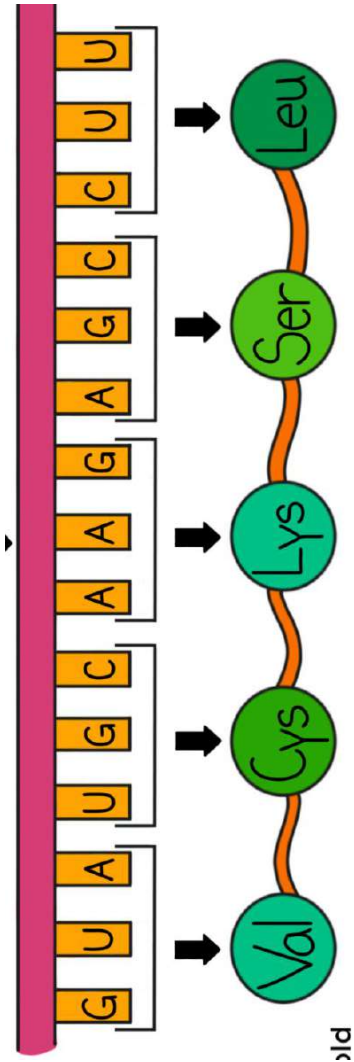


Lesson 5- Protein Synthesis Part 2- mRNA to amino acid



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AIM: How does the ribosome use the mRNA message to build a functional protein?

- **Recall:** DNA can be used to make mRNA using the DNA → RNA base pairing rules. **mRNA** (messenger RNA) leaves the nucleus and goes to the **ribosome**- *the site of protein synthesis*
- The ribosome will read the mRNA message **3 bases at a time**. Once again, the ribosome will read the mRNA in groups of 3 letters at a time. Look at the mRNA below. It's been "spaced out" into groups of 3 so we can think about how the ribosome will read this message.

