

# DNA Replication



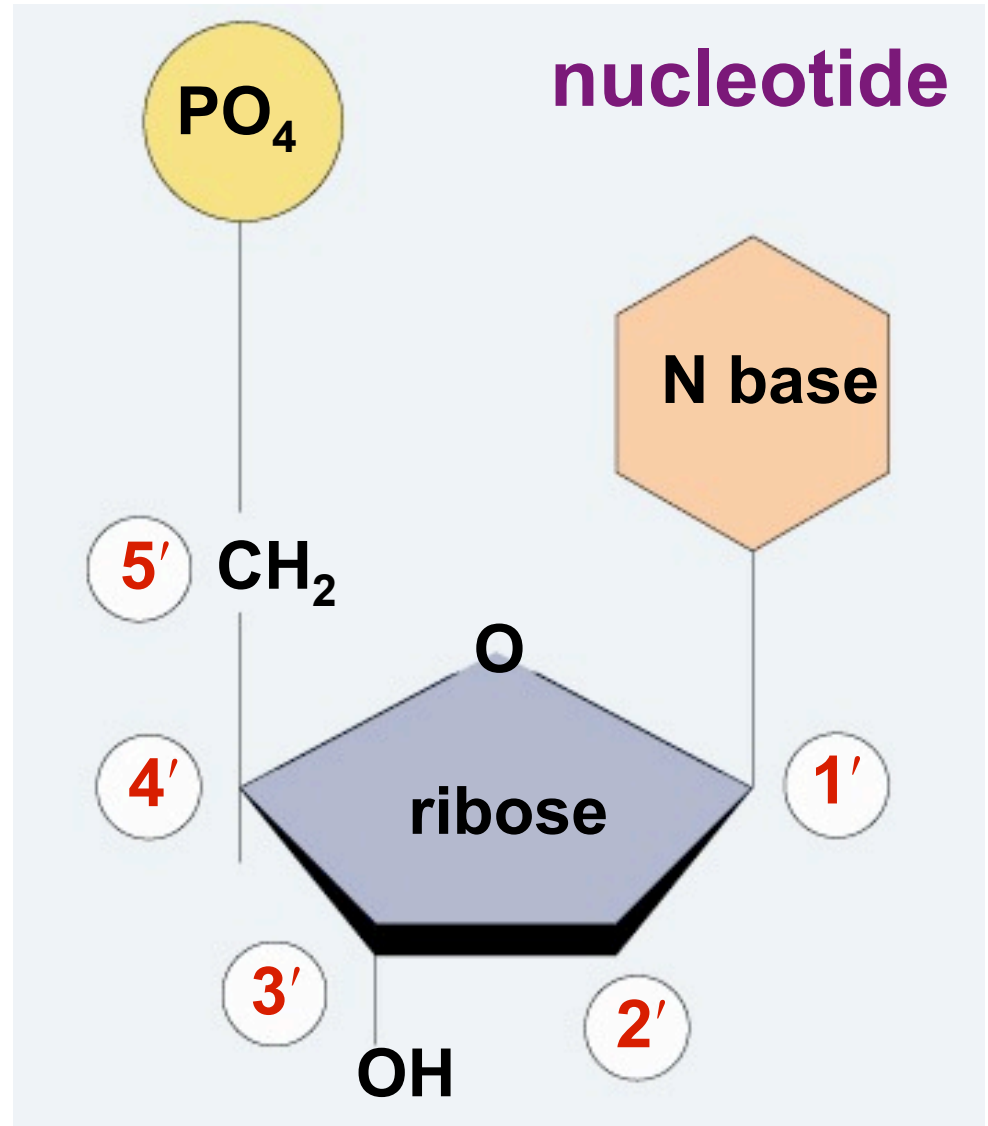
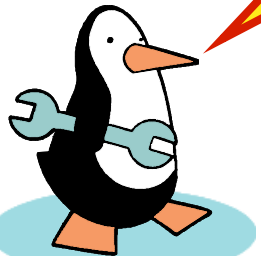
# Directionality of DNA



You need to  
number the  
carbons!

it matters!

This will be  
IMPORTANT!!



# The DNA backbone

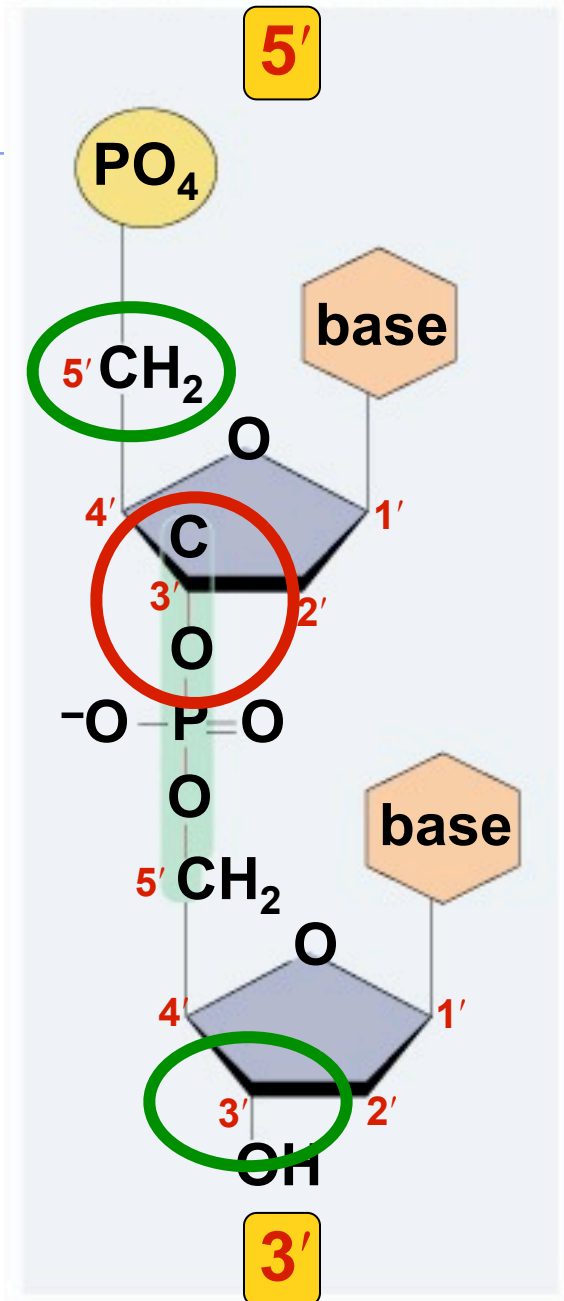
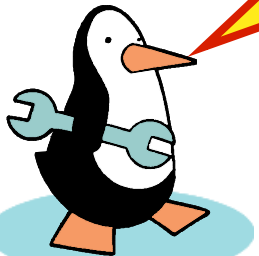


