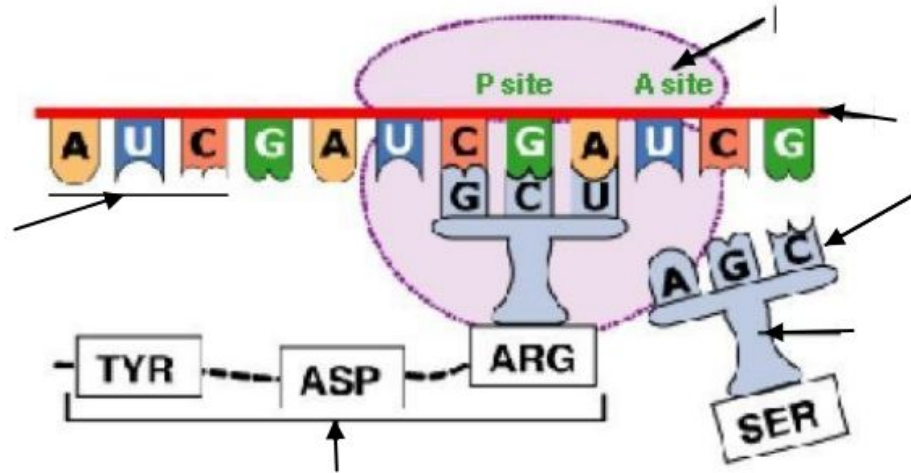
# Code the Following Amino Acids:

1. TGC - Cysteine
2. CCG - Proline
3. ACG - Threonine

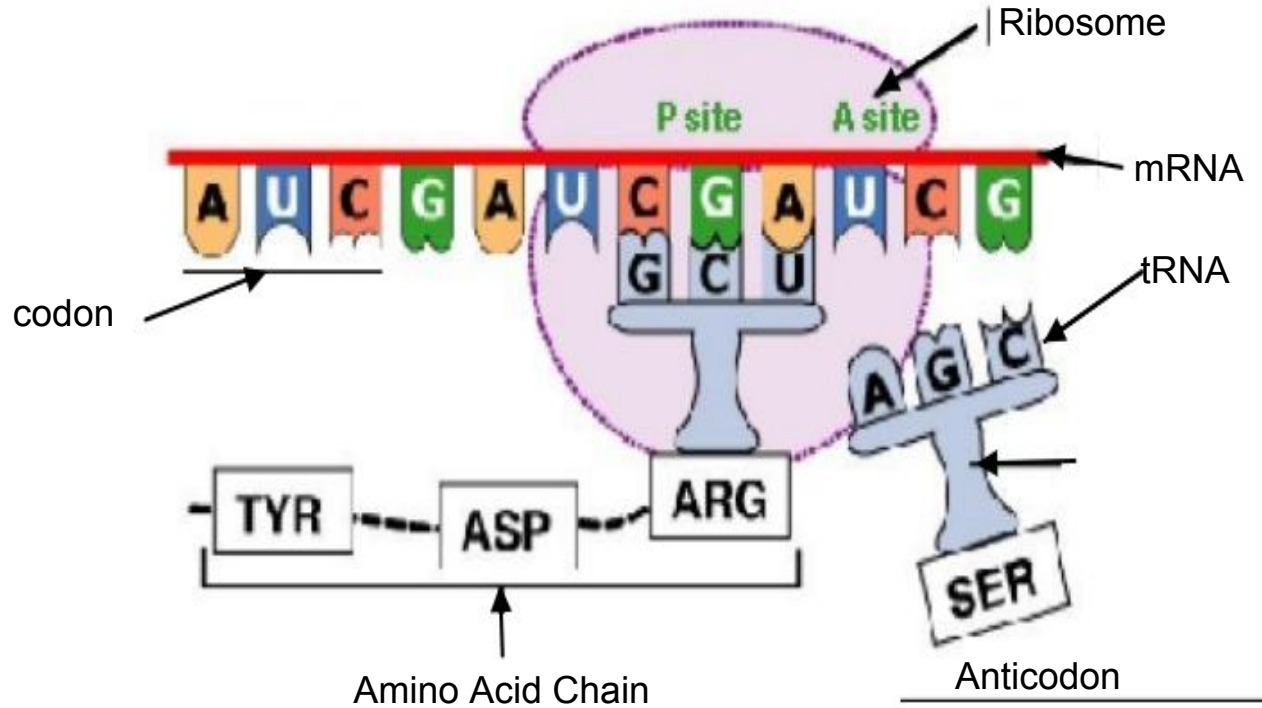
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# Label the diagram of translation

