

# Transcription and Translation and the Genetic Code

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## Learning Objective:

1. Specifics of transcription and translation.
2. Explain the properties of the Genetic Code

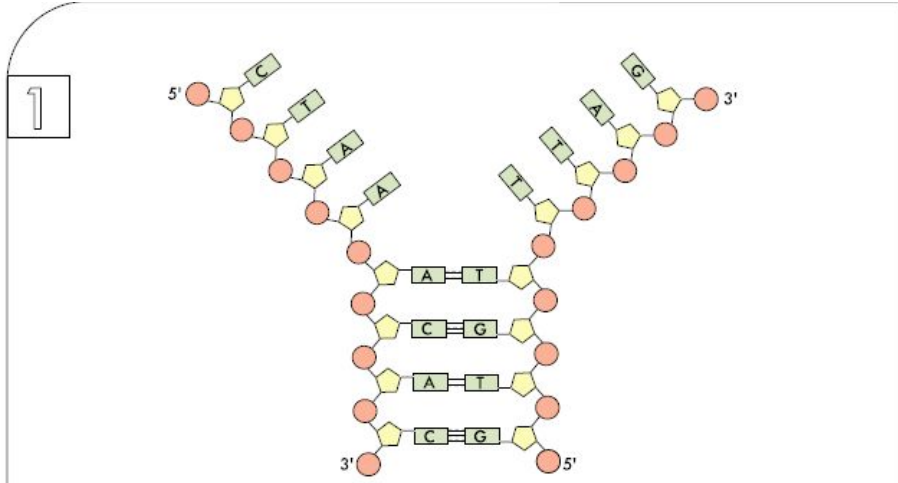
## Success Criteria

1. Define transcription and translation.
2. Describe how the triplet code and be transferred to a protein using at least four given terms.
3. Explain the properties of the genetic code.

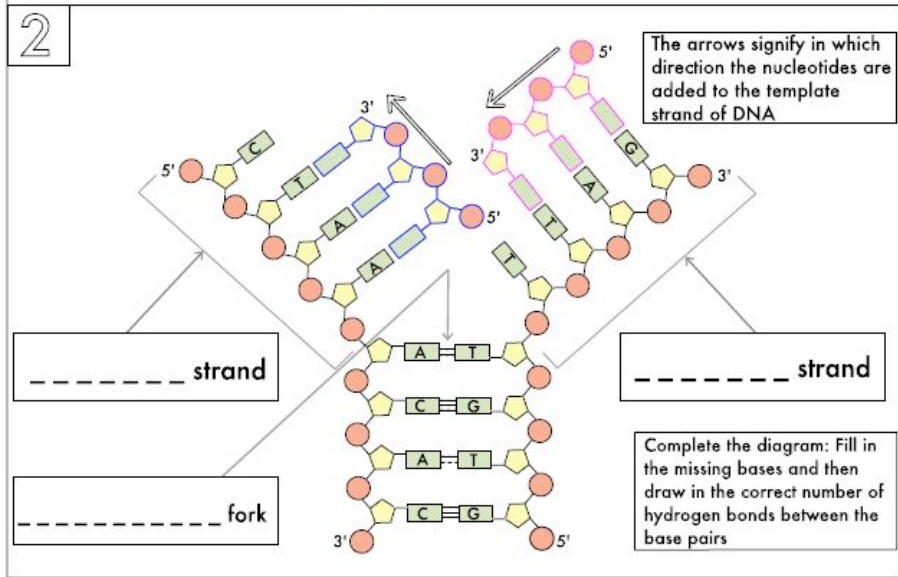
# Terminology

English	Google Russian 😊
Transcription	транскрипция
Translation	Перевод
Codon - triplet	Кодон - триплет
Anticodon – anti-triplet	Антикодон - антитриплет
Genetic code, codon chart	Генетический код, кодонная диаграмма
Messenger RNA (mRNA)	Мессина РНК (мРНК)
Ribosomal RNA (rRNA)	Рибосомная РНК (рРНК)
Transfer RNA (tRNA)	Передача РНК (тРНК)
Nuclear pore	Ядерная пора
Template (antisense)	Шаблон (антисмысловой)
5' to 3' Sense, coding, non-template	5 'to 3' Sense, кодирование, не шаблон
3' to 5' Antisense, non-coding, template	3 'to 5' Антисмысловое, не кодирующее,
Degenerate, Degenerative – Redundant	шаблонное
Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA)	Вырожденный, дегенеративный -
Ribonucleic acid (RNA)	избыточный
RNA polymerase	Дезоксирибонуклеиновая кислота (ДНК)
	Рибонуклеиновая кислота (РНК)
	РНК-полимераза

# DNA Replication DNA □ DNA



Before replication of DNA can start, the molecule has to unwind from its \_\_\_\_\_ shape, a section at a time. DNA \_\_\_\_\_ is the enzyme responsible for this unwinding of the DNA molecule. Also, the two strands have to be separated. DNA \_\_\_\_\_ is the enzyme responsible for breaking the \_\_\_\_\_ bonds between the bases on either strands, causing it to unzip. This exposes the bases on both strands so that DNA \_\_\_\_\_ can occur. Where the two strands separate, a Y-shape is formed, this is known as a \_\_\_\_\_.



The enzyme DNA \_\_\_\_\_ is responsible for joining free nucleotides to the two exposed template strands using \_\_\_\_\_ base pairing. \_\_\_\_\_, made from a short strand of RNA, act as starting points for the DNA nucleotides to bind to in the process of DNA \_\_\_\_\_. One strand is known as the \_\_\_\_\_ strand. This strand is oriented in the 3' to \_\_\_\_\_ direction, towards the replication fork. On the leading strand the nucleotides are added \_\_\_\_\_. Whereas with the \_\_\_\_\_ strand the process has to be done \_\_\_\_\_, using Okazaki \_\_\_\_\_. The fragments are then later joined to one another by the enzyme \_\_\_\_\_.

★ DNA replication is known as \_\_\_\_\_. This is because both identical copies of the DNA molecule made consist of an original strand and a \_\_\_\_\_ strand. If errors occur when the DNA is replicated the \_\_\_\_\_ sequence may change, this could lead to a \_\_\_\_\_.

