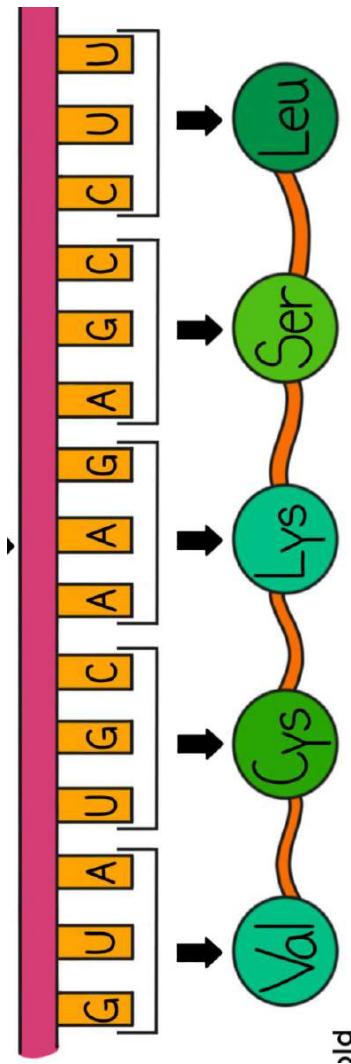


Lesson 5- Protein Synthesis Part 2- mRNA to amino acid



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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.

*DNA template:
mRNA message

"Gene"

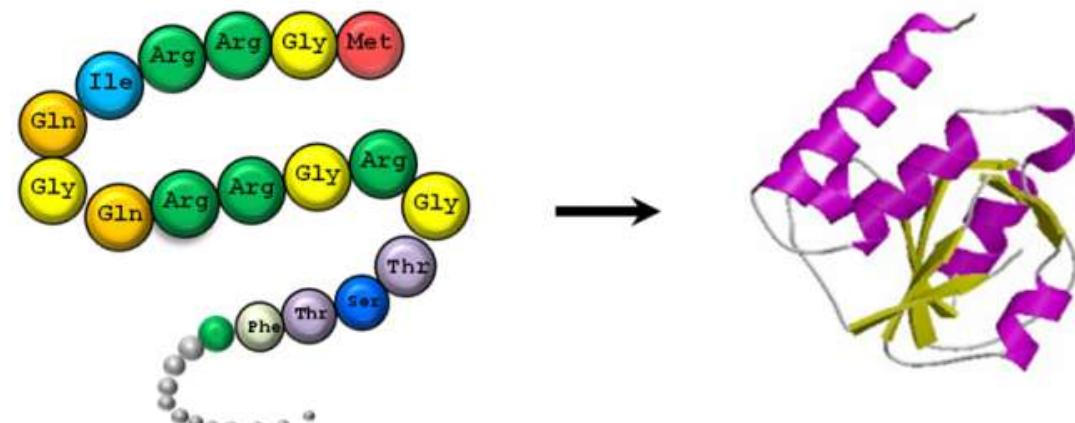
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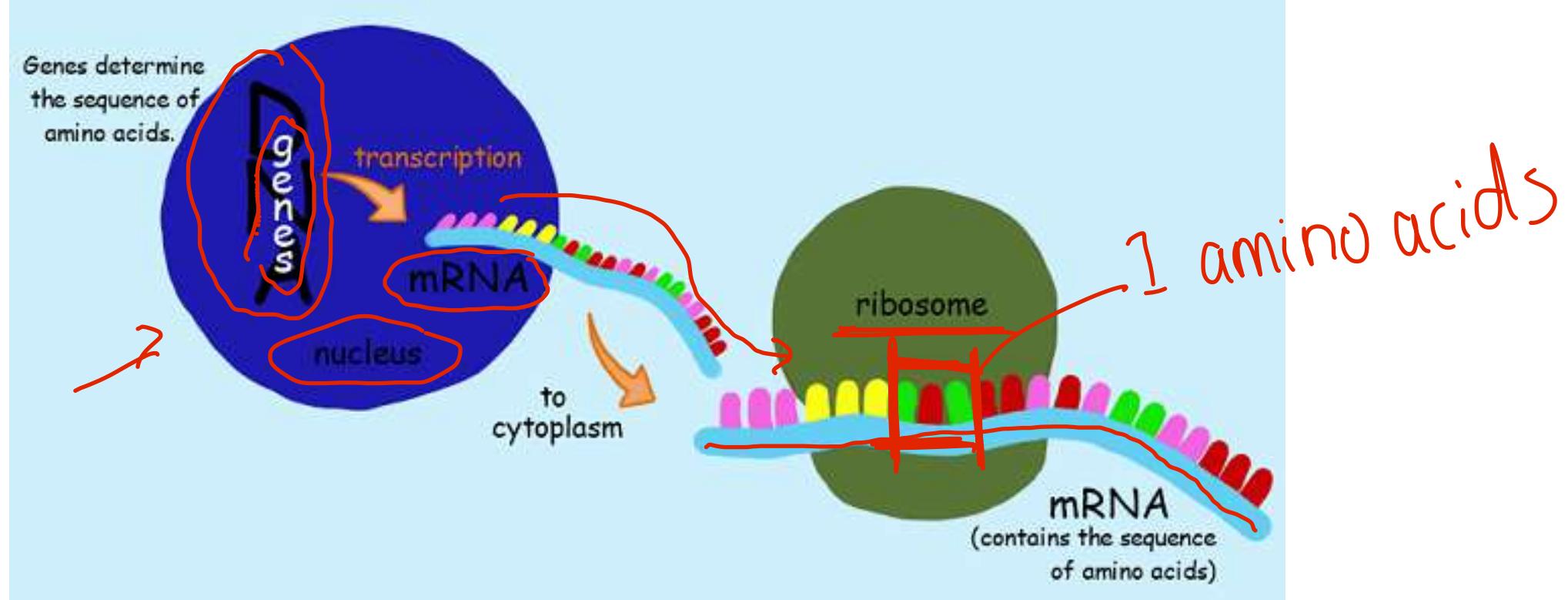
- You should know from the beginning of the year that **amino acids are the building blocks of proteins**. Did you know that there are **20 different amino acids**? And, that **each protein** is built from a specific combination of **amino acids**? Here is where the **mRNA message** comes in.
- Every **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
Cisteine	Asparagine
Aspartic Acid	Proline
Glutamic Acid	Glutamine
Phenylalanine	Arginine
Glycine	Serine
Histidine	Threonine
Isoleucine	Valine
Lysine	Tryptophan
Leucine	Tyrosine

