## How are animal proteins made from DNA?

#### In a process called "Protein Synthesis"





# What are the differences between DNA and mRNA?

- DNA -
  - Double stranded
  - Deoxyribose sugar
- mRNA
  - Single stranded
  - Ribose sugar
  - Has uracil nucleotide in place of Thymine

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# There are two processes to protein synthesis!!

- Transcription DNA to mRNA (Messenger RNA). Takes place in the nucleus.
- Translation mRNA to tRNA (Transfer RNA).
   Takes place in the ribosomes of
   the cytoplasm.

# Let's see these two processes up close in steps!!



### What is "transcription?"

- A part of the DNA double helix within the nucleus is unzipped, cut by enzymes, and then copied onto a new <u>single strand</u>, called mRNA. This process is called "transcription."
- Once the DNA is transcribed, the single strand moves from the nucleus to a ribosome in the cytoplasm of the cell. Thus the name, "messenger RNA."

### Nitrogen Bases

 You already learned that the nitrogen bases in DNA are:

Adenine – Thymine Guanine – Cytosine

- The Nitrogen bases in RNA are similar, but rather than Thymine, RNA contains a similar base called Uracil. Thus, the base pairs are: Adenine - Uracil
  - **Guanine Cytosine**

### Step 1 of Protein Synthesis

• DNA is copied in the process called **"Transcription**".



 One strand of the DNA helix is used as a template to make "mRNA" (copy of the DNA section) during transcription.



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#### Let's copy some DNA to mRNA!!

1. DNA strand ATCGGCATCATT 2. MRNA strand \_\_\_\_

3. DNA strand ATGAAGGCGAAA MRNA strand \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

**REMEMBER:** in mRNA, Uracil replaces Thymine

#### Answer!!!

- DNA strand: ATCGGCATCATT
- mRNA strand: UAGCCGUAGUAA

- DNA strand: ATGAAGGCGAAA
- mRNA strand: UACUUCCGCUUU

### **Sample Question**

- A. UUGGCCGAUUGG
- B. TTGGCCGATTGC
- C. AACCGGCTAACC
- Which strand is
- \_\_\_\_ DNA STRAND 1
- \_\_\_\_ DNA STRAND 2
- \_\_\_\_ mRNA

#### **Answer!**

- A. UUGGCCGAUUGG
- B. TTGGCCGATTGC
- C. AACCGGCTAACC
- Which strand is
- \_\_b or c\_\_ DNA STRAND 1
- \_\_b or c\_\_ DNA STRAND 2
- \_\_\_\_a\_\_\_ mRNA

### Now the message can be translated!!

- A single strand of mRNA was just transcribed from DNA within the nucleus and now the code will be translated to make the specific protein within a ribosome in the cytoplasm!!
- TACATTTAGCGG DNA strand
- mRNA strand

AUGUAAAUCGCC

# What is the structure of the mRNA code?

 Three mRNA nucleotides form a triplet code called a "codon." Each codon sequence will then code for a tRNA with an anticodon with opposite nitrogen bases.



### tRNA

- Notice UGA anticodon at bottom of the tRNA
- Notice Amino
   Acid at the top
   of the tRNA



#### **Genetic code**

 There are 64 combinations using the four mRNA nucleotides AUGC to code for 20 amino acids.

			Seco	nd letter			
		U	С	A	G		
First letter   D   D	U	UUU UUC UUA UUA UUG	UCU UCC UCA UCG	UAU UAC UAA Stop UAG Stop	UGU UGC UGA Stop UGG Trp	U C A G	
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### **Step 2 of Protein Synthesis**

 mRNA is used to pair up with tRNA to code for amino acids that form a chain to make a specific protein in a process called "translation."



#### What is "translation"?

 A ribosome binds mRNA to tRNA, which is attached to specific amino acids as anticodons. Each anticodon of tRNA attaches to a codon on mRNA. An amino acid is attached to the top of a tRNA. The amino acids bond together, forming a polypeptide chain that make a specific protein.

# Where does translation take place?

In ribosomes in the cell's cytoplasm



#### tRNA anticodon (UAC) binds mRNA at the START codon (AUG) to begin the translation message



# Each tRNA caries a specific amino acid. The amino acids bind together to make a polypeptide chain to make specific proteins.



 At the end (stop codon), a release enzyme binds to a stop codon in the sequence. This stops translation, releasing the completed chain of protein.





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### Complete the following code!!

- DNA AT\_CGG\_\_\_TGG
- DNA TAC \_\_\_ CGT ACC
- mRNA \_\_\_\_\_
- tRNA \_\_CG\_\_\_\_\_
- A.A \_\_\_\_\_=Protein

- (Use the table to find the correct amino acid)

### Complete the following code!!

- DNA ATG CGG GCA TGG
- DNA TAC GCC CGT ACC
- mRNA AUG CGG GCA UGG
- tRNA UAC GCC CGU ACC
- A.A TRY ALA ARG THR = Protein

– (Use the table to find the correct amino acid)

# How is this new animal protein used?

- It may be used for:
- Structure muscle, bone, hair
- Cell membranes
- Chemicals special enzymes







#### **Big Picture in Action**



#### Protein synthesis