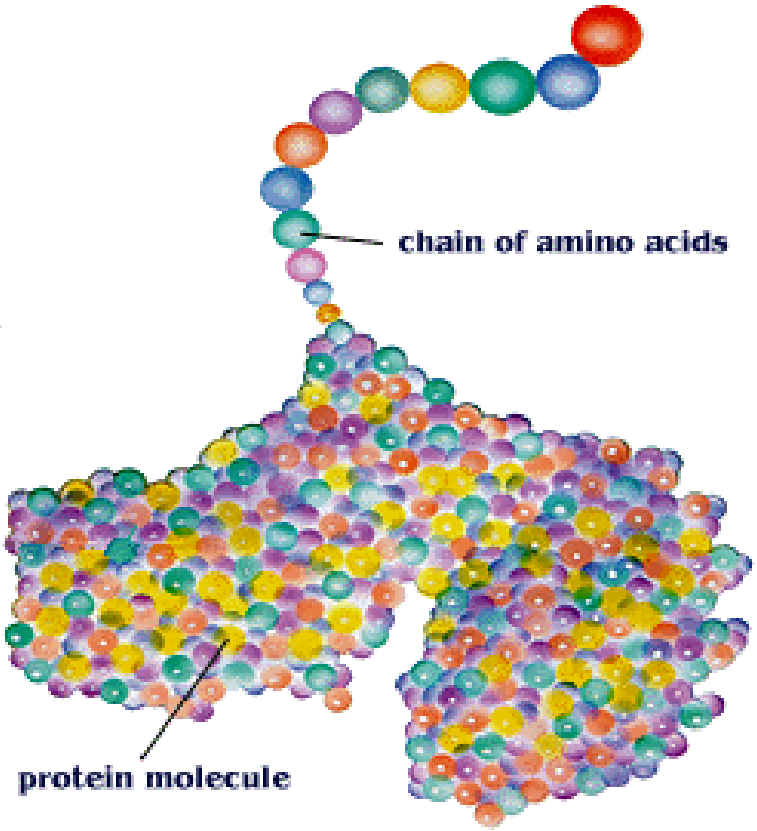
Protein Synthesis (Gene Expression) Notes

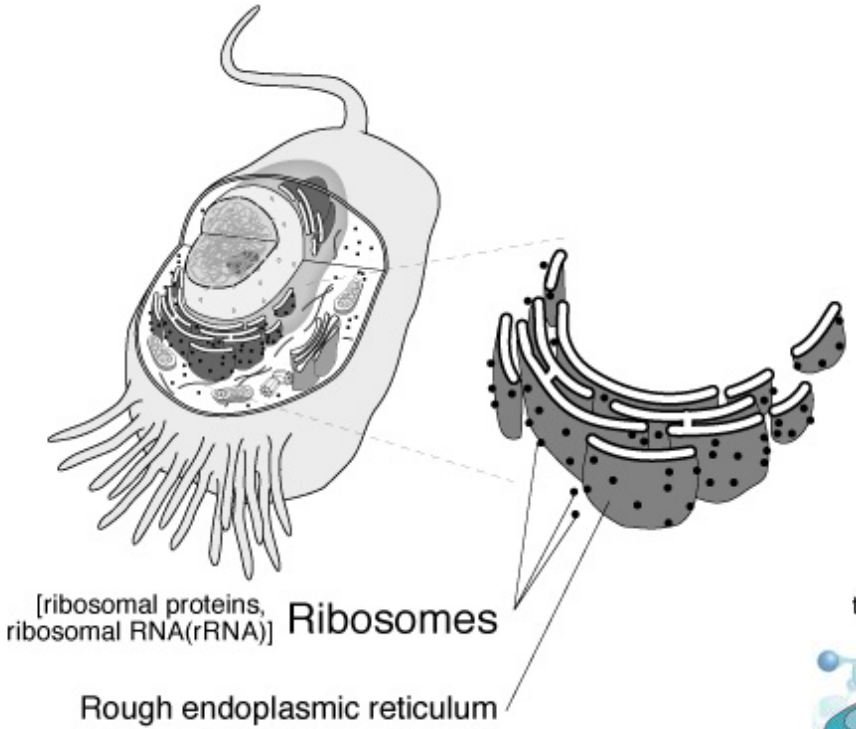
Proteins (Review)

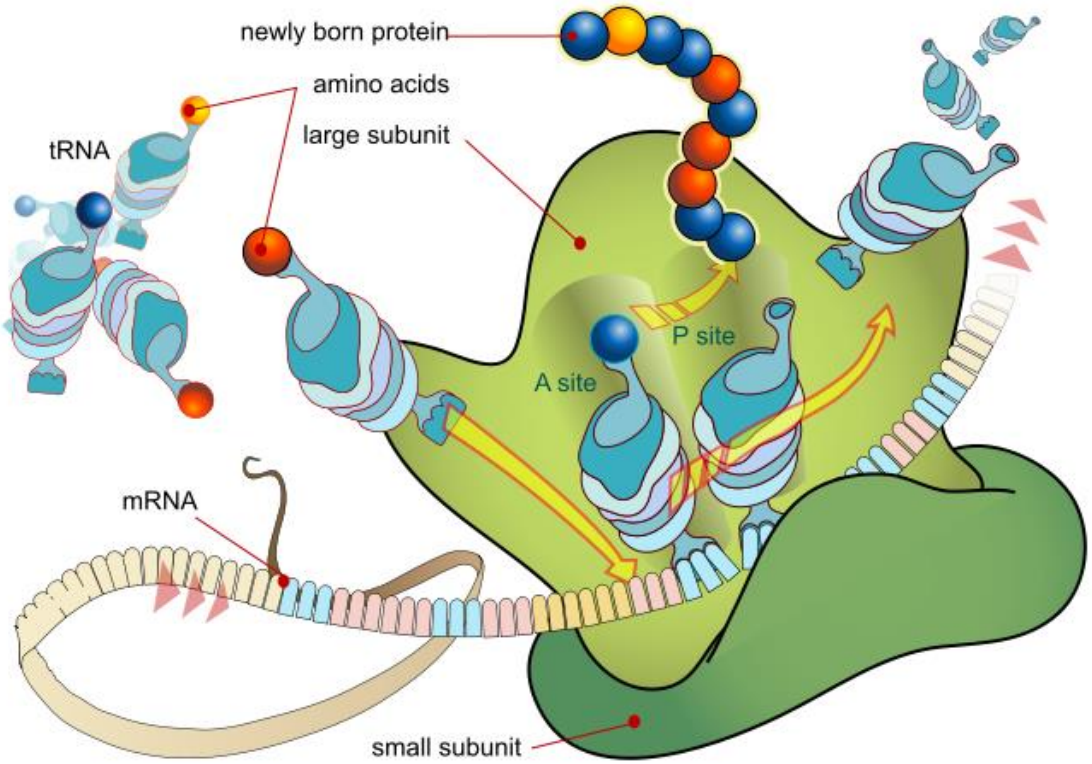
- Proteins make up all **living** materials