## Putting the DNA backbone together

refer to the 3' and 5' ends of the DNA

the last trailing carbon

Sounds trivial, but...  
this will be  
**IMPORTANT!!**

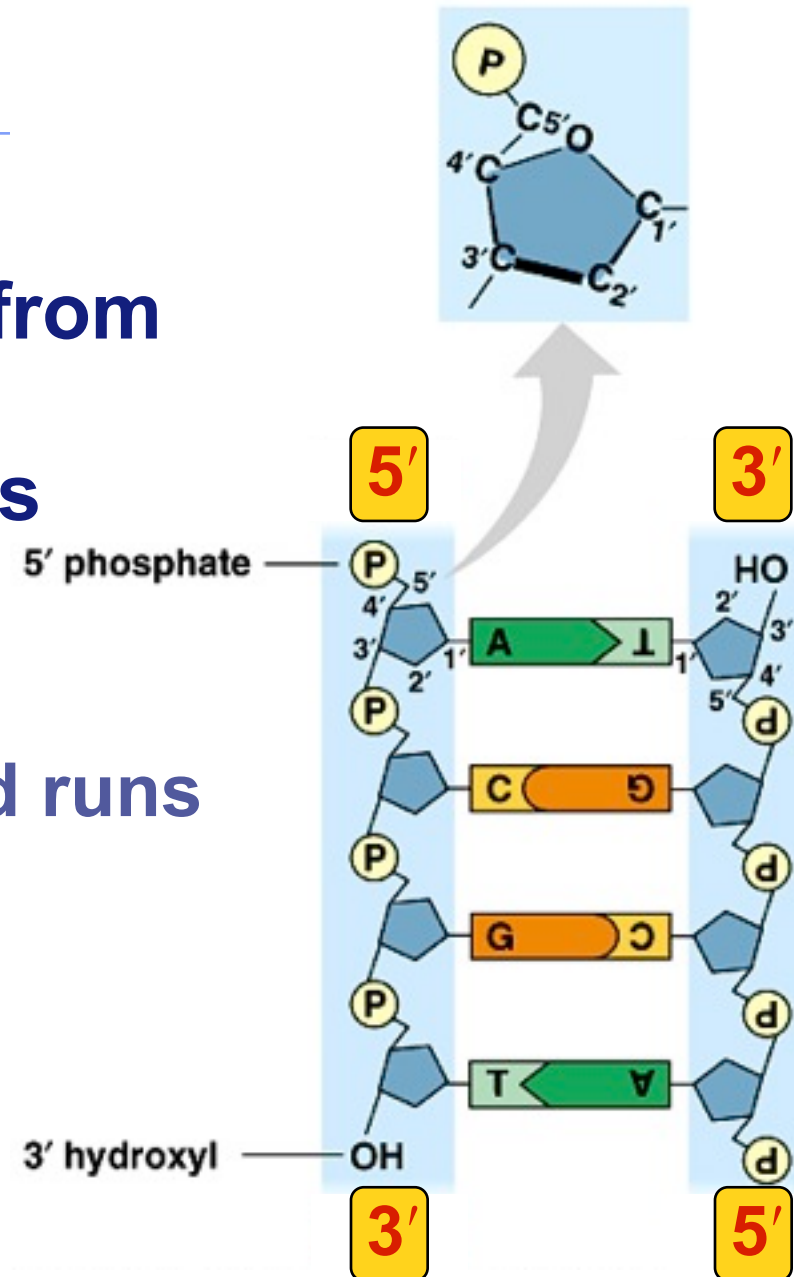


# Anti-parallel strands

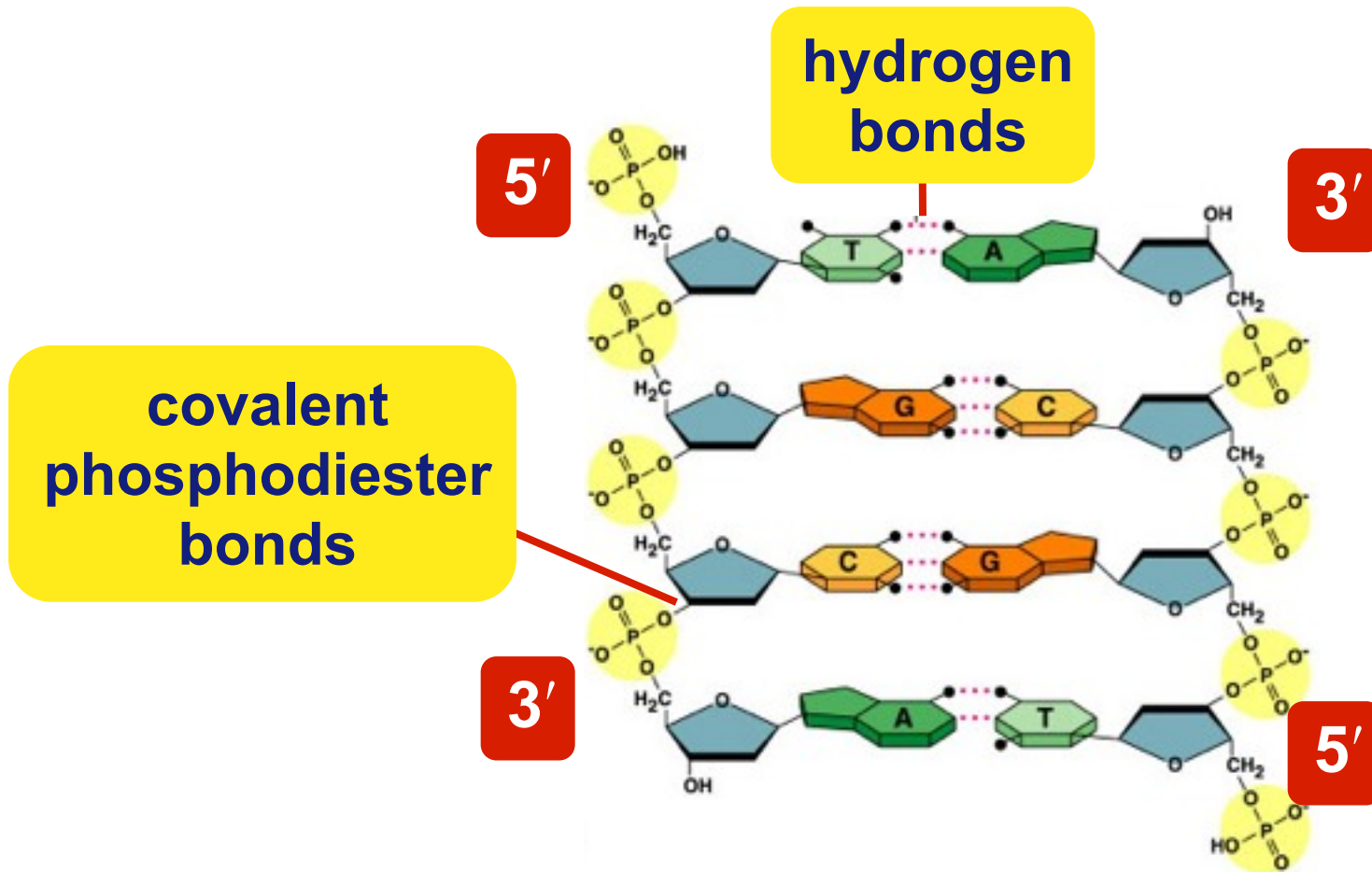


**Nucleotides in DNA backbone are bonded from phosphate to sugar between 3' & 5' carbons**

- ☒ DNA molecule has “direction”
- ☒ complementary strand runs in opposite direction



# Bonding in DNA



....strong or weak bonds?

How do the bonds fit the mechanism for copying DNA?

# Base pairing in DNA



## Purines

adenine (A)

guanine (G)



## Pyrimidines

thymine (T)

cytosine (C)



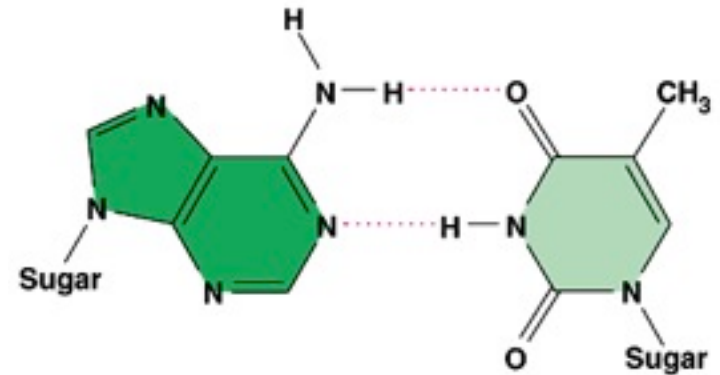
## Pairing

A : T

2 bonds

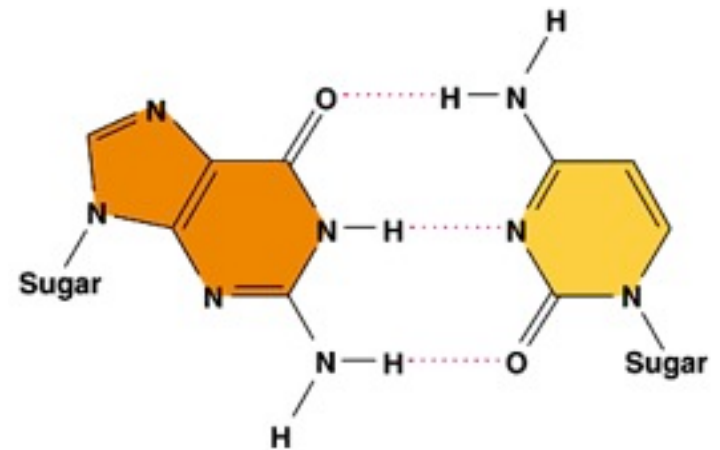
C : G

3 bonds



Adenine (A)

Thymine (T)



Guanine (G)

Cytosine (C)

# Copying DNA



## Replication of DNA

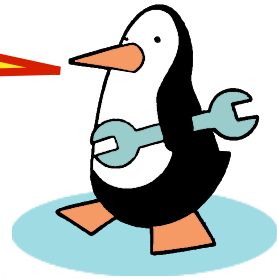
- base pairing allows each strand to serve as a **template** for a new strand
- new strand is 1/2 parent template & 1/2 new DNA
- semi-conservative** copy process



