

# Molecular biology (1)

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# Objectives:

- Know the central dogma of molecular biology.
- Understand the composition, types and structure of DNA and RNA.
- Describe the organization of DNA in the chromosome and the role of histone proteins.

# The central dogma of Molecular Biology

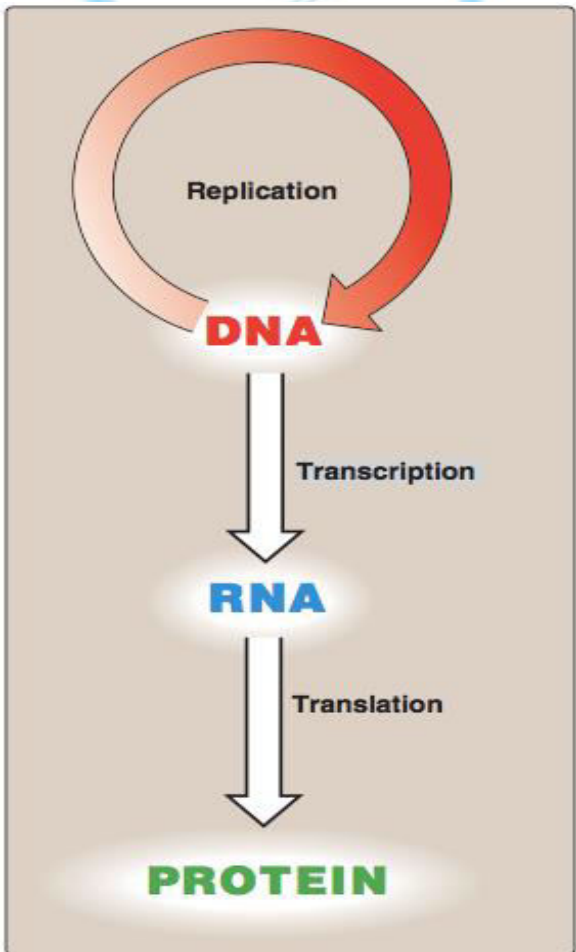
- A portion of **DNA**, called a **gene**, is transcribed into **RNA**.
- **RNA** is translated into **proteins**
- Human genome contains about 35,000 genes

## Notice:

Replication : DNA > DNA

Transcription : DNA > RNA

Translation : RNA > protein



# Nucleic acids

Required for the storage and expression of genetic information.

Two types

DNA  
(Deoxyribonucleic acid)

RNA  
(Ribonucleic acid)

Building block of nucleic acids are :  
Nucleoside triphosphates  
(**nucleotides**).

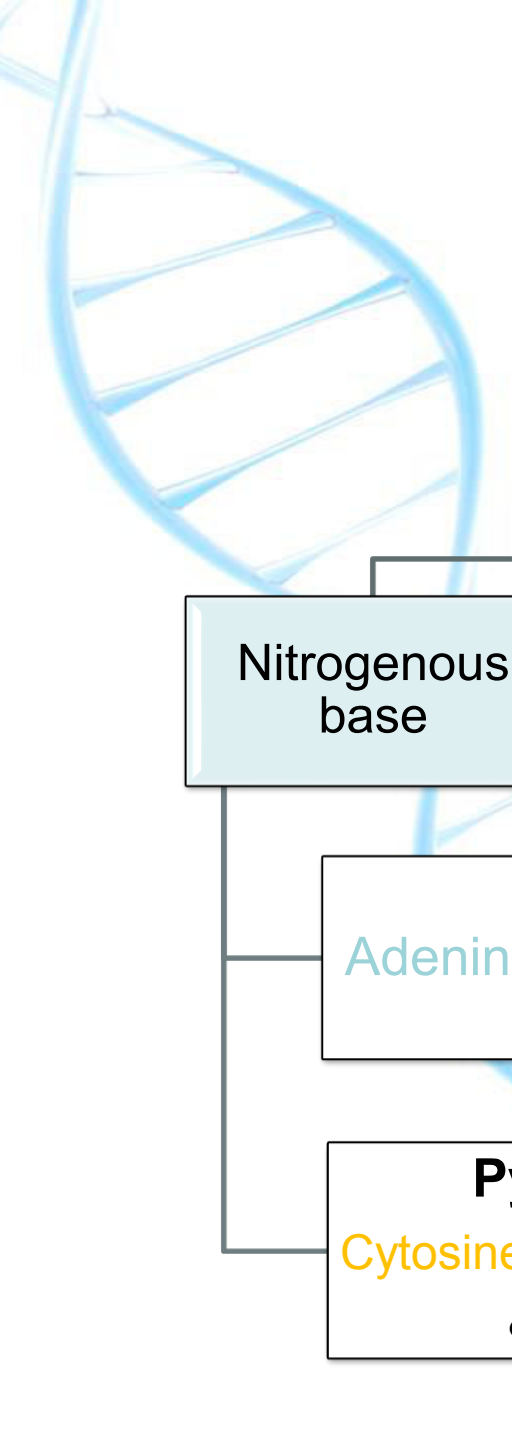
Nitrogenous  
base

Pentose  
Sugar

Nitrogenous  
base

Phosphate  
group

Pentose  
Sugar



**Nucleotides  
Are composed of:**

1- فاندته انه يربط بين nucleotides  
2- يحافظ على شحنة سالبة

**Nitrogenous  
base**

**Pentose:**  
( sugar with 5  
carbon ring)

**Phosphate  
groups**

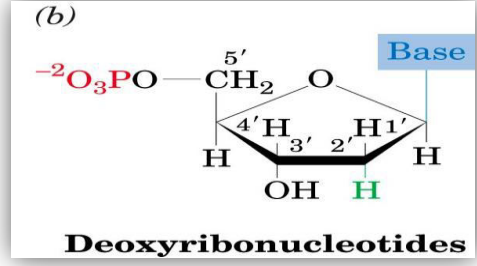
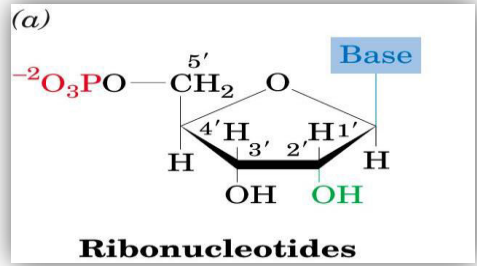
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Adenine (A) & Guanine (G)