- Proteins are composed of **amino acids** – there are **20** different amino acids
- Different **proteins** are made by **combining** these 20 amino acids in different combinations



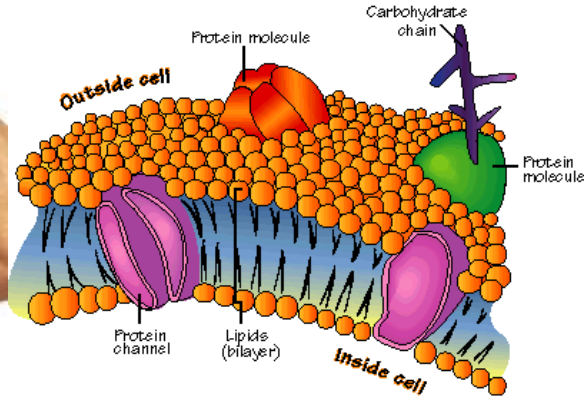
- Proteins are manufactured (made) by the **ribosomes**





- Function of proteins:
  1. Help fight **disease**
  2. Build new body **tissue**
  3. **Enzymes** used for digestion and other chemical reactions are proteins

     (Enzymes **speed up** the **rate** of a reaction)
  4. Component of all **cell membranes**

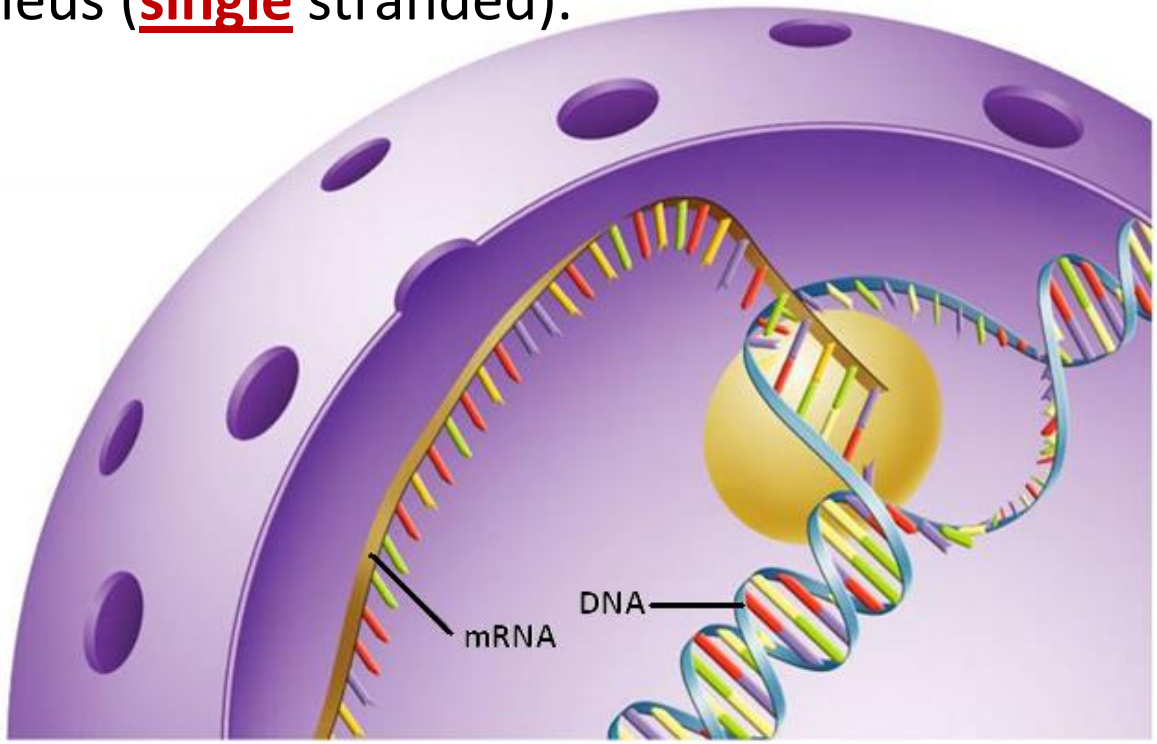


Making a Protein—Transcription

- **First Step**: **Copying** of genetic information from **DNA** to **RNA** called **Transcription**

  Why? DNA has the **genetic code** for the **protein** that needs to be made, but proteins are made by the ribosomes—ribosomes are outside the **nucleus** in the **cytoplasm**.