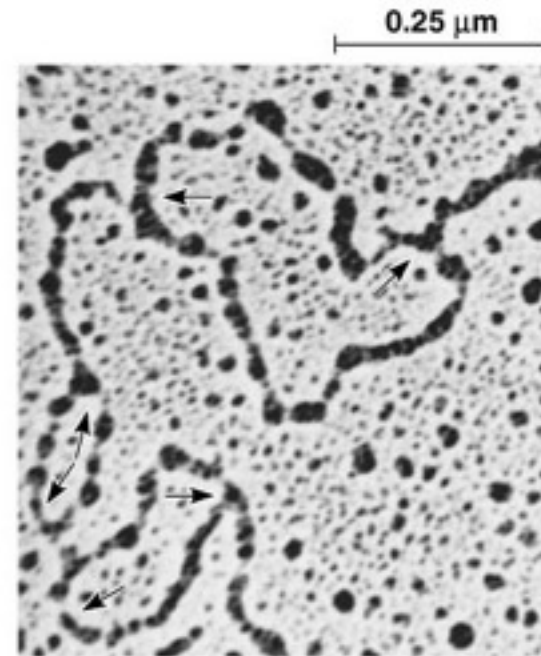
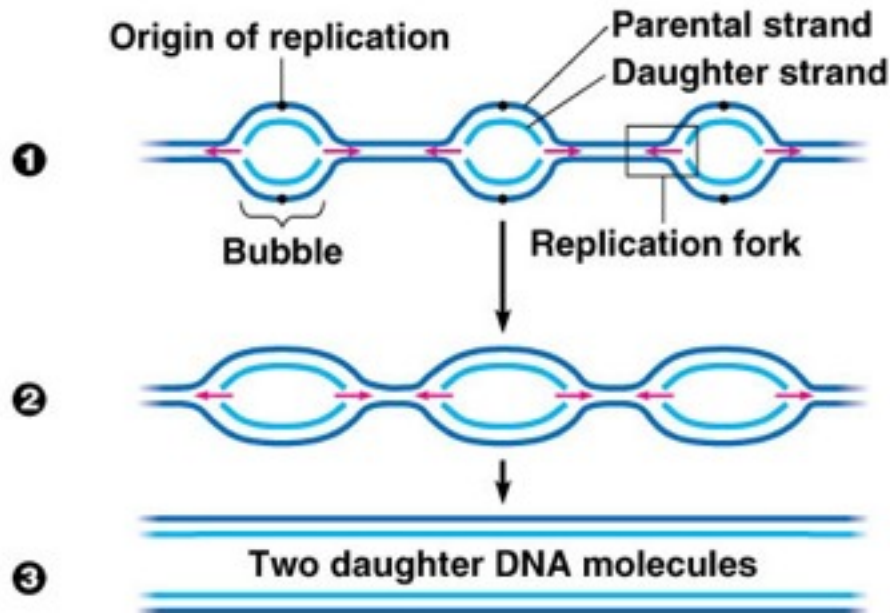


# DNA Replication

Let's meet  
the team...



Large team of enzymes coordinates replication



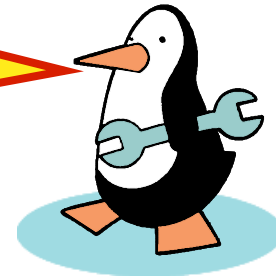
(a) In eukaryotes, DNA replication begins at many sites along the giant DNA molecule of each chromosome.

(b) In this micrograph, three replication bubbles are visible along the DNA of cultured Chinese hamster cells. The arrows indicate the direction of DNA replication at the two ends of each bubble (TEM).



# Replication: 1st step

I'd love to be  
helicase & unzip  
your genes...