# Central Dogma of Biology



DNA  $\square$  DNA  
(DNA polymerase)

DNA  $\square$  RNA  
(RNA polymerase)

RNA  $\square$  protein  
(Ribosome)

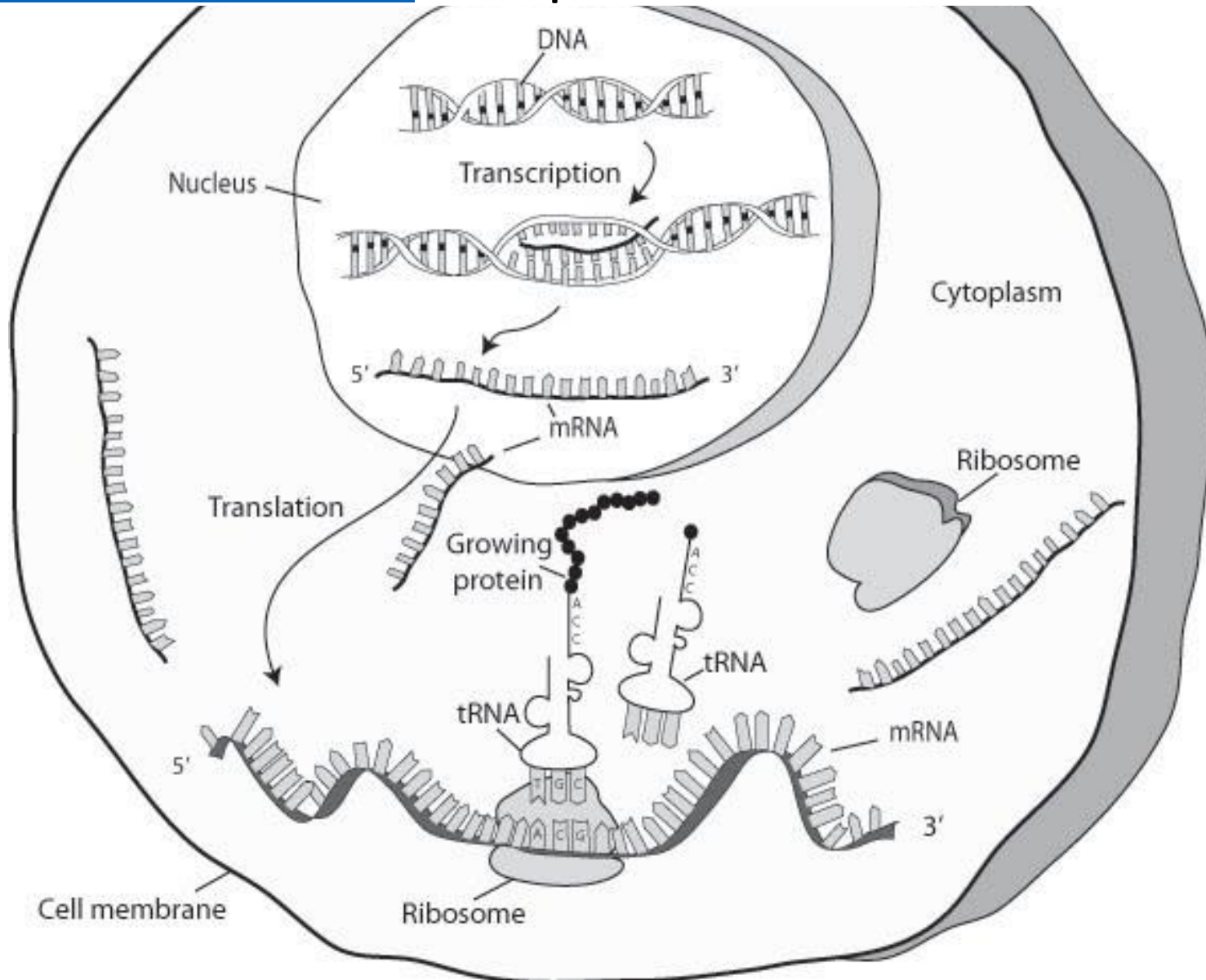
Where in the cell do these processes occur?

# Protein Synthesis – DNA → mRNA

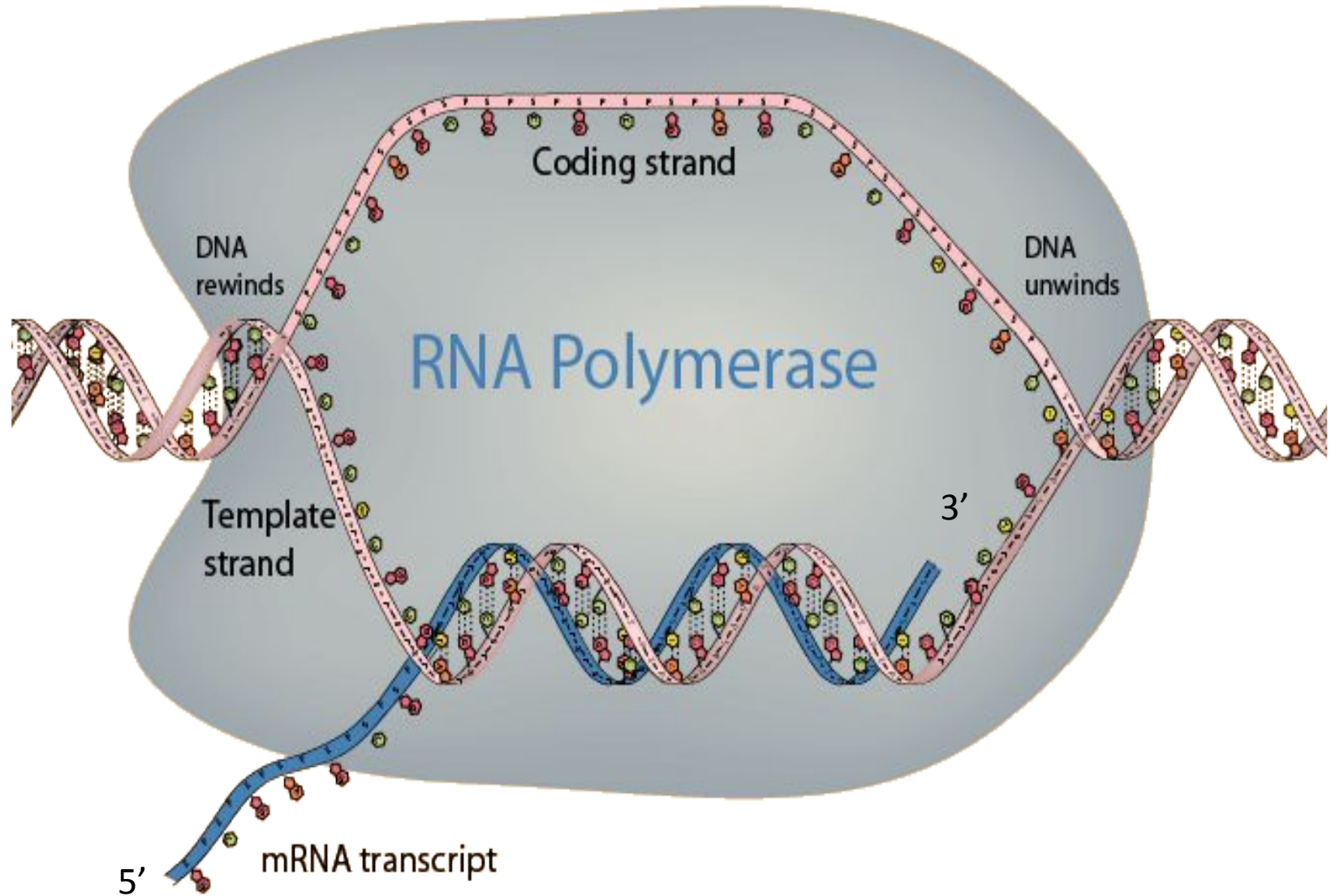
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# mRNA → protein