  DNA is too **large** to leave the nucleus (**double** stranded), but RNA **can leave** the nucleus (**single** stranded).

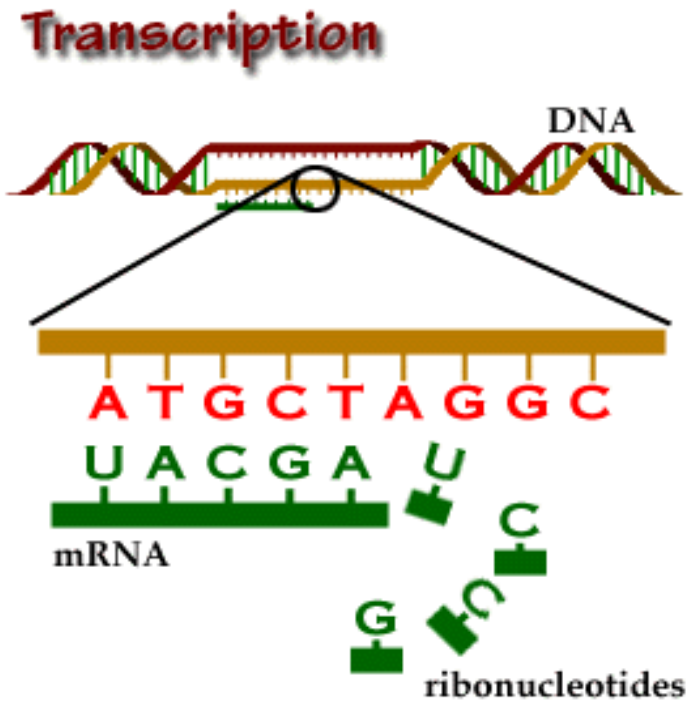


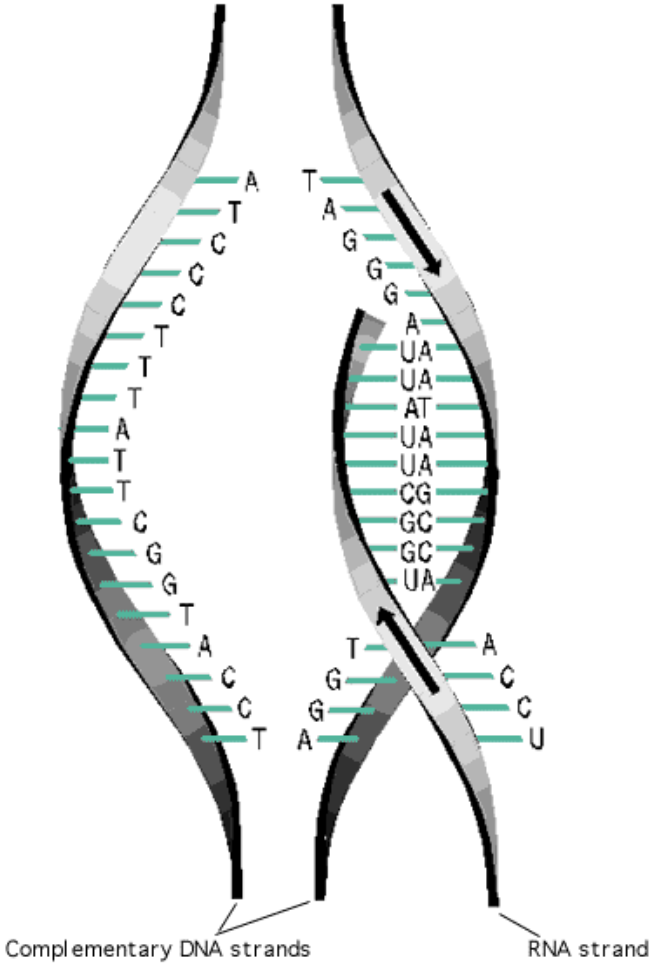
DNA Polyermase and Introns

The DNA polymerase is the principal enzyme involved in DNA replication. It can make many molecules of RNA in a single DNA sequence.