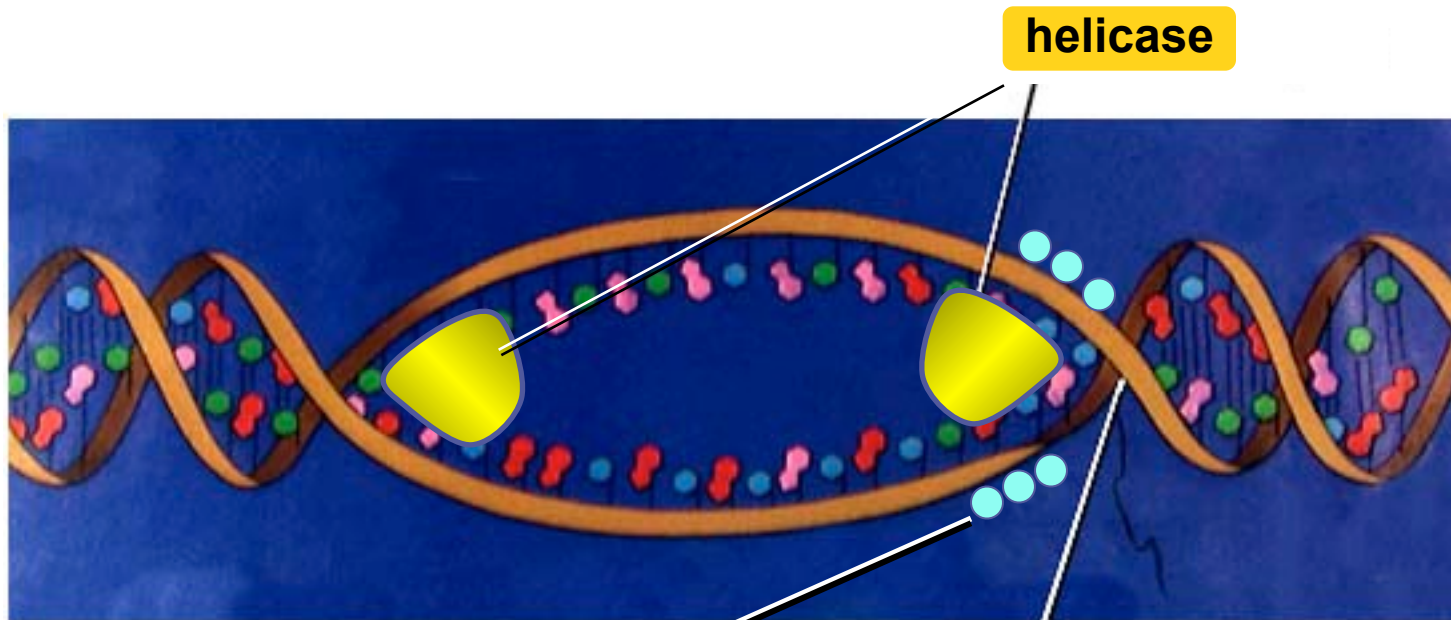


## Unwind DNA

 **helicase** enzyme

 unwinds part of DNA helix

 stabilized by **single-stranded binding proteins**

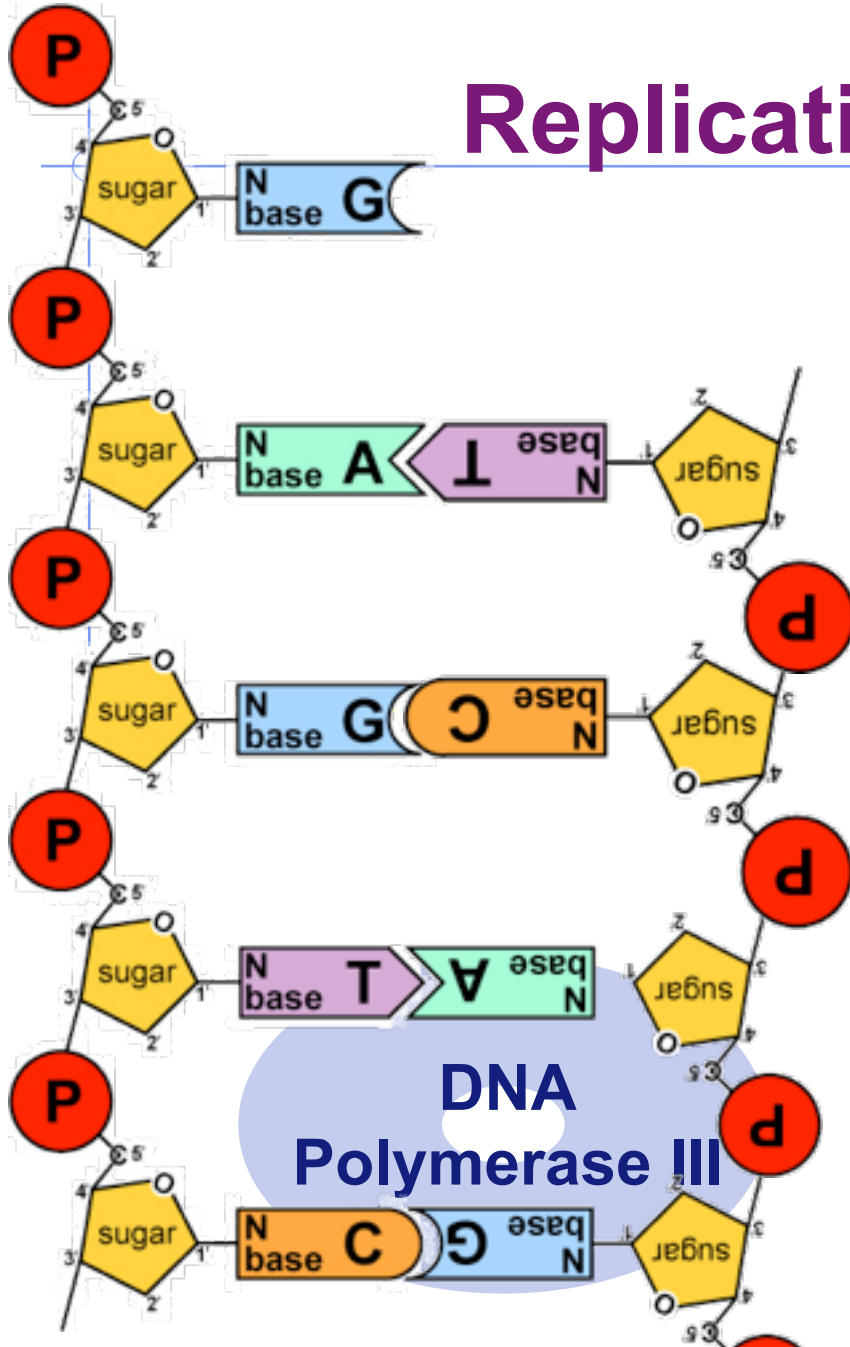


AP

**single-stranded binding proteins**

**replication fork**

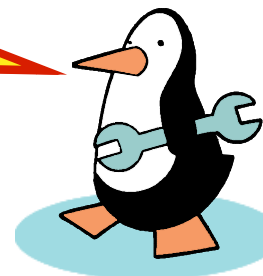
# Replication: 2nd step



**Build daughter DNA strand**

- add new complementary bases
- DNA polymerase III**

Where's the ENERGY for the bonding!



# Energy of Replication

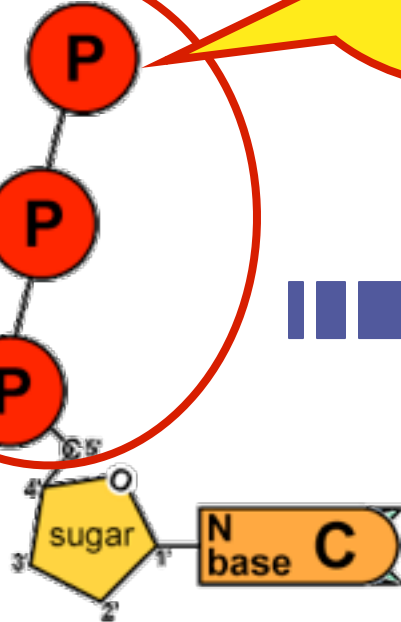
Where does energy for bonding usually come from?