- a) ribosome
- b) mRNA
- c) tRNA
- d) codon
- e) anticodon
- f) amino acid chain



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## Let's Practice

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  - ATC
- Now, transcribe the DNA to mRNA
- What amino acid does the codon code for? (use the codon chart)
- What would the anticodon on the tRNA read?

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  - ATC - **TAG**
- Now, transcribe the DNA to mRNA - **AUC**
- What amino acid does the codon code for? (use the codon chart) - **isoleucine**
- What would the anticodon on the tRNA read? - **UAG**

## One more time

- Given the strand of DNA below, what would it's ***complementary*** DNA strand read?
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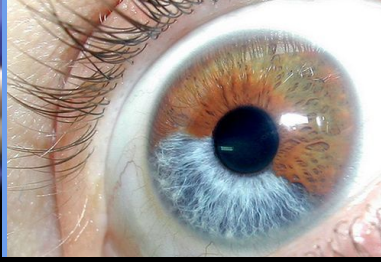
- Given the strand of DNA below, what would its ***complementary*** DNA strand read?
  - TGA - **ACT**
- Now, transcribe the DNA to mRNA - **UGA**
- What amino acid does the codon code for? (use the codon chart) **STOP - causing translation to stop**
- What would the anticodon on the tRNA read? **ACU**





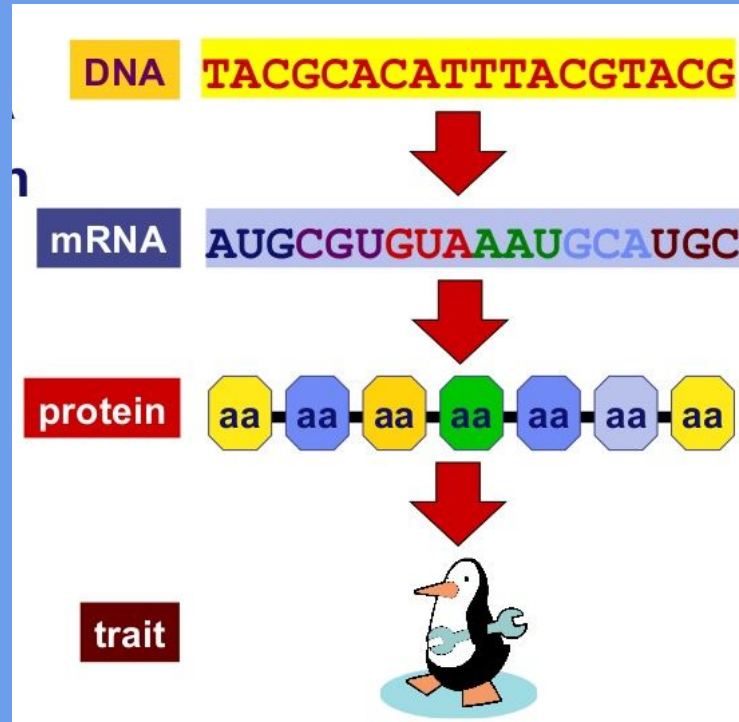
# Mutations

Changes to DNA



# Mutations

- Any changes to the DNA Sequence
  - Changes to the DNA
  - Changes to the mRNA
  - may change the protein
  - may change the trait





# Types of Mutations

- Changes to the letters (A,C,T,G bases) in the DNA
  - point mutation
    - change to ONE letter (base) in the DNA
    - may (or may not) cause change the protein
  
  - frameshift mutation
    - addition of a new letter (base) in the DNA sequence
    - deletion of a letter (base) in the DNA
    - both shift the DNA and change how the codons are read
    - big changes to protein!