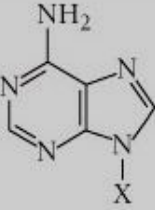
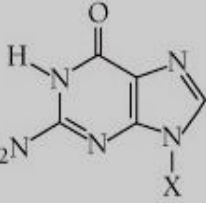
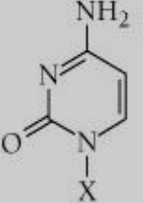
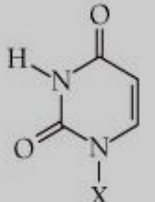
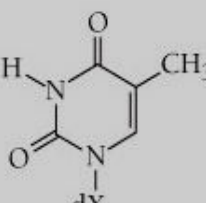
**Pyrimidines:**  
Cytosine (C) & Thymine (T)  
& Uracil (U)

**Ribose**  
with OH at C2

**Deoxyribose**  
With only H at C2

De: not (missing)  
Oxy: oxygen



Base Formula	Base (X = H)	Nucleoside (X = ribose <sup>a</sup> )	Nucleotide <sup>b</sup> (X = ribose phosphate <sup>a</sup> )
	Adenine Ade A	Adenosine Ado A	Adenylic acid Adenosine monophosphate AMP
	Guanine Gua G	Guanosine Guo G	Guanylic acid Guanosine monophosphate GMP
	Cytosine Cyt C	Cytidine Cyd C	Cytidylic acid Cytidine monophosphate CMP
	Uracil Ura U	Uridine Urd U	Uridylic acid Uridine monophosphate UMP
	Thymine Thy T	Deoxythymidine dThd dT	Deoxythymidylic acid Deoxythymidine monophosphate dTMP

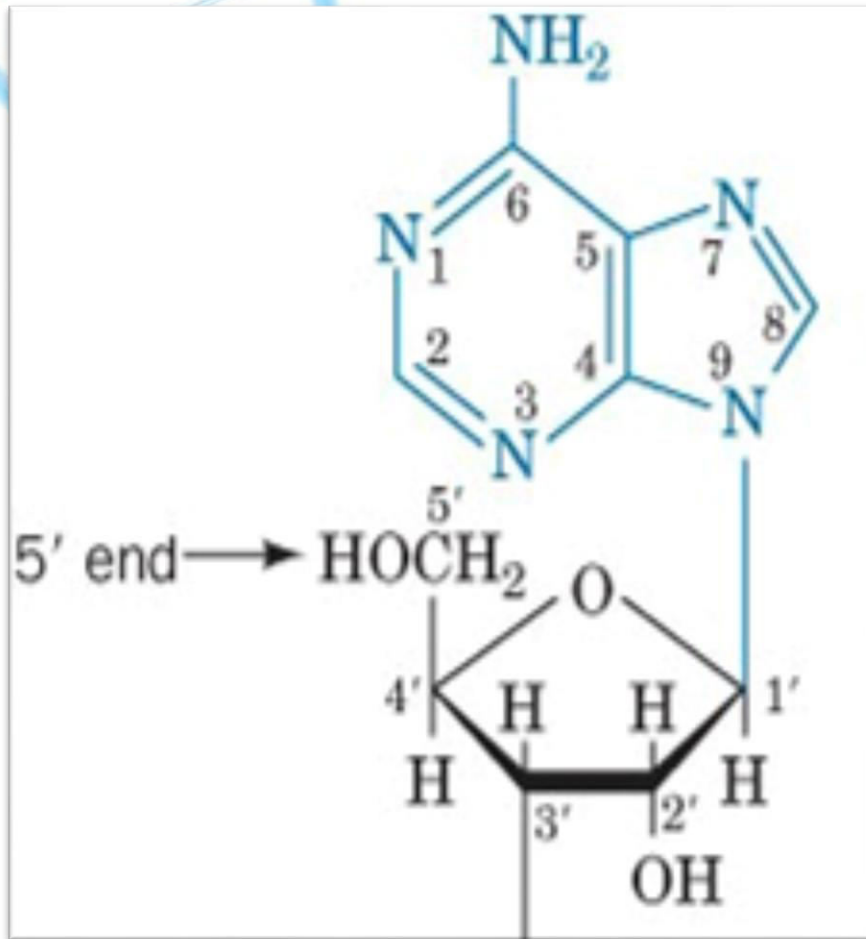
## Notes 436:

**Purines** : 2 rings and 4 nitrogen inside the rings.

**Pyrimidines** : 1 ring and 2 nitrogen inside the the ring.

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- if an **H** was in X place it would be a base and ending in "**ine**".
  - if a **ribose** was in X place it would be a Nucleoside and ending in "**osine**".
  - if a **ribose phosphate** (ribose with a phosphate connected to it) was in place of X it would be a nucleotide and ending in "**ylic acid**".
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- AMP,GMP, is just an abbreviation
  - **You don't have to memorize the structure**

## Phosphate groups :



- The **sugar carbon** numbers are primed (1' 2' 3' etc.), while **the nitrogenous base atoms** are **unprimed**.