Ile

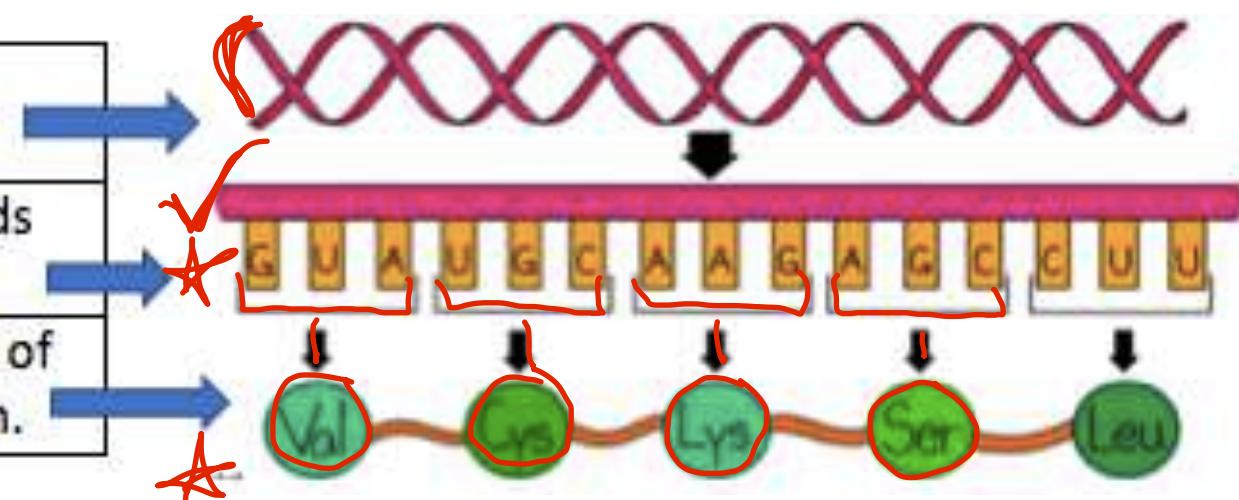


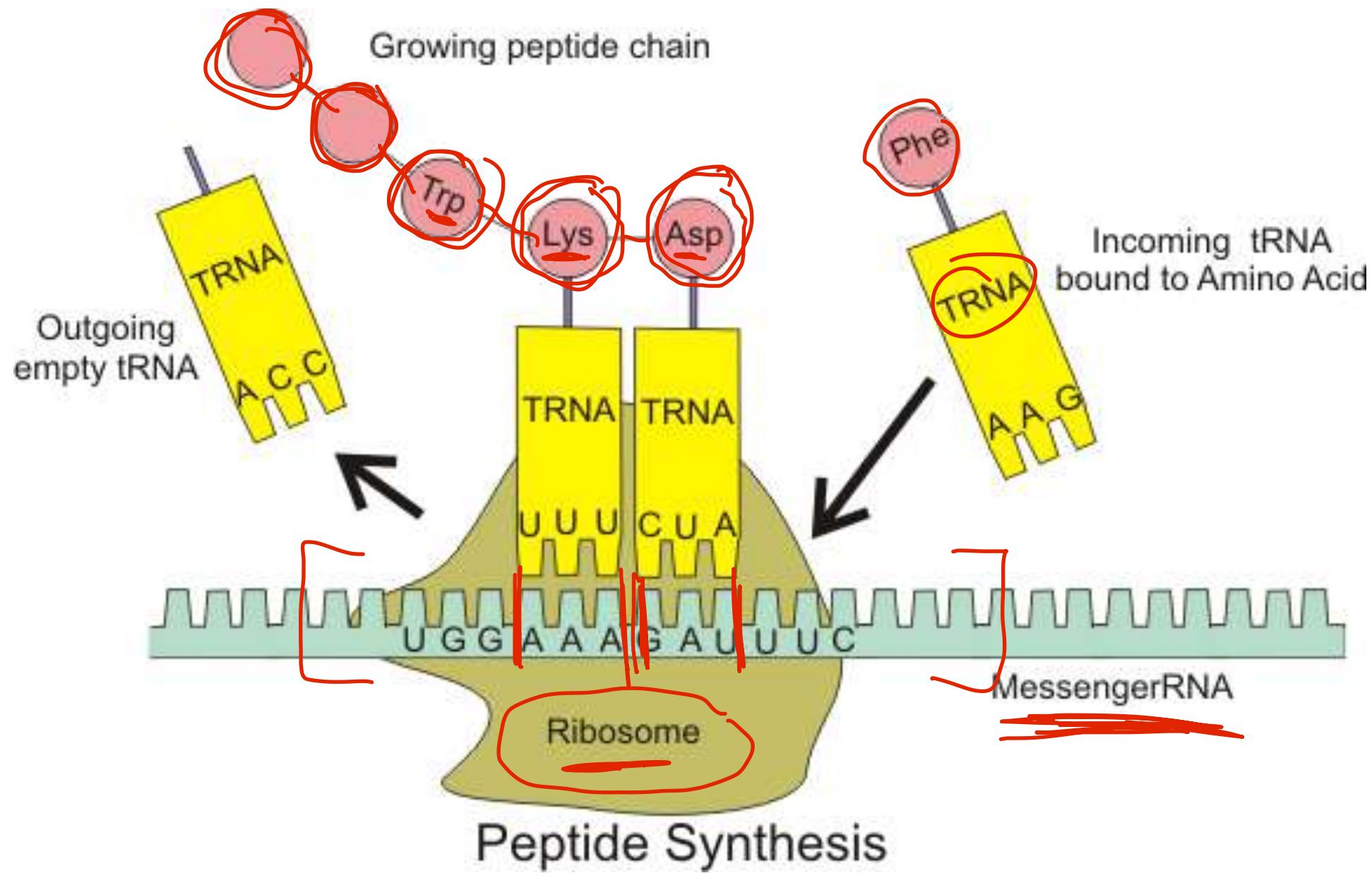


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The mRNA goes to the ribosome. The ribosome reads the mRNA 3 bases at a time.

