

# DNA and Replication

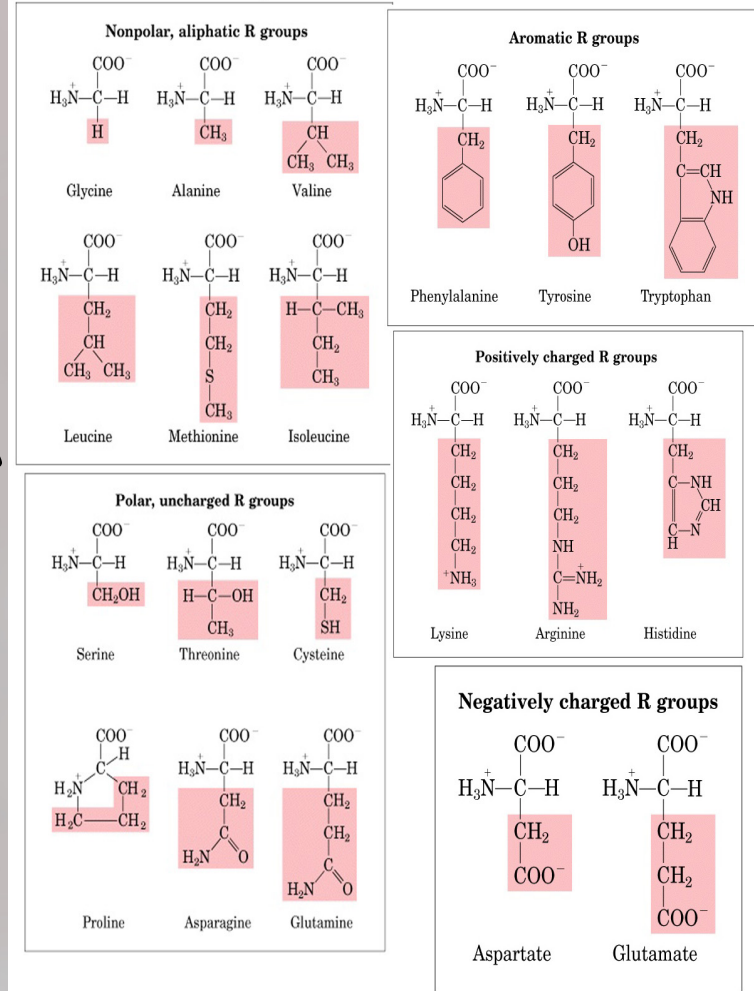


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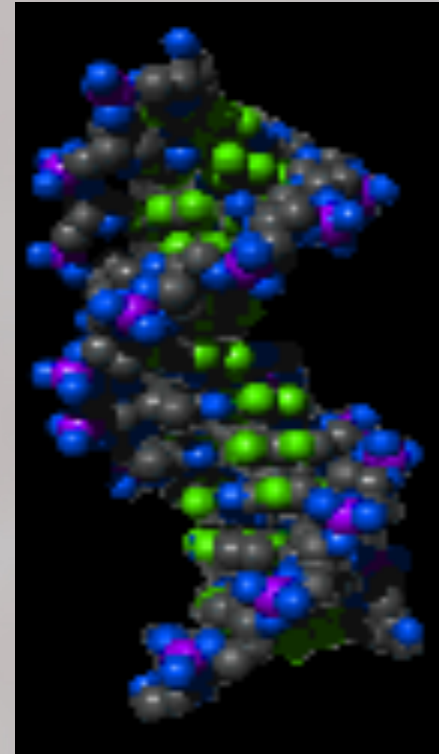
- Early scientists thought **protein** was cell's hereditary material because it was **more complex** than DNA
- Proteins had **20 different amino acids** in long polypeptide chains

Twenty standard Amino Acids



# Arguments for DNA

1. Found in nucleus
2. No other uses known.



The Discovery of the Structure of DNA

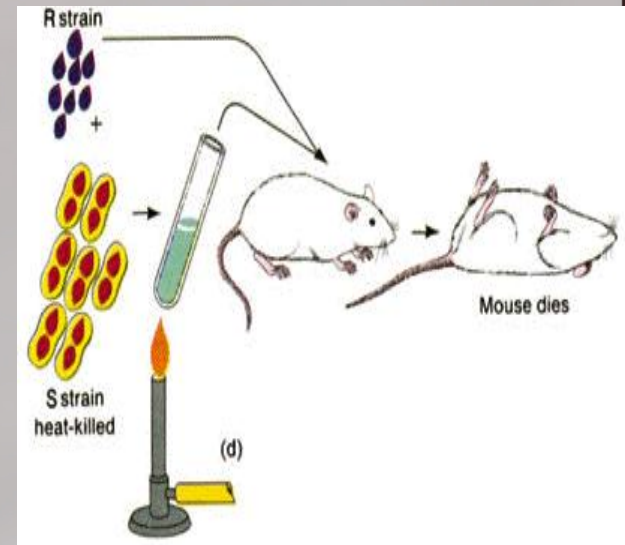
# What is a Virus?

- A virus is nonliving
- Composed of DNA (Sometimes RNA)
- Have a protective protein coat



# Transformation

- 1928--Fred Griffith worked with 2 strains of Pneumonia causing bacteria
- Smooth strain (Virulent S) slime capsule (not seen by immune system and kills mice) *and*
- Rough strain (Nonvirulent R) no capsule (easily killed)
- He found that R strain could become **VIRULENT** when it took in DNA from heat-killed S strain