- The **nitrogenous base** is bonded to **C<sub>1</sub>'** of sugar.

- The **PO<sub>4</sub> group** is bonded to **C<sub>3</sub>'** or **C<sub>5</sub>'** of sugar.

# NUCLEOTIDES

## Polymers

Store and transfer genetic information

### DNA

Double-stranded  
(Deoxyribose)

### RNA

Single-stranded  
(Ribose)

## Free (and their derivatives)

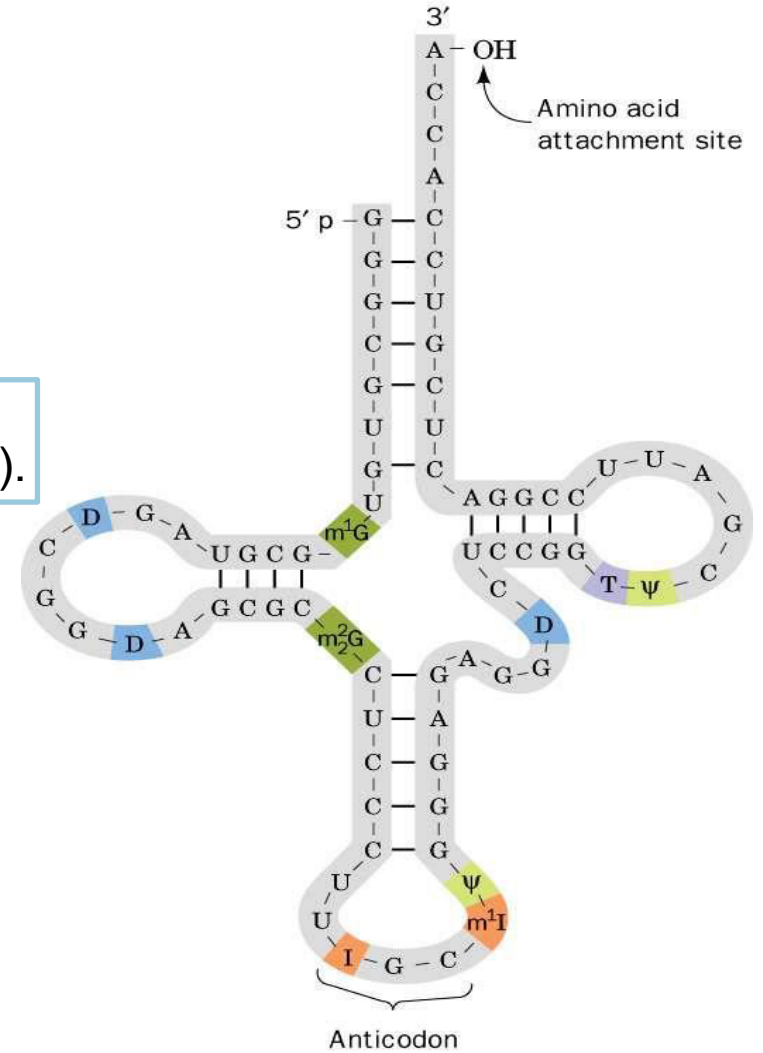
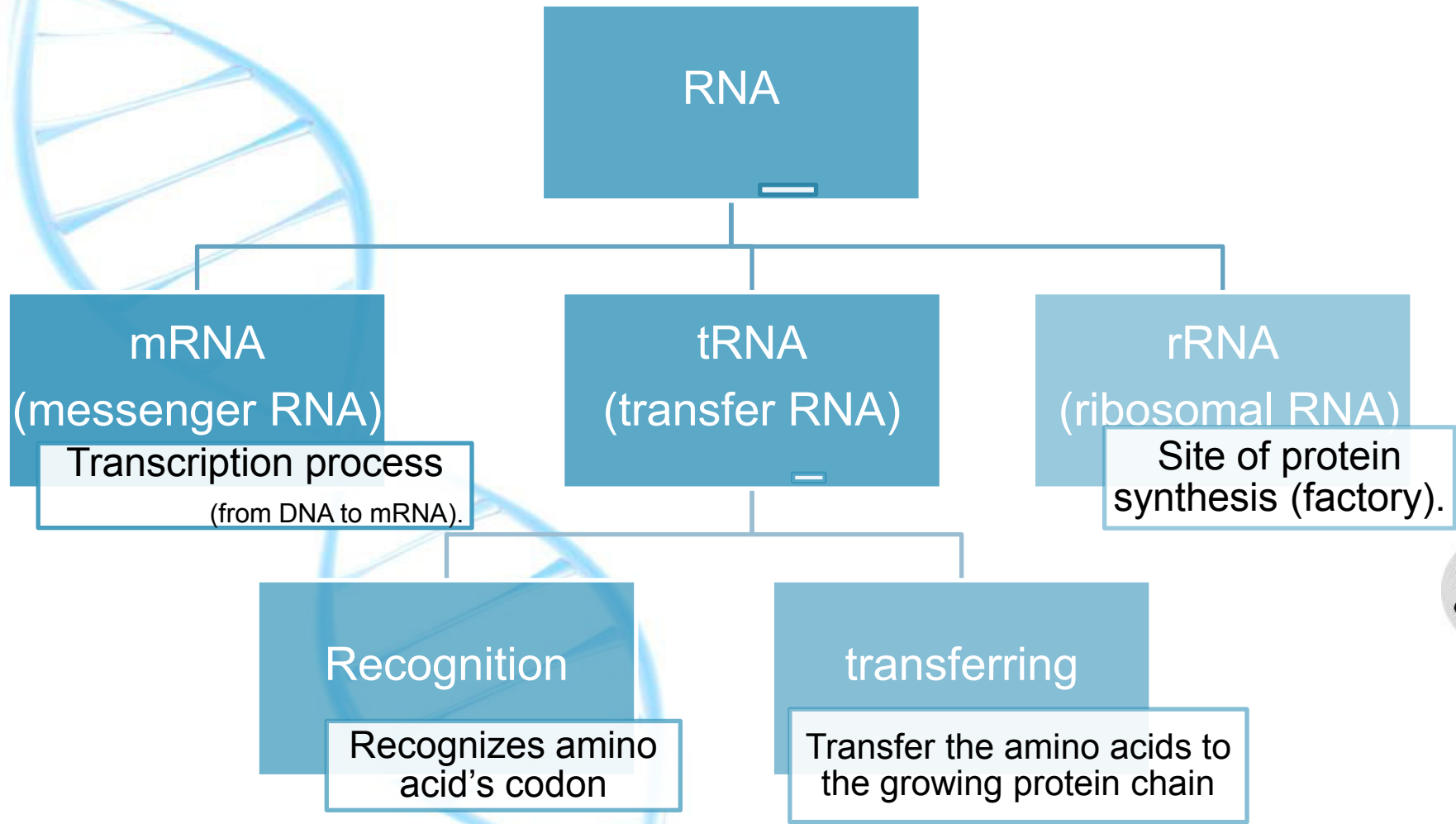
various metabolic functions  
not related to genetic information