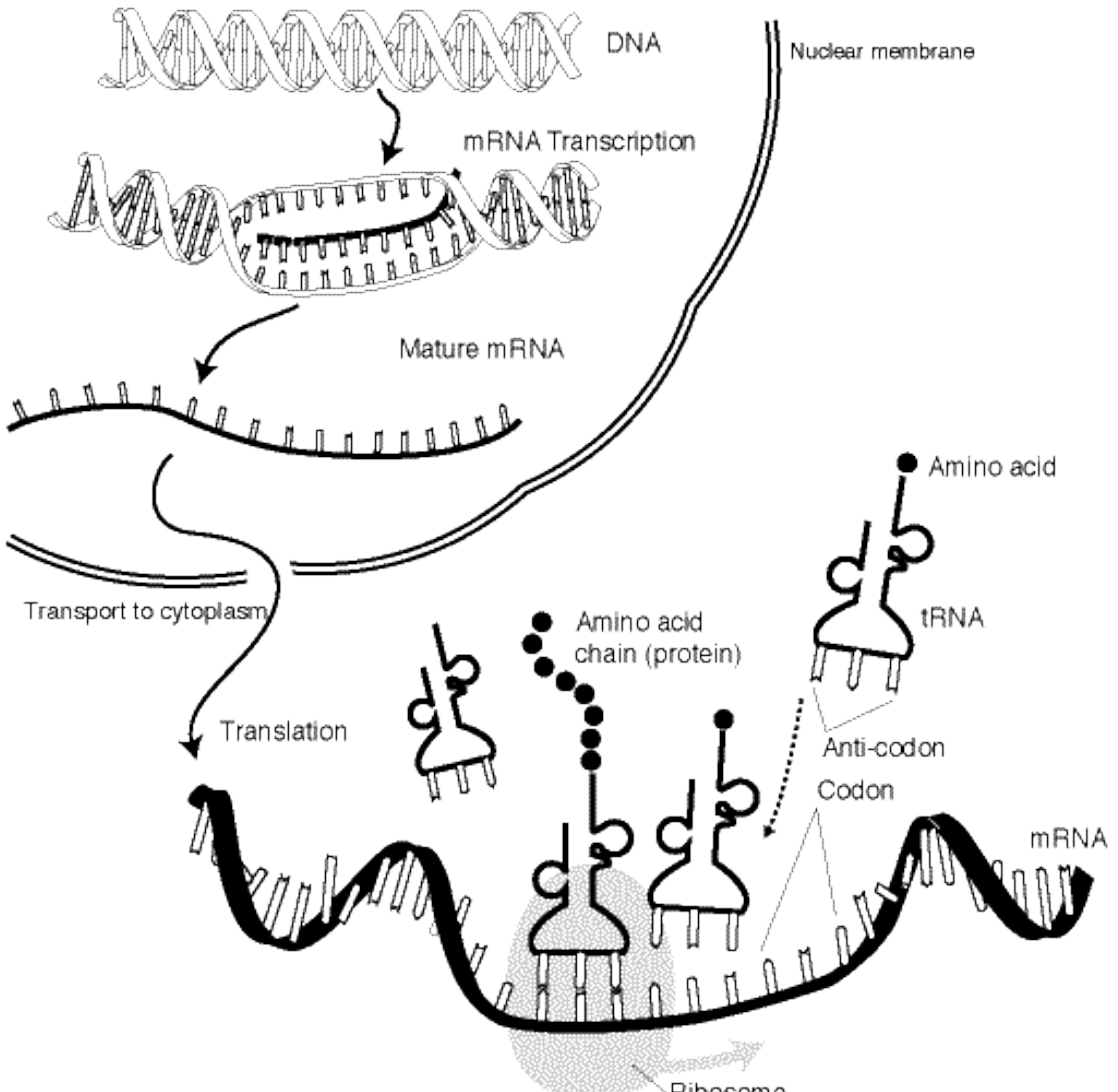
Introns are sequence DNA that is not involved in coding for a protein.

- Part of DNA temporarily **unzips** and is used as a **template** to assemble **complementary** nucleotides into **messenger RNA** (mRNA).



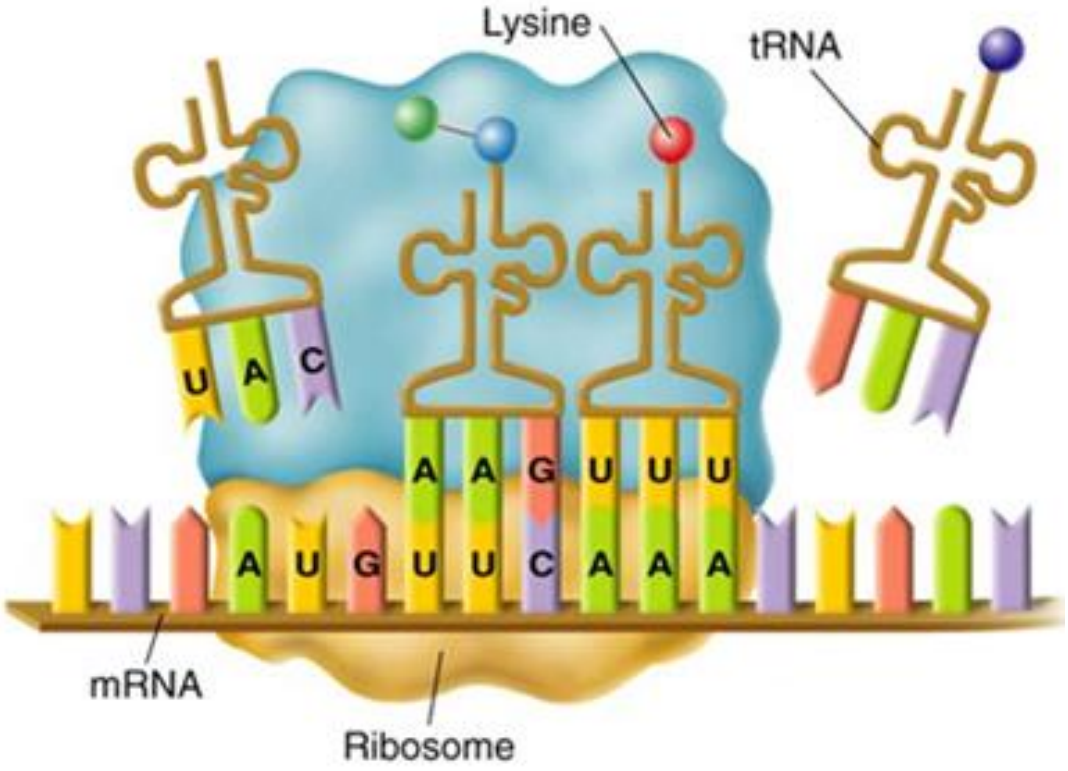


- mRNA then goes through the **pores** of the nucleus with the DNA **code** and attaches to the **ribosome**.