# Point Mutations

- One base change, can change the meaning of the whole protein

THE FAT CAT AND THE RED RAT RAN

↓

THE FAT CAR AND THE RED RAT RAN

OR

THE FAT CAT AND THE RED RAT RAN

Does this change the sentence?  
A LITTLE!

Biology

# Point Mutations

- Missense Mutation - changes the amino acid

AUGCGUGUAUACGCAUGCGAGUGA

MetArgValTyrAlaCysGluStop

AUGCGUGUAUACGUAUGCGAGUGA

MetArgValTyrValCysGluStop

Does this change the protein?  
DEPENDS...

ts Biology



# Sickle Cell Anemia: ex. missense mutation

- Hemoglobin protein in the red blood cells
  - strikes 1 out of 400 African Americans
    - side effects: limited activity, painful & may die young



# Silent Mutations

- no change to the protein

AUGCGUGUAUACGCAUGCGAGUGA



Met Arg Val Tyr Ala Cys Glu Stop

AUGCGUGUAUACGCUUGCGAGUGA



Met Arg Val Tyr Ala Cys Glu Stop

The code has repeats in it!



# Nonsense Mutations

- changes protein to STOP

AUGCGUGUAUACGCAUGCGAGUGA



Met Arg Val Tyr Ala Cys Glu Stop

AUGCGUGUAUAAGCAUGCGAGUGA



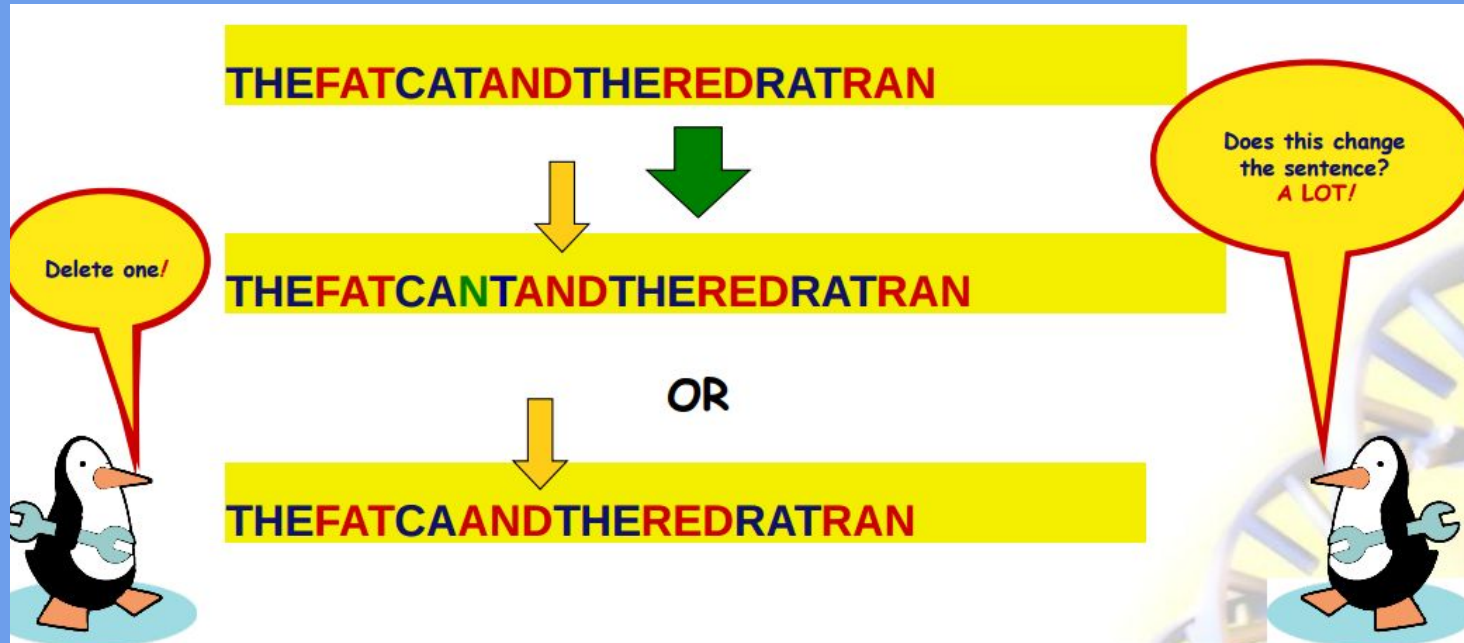
Met Arg Val Stop

Really destroyed  
that protein!



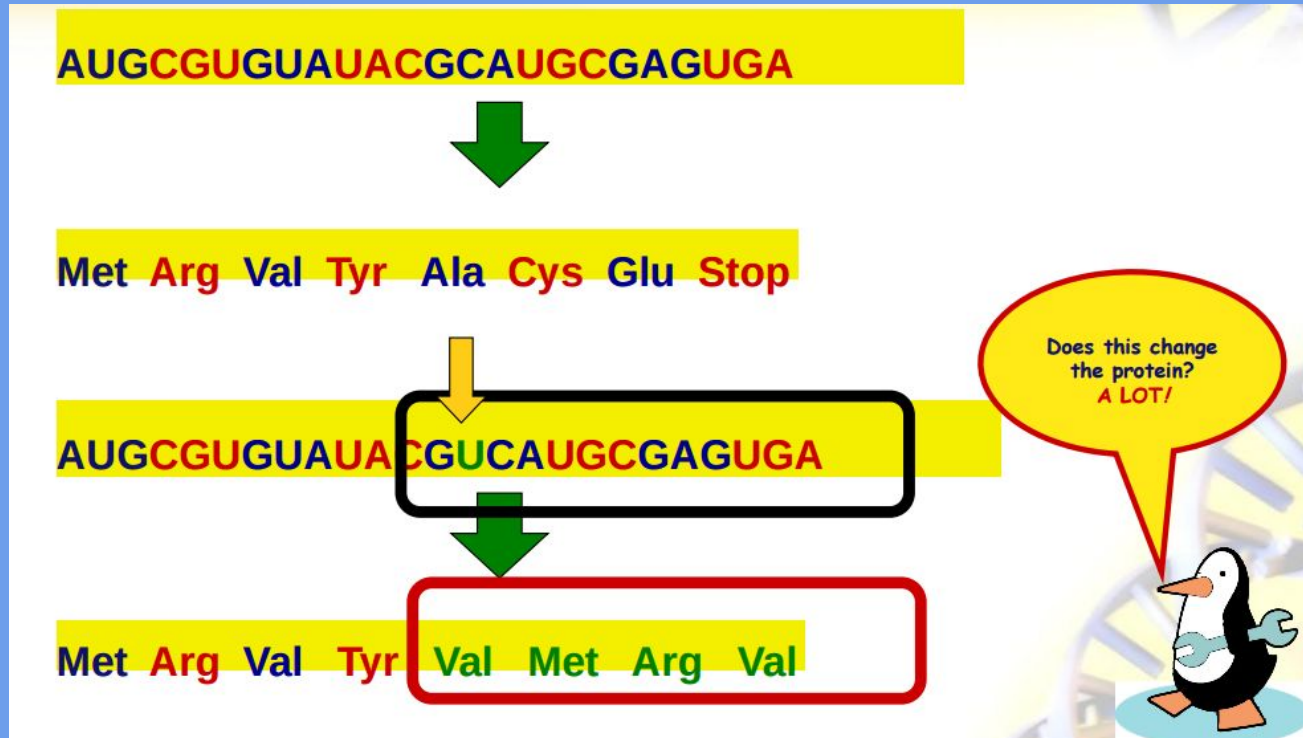
# Frameshift Mutations

- Add or Delete one or more base - changes the whole meaning of the protein



# Addition

- add one or more base(s)