### FAD

### NAD

### CoA





**Structure of a tRNA**

# Chemical structure of DNA & RNA

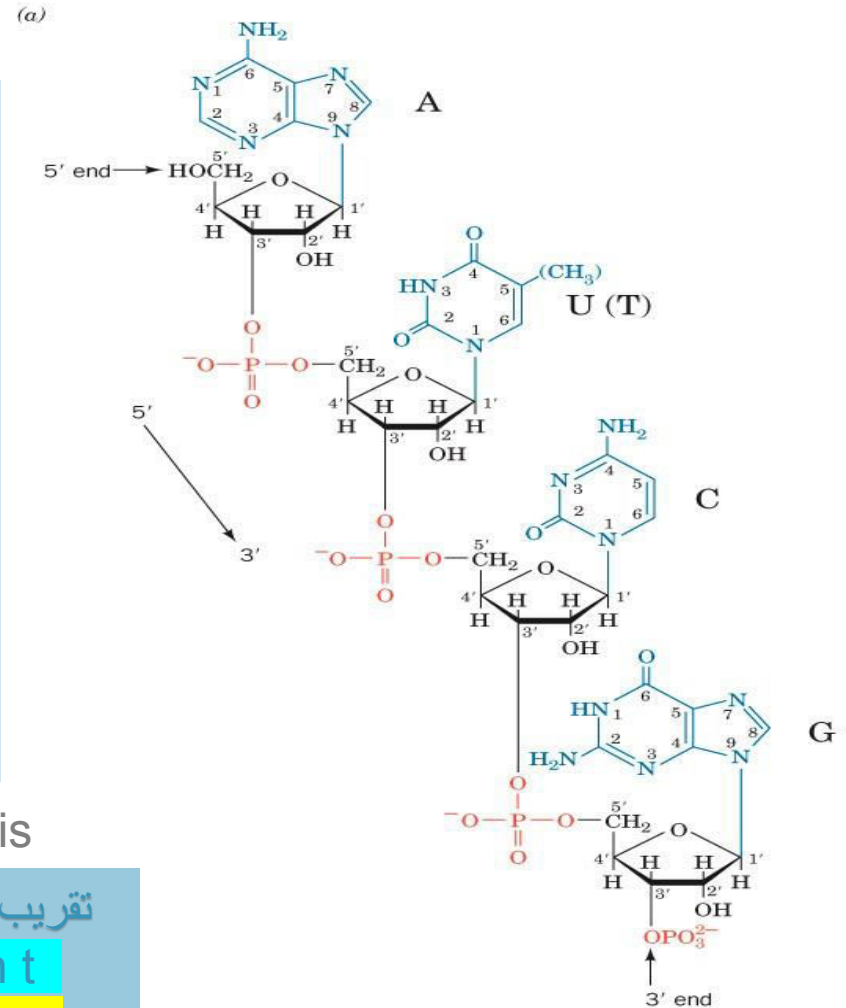
• مهم : معرفة اسم الرابطة التي تربط nucleotides & رقم الكربونة و اللي مرتبط فيها EX: القاعدة النيتروجينية < مرتبطة بكربونة رقم ١

- The  $PO_4$  bridges the 3' and 5' positions of ribose sugar.
- The  $PO_4$  and sugar bonding is the backbone of DNA structure.
- The linkage between the nucleotides is called phosphodiester bond

-The linkage between nitrogen bases and ribose sugar is glycosidic linkage.