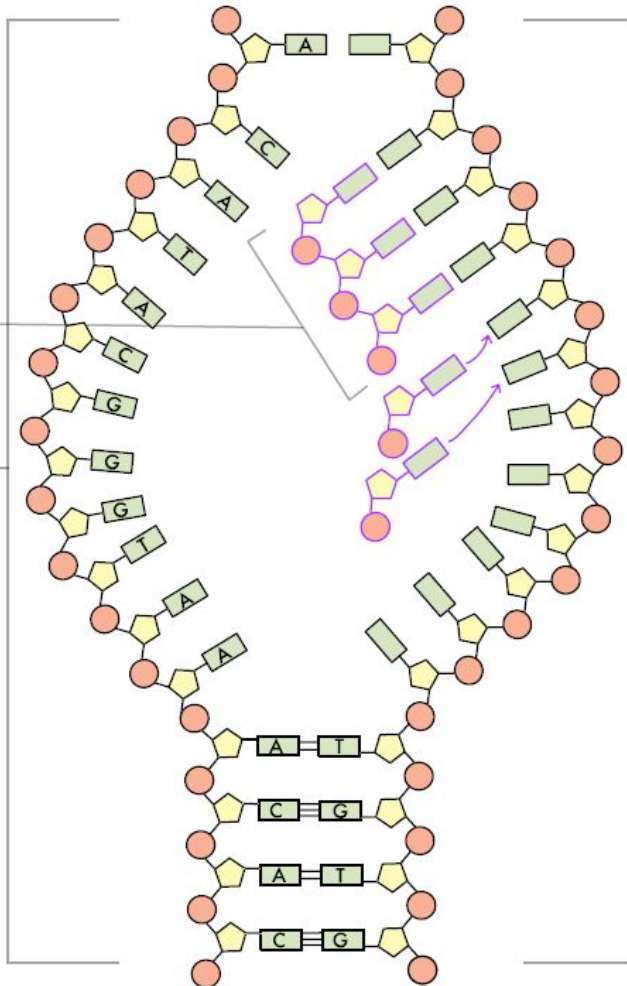
# TransCRIPTION - DNA to mRNA



# 1 TRANSCRIPTION

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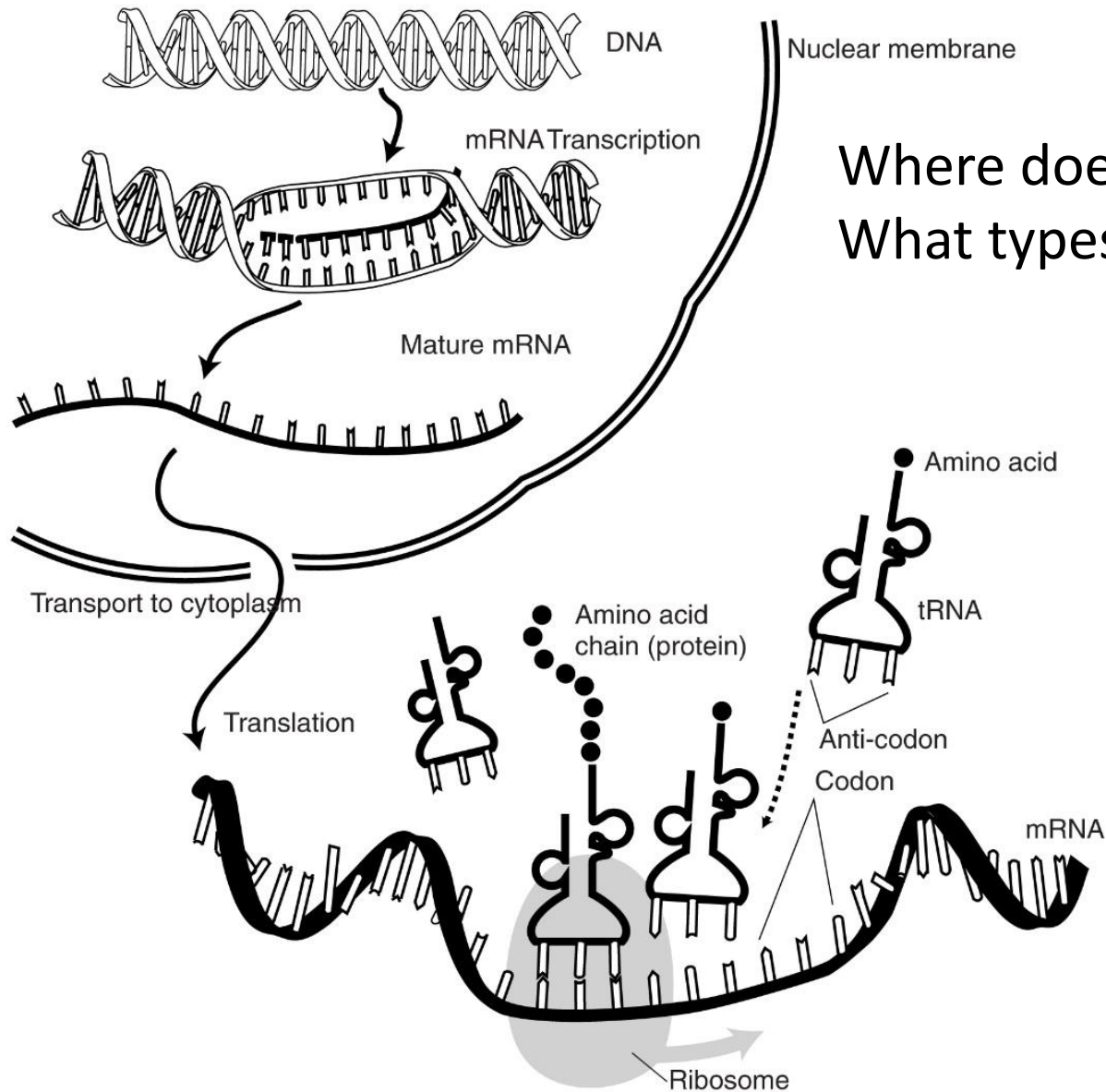
Complete the diagram: Fill in all of the missing bases and then write in the correct names of the strands in the three boxes

