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## The Central Dogma: DNA → RNA → Protein

### Base Pairing – DNA and Transcription

1. The following is a sequence of DNA. Some bases are missing. Fill them in.

G	A	T	T	A	C	A	___	___
C	T	A	A	___	___	T	T	G

2. The following is a sequence of DNA. All bases are missing. Fill them in.

C	T	T	C	C	G	C	A	A
___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___

3. The following DNA sequence is undergoing Transcription. Fill in the appropriate bases on the DNA and RNA.

A	T	___	C	___	G	___	___	T	C
___	___	A	___	G	___	U	C	___	___

4. The following DNA sequence is undergoing Transcription. Fill in the appropriate bases on the RNA strand.

T	A	C	C	G	G	T	T	T	A
___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___

5. The following RNA transcript is undergoing Translation. Fill in the appropriate bases to match anticodon with codon.

AUG	ACG	GAG	CUU	CGG	AGC	AAA	UAA
___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___

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6. Using the above mRNA codon/anticodon triplet codes as well as the chart at the bottom of the page, **identify the amino acids coded for by this sequence. Circle the start codon and square the stop codon.**

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**AUG      ACG      GAG      CUU      CGG      AGC      AAA      UAA**

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**Reminders:**

Bases in **DNA**: Adenine, Thymine, Cytosine, Guanine

Purines: **A & G**

Pyrimidines: **C & T**

Pairing: **A ↔ T**

**C ↔ G**

Bases in **RNA**: Adenine, Uracil, Cytosine, Guanine

Pairing from DNA → RNA: **A → U**      **mRNA** contains **codons**  
    **T → A**      **tRNA** contains **anticodons**  
    **C → G**

**Proteins**: sequence of amino acids → from start codon to stop codon

### Codons Found in Messenger RNA

		<i>Second Base</i>				
		U	C	A	G	
First Base	U	Phe	Ser	Tyr	Cys	U
	Phe	Ser	Tyr	Cys	C	
	Leu	Ser	Stop	Stop	A	
	Leu	Ser	Stop	Trp	G	
C	Leu	Pro	His	Arg	U	
Leu	Pro	His	Arg	C		
Leu	Pro	Gln	Arg	A		
Leu	Pro	Gln	Arg	G		
A	Ile	Thr	Asn	Ser	U	
Ile	Thr	Asn	Ser	C		
Ile	Thr	Lys	Arg	A		
Met	Thr	Lys	Arg	G		
G	Val	Ala	Asp	Gly	U	
Val	Ala	Asp	Gly	C		
Val	Ala	Glu	Gly	A		
Val	Ala	Glu	Gly	G		

Answers: 1) Top: AC Bottom: TG 2) GAAGGCGTT 3) Top: TCAG Bottom: UAGCAG 4) AUGGCCAAAU  
 5) UAC UGC CUC GAA GCC UCG UUU AUU 6) Met (start) Thr Glu Arg Ser Arg Stop