تقريب للتذكر  
T with t  
S with s



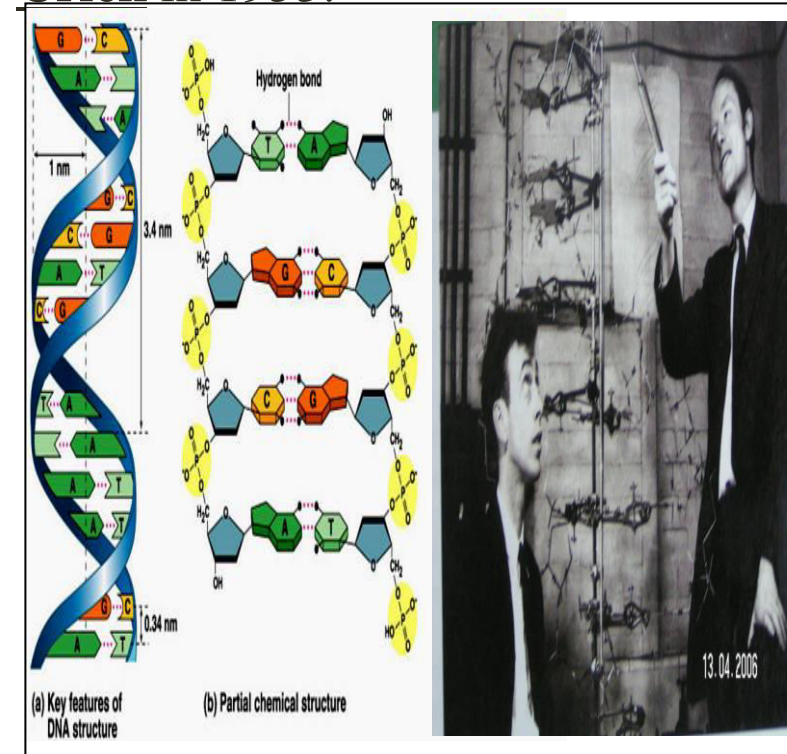
# THE DOUBLE HELIX DNA

- The structure of DNA was first determined by James Watson and Francis Crick in 1953.

Commonly known as **Watson-Crick structure**.

## Features of Watson-Crick DNA structure :

- 1- Two polynucleotide chains wind around a common axis to **form a double helix**.
- 2- The two strands are **anti-parallel** (run in opposite direction). From 5 -----3  
3-----5
- 3- Each strand is a **right-handed helix**.
- 4- The **nitrogenous bases** are in the **center** of the double helix and the **sugar-phosphate chains** are on the **sides** .
- 5-The surface of the double helix contains **2 grooves**: the major and minor grooves. Places for bonding of the proteins to regulate transcription or replication.
- 6- **complementary base pairing** , Each base is hydrogen bonded to a base in the opposite strand to form a base pair (A-T and G-C)
- 7-The helix has **10 base pairs (bp) per turn**.



In RNA, Thymine is replaced by Uracil (U)

Adenine (A) == Thymine (T)

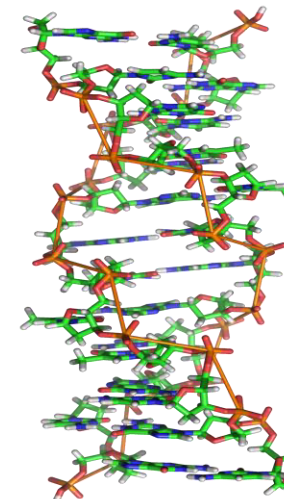
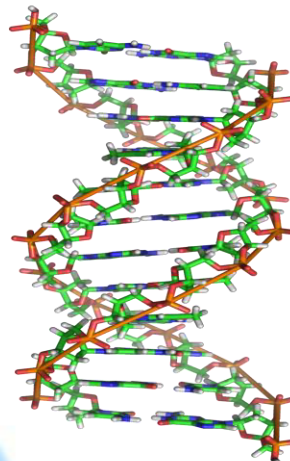
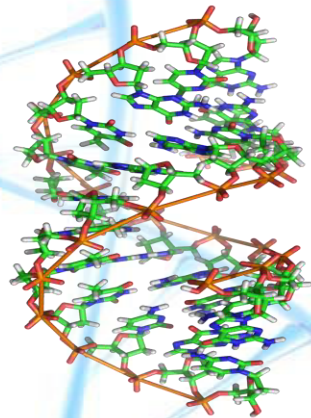
Guanine (G) == Cytosine (C)

# Types of DNA structure

	A-DNA	B-DNA <i>Watson-Crick model</i>	Z-DNA
<b>Direction</b>	Right-handed	Right-handed	Left-handed
<b>Helix length</b>	Short	Elongated	More elongated
<b>Major groove</b>	Deep and narrow	Wide	Not real groove
<b>Minor groove</b>	Wide	Narrow	Narrow
<b>Placement of bp</b>	Displaced away from the helical axis	Centred over the helical axis	Zig-zag pattern (nearly perpendicular to the helical axis)
<b>bp per turn</b>	11	10	12
<b>Conformation of deoxyribose</b>	C <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>2</sub>	G (C <sub>2</sub> ) ; C (C <sub>3</sub> ) مرة يمسك في رقم 3 ومرة في 2
<b>Notes</b>	يوجد في حالتين : 1- نسخ الDNA 2- Non coding RNA	غالبية الموجود في الجسم على هذا الشكل Most common	-

Med437:

The carbon where the oxygen is removed



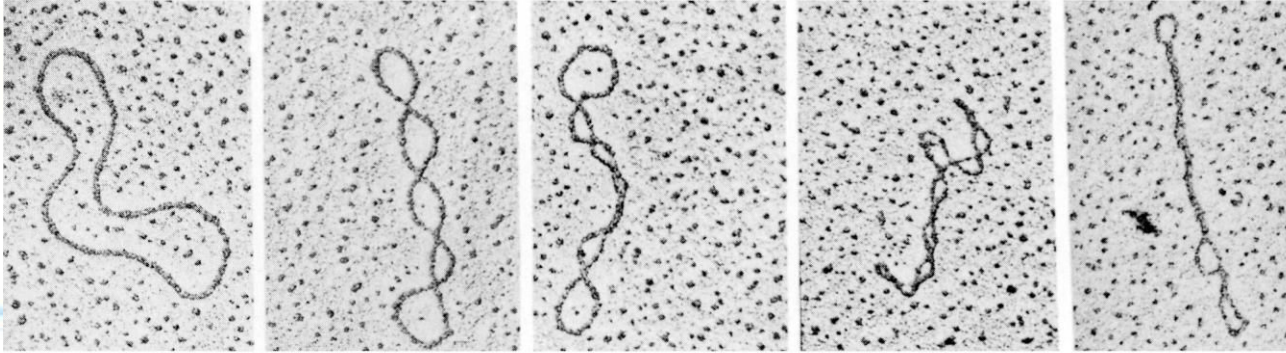
Major groove  
Minor groove

# DNA supercoiling

- The chromosomes of many bacteria and viruses contain circular DNA which is **supercoiled**.
- The end of DNA of human is not connected like bacteria, it is separated.