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Transcription occurs in the \_\_\_\_\_ of a cell. A section of DNA called a \_\_\_\_\_ unwinds and unzips. Each gene codes for one \_\_\_\_\_. One strand acts as the \_\_\_\_\_ strand. The free RNA

\_\_\_\_\_ complementary base pair with the exposed DNA bases on this template strand. A length of RNA is created which is a copy of the other DNA strand, so this DNA strand is called the \_\_\_\_\_ strand. The strand of \_\_\_\_\_ RNA once created, leaves the nucleus through a nuclear \_\_\_\_\_.

# TransLation – mRNA to Protein

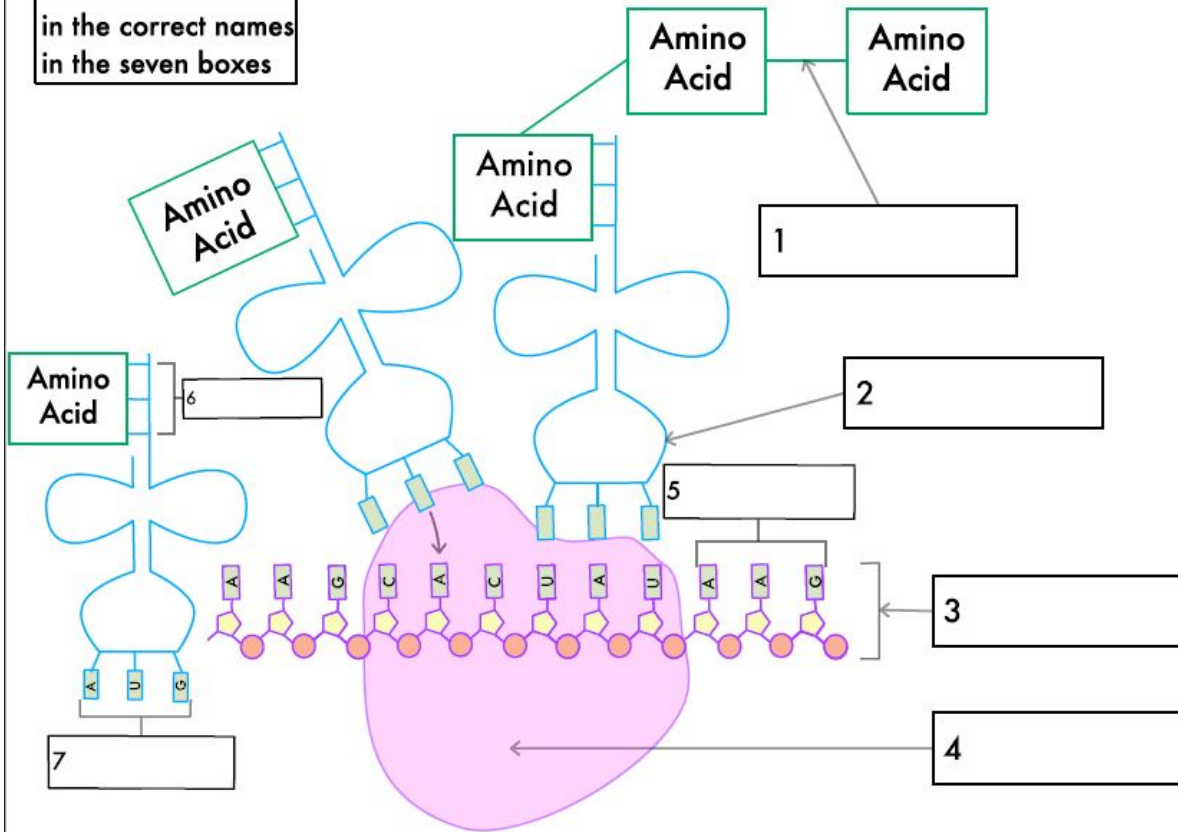


Where does it occur?  
What types of RNA are used?



## 2 TRANSLATION

Complete the diagram: Fill in the missing bases on the two tRNA molecules and write in the correct names in the seven boxes



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# Define Transcription and Translation