mRNA message

G A U

C C A

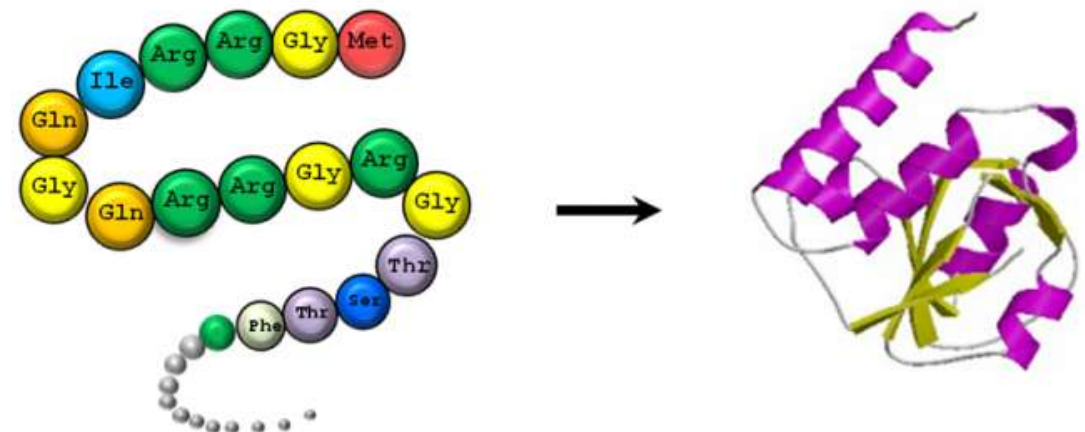
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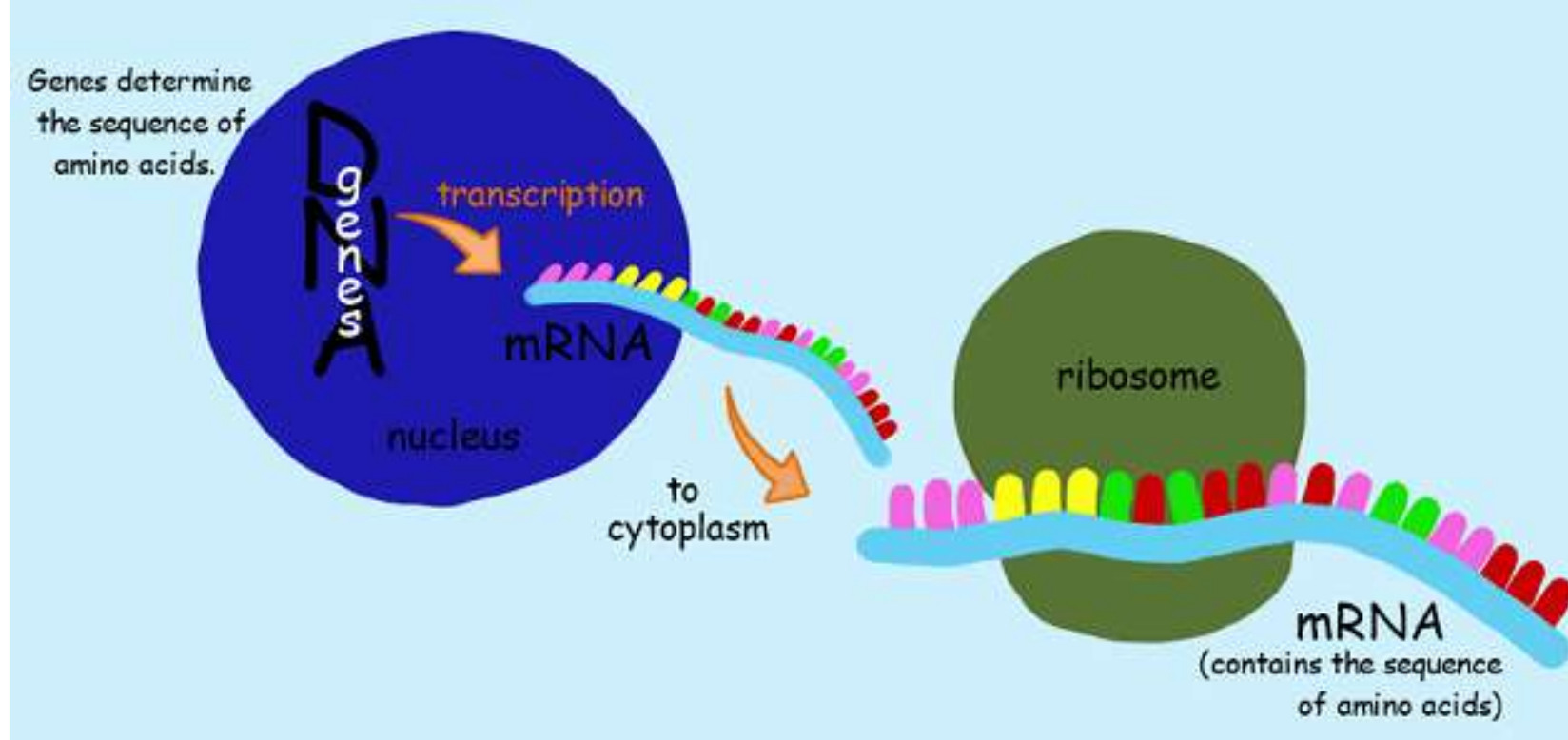
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- You should know from the beginning of the year that **amino acids are the building blocks of proteins**. Did you know that there are 20 different amino acids? And, that each protein is built from a specific combination of amino acids? Here is where the mRNA message comes in.
- Every 3 *mRNA bases* codes for **1 amino acid**. The *sequence of bases* in the mRNA message will instruct the ribosome *which amino acids* are needed to build the protein.
- The *sequence of amino acids* is very important, because it will determine the final **SHAPE** of the protein. As you might remember, the shape of most proteins determines their **jobs**. Enzymes, receptors, hormones, and antibodies are all molecules *whose function depends on their SHAPE*.
- If there is a change in the amino acid sequence, there could be a *change in the shape of the protein*, and then it may no longer be able to perform its function.

The 20 amino acids:

Alanine	Methionine
Cysteine	Asparagine
Aspartic Acid	Proline
Glutamic Acid	Glutamine
Phenylalanine	Arginine
Glycine	Serine
Histidine	Threonine
Isoleucine	Valine
Lysine	Tryptophan
Leucine	Tyrosine