You remember **ATP!**  
Are there other ways to get energy out of it?

We come with our own energy!

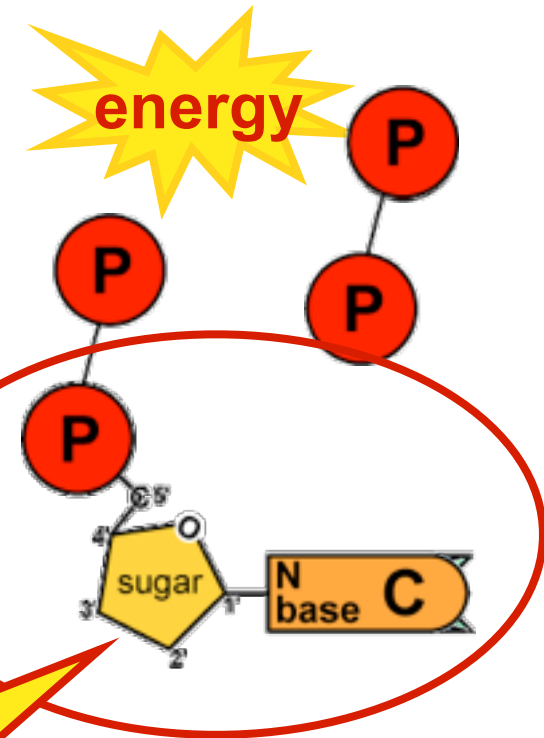
energy

And we leave behind a nucleotide!