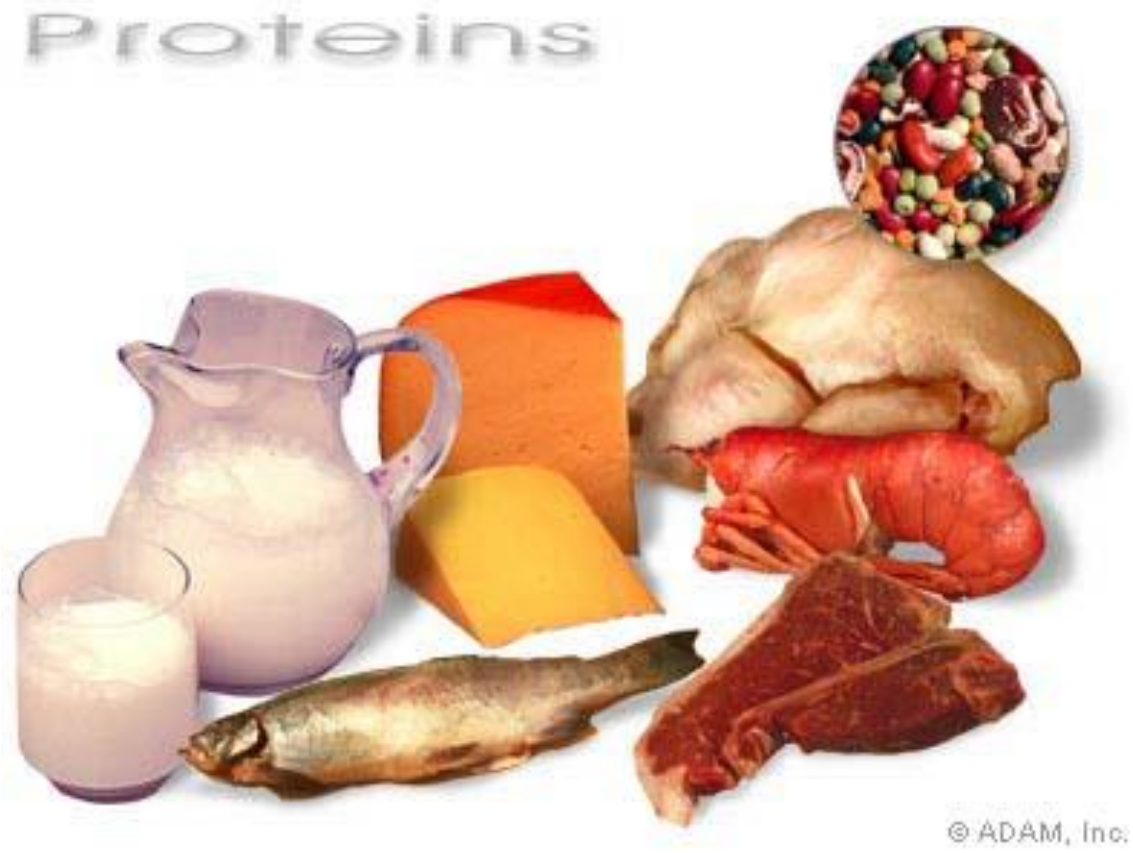


Making a Protein—Translation

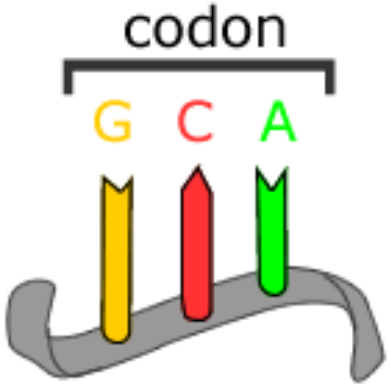
- **Second Step**: **Decoding** of mRNA into a **protein** is called **Translation**.
- **Transfer RNA** (tRNA) carries **amino acids** from the cytoplasm to the **ribosome**.



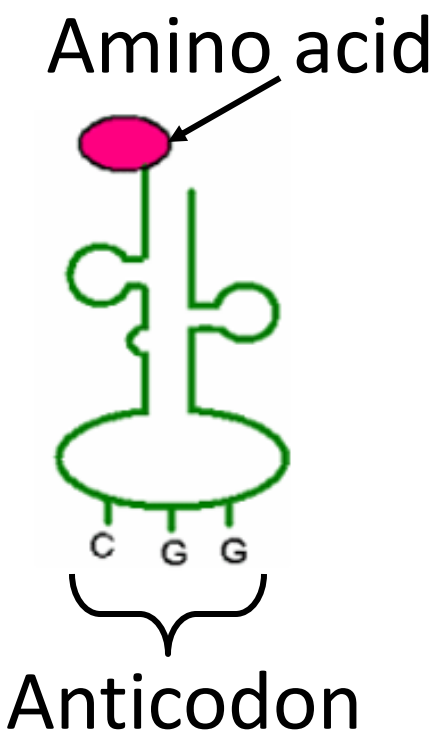
These amino acids come from the **food we eat**. Proteins we eat are broken down into individual **amino acids** and then simply **rearranged** into new **proteins** according to the needs and directions of our **DNA**.



- A series of **three** adjacent **bases** in an mRNA molecule codes for a specific amino acid—called a **codon**.