## Transcription:

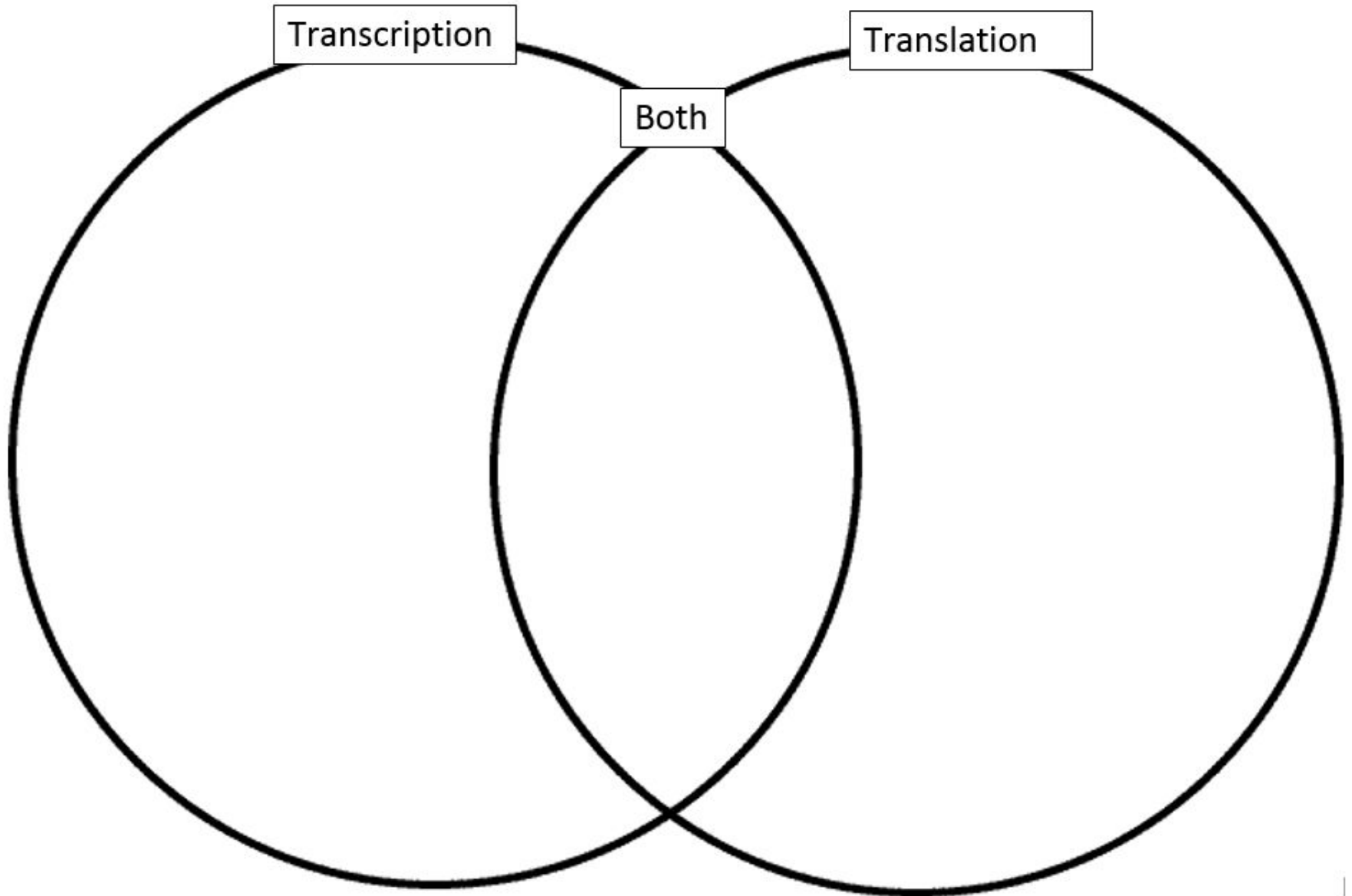
Transcription is the process by which the DNA molecule (genetic material and hereditary information) is copied to form a single stranded molecule messenger RNA (mRNA). Transcription takes place in the nucleus of eukaryotic cells, then after modification, the mature mRNA leaves the nucleus and enters the cytoplasm through the nuclear pore.

## Translation:

The mRNA molecule is now in the cytoplasm. Transfer RNA (tRNA) (anticodon) carries a specific, amino acid complementary to the mRNA (codon) at the ribosome (rRNA). At the ribosome amino acids are synthesized by dehydration reaction to form a polypeptide (protein). Remember amino acids have a peptide bond.

1. An mRNA strand has 76 codons. How many amino acids will be in the polypeptide? \_\_\_\_\_
2. A polypeptide contains 103 amino acids. What is the length of the gene (unit = base pairs)?  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Compare Transcription with Translation



# Sort

Product is mRNA	Product is a polypeptide / protein	Occurs on ribosome
Nucleotides Adenine, Guanine, Cytosine Uracil	Occurs in the nucleus	Occurs in the cytoplasm
Uses a template	mRNA, tRNA, rRNA	Requires RNA polymerase

## Transcription

Production of transcription occurs in mRNA

Occurs in the nucleus of a cell

Requires RNA polymerase

DNA to RNA

## Translation

Product of translation is a polypeptide chain (that becomes a protein)

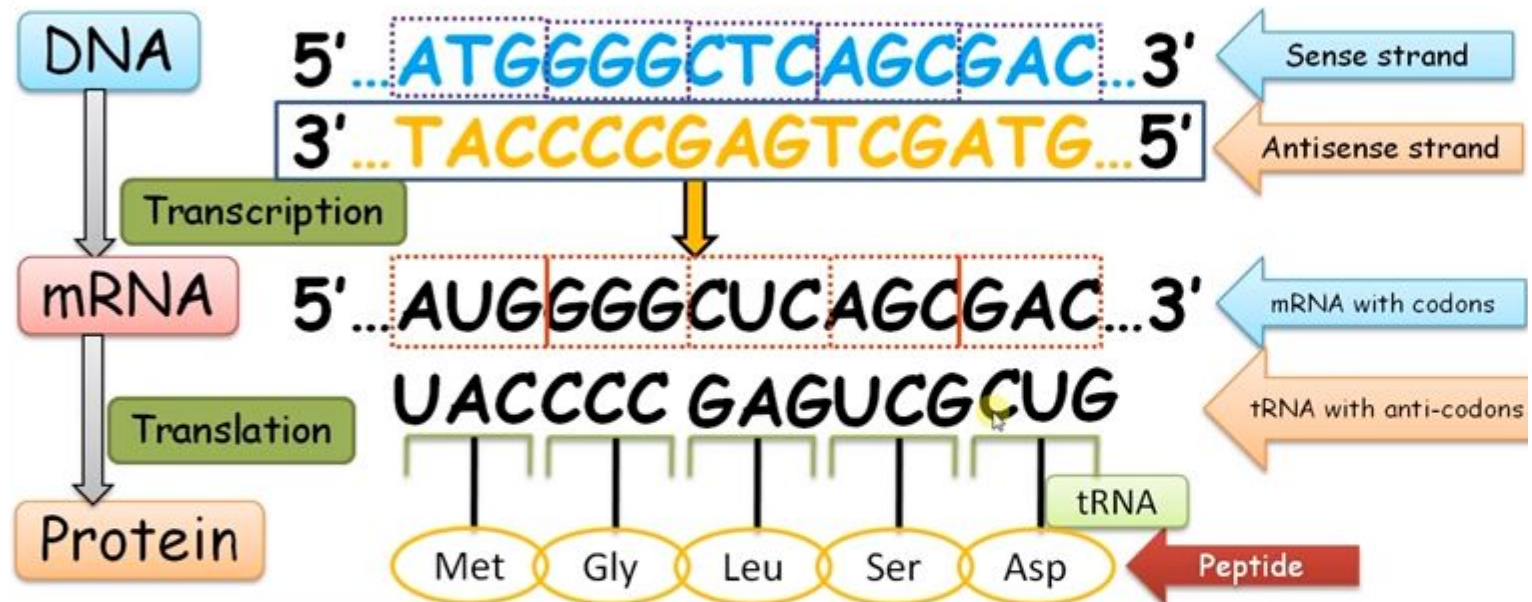
Occurs in the ribosomes of a cell

Uses various reagents to create a polypeptide chain

RNA to protein

Both have Cytosine, Guanine, Uracil, and Adenine nucleotides

## 5' to 3' Sense, coding, non-template - 3' to 5' Antisense, non-coding, template



### Sense Strand 5' □ 3'

1. Is also called the coding strand or non-template strand.
2. Is the same as mRNA except that thymine in DNA is replaced by Uracil in RNA.
3. The sense strand contains the information for codons via mRNA.