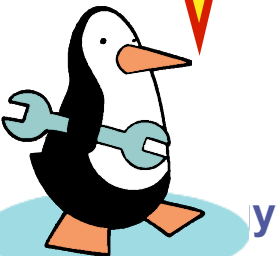


**CTP**

modified nucleotide



**CMP**



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# Energy of Replication



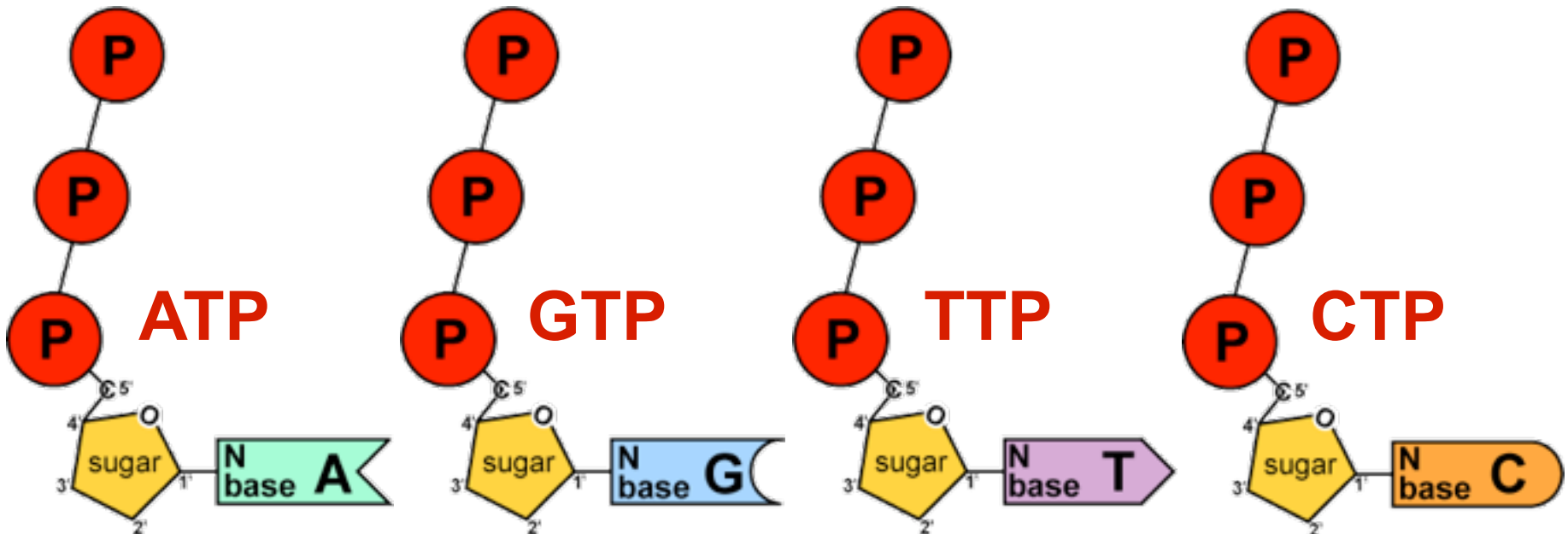
The nucleotides arrive as nucleosides

☑ DNA bases with **P-P-P**

☑ P-P-P = energy for bonding

☑ DNA bases arrive with their own energy source for bonding