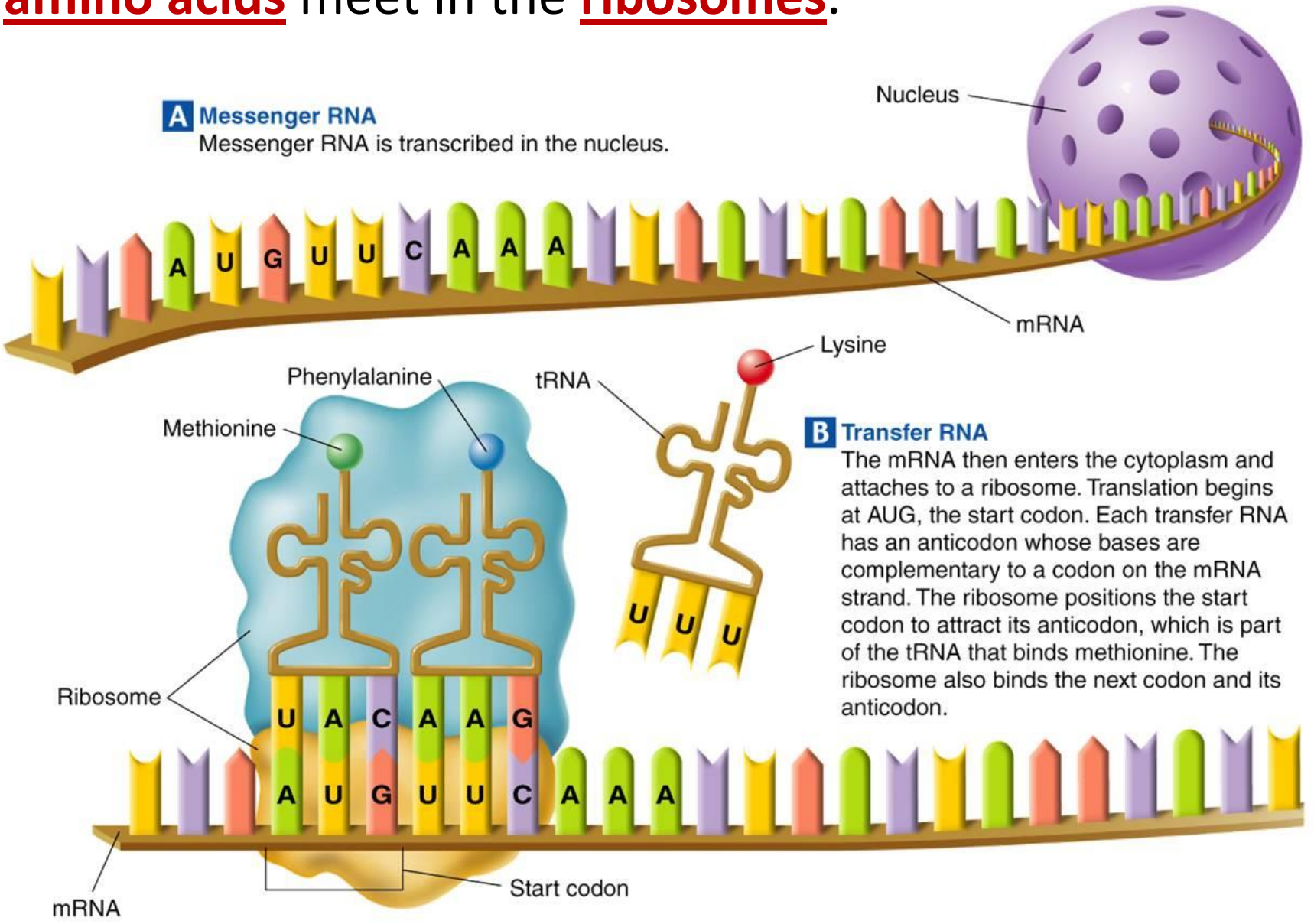


- A triplet of nucleotides in tRNA that is **complementary** to the **codon** in mRNA—called an **anticodon**.