### Antisense 3' □ 5'

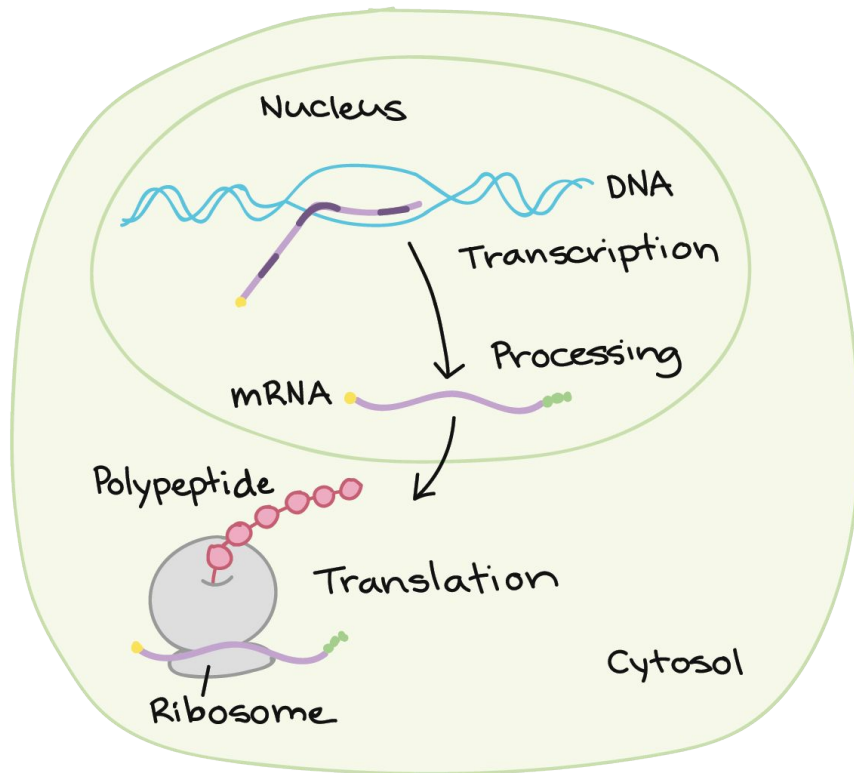
1. Is also called the non-coding strand or template strand.
2. Is a template for the synthesis of mRNA – antisense is complementary to sense strand.
3. Antisense contains the code for anticodons – except T in DNA is U in RNA

# Compare eukaryote to prokaryote

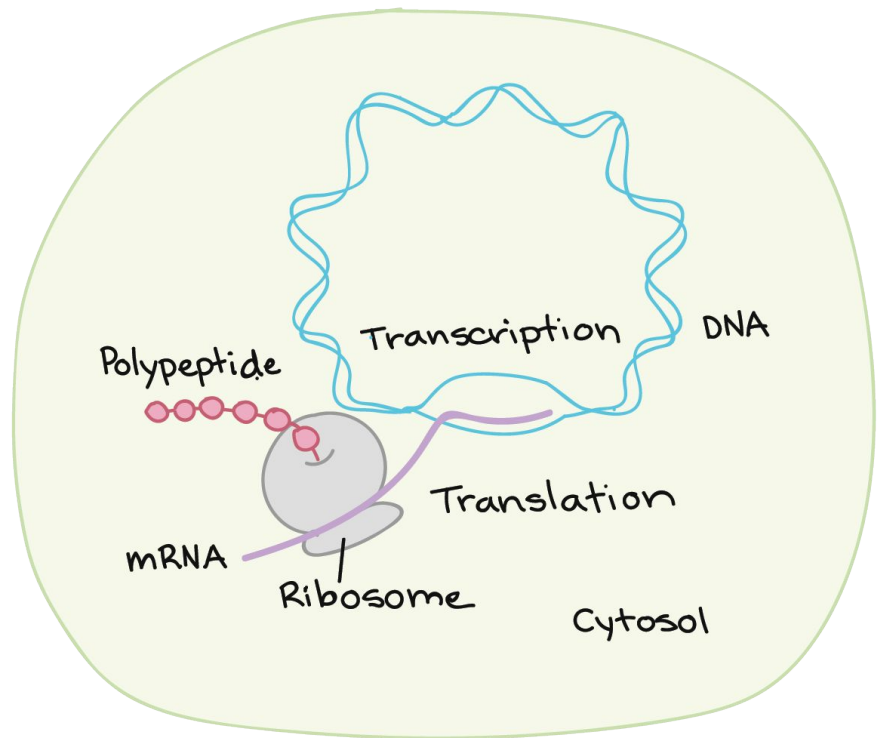
Remember all living things use the same process of transcription and translation.

What is different?      What is the same?

HUMAN CELL



BACTERIUM



# Genetic code

## Properties of the Genetic Code

**Degenerate**: Having one or more base triplet to code for one amino acid. 64 combinations of GCAU, but only 20 amino acids. Stop codons are not amino acids.

**Universal**: Most living organisms use the same 64 combinations of the 20 amino acids. All living organisms use the codon AUG, amino acid methionine, making it the universal START codon.





# The genetic code – mRNA codon chart

(U) 2<sup>nd</sup> ↓ *Second Base*

		U	C	A	G	
U	U	Phe	Ser	Tyr	Cys	U
		Phe	Ser	Tyr	Cys	C
		Leu	Ser	Stop	Stop	A
		Leu	Ser	Stop	Trp	G
C	C	Leu	Pro	His	Arg	U
		Leu	Pro	His	Arg	C
		Leu	Pro	Gln	Arg	A
		Leu	Pro	Gln	Arg	G
A	A	Ile	Thr	Asn	Ser	U
		Ile	Thr	Asn	Ser	C
		Ile	Thr	Lys	Arg	A
		Met	Thr	Lys	Arg	G
G	G	Val	Ala	Asp	Gly	U
		Val	Ala	Asp	Gly	C
		Val	Ala	Glu	Gly	A
		Val	Ala	Glu	Gly	G