# Deletion

- lose one or more base(s)

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Met Arg Val Tyr Ala Cys Glu Stop



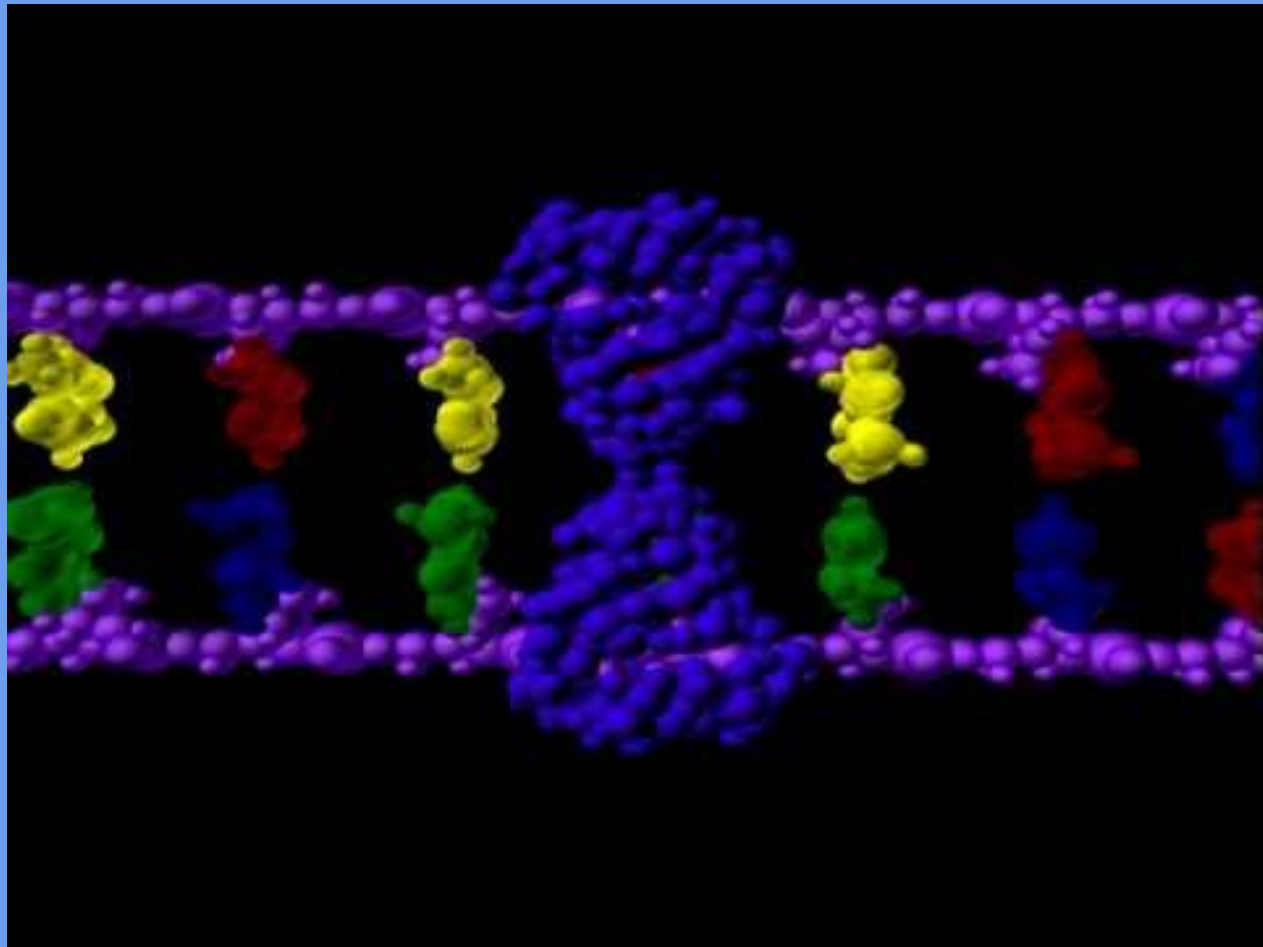
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Met Arg Val Tyr Asp Ala Ser

Does this change  
the protein?  
A LOT!