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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 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 UUG	UCU UCC UCA UCG	UAU } TYR UAC UAA UAG	UGU } CYS UGC UGA UGG	STOP TRP	
	C	CUU } LEU CUC CUA CUG	CCU CCC CCA CCG	CAU } HIS CAC CAA CAG	CGU CGC CGA CGG	ARG	
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Universal Genetic Code Chart
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[CAU]

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[GGU]
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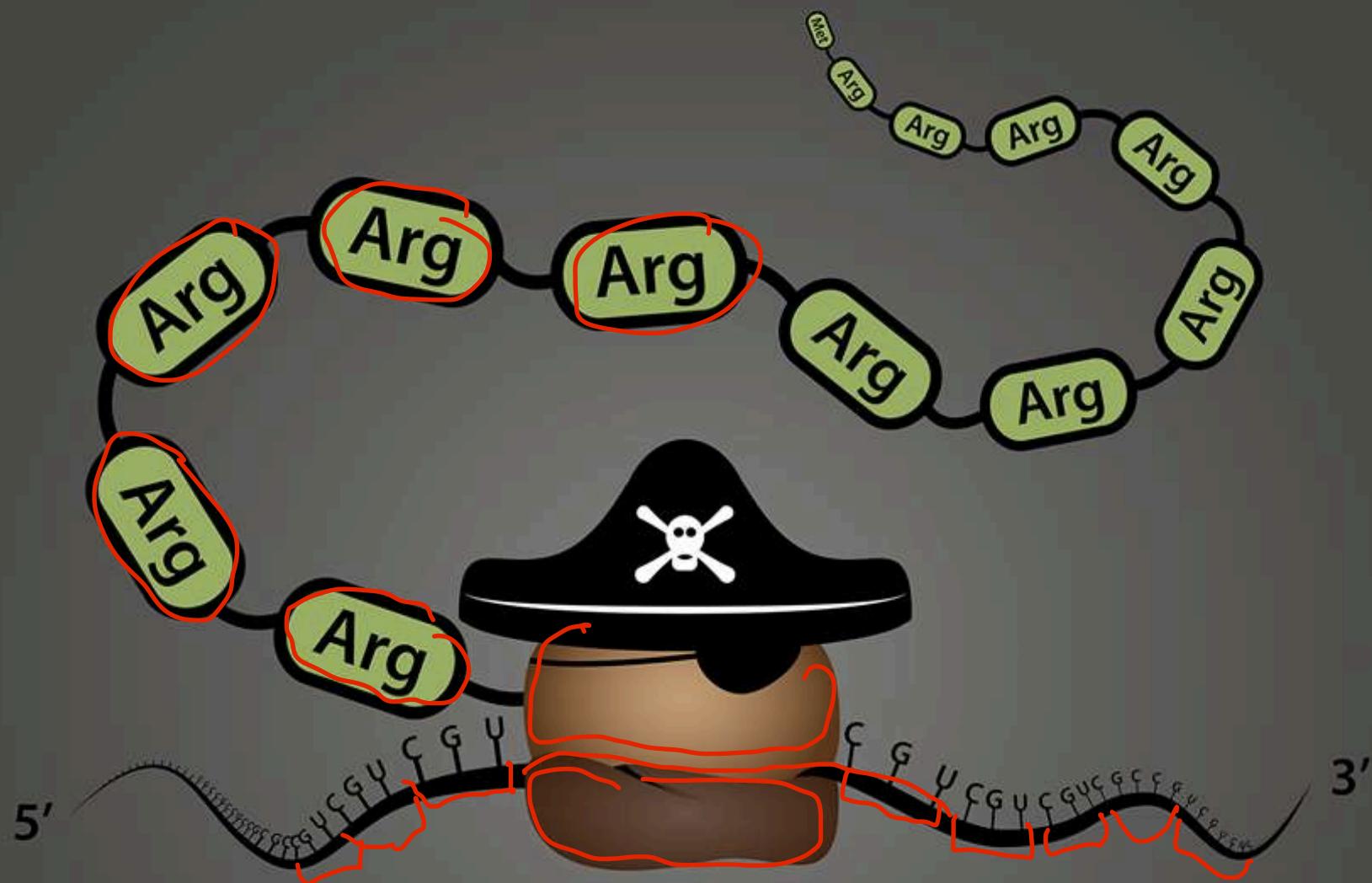
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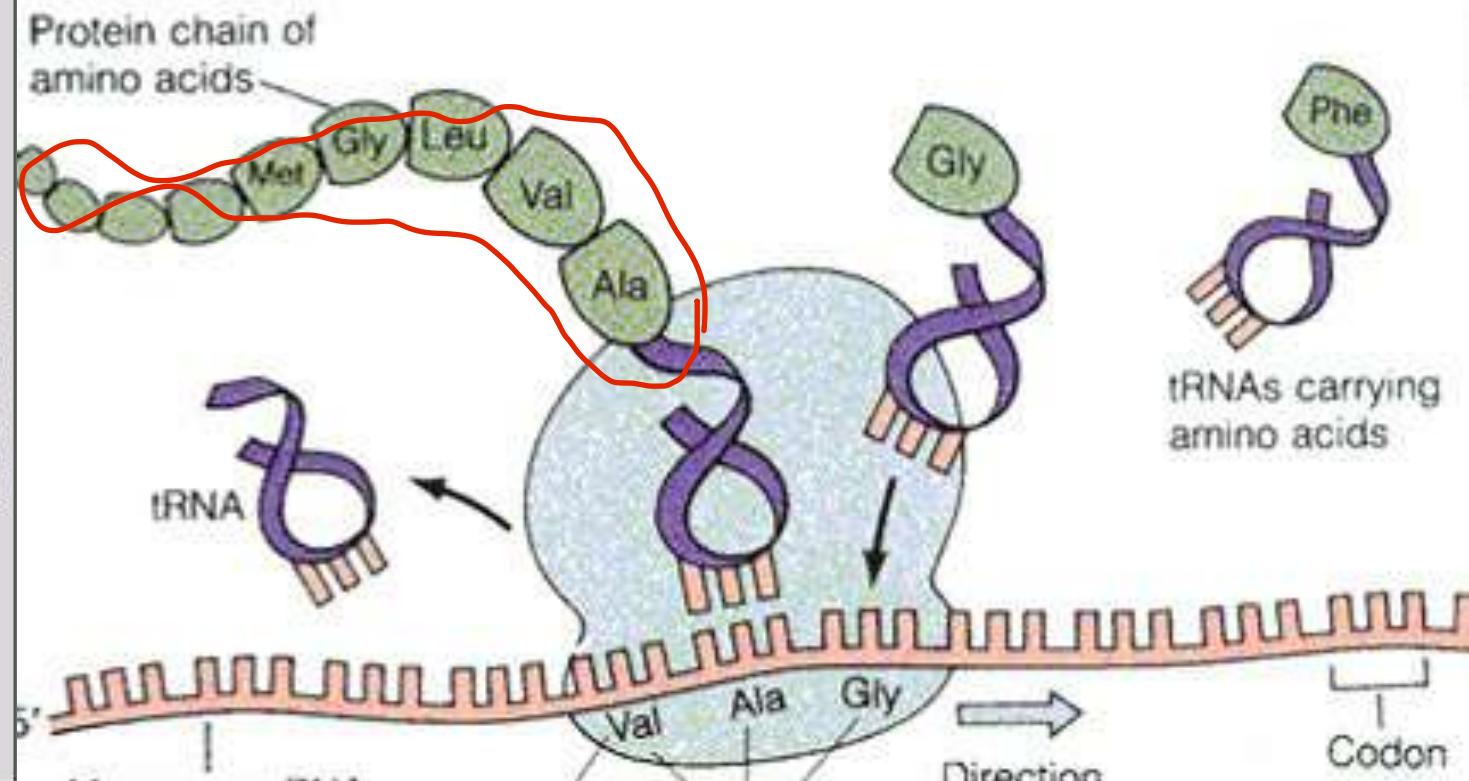
Pirate Ribosome

mRNA:

[C A U A C A G U G]

Amino acids: → his thr val

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