To take smaller space

To give it more protection (cause it doesn't have a true nucleus)



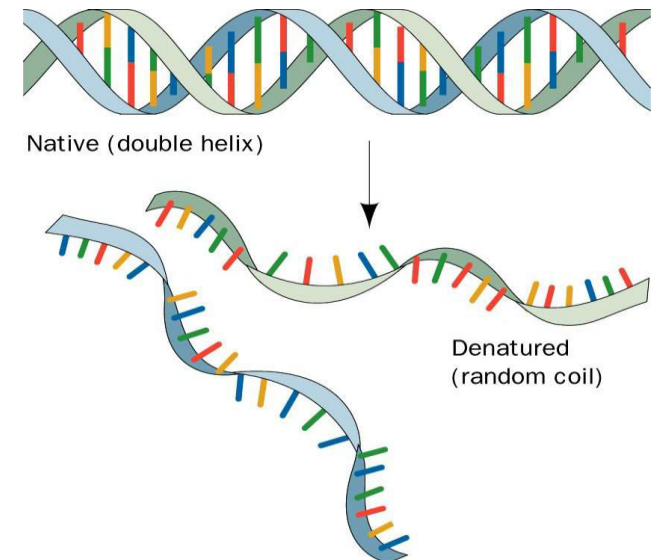
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# Melting temperature

- The temperature at which the double-stranded DNA is separated into two single strands.

MT of DNA depends on nitrogenous base:

G-C has 3 hydrogen bonds → stronger than A-T (2 hydrogen bonds → needs more energy (heat) to break



## How DNA is organized in a chromosome

\* Note ; positively charged means ( polar basic ) – histidine is not included because it is a weak base

1- Each chromosome is a complex of a single linear DNA molecule and protein called chromatin.

2- The DNA from single 23 human chromosomes have a length of 1 meter.

3- 50% of chromatin consists of protein called "Histones".

4- The human genome contains 3.5 billion base pairs and more than 95% is non-coding or "junk" DNA.

# Nucleosomes

## What are they?

- Nucleosomes are the individual units of chromatin.

(particles consisting of DNA and histones connected by thin strands of naked DNA = like beads on a string "مثال السبحة")

- They consist of a segment of DNA wrapped around a core called histone octamer (eight).

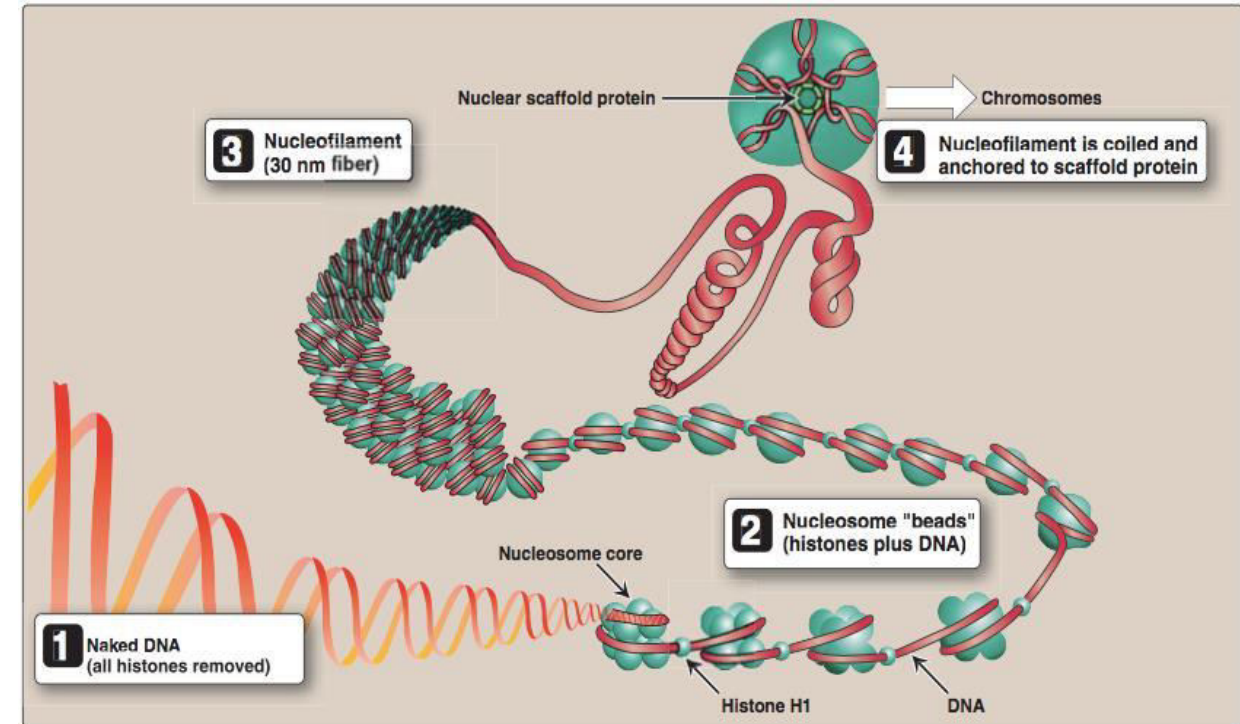
- Octamer: **نبه عليها الدكتور**

( 8 particles of histone protein )