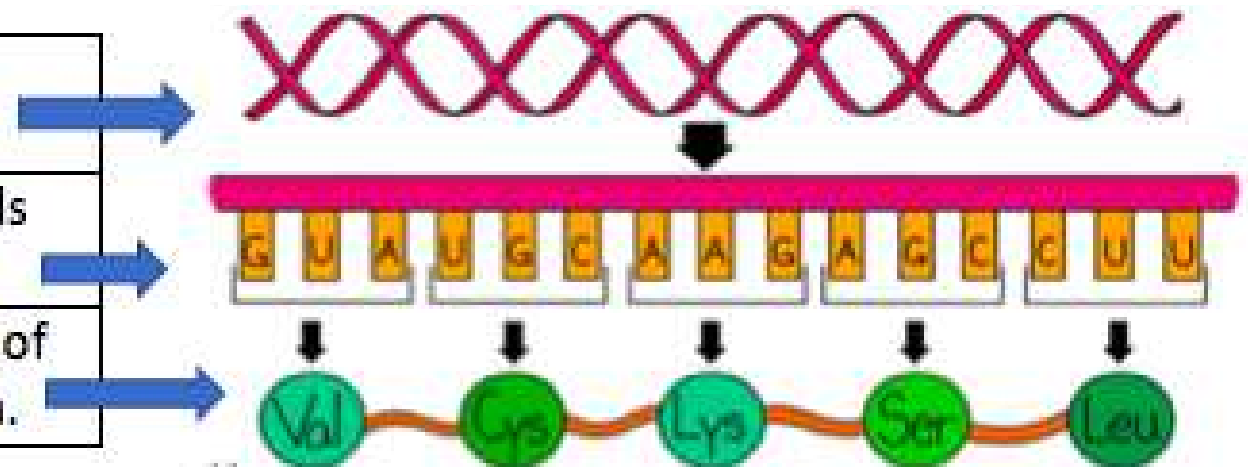


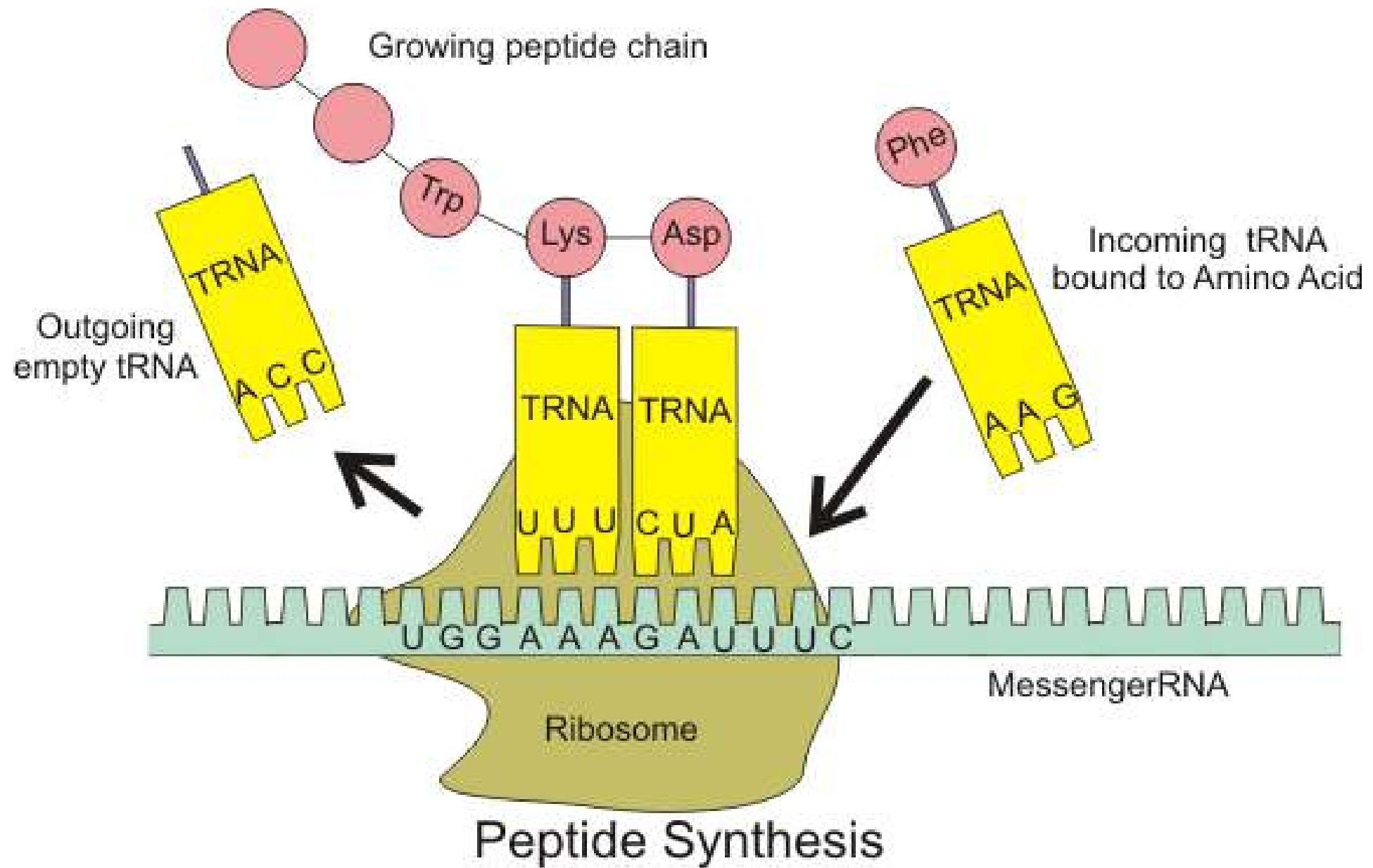


DNA is used to make mRNA. This happens in the nucleus.

The mRNA goes to the ribosome. The ribosome reads the mRNA 3 bases at a time.

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How do I know **which** amino acid the ribosome will code for if I am given an mRNA sequence? Do I have to memorize all of the amino acids?