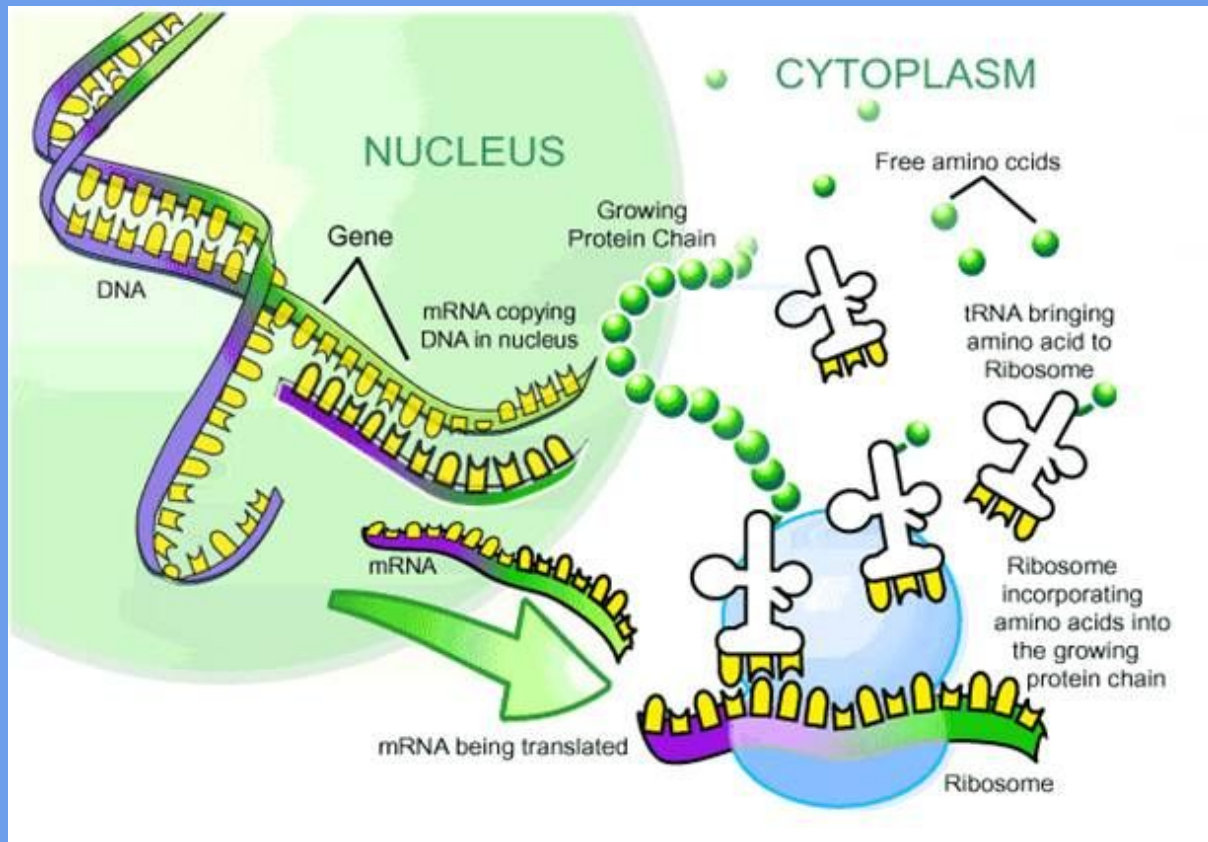




# Remember

- mRNA - gives you your Amino Acid sequence
- Protein Synthesis - translation and transcription
- DNA - has 4 bases - ATCG
- RNA - has 4 bases - AUCG
- 3 bases = 1 codon = 1 amino acid





Circular  
mRNA  
Codon Chart:  
  
There are 20  
different Amino  
Acids