Two particles of each histone ( H2A, H2B, H3 and H4 ) assemble to form the core

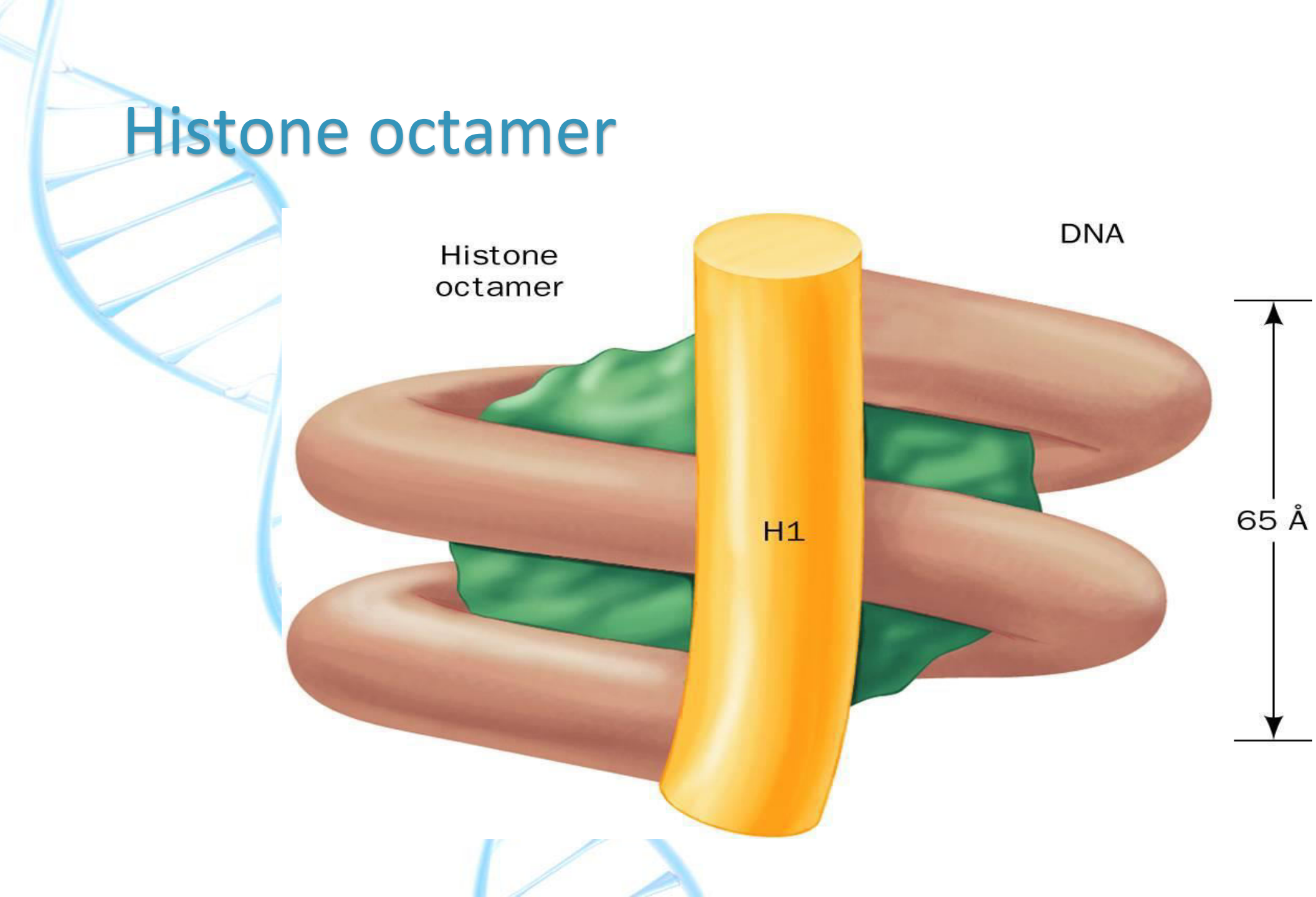
- While the fifth type of histone H1 forms the bond between the core and the DNA.

( H1 binds to 2 complete helical turns of DNA.)



- Major types of Histones: H1, H2A, H2B, H3, and H4.
  - They consist of amino acids that are positively charged (arginine and lysine).
- Important: These proteins (+) bind to PO<sub>4</sub> (-) groups of DNA, stabilizing the structure of chromatin.