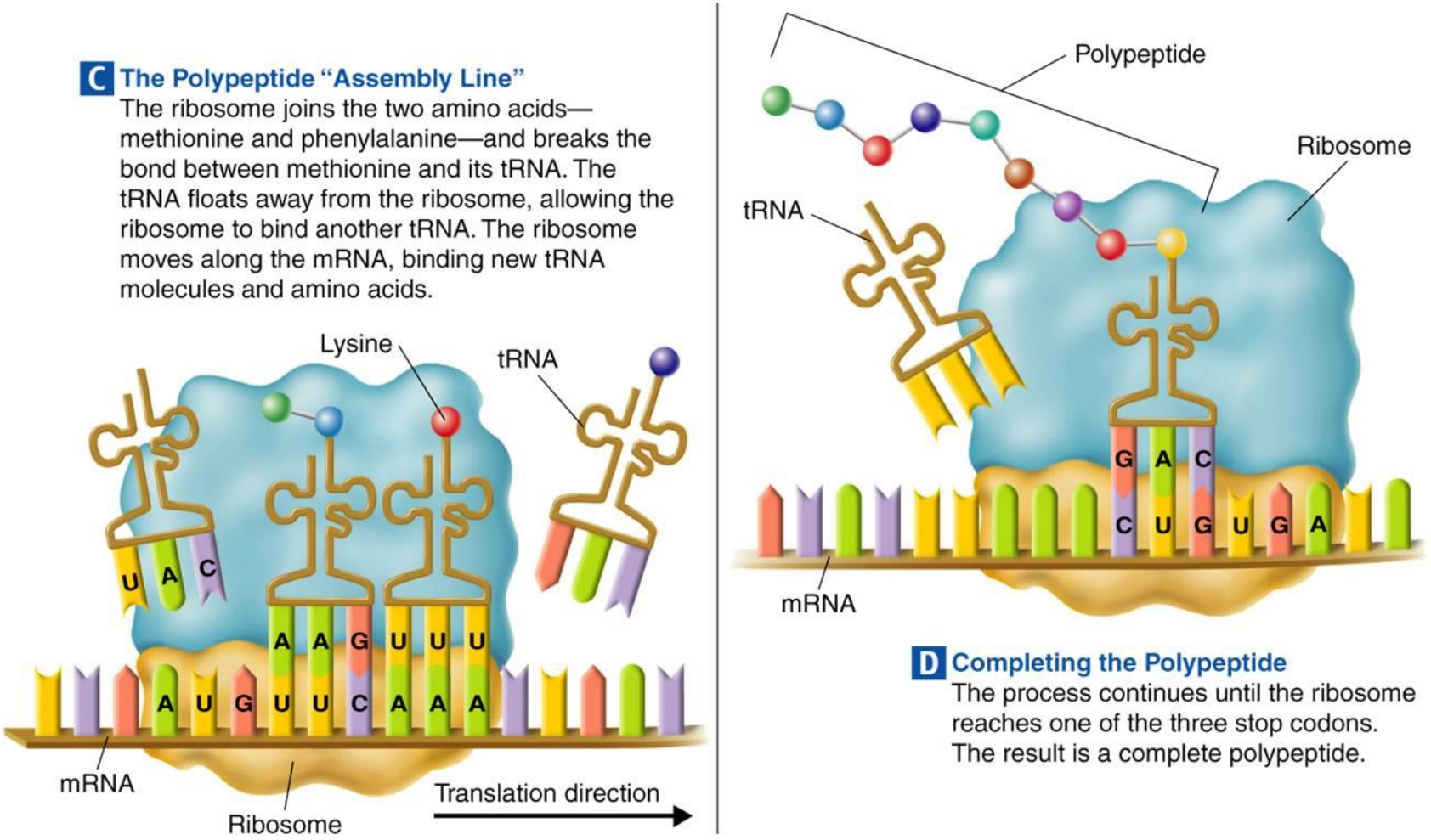


- Each tRNA codes for a **different** amino acid.

- mRNA carrying the **DNA instructions** and tRNA carrying **amino acids** meet in the **ribosomes**.



- Amino acids are joined together to make a **protein**.



Polypeptide = **Protein**

Use one of the codon charts on the next page to find the amino acid sequence coded for by the following mRNA strands.