*First Base* (A) → 1<sup>st</sup>

*Third Base* (G) ← 3<sup>rd</sup>

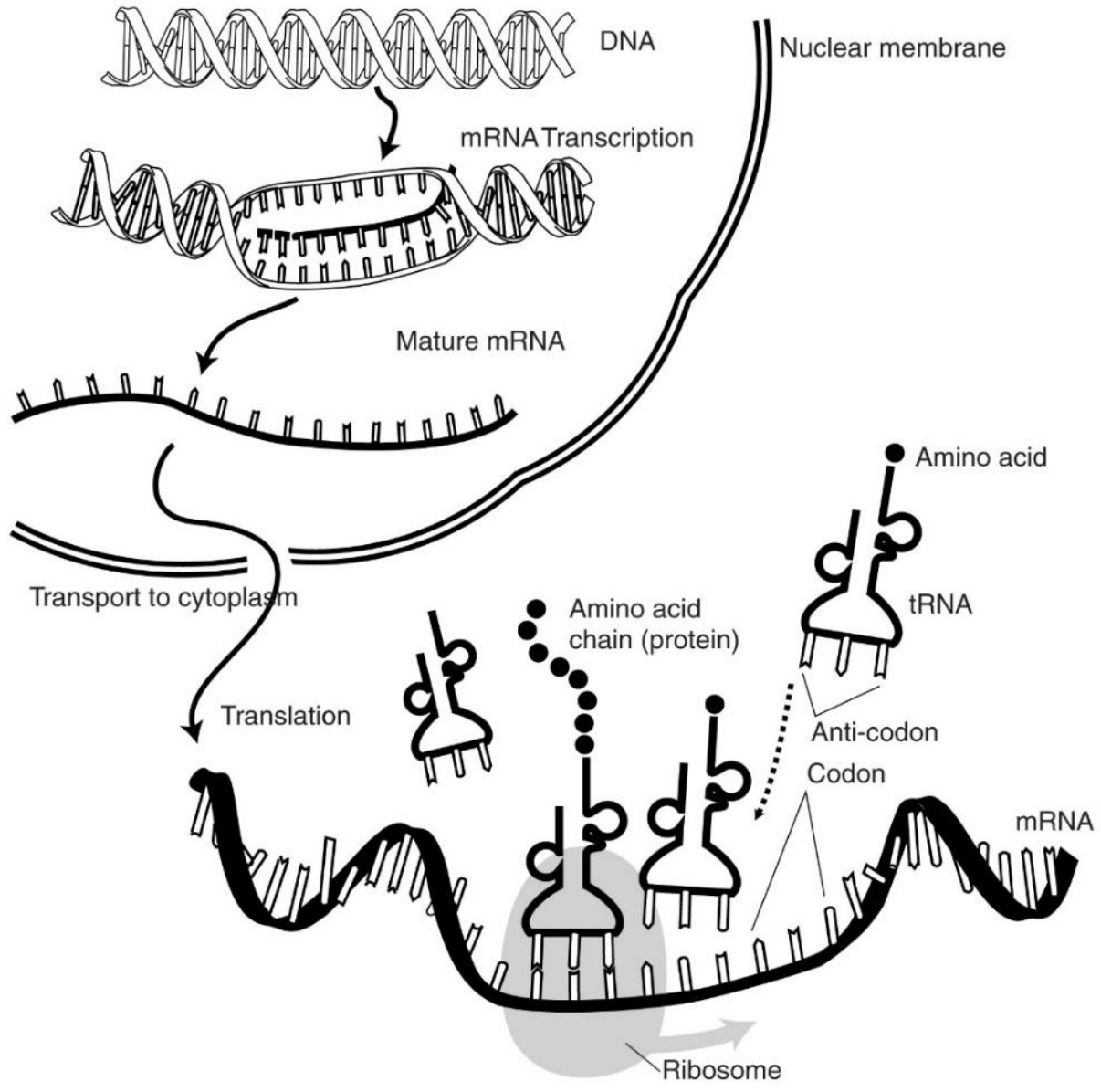
Example:

**AUG**

A - 1<sup>st</sup> Base (→ Row)

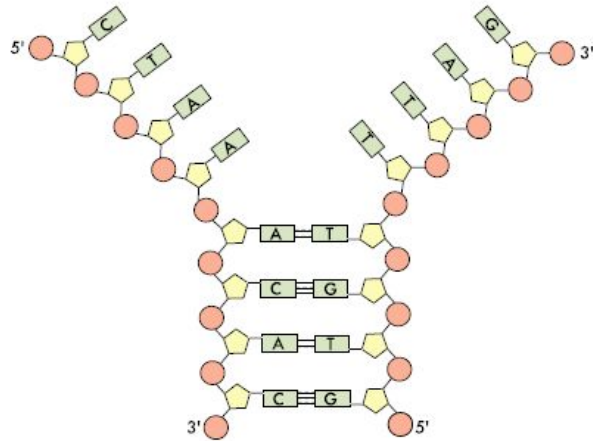
U - 2<sup>nd</sup> Base ( ↓ Square)

G - 3<sup>rd</sup> Base (← a. acid)



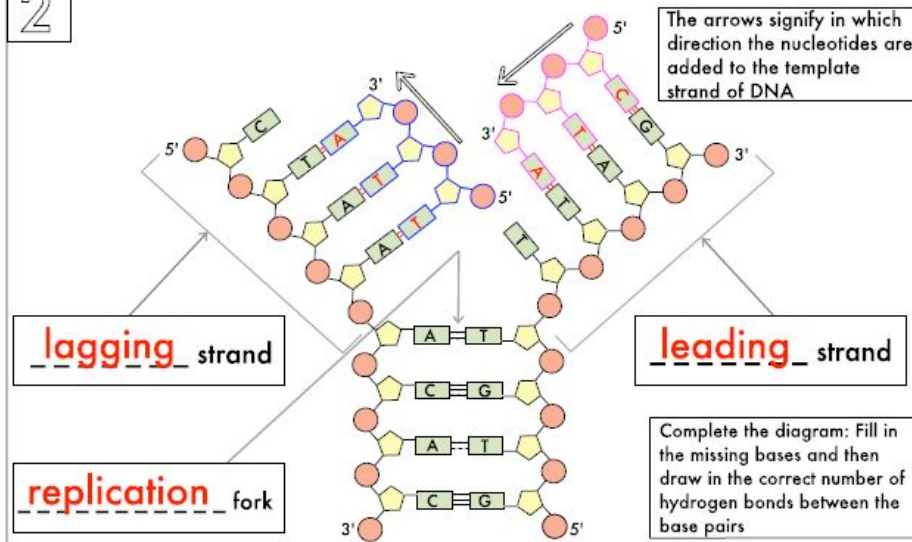
# Replication Key

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Before replication of DNA can start, the molecule has to unwind from its helical shape, a section at a time. DNA gyrase is the enzyme responsible for this unwinding of the DNA molecule. Also, the two strands have to be separated. DNA helicase is the enzyme responsible for breaking the hydrogen bonds between the bases on either strands, causing it to unzip. This exposes the bases on both strands so that DNA replication can occur. Where the two strands separate, a Y-shape is formed, this is known as a replication fork.

