Science 10 -Biology

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Lesson Overview



The DNA Molecule

How is DNA Stored?

Genes



What Can I do to Improve your Learning: RESULTS!

How Can I help Improve your Learning?





In groups of 2-3 think of any organism in the world that fits into any of these categories:

- 1. Largest
- 2. Smallest
- 3. Weirdest
- 4. Most important
- 5. Nicest looking
- 6. Scariest

After everyone is done, will generate a class list.



What prompted you to pick these organisms for each category?





Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) is the molecule that encodes the **genetic instructions** used in the development and functioning of all known organisms.



The solution to the structure was described by **James Watson** and **Francis Crick** with help from **Rosalind Franklin** and earned them the nobel prize in 1953.





The discovery of the structure of DNA!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=of_2Rq81hol&t=3s





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The information in DNA is stored as a "**code**" made up of **four** chemical "**nitrogenous**" **bases**: Adenine (A), Guanine (G), Cytosine (C) and Thymine (T).

- Adenine (A) always pairs with Thymine (T)
- Guanine (G) always pairs with Cytosine (C)

These form units called "base pairs".



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A base, a sugar, and a phosphate group come together to form a **nucleotide**. Nucleotides are arranged in "strands" that come together to form the spiral structure of DNA called the **double helix**.





https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9aWBbVypeU&t=1s





DNA is the molecule that encodes the genetic instructions to make **proteins** which carry out vital functions in cells.

- The complete set of DNA is called a **genome.**
- The human genome contains **3 billion base pairs**, while a fern plant (*Tmesipteris oblanceolate*) has the largest known genome at **160 billion base pairs**.

Do you think size of the genome contributes to complexity of an organism?



Function of DNA

Written out base pairs in DNA make a sequence.

E.g. A T A T C T C T T G A T G C G

- More than 99.9% of those bases are the same in all people.
- The order of the letters determines the information available similar to how the letters in the alphabet come together to form words and sentences.





Sequencing DNA gives us a lot of information!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UqC8aStX0 ps&t=3s



Would you want to get your DNA sequenced?



Problem: How do we fit 2 meters worth of DNA into the nucleus of a cell (~5 micrometers - 10x smaller than the width of a piece of your hair)?

- In the nucleus, DNA is packaged into thread like structures called **chromatin**.
- Chromatin condenses further into another structure called **chromosomes**.





Question: Do you think that chromosome number relates to the complexity of the organism?

Humans have a total of 23 pairs of chromosomes (46 total).

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- **Genes** are formed from segments of DNA that contain genetic information that can range in size from 27,000 base pairs to 2,000,000 base pairs.
- Every human has the same set of genes (approximately 20,000). The differences come from slight variations in these genes.





- Different forms of the same gene are called **alleles** (23 pairs of chromosomes).
- One allele for the same gene exists on each chromosome.
- These different alleles account for differences in specific traits.



Genes Continued



Example: A person with red hair doesn't have the "red hair gene" while a person with brown hair has the "brown hair gene". Instead, these different versions of these genes called **alleles** dictate whether someone will be redhead or brunette.







- 1. What is DNA?
- 2. Describe the basic structure of DNA. Draw it!
- 3. What are the nitrogenous or chemical bases and how do they pair up?
- 4. How does 2 meters of DNA fit into the small nucleus of a cell?
- 5. What is the difference between a gene and an allele?
- 6. What is the significance of the order of base pairs in DNA?

Challenge Question: If there is 30% of adenine present in a strand of DNA, what percent of cytosine is present?