# Histone octamer

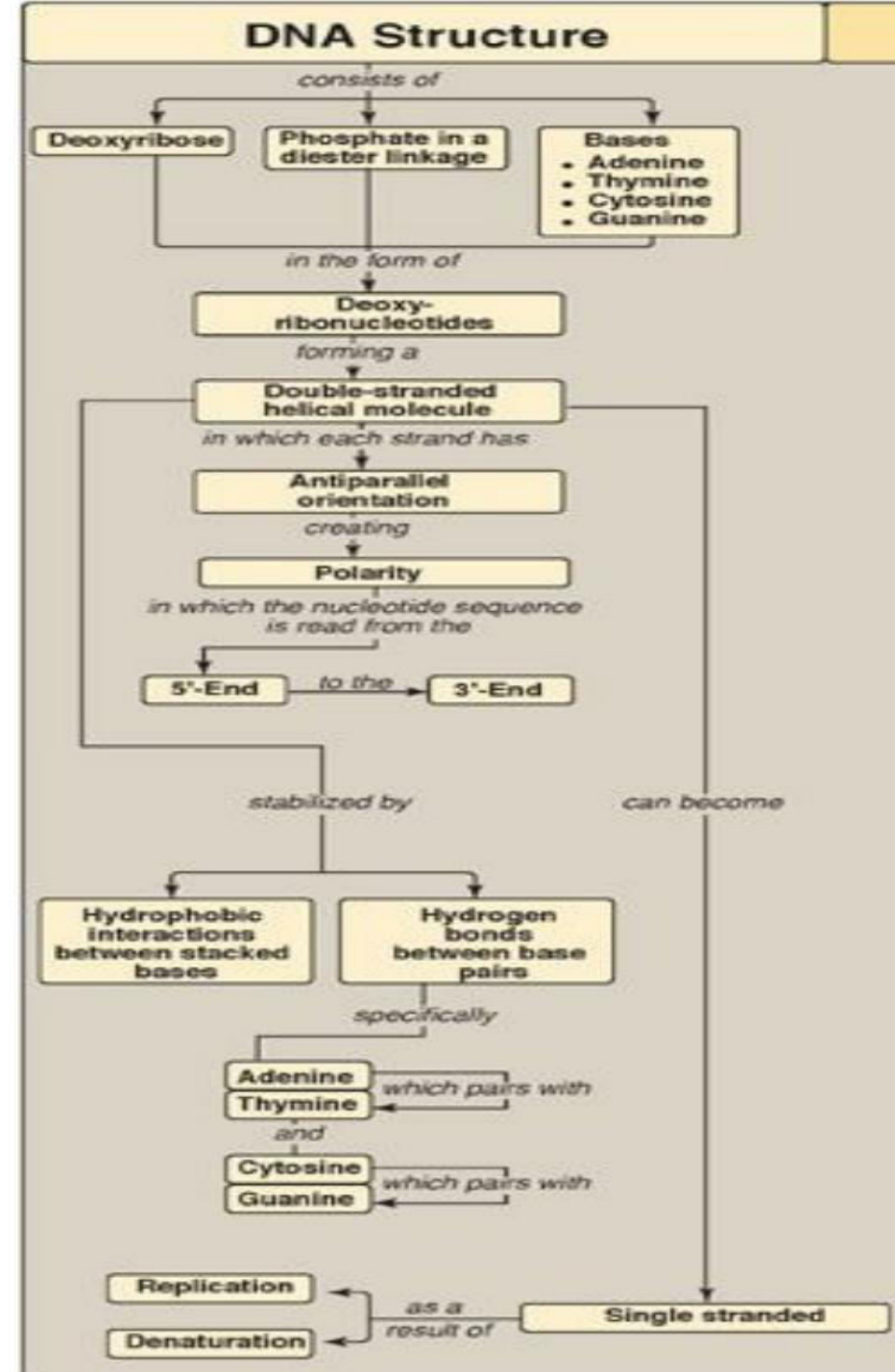




# Take home notes:

- The central dogma of molecular biology involves three components: DNA, RNA and protein.
- There are two chemically distinct types of nucleic acids: DNA and RNA, which perform several crucial functions.
- To package the long sequence of the genomic DNA, it is highly organized into chromosomes.

# Review



# MCQs

**Q1: Which one of the following is the Watson - crick model?**

- A- A DNA
- B- B DNA
- C- Z DNA

**Q2: RNA is translated into ..... ?**

- A- Carbohydrates
- B- fats
- C- proteins

**Q3: Nucleotides are composed of :**

- A- nitrogenous base , hexose & phosphate group
- B- nitrogenous base , pentose & phosphate group
- C- nitrogenous base , pentose & carboxylic group

**Q4: The linkage between the nucleotides are called :**

- A- phosphodiester bond
- B- glycosidic bond
- C- Ester bonds

**Answer key:**

- 1) B
- 2) C
- 3) B
- 4) A



## SAQs

- Name one benefit of having  $PO_4$

.....

- Name two kinds of nucleotides other than DNA, RNA:

.....

### **Answer key:**

- 1) Presenting -ev charge.
- 2) NAD, FAD

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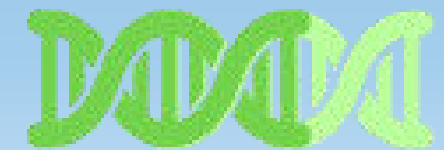
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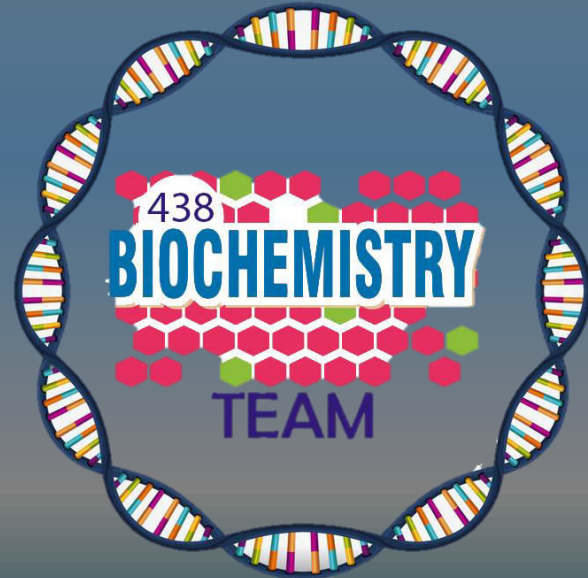
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