DNA
Characteristics of Life

- Cellular organization
- Reproduction
- Homeostasis
- Heredity
- Responsiveness
- Growth and Development
- Complex Chemistry (Biomolecules)
### Biomolecules

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DNA Double Helix
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Watson and Crick created a model of DNA by using Franklin’s and Wilkins’s DNA diffraction X-ray.
Nucleotides: building blocks of DNA (and RNA)

- A DNA nucleotide
  - a 5-carbon deoxyribose sugar
  - a phosphate group
  - one of four nitrogenous bases: adenine (A), guanine (G), cytosine (C), or thymine (T).
DNA is in a Double-Helix Structure.

This structure provides Protection and takes up minimal space in the Nucleus.

Hydrogen bonds between complementary bases.
List the Parts of a Nucleotide
• Complementary Base Pair Rules

• A—T
• T—A
• G—C
• C—G
Practice...

- Strand A
  ATGCTAGCTATTC
- Strand B?
  TACGATCGATAAG
(compliment)
DNA Functions

• DNA contains all the information for developing all proteins in the body.
  – Primary function is to create proteins

• Proteins make up the structures and carry out the functions of the organism.

• DNA is located in the nucleus of all cells.
Genes

- DNA is segmented into parts called genes.
- Genes are responsible for coding different traits (skin, eye, hair color).
DNA in the Nucleus

• DNA is found in the nucleus and is too big to leave the nucleus.
• DNA’s main function is to create Proteins.
• Proteins are made outside of the nucleus on organelles called Ribosomes.
How does the information to make the proteins get to the ribosomes?

• DNA makes RNA inside of the nucleus through the process of Transcription.
DNA or RNA

DNA
- Double Stranded
- CGAT
- Deoxyribose Sugar
- Too big to move from nucleus

RNA
- Single Stranded
- CGAU
- Ribose Sugar
- Small and Transferable
- 3 types (mRNA, tRNA, rRNA)
Types of RNA

- Cells have three major types of RNA:
  - messenger RNA (mRNA)
  - ribosomal RNA (rRNA)
  - transfer RNA (tRNA)
RNA to Protein

• RNA takes the information from DNA to the ribosome to build proteins by coding for amino acids.

• The building of proteins is called translation.

ESSENTIAL FOR LIFE!!!!

• Proteins are used to create all the different types of organelles, cells, organs as well as perform their functions
## Major Types of Proteins

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*Figure 3.15*
What if something goes WRONG!!!

• The proper function of many proteins is essential for the function of a cell.
• Genes (DNA) affects the protein functions, which in turn affects all bodily functions.

• Mutation – an error (change) in the DNA sequence.
  – Can have major, little, or no affect
  – A mutation that alters the way a protein is made could change the function of a whole organ system.
Mutation in a DNA Sequence

(a) Nucleotide-pair substitution
- A instead of G

(b) Nucleotide-pair insertion or deletion
- Extra A
- Extra U

Frameshift causing immediate nonsense (1 nucleotide-pair insertion)
Frameshift causing extensive missense (1 nucleotide-pair deletion)
No frameshift, but one amino acid missing (3 nucleotide-pair deletion)
In Review: Flow of Genetic Information

- The flow of genetic information can be symbolized as DNA → RNA → Protein.
- The sequence of nucleotides in DNA contain information.
- This information is put to work through the production of proteins.
- Proteins fold into complex, 3-D shapes to become key cell structures and regulators of cell functions.
What’s the difference between the DNA in your skin cells and the DNA in your muscle cells?

• NOTHING!

• Your DNA is the same all of your somatic (body) cells.

• How does this DNA get to every cell?
DNA Replication

- Each new DNA molecule is made of one strand of nucleotides from the original DNA molecule and one new strand.
Original DNA Strand

Free Nucleotides

New DNA Molecule

New DNA Molecule

New DNA Strand

Original DNA Strand
Mitosis

- process by which DNA is copied in a cell before a cell divides in Mitosis

- Mitosis – is the process in which cells divide with the same genetic material
  - The original (parent cell) splits into two genetically identical daughter cells.
Mitosis
Mitosis (cont.)

- Mitosis is important for sexual and asexual organisms.

**Sexual**
- Growth
- Repairing Tissues
- Cellular Differentiation

**Asexual**
- How the organism reproduces
Asexual Reproduction (Budding)
Cellular Differentiation

- Just because all of your cells contain the same DNA does not mean all of your cells are the same.
- Differences between different cell types (bone, muscle, skin) are due to gene expression.
- This is not an result of different genes (DNA)
- THIS IS NOT A RESULT OF MUTATION!
Cellular Differentiation

[Diagram showing vertebral counts and patterns across different species, including crocodile, dinosaur, and chicken.]
Gene Expression

Transcription + Translation = Gene Expression

- The proteins that are produced determine what is express (shown) in an organism.
- Not all DNA is used (expressed) in every cell
- You express different genes at different stages of development.
- Zygote, Embryo, Baby, Adolescence, Adult
- Egg, larva, pupae, Chrysalis, Butterfly
- Egg, Tadpole, Froglet, Frog