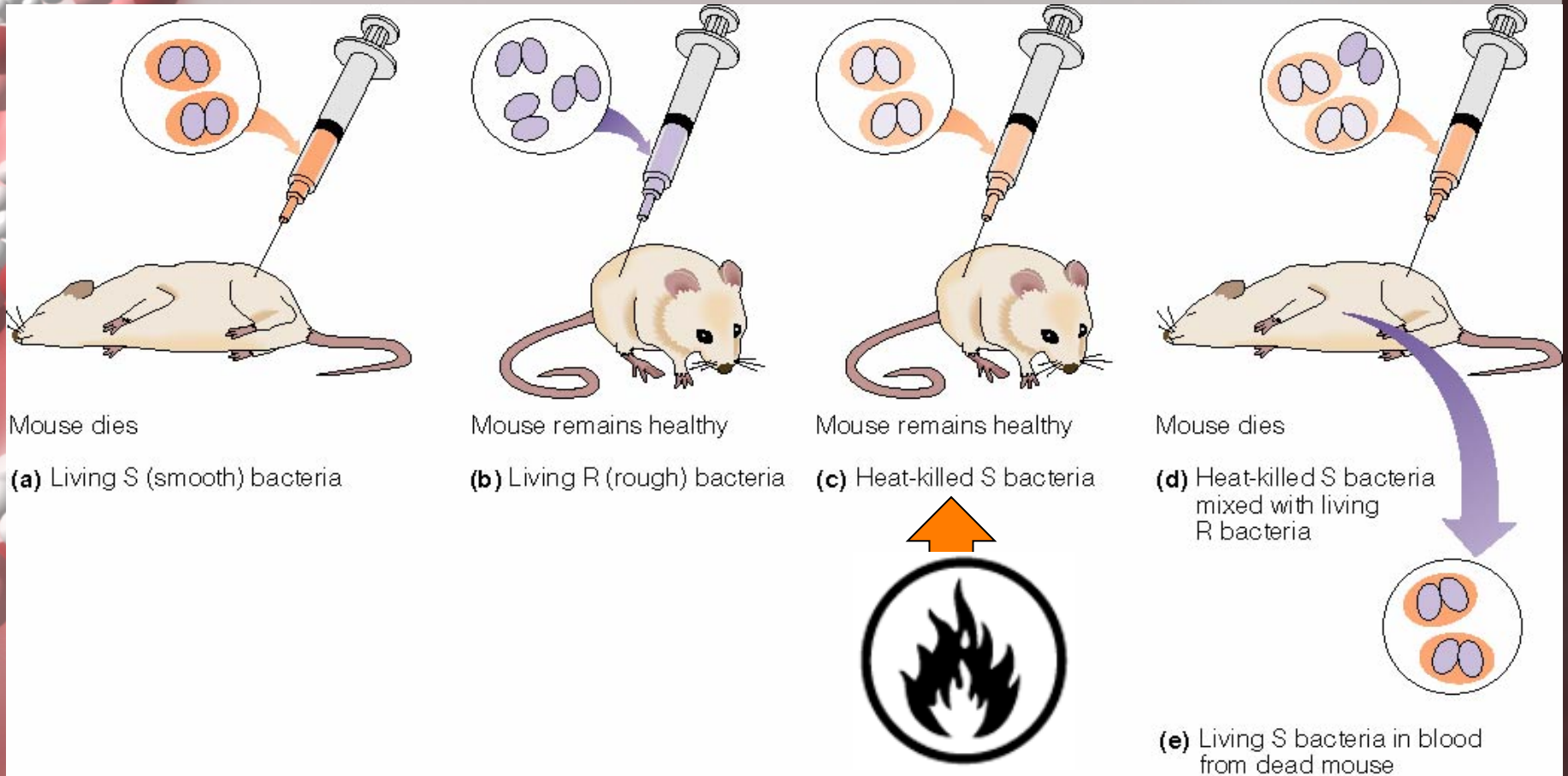


*Pneumococcus  
bacteria*

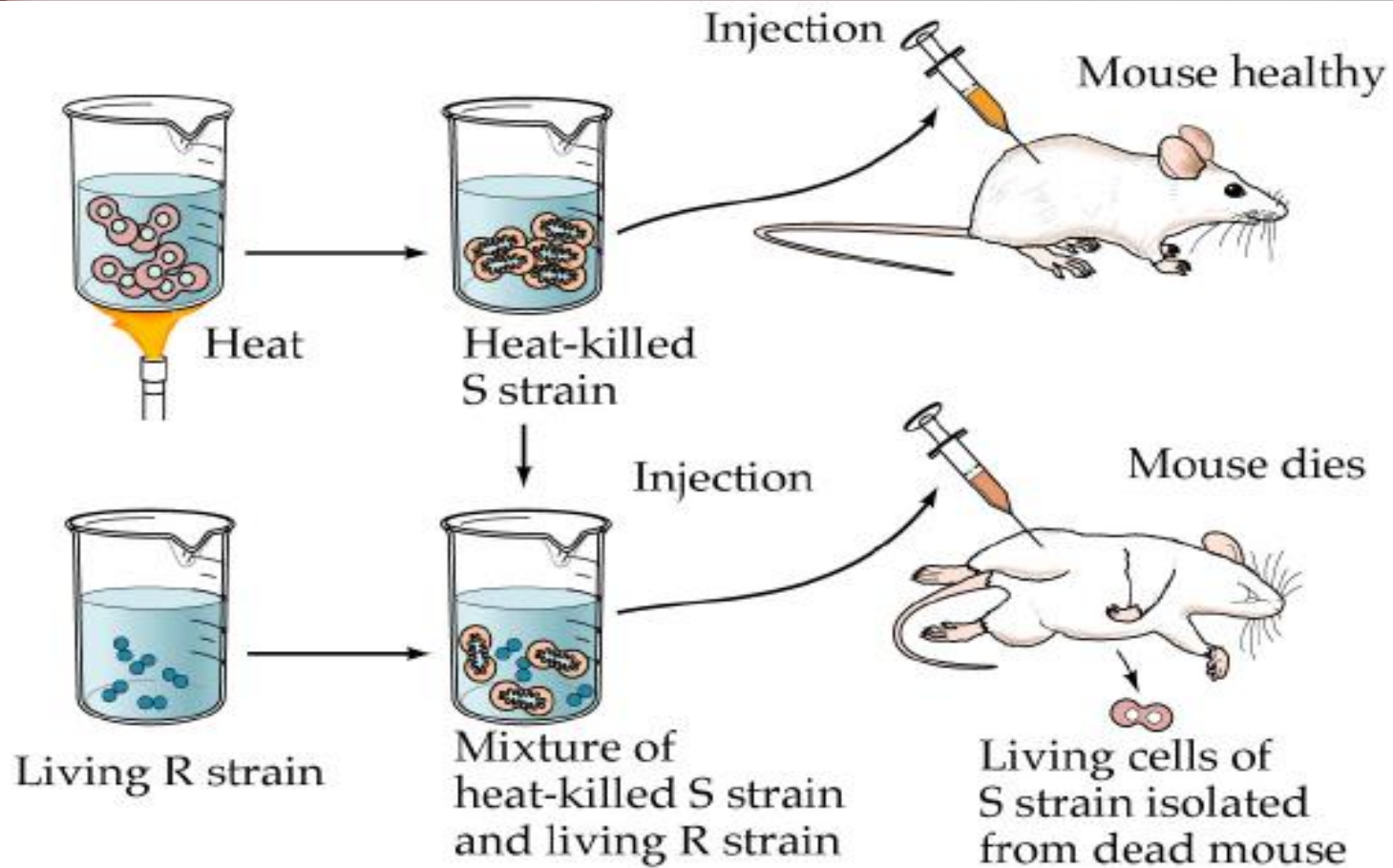
Study suggested that DNA was probably the genetic material

# Fred Griffith Bacterial Transformation

This animation (Audio) describes [Griffith experiment.](#)



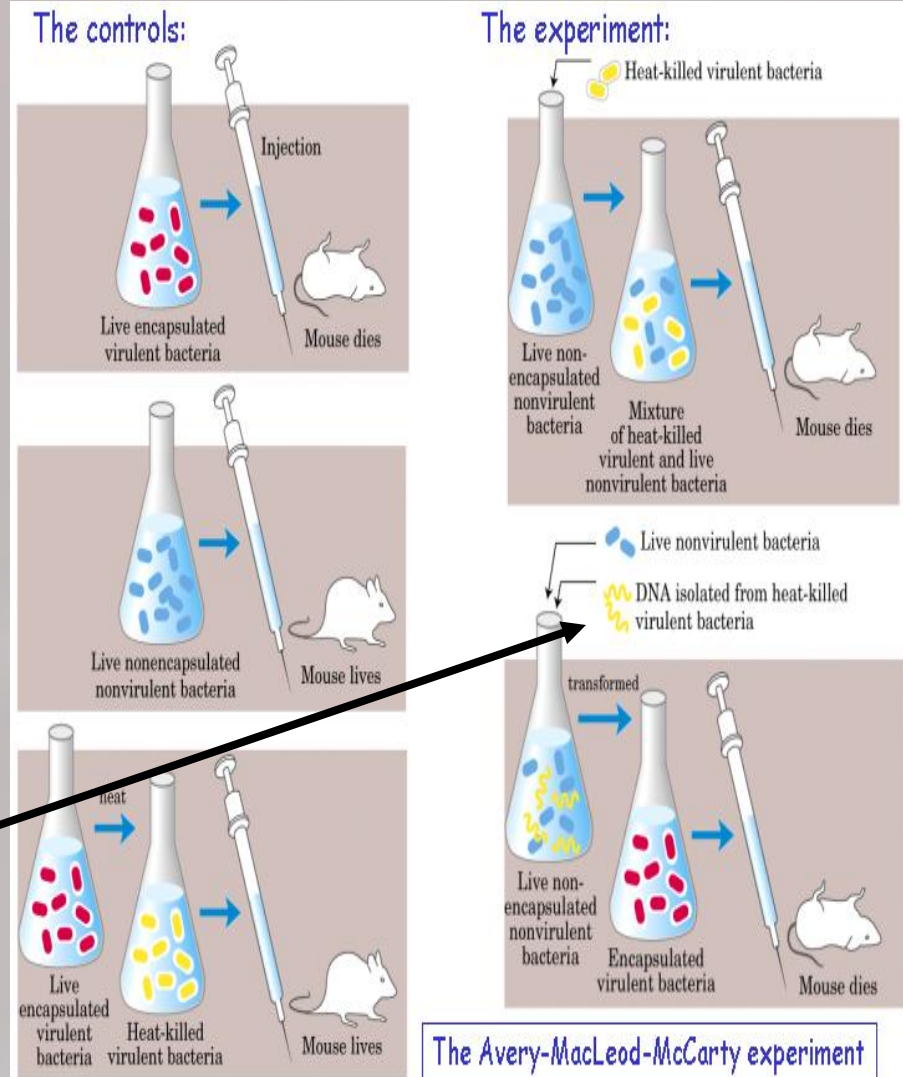
# Griffith Experiment





# Avery-MacLeod-McCarty Experiment

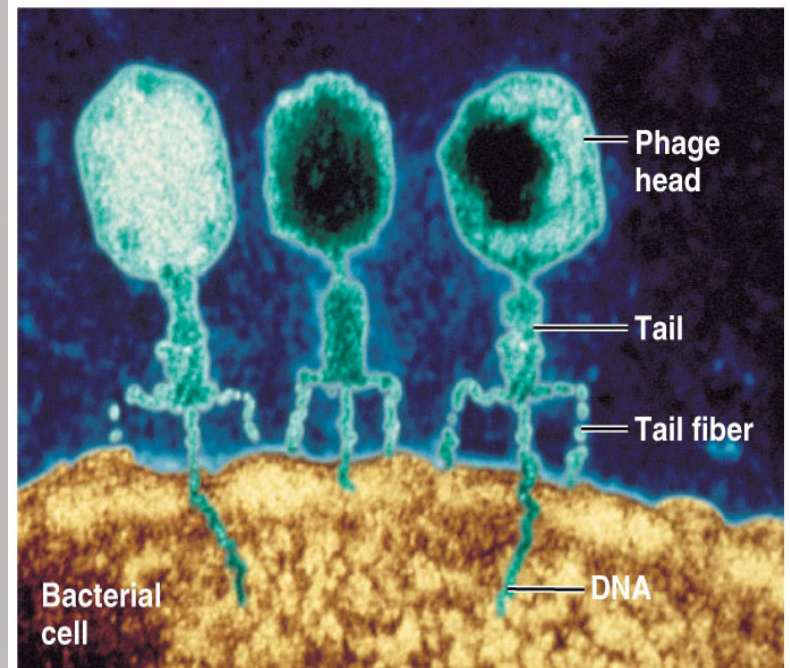
- Repeated Griffith's experiment adding enzymes to destroy
  1. lipids,
  2. carbohydrates
  3. proteins
  4. RNA
- **Transformation** still occurred only **DNA** was left



# Hershey & Chase

Used ***viruses*** to demonstrate that the virus injects **DNA** and that's what takes over the cell

This animation (Audio) describes the [Hershey-Chase experiments.](#)



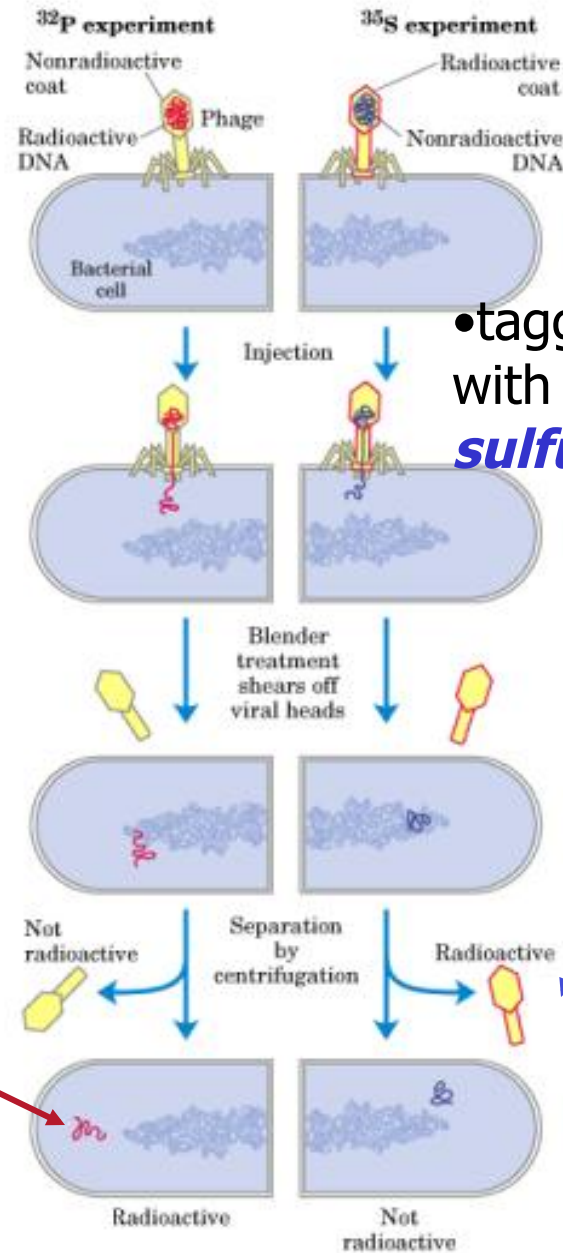
(a) T2 and related phages use their tail pieces to attach to the host cell and inject their genetic material (TEM).