☑ bonded by enzyme: DNA polymerase III



# Replication

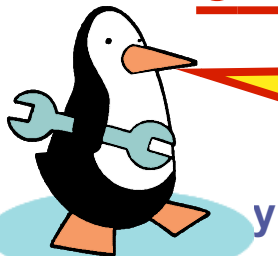


## Adding bases

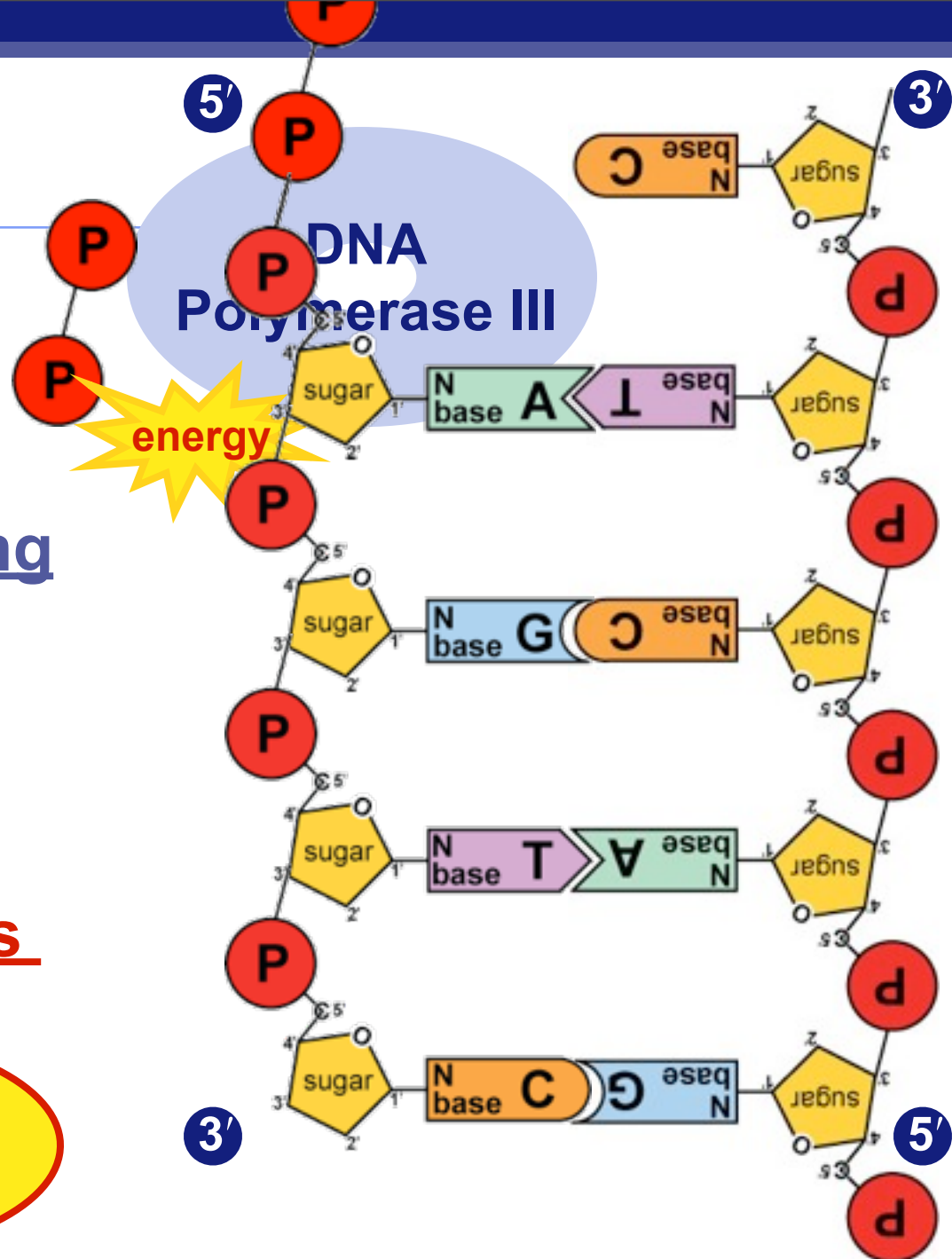
can only add nucleotides to **3' end** of a growing DNA strand

need a “starter” nucleotide to bond to

strand only grows  
5' → 3'



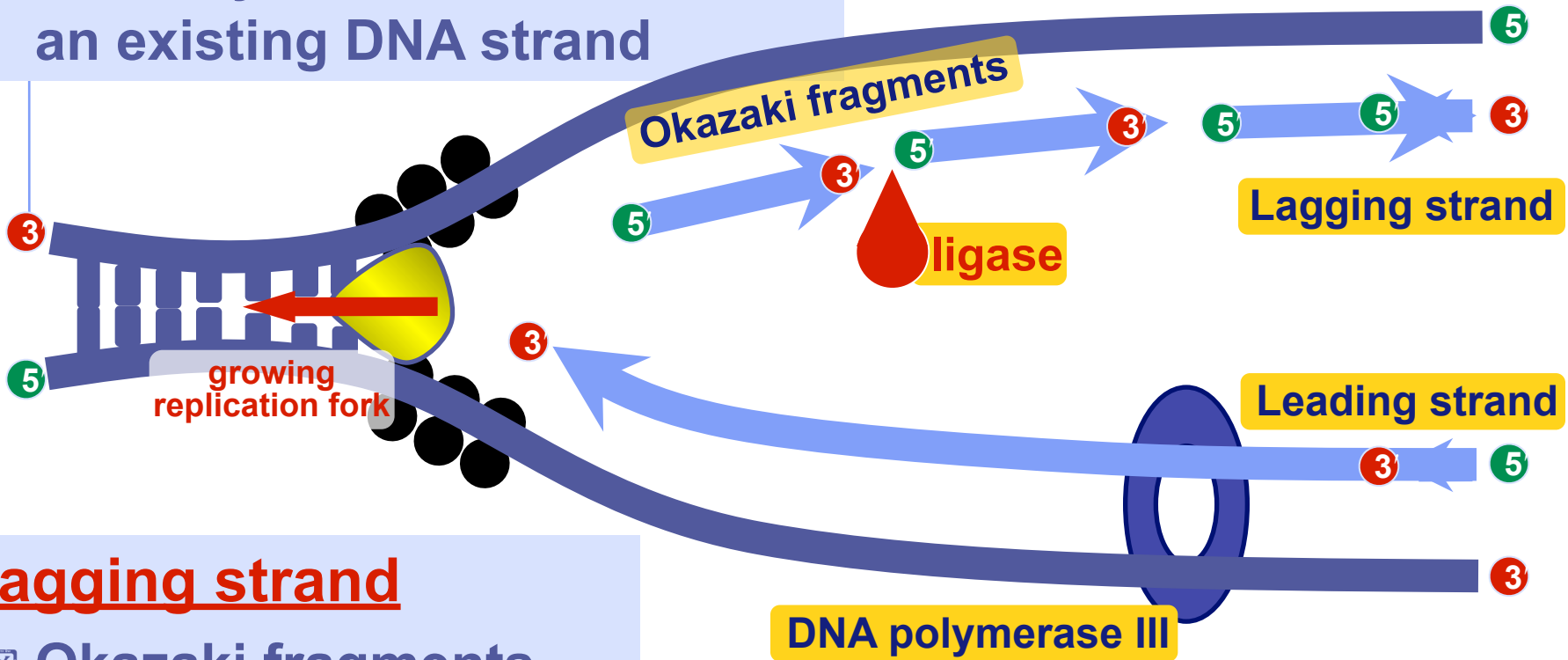
**B.Y.O. ENERGY!**  
The energy rules the process