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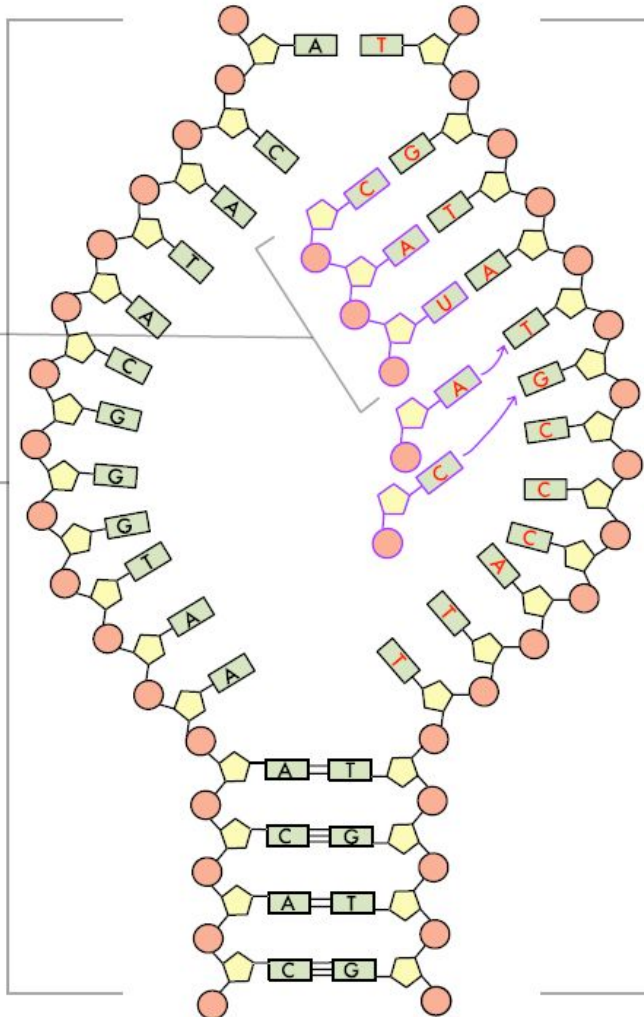
The enzyme DNA polymerase is responsible for joining free nucleotides to the two exposed template strands using complementary base pairing. primers, made from a short strand of RNA, act as starting points for the DNA nucleotides to bind to in the process of DNA replication. One strand is known as the leading strand. This strand is oriented in the 3' to 5' direction, towards the replication fork. On the leading strand the nucleotides are added continuously. Whereas with the lagging strand the process has to be done discontinuously, using Okazaki fragments. The fragments are then later joined to one another by the enzyme ligase.

★ DNA replication is known as semi-conservative. This is because both identical copies of the DNA molecule made consist of an original strand and a new strand. If errors occur when the DNA is replicated the base sequence may change, this could lead to a mutation.

# 1 TRANSCRIPTION

1 mRNA strand

2 coding strand



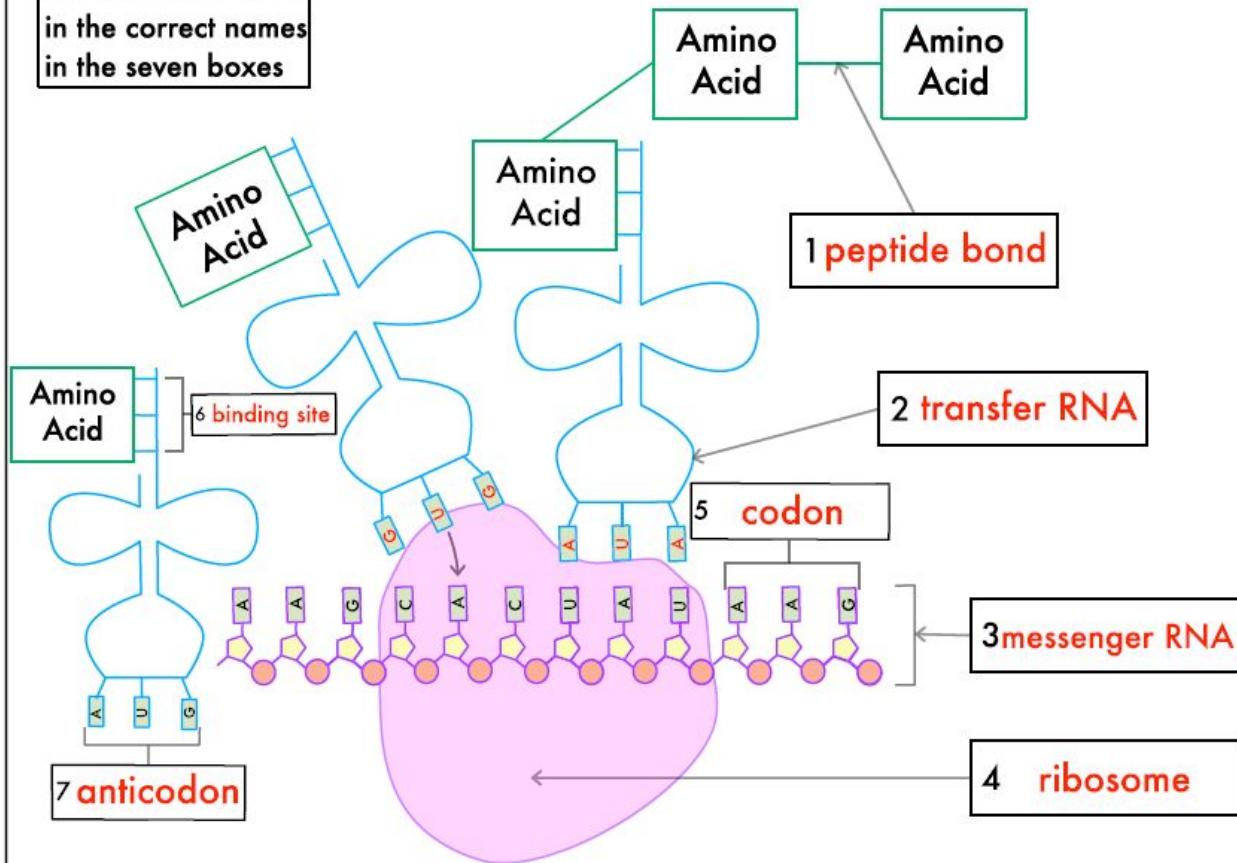
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3 template strand

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