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**Bacteriophage**—***virus*** that specializes in attacking ***bacteria***.

# The Hershey-Chase blender experiment

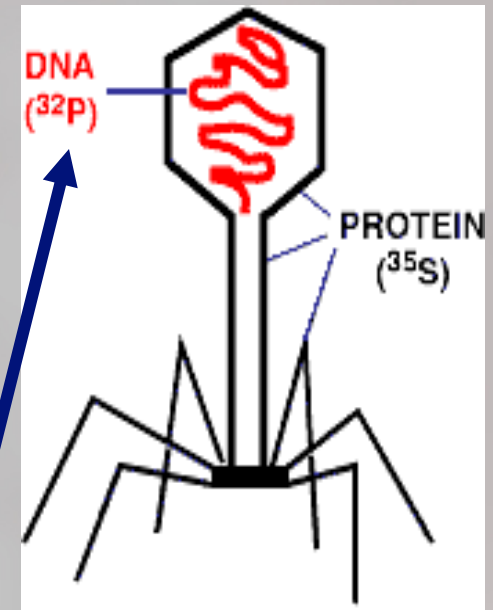
- tagged DNA of the virus with **radioactive phosphorus P<sup>32</sup>**
- What ever was injected into the bacteria to take over the cell was the carrier of genetic information.



- tagged protein of virus with **radioactive sulfur. S<sup>35</sup>**

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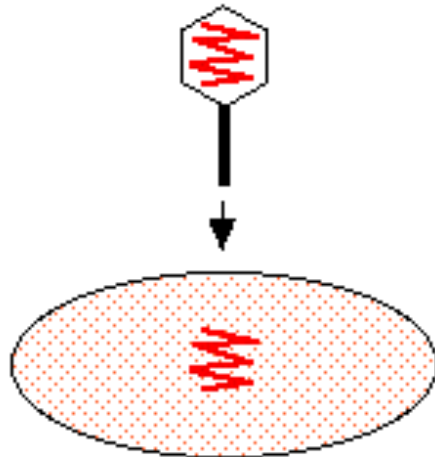
- **Chromosomes**: made of DNA and protein
- Experiments on **bacteriophage** viruses by **Hershey & Chase** proved that DNA was the cell's genetic material



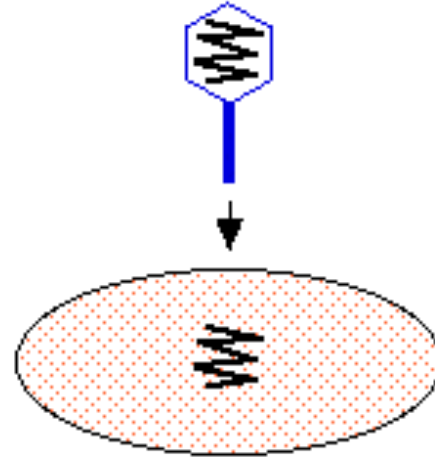
Radioactive  $^{32}\text{P}$  was injected into bacterial

Phage: genome labelled with  $^{32}\text{P}$

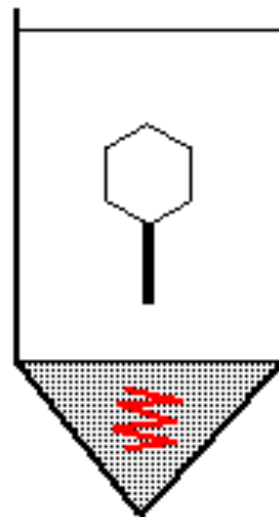
Phage: coat labelled with  $^{35}\text{S}$



Infect *E. coli*

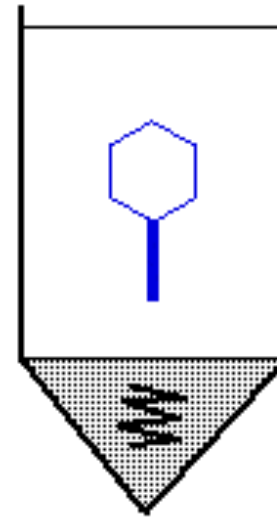


Homogenize, separate cells & phage coats by centrifugation



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# Discovery of DNA Structure

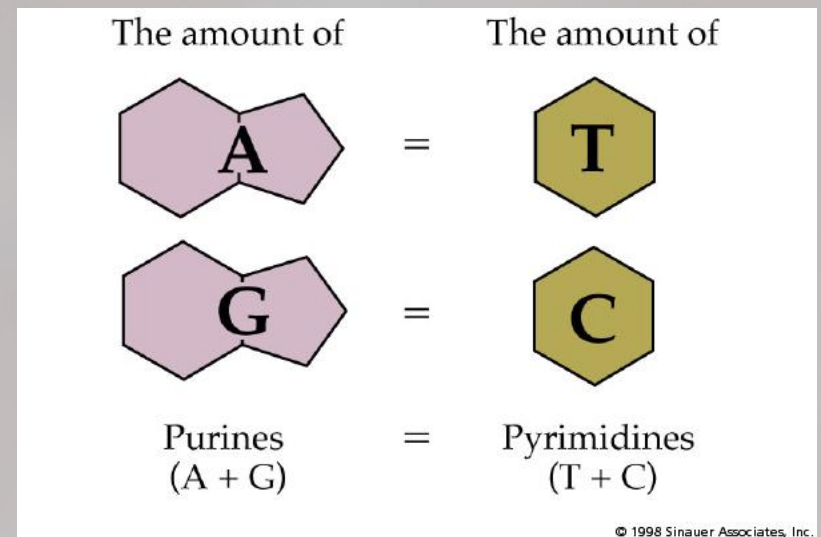
- **Erwin Chargraff** showed the amounts of the four bases on DNA (A, T, C, G)
- In a body or somatic cell:

**A = 30.3%**

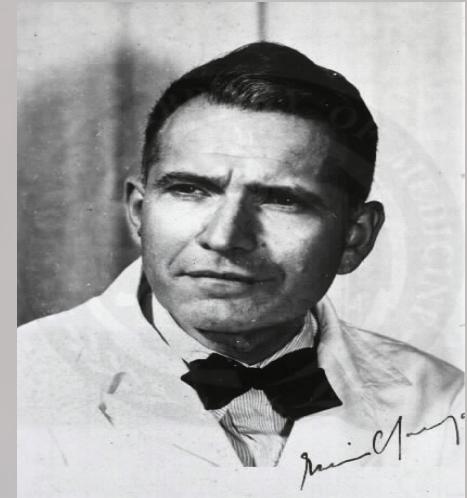
**T = 30.3%**

**G = 19.5%**

**C = 19.9%**



# Chargaff's Rule



- **Adenine** must pair with **Thymine**
- **Guanine** must pair with **Cytosine**
- Bases form weak *hydrogen bonds*



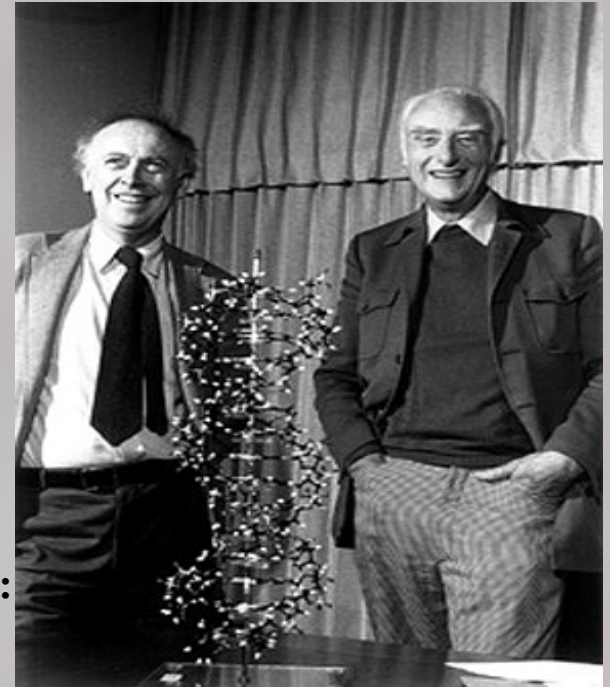
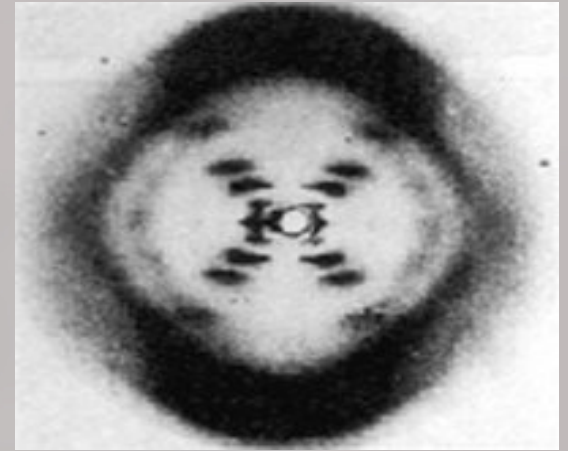
# DNA Structure

- **Rosalind Franklin** took *diffraction x-ray* photographs of DNA crystals
- In the 1950's, **Watson & Crick** built the *first model* of DNA using Franklin's x-rays

These animations describe the structure of DNA:

[DNA structure 1.](#)

[DNA structure 2.](#)





# Rosalind Franklin and Watson & Crick

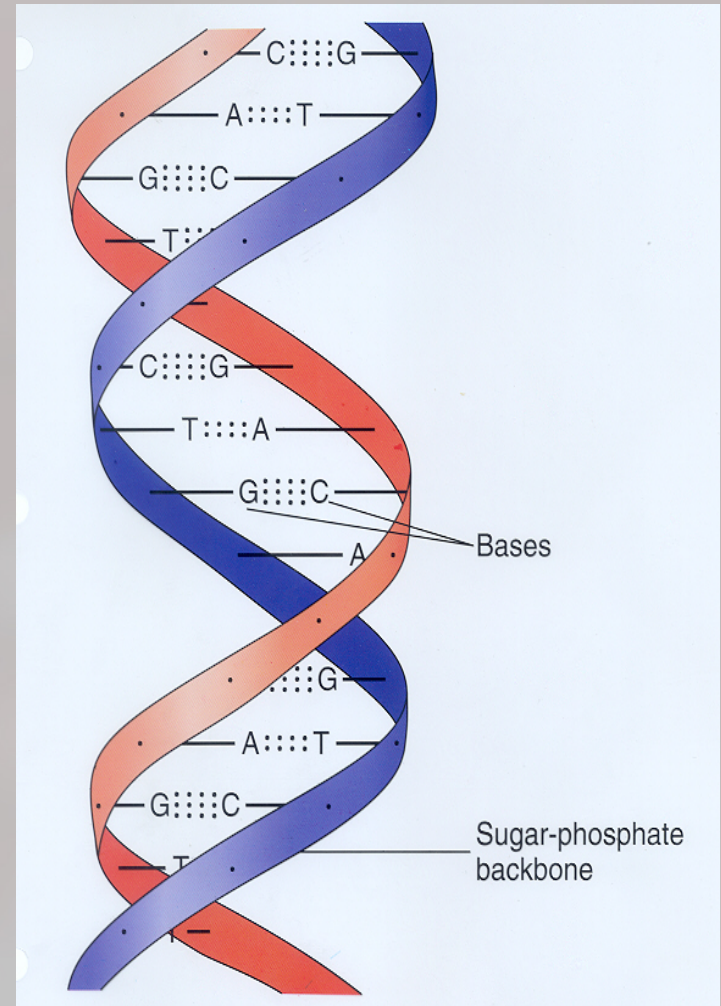


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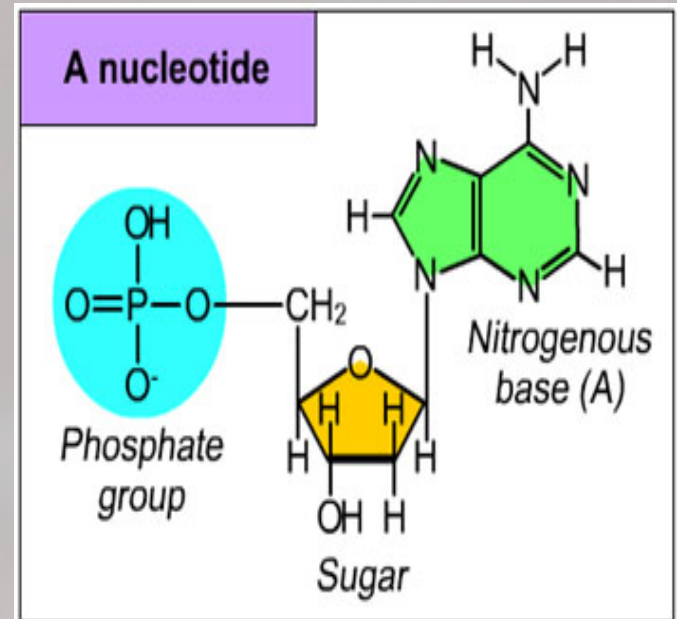
## Deoxyribonucleic Acid

- Two strands coiled = double helix
- **Sides** = pentose sugar Deoxyribose bonded to phosphate ( $\text{PO}_4$ )
- **Rungs (center)** = nitrogen bases bonded together by weak hydrogen bonds



# DNA: Deoxyribonucleic acid

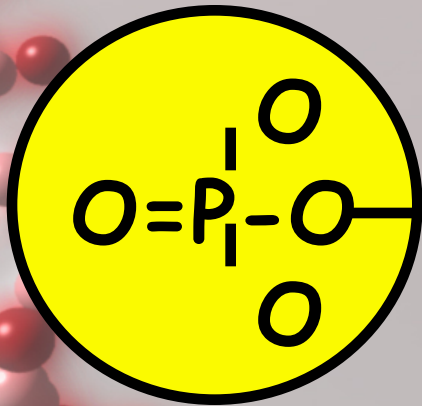
- Made up of subunits called nucleotides
- Nucleotide made of:
  1. Phosphate group
  2. 5-carbon sugar
  3. Nitrogenous base



This animation (Audio - Important) describes DNA subunits.

# DNA Nucleotide

Phosphate Group



<sup>5</sup>  
CH<sub>2</sub>

C<sup>4</sup>

C<sup>3</sup>

C<sup>2</sup>

O

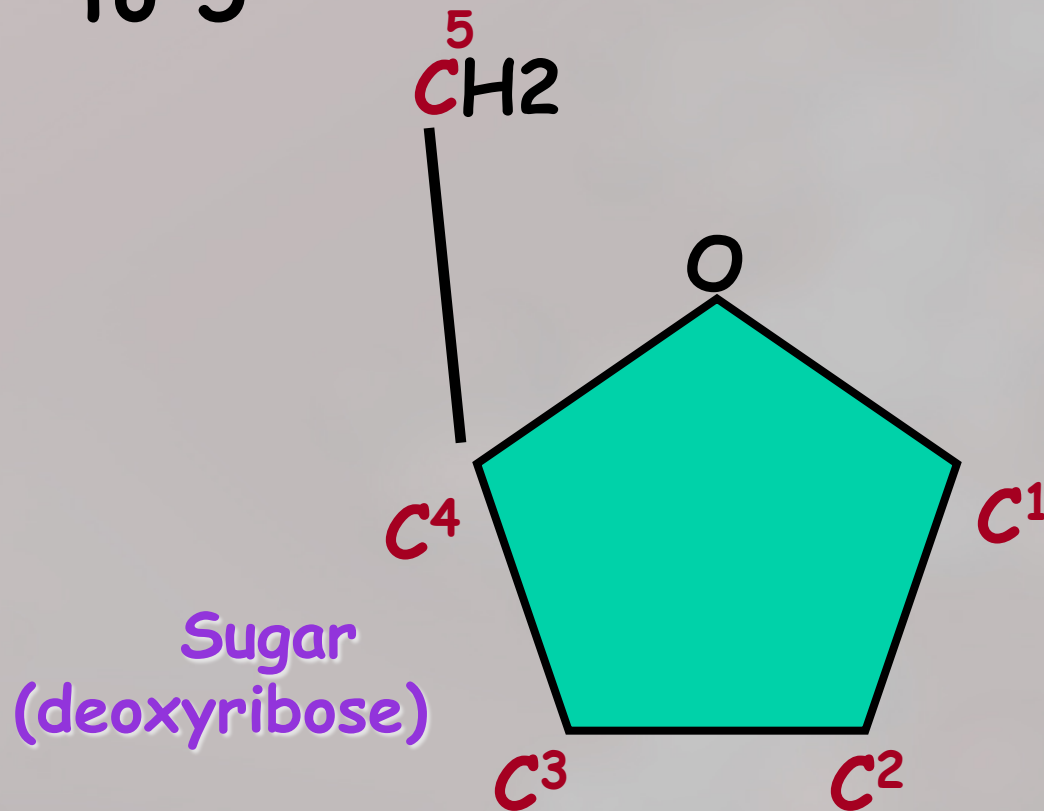
N

C<sup>1</sup> Nitrogenous base  
(A, G, C, or T)

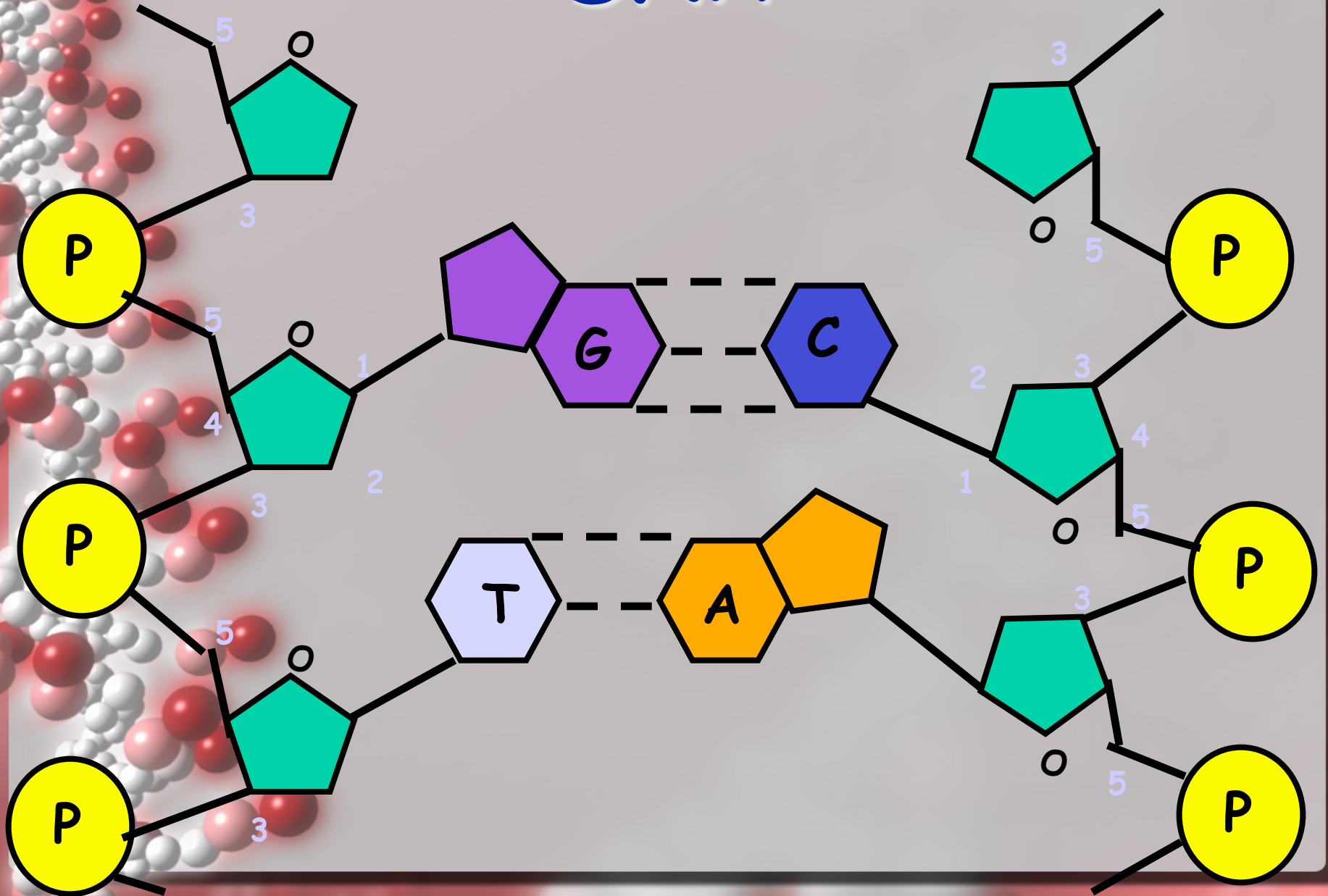
Sugar  
(deoxyribose)