# Leading & Lagging strands

## Limits of DNA polymerase III

- ❑ can only build onto 3' end of an existing DNA strand



## Lagging strand

- ❑ Okazaki fragments
- ❑ joined by **ligase**
- ❑ “spot welder” enzyme

## Leading strand

- ❑ continuous synthesis



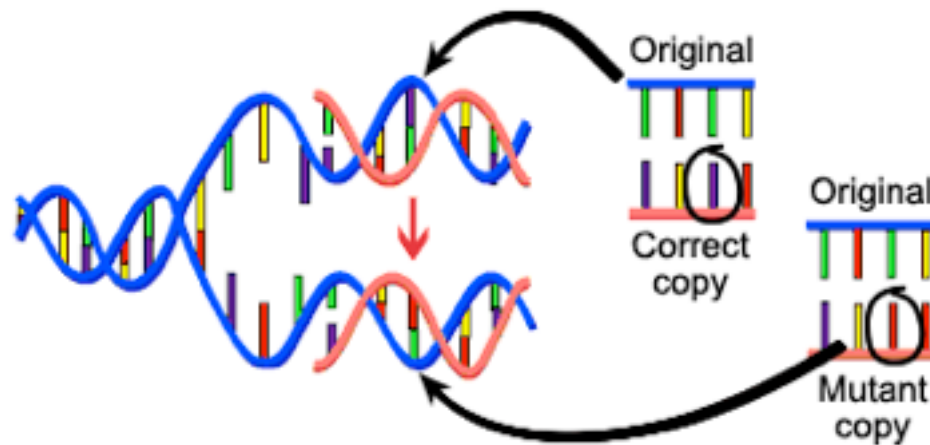
# Replication: 3rd Step

## Error Correction

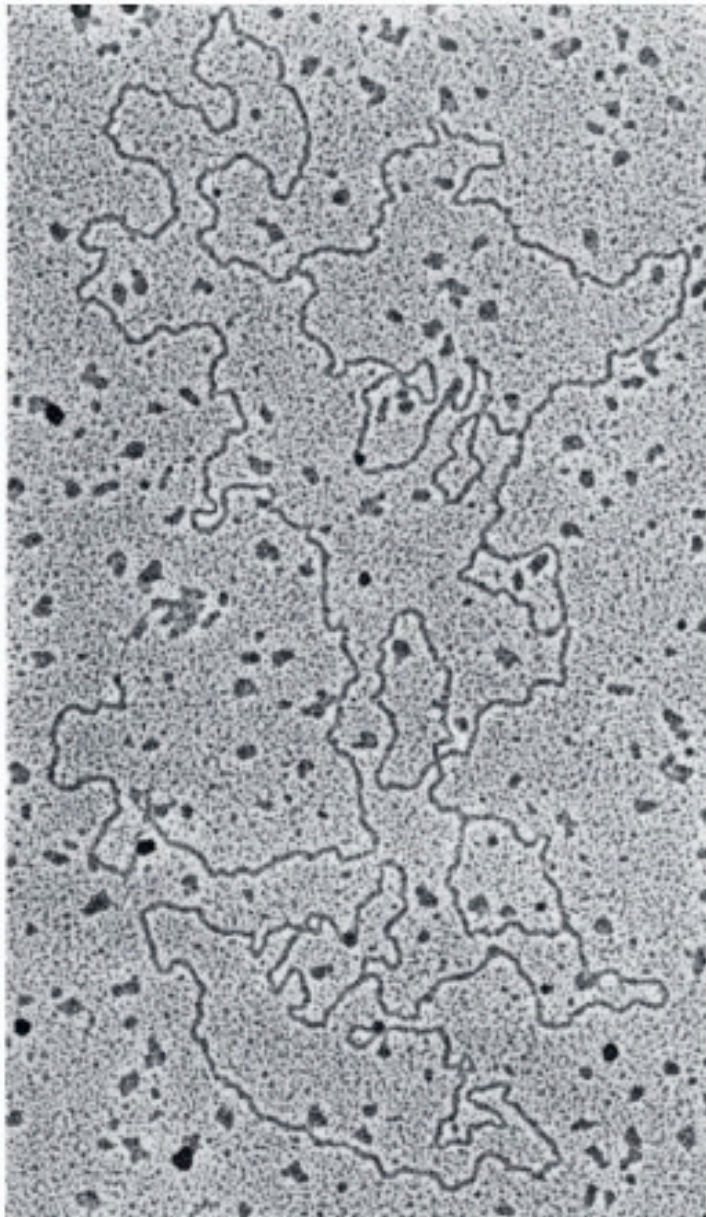
Polymerase double checks the new DNA sequence and corrects any errors if present.

## Mutations

occur if there is an incorrect sequence of bases.



# What does it really look like?



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Any Questions??