CAC/CCA/UGG/UGA

_____/_____/_____/_____

AUG/AAC/GAC/UAA

_____/_____/_____/_____

CAC/CCA/UGG/UGA

Histidine / Proline / Tryptophan / Stop

2nd Base

1st Base	U		C		A		G		3rd Base
U	UUU	Phenylalanine	UCU	Serine	UAU	Tyrosine	UGU	Cysteine	U
	UUC	Phenylalanine	UCC	Serine	UAC	Tyrosine	UGC	Cysteine	C
	UUA	Leucine	UCA	Serine	UAA	Stop	UGA	Stop	A
	UUG	Leucine	UCG	Serine	UAG	Stop	UGG	Tryptophan	G
C	CUU	Leucine	CCU	Proline	CAU	Histidine	CGU	Arginine	U
	CUC	Leucine	CCC	Proline	CAC	Histidine	CGC	Arginine	C
	CUA	Leucine	CCA	Proline	CAA	Glutamine	CGA	Arginine	A
	CUG	Leucine	CCG	Proline	CAG	Glutamine	CGG	Arginine	G
A	AUU	Isoleucine	ACU	Threonine	AAU	Asparagine	AGU	Serine	U
	AUC	Isoleucine	ACC	Threonine	AAC	Asparagine	AGC	Serine	C
	AUA	Isoleucine	ACA	Threonine	AAA	Lysine	AGA	Arginine	A
	AUG	Methionine (Start)	ACG	Threonine	AAG	Lysine	AGG	Arginine	G
G	GUU	Valine	GCU	Alanine	GAU	Aspartic Acid	GGU	Glycine	U
	GUC	Valine	GCC	Alanine	GAC	Aspartic Acid	GGC	Glycine	C
	GUA	Valine	GCA	Alanine	GAA	Glutamic Acid	GGA	Glycine	A
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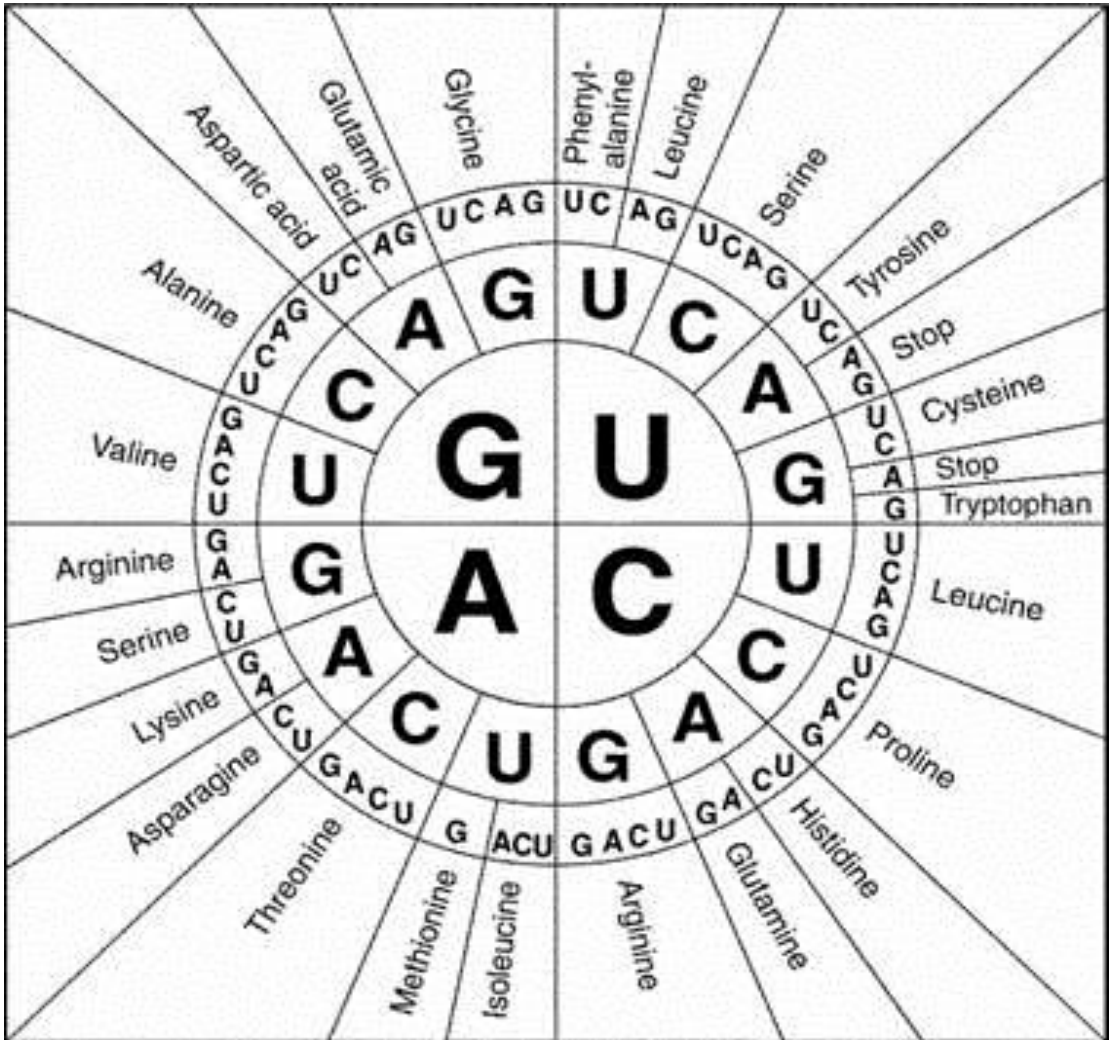
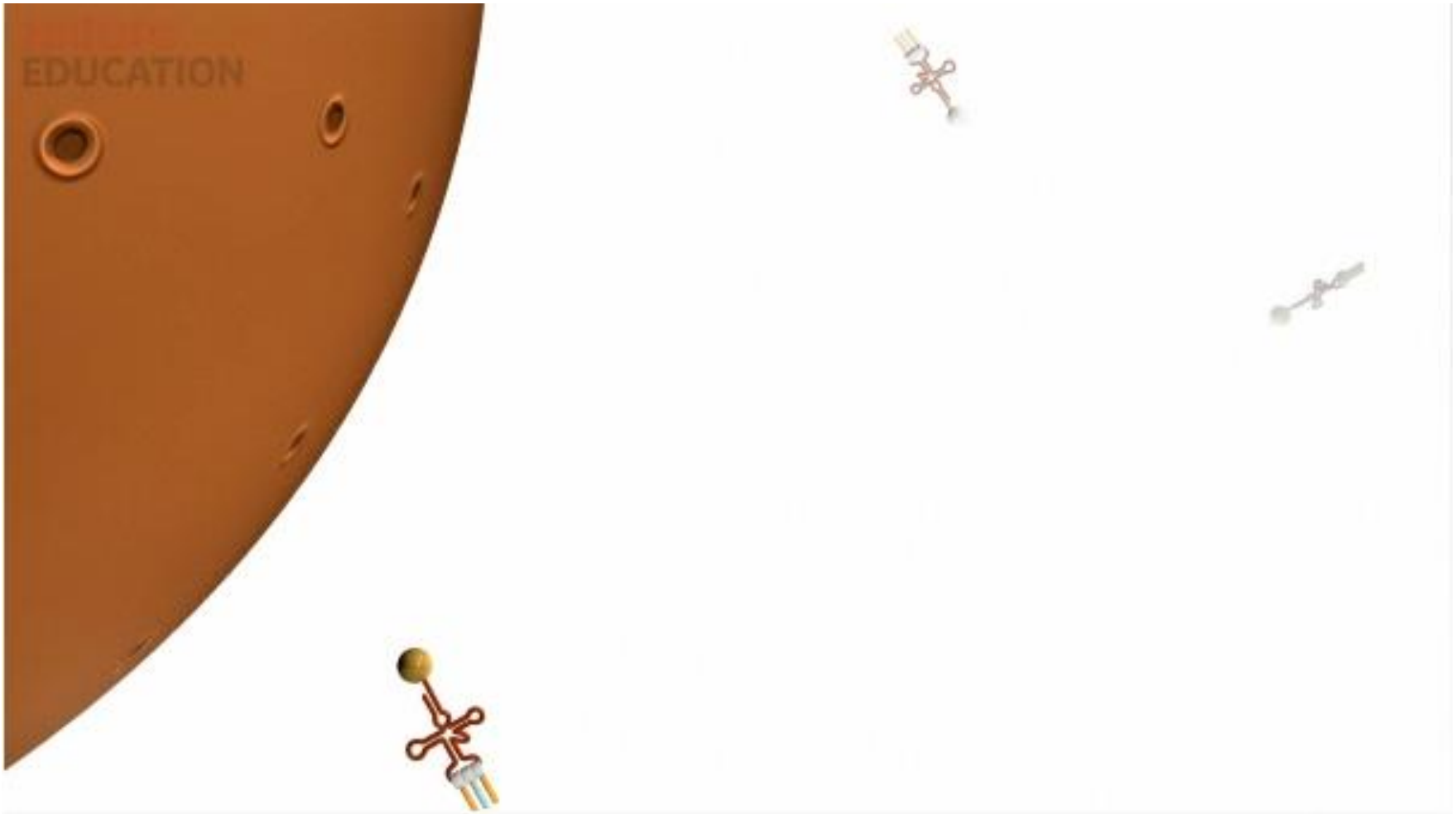


Protein Synthesis


How Proteins Are Made



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