# Pentose Sugar

- Carbons are numbered clockwise 1' to 5'

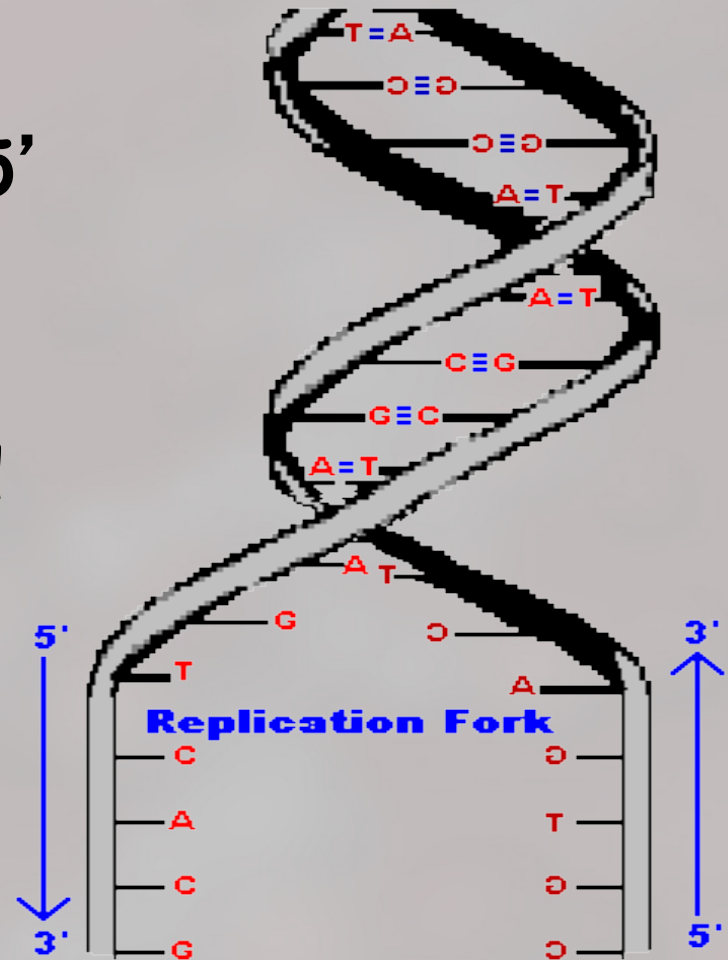


# DNA



# Antiparallel Strands

- One strand of DNA goes from 5' to 3' (sugars)
- The other strand is **opposite in direction** going 3' to 5' (sugars)



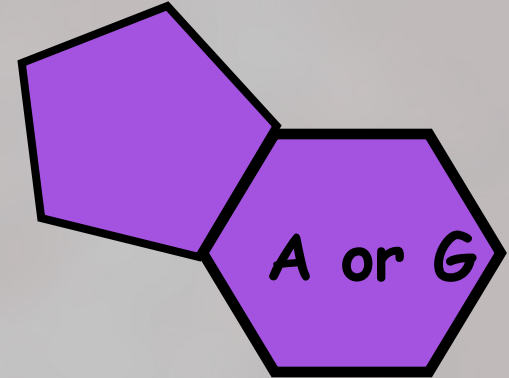


# Nitrogenous Bases

- Double ring **PURINES**

Adenine (A)

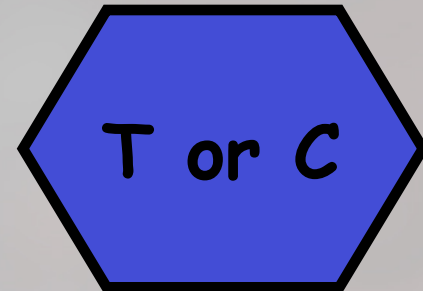
Guanine (G)



- Single ring **PYRIMIDINES**

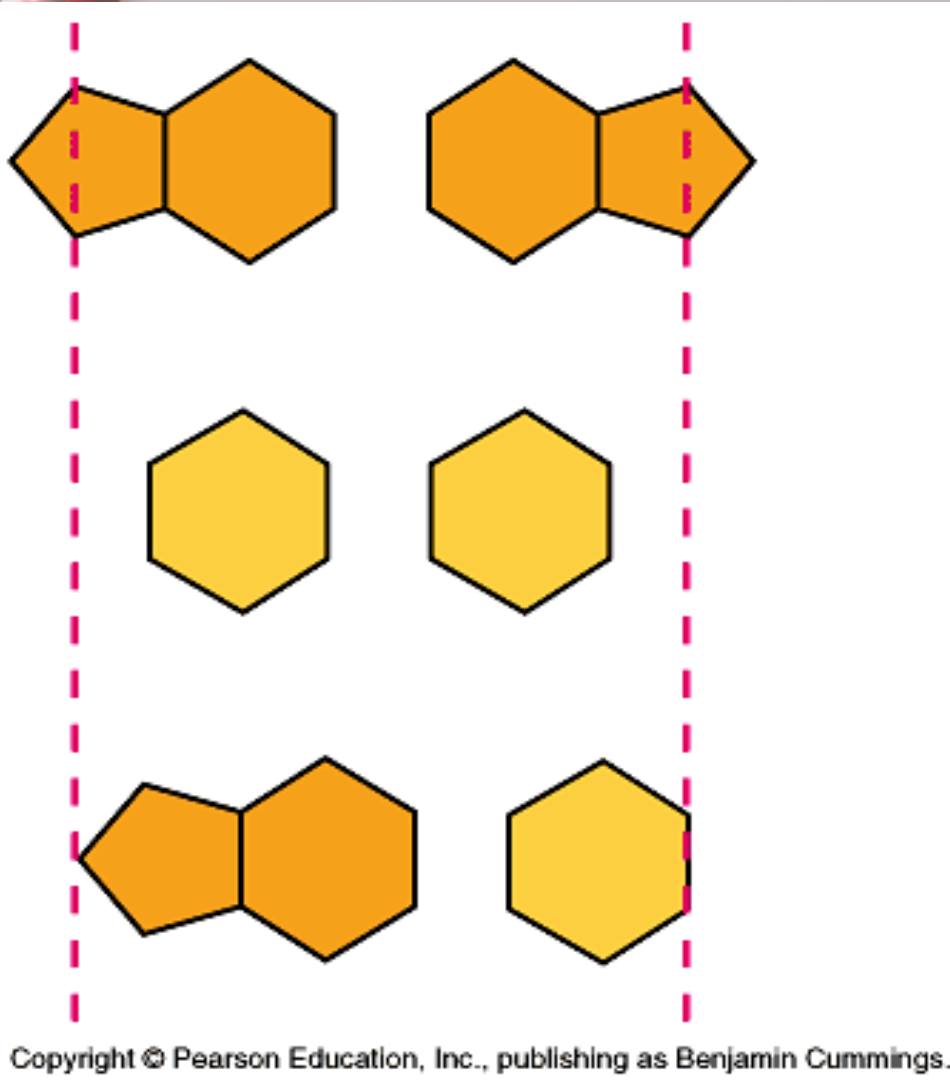
Thymine (T)

Cytosine (C)

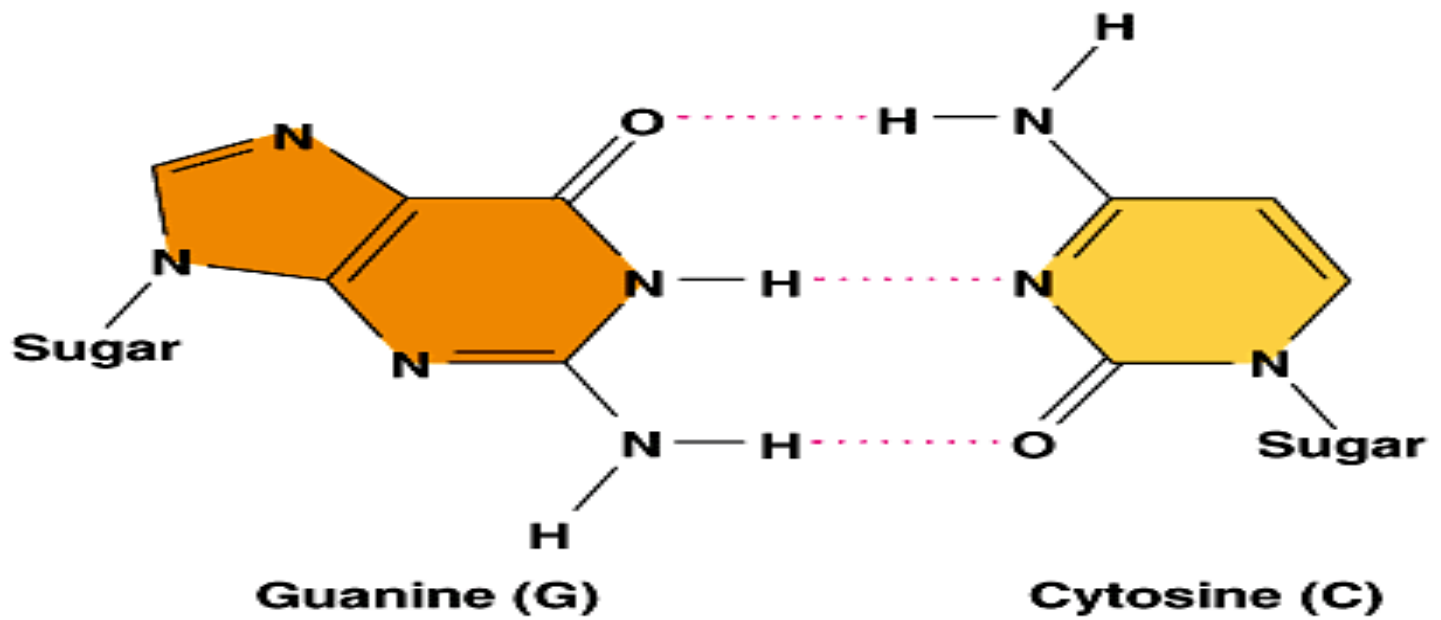
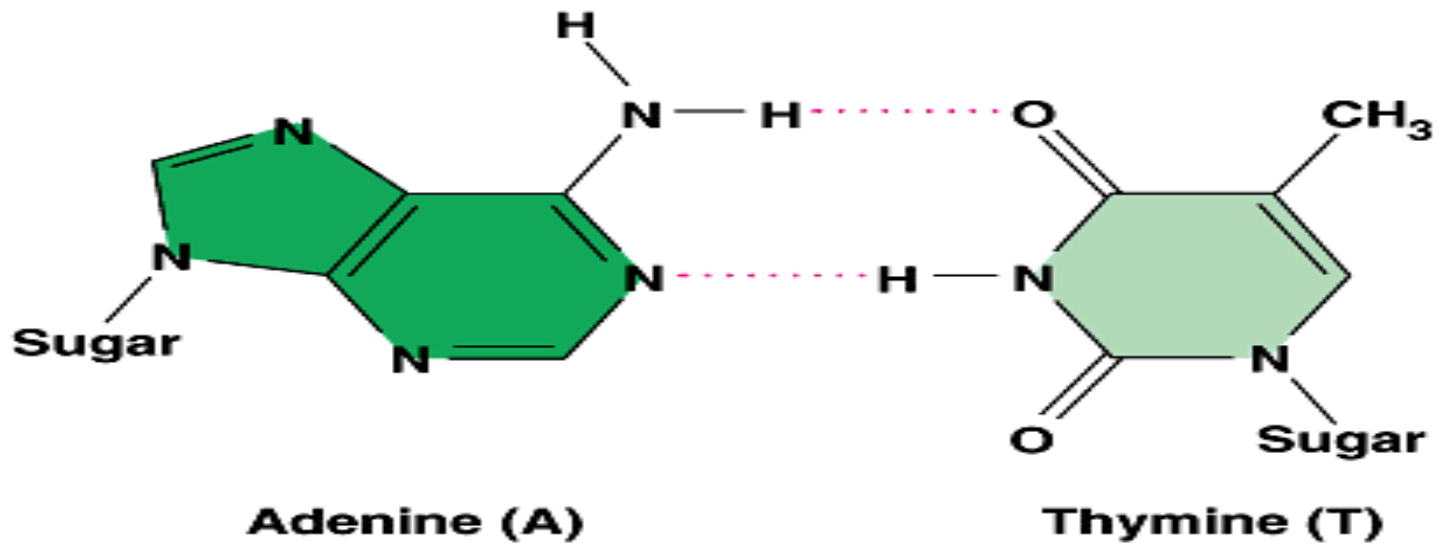


# Base-Pairings

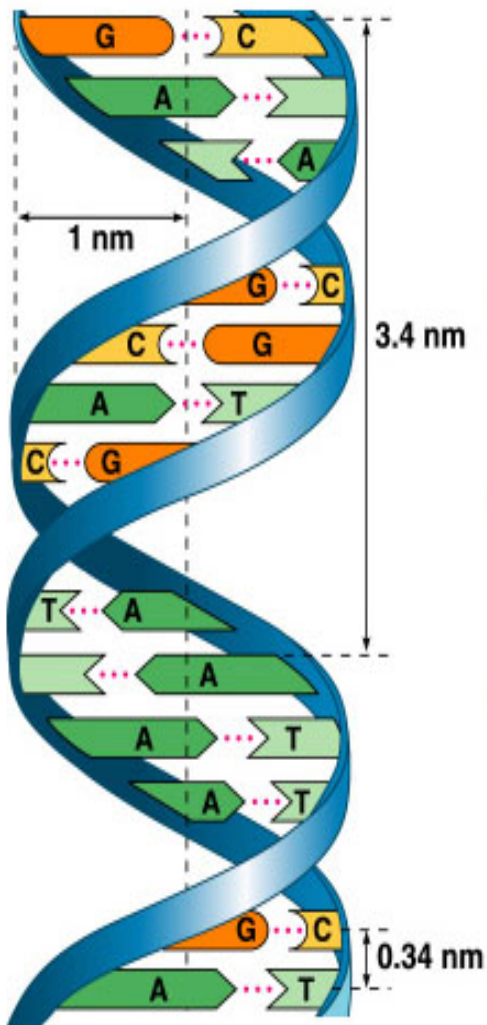
- Purines only pair with Pyrimidines



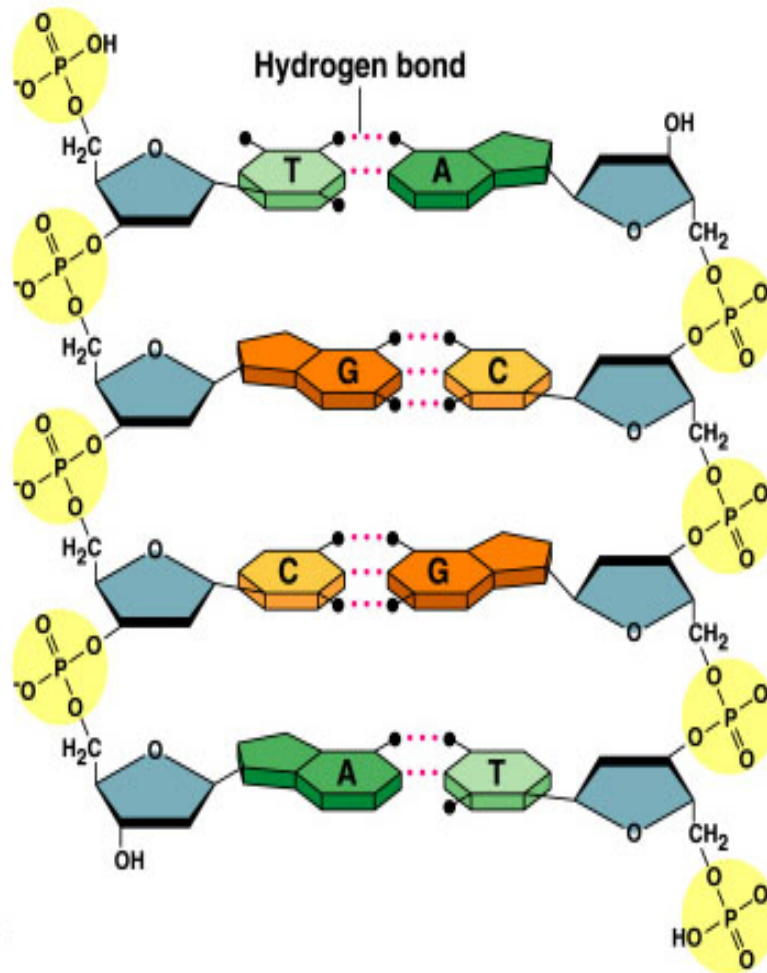
It's easy to see why a single ring like cytosine **Pairs** with a double ring molecule like guanine and not another single ring like thymine.



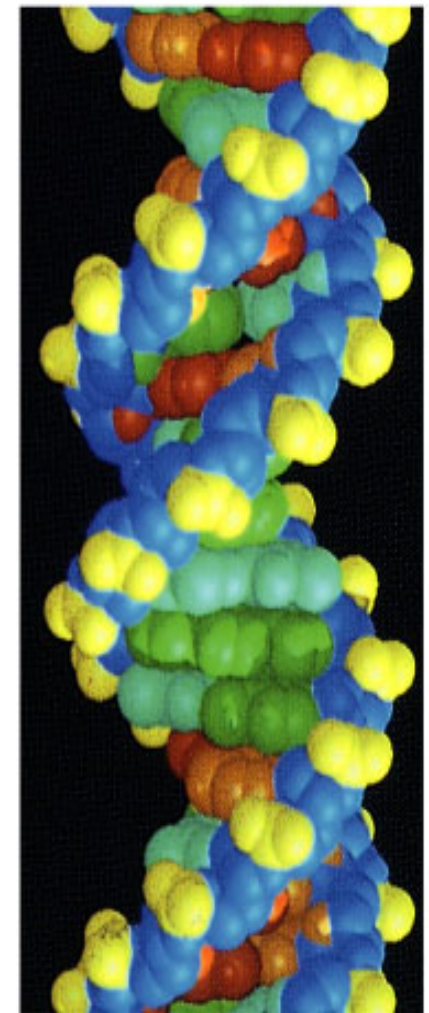
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(a) Key features of DNA structure



(b) Partial chemical structure



(c) Space-filling model



# Question:

- If there is **30% Adenine**, how much **Cytosine** is present?



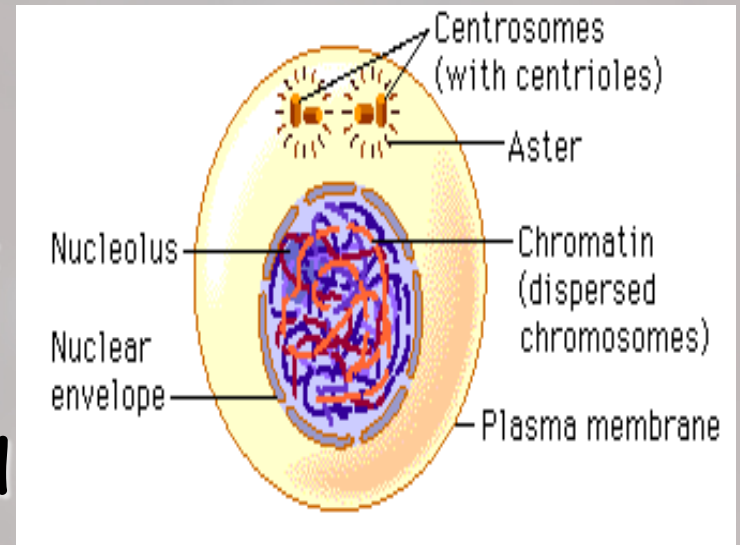
# Answer:

- There would be 20% Cytosine
- Adenine (30%) = Thymine (30%)
- Guanine (20%) = Cytosine (20%)
- Therefore, 60% A-T + 40% C-G

# DNA Replication

# Replication Facts

- DNA has to be copied **before a cell divides**
- DNA is copied during the **S** or *synthesis phase* of **interphase**
- New cells will need **identical** DNA strands

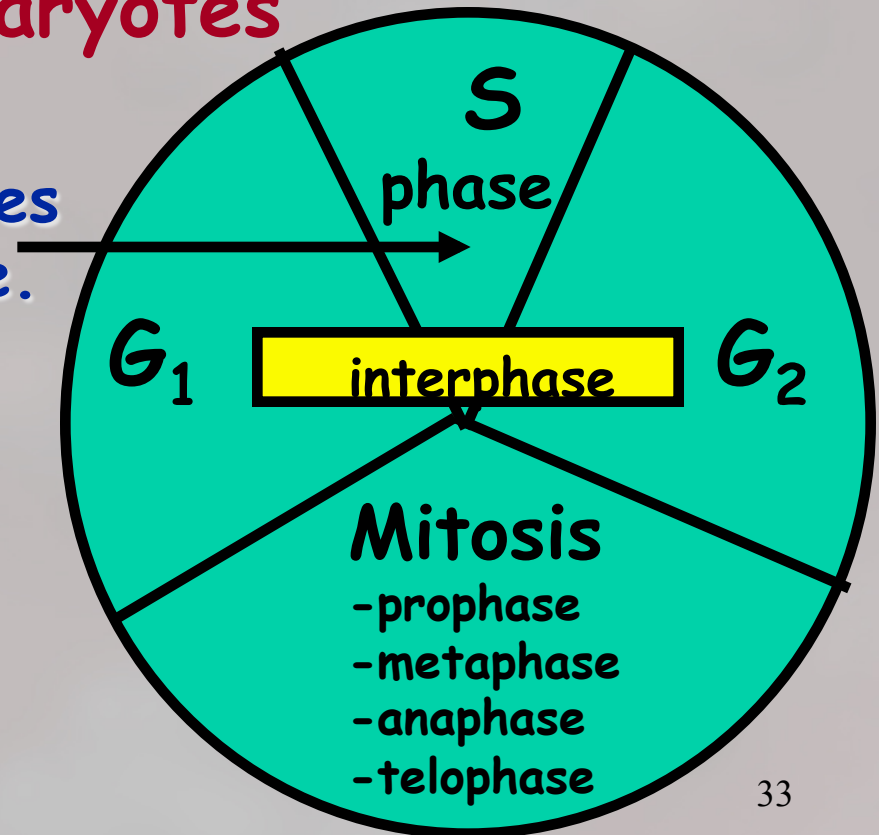




# Synthesis Phase (S phase)

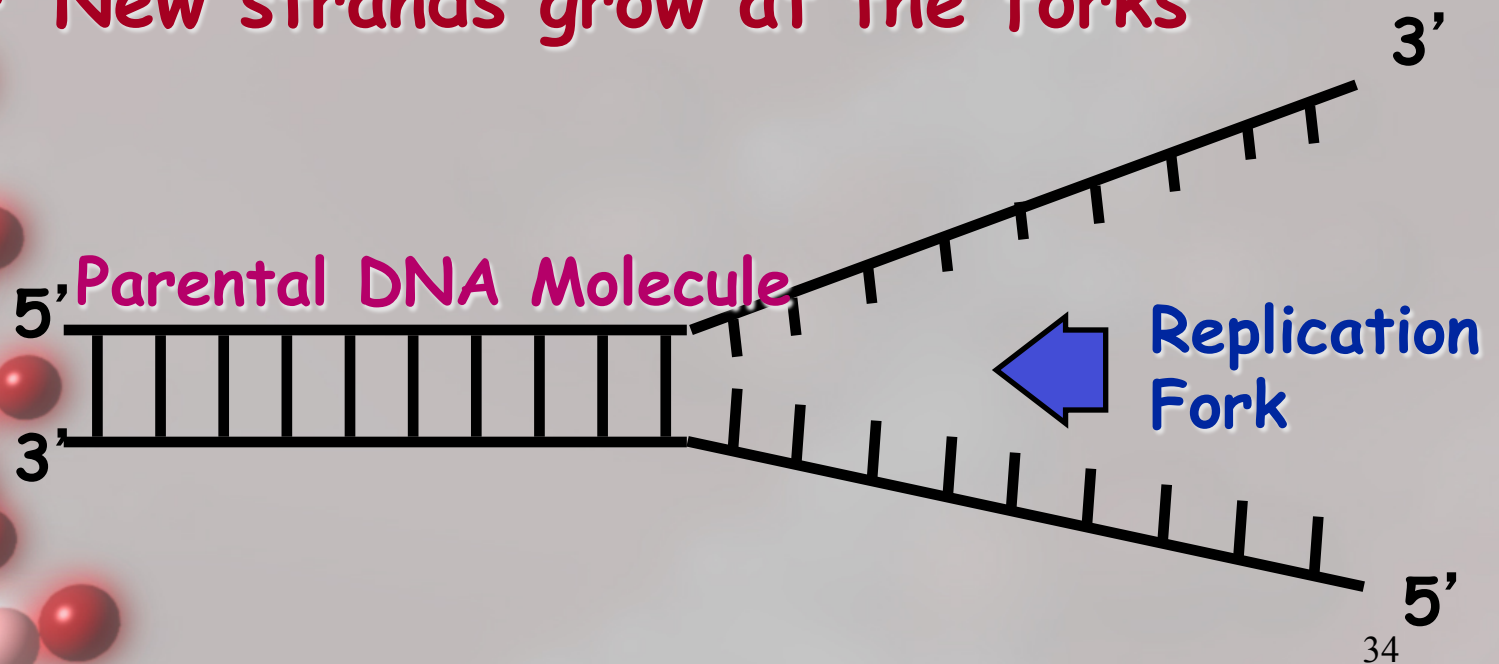
- S phase during **interphase** of the cell cycle
- **Nucleus of eukaryotes**

DNA replication takes place in the S phase.



