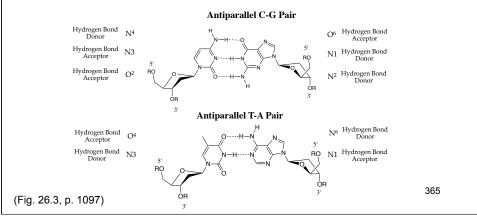


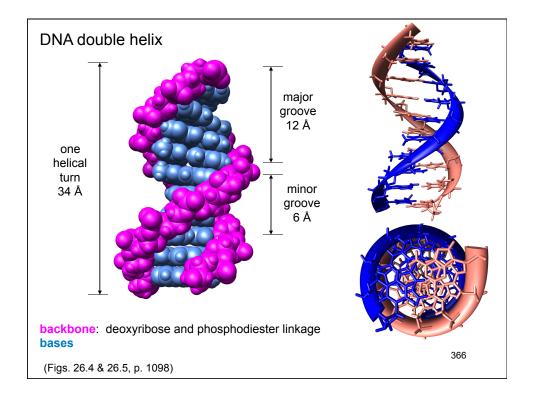
**26.7:** Nucleic Acids (please read). Chargaff's Rule: A=T and C=G

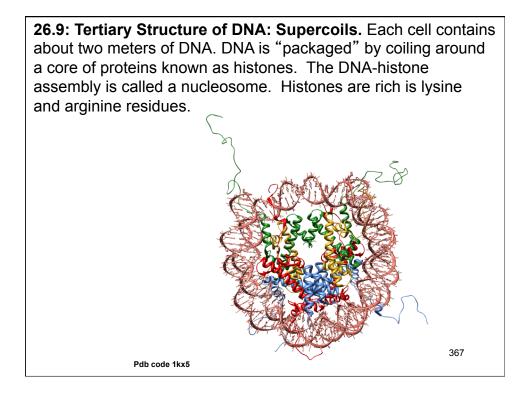
**26.8: Secondary Structure of DNA: The Double Helix.** Two polynucleotide strands, running in opposite directions (*anti-*

parallel) and coiled around each other in a double helix.

The strands are held together by complementary hydrogenbonding between specific pairs of bases.







"It has not escaped our attention that the specific pairing we have postulated immediately suggests a possible copying mechanism for the genetic material." Watson & Crick

## 26.10: Replication of DNA.

The Central Dogma (F. Crick):

DNA replication DNA	anscription → mRNA <sup>↑</sup>	ranslation → Pr	otein
(genome)	(transcripto	ne) (pro	oteome)

Expression and transfer of genetic information: **Replication**: process by which DNA is copied with very high fidelity.

**Transcription**: process by which the DNA genetic code is read and transferred to messenger RNA (mRNA). This is an intermediate step in protein expression

**Translation**: The process by which the genetic code is converted to a protein, the end product of gene expression.

The DNA sequence codes for the mRNA sequence, which codes for the protein sequence 368

DNA is replicated by the coordinated efforts of multiple proteins and enzymes.

For replication, DNA must be unknotted, uncoiled and the double helix unwound.

Topoisomerase: Enzyme that unknots and uncoils DNA

Helicase: Protein that unwinds the DNA double helix.

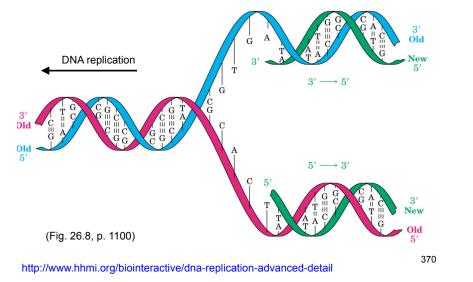
*DNA polymerase*: Enzyme that replicates DNA using each strand as a template for the newly synthesized strand.

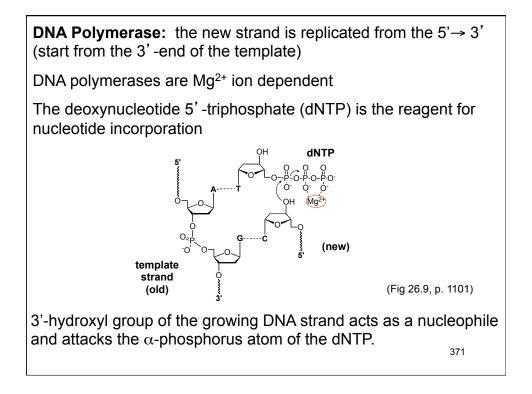
*DNA ligase:* enzyme that catalyzes the formation of the phosphodiester bond between pieces of DNA.