- To determine which amino acid a group of 3 mRNA bases codes for, you must use the **universal genetic code chart** →
- What amino acid does "AUU" code for?
- The first base is **A**, so I will look in the **A row**. The second base is **U**, so I will look in in the **U column**. From here, I can see that AUU } ILE
- ILE is an abbreviation for "*isoleucine*-" one of the 20 amino acids.
- What amino acid for "GAC" code for? Look in the **G row**, the **A column**, and see that GAC } ASP
- ASP is an abbreviation for "*aspartic acid*-" one of the 20 amino acids

Universal Genetic Code Chart
Messenger RNA Codons and the Amino Acids for Which They Code

		SECOND BASE				
		U	C	A	G	
FIRST BASE	U	UUU } PHE UUC } UUA } LEU UUG }	UCU } UCC } SER UCA } UCG }	UAU } TYR UAC } UAA } STOP UAG }	UGU } CYS UGC } UGA } STOP UGG } TRP	U C A G
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CAU

His

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GGU

Gly

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UUA

Leu

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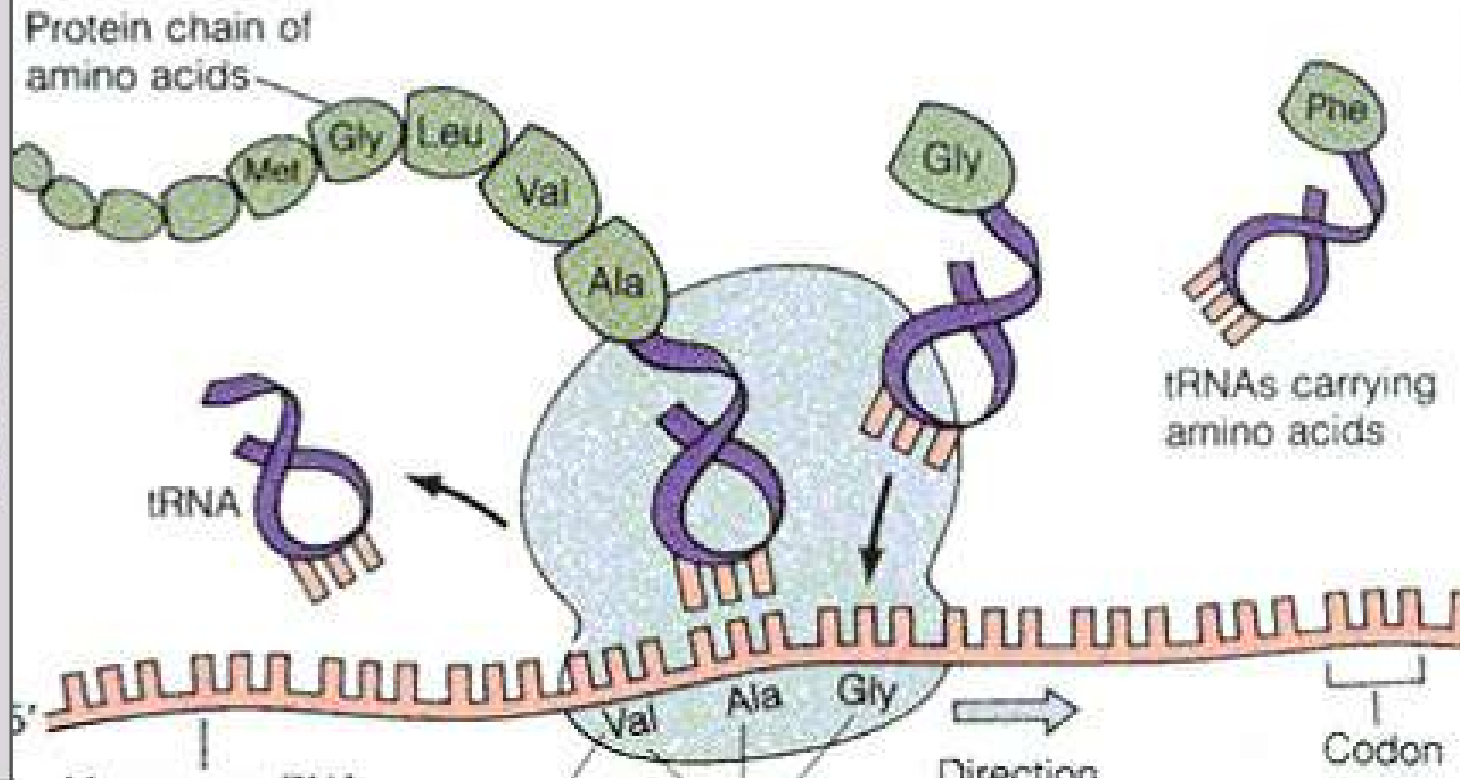
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Amino acids:

His ---- Thr ---- Val

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