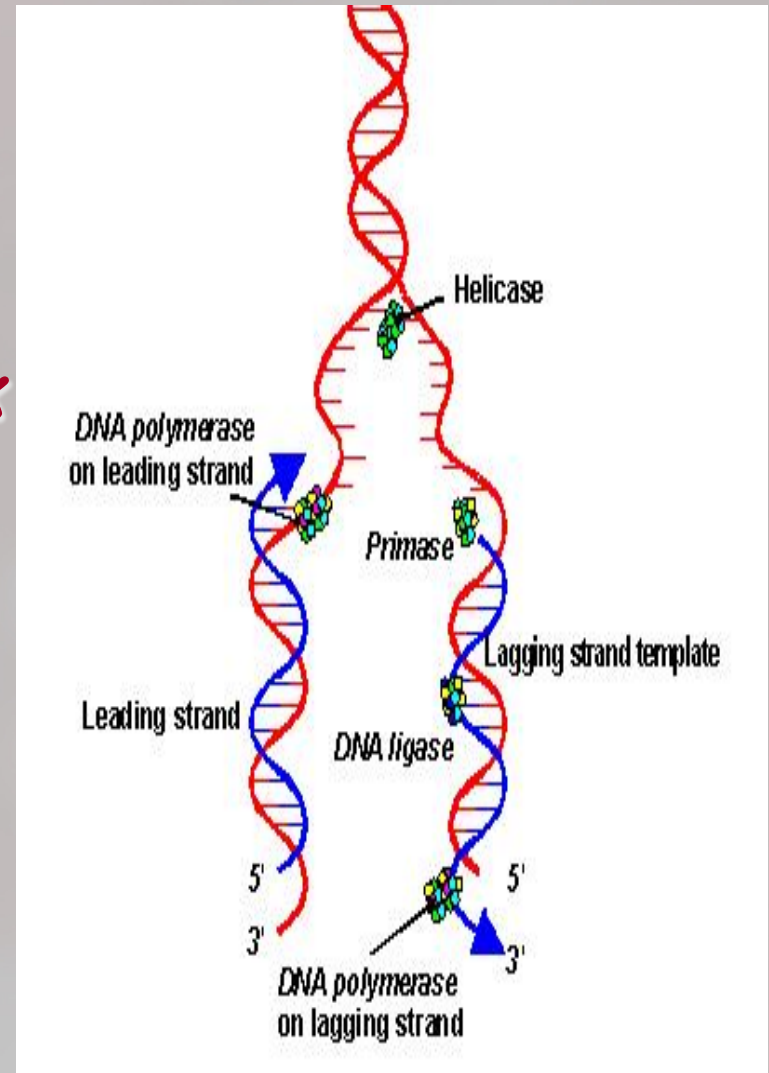
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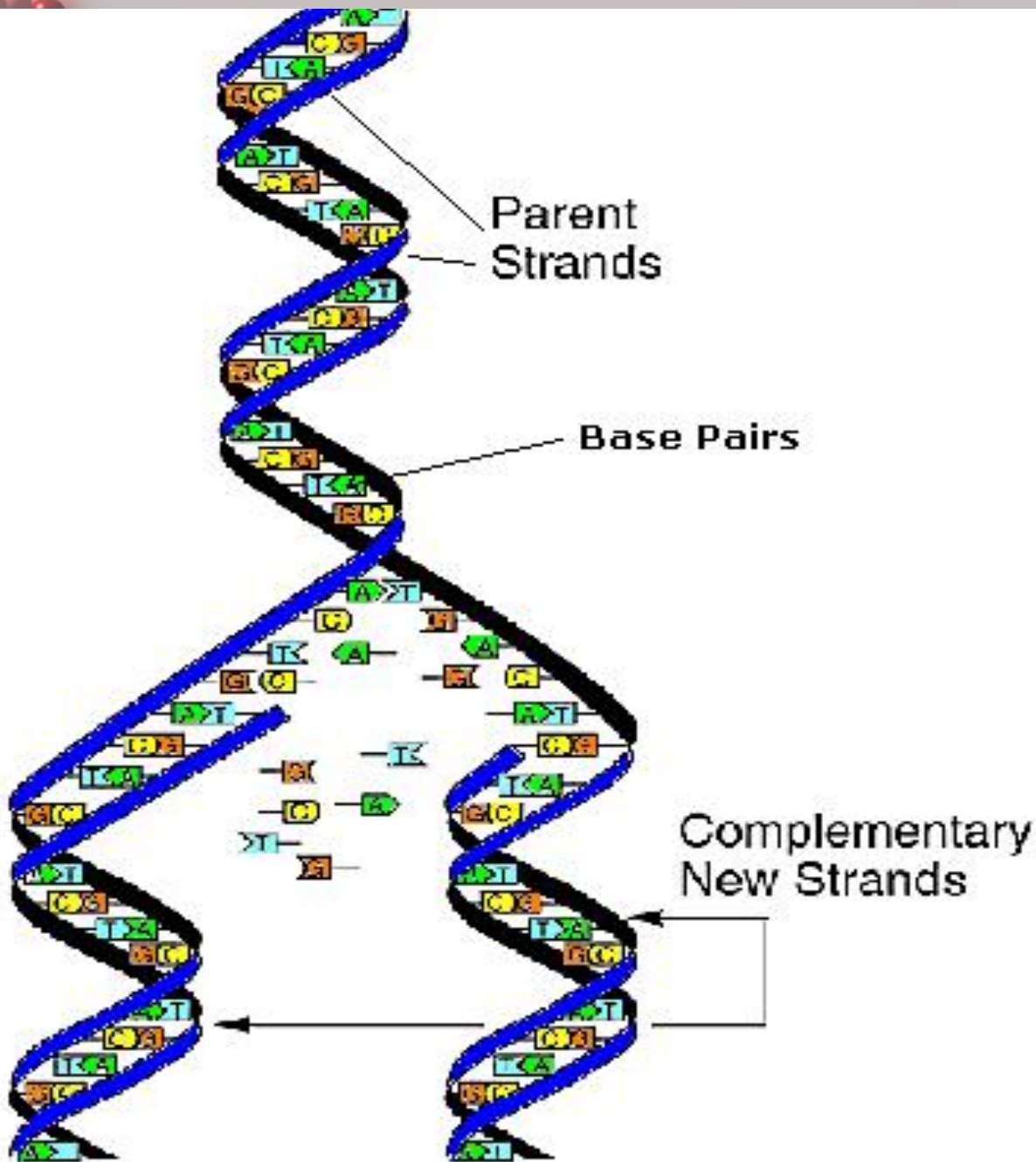
- Begins at **Origins of Replication**
- Two strands open forming **Replication Forks (Y-shaped region)**
- New strands grow at the forks



# DNA Replication

- Enzyme **Helicase** unwinds and separates the 2 DNA strands by breaking the **weak hydrogen bonds**
- **DNA polymerase** can then add the new nucleotides





These animations  
(Audio -  
Important)  
describe DNA  
replication:  
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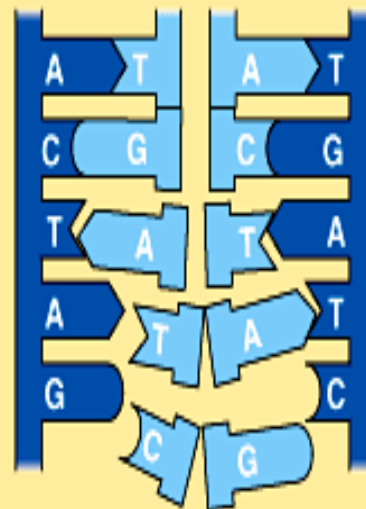
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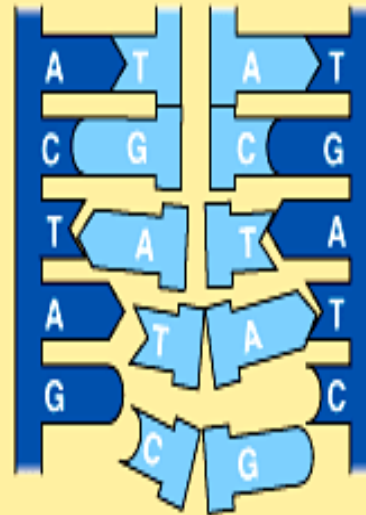
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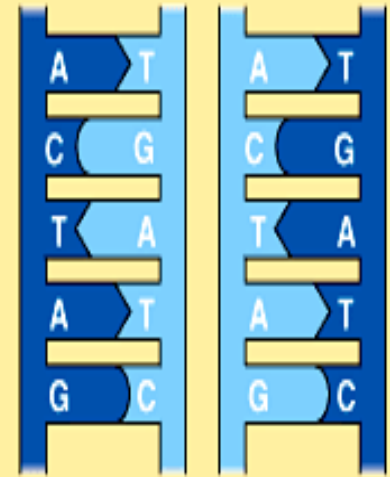
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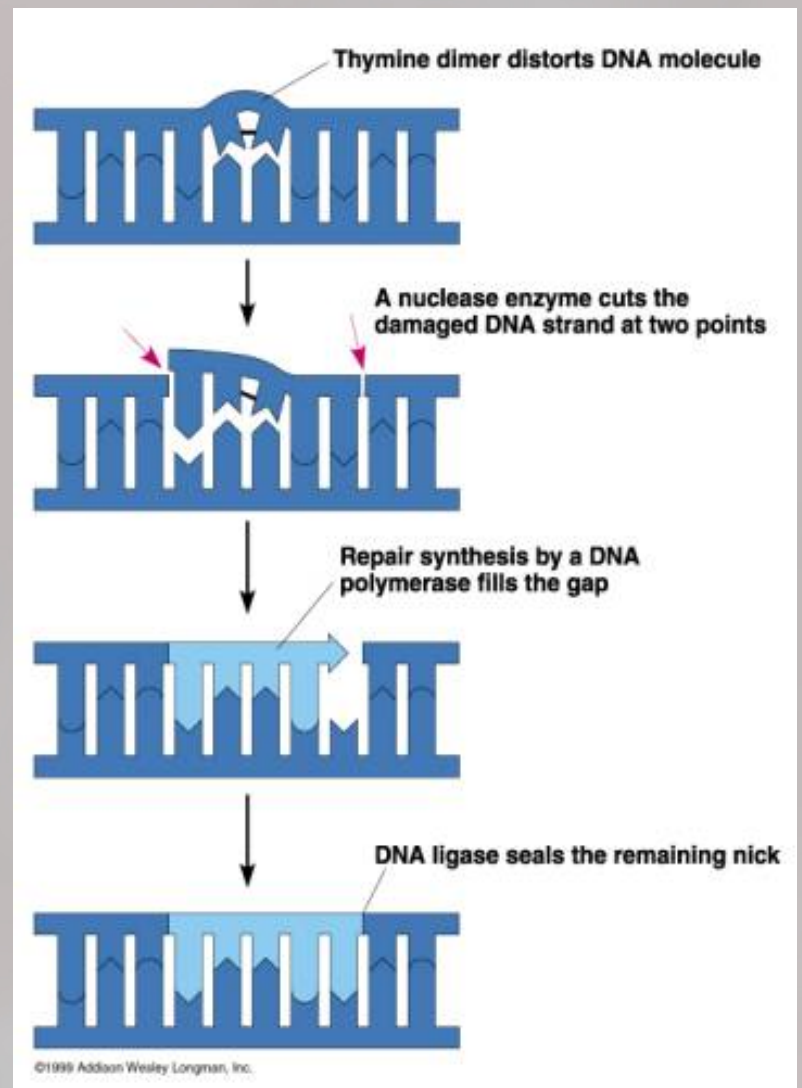


(d) The nucleotides are connected to form the sugar-phosphate backbones of the new strands. Each "daughter" DNA molecule consists of one parental strand and one new strand.



# Proofreading New DNA

- DNA polymerase initially makes about **1 in 10,000** base pairing errors
- **Enzymes** proofread and correct these mistakes
- The new error rate for DNA that has been proofread is **1 in 1 billion** base pairing errors





# DNA Damage & Repair

- **Chemicals & ultraviolet radiation** damage the DNA in our body cells
- Cells must **continuously** repair **DAMAGED** DNA
- **Excision repair** occurs when any of over 50 repair enzymes remove damaged parts of DNA
- **DNA polymerase and DNA ligase** replace and bond the new nucleotides together





# Question:

- What would be the complementary DNA strand for the following DNA sequence?

DNA 5' -  
CGTATG-3'



**Answer:**

**DNA 5' -GCGTATG-3'**

**DNA 3' -CGCATAC-5'**



# In Closing

- DNA is responsible for all the different forms of life on the planet today
- DNA is responsible for carrying genetic information since the beginning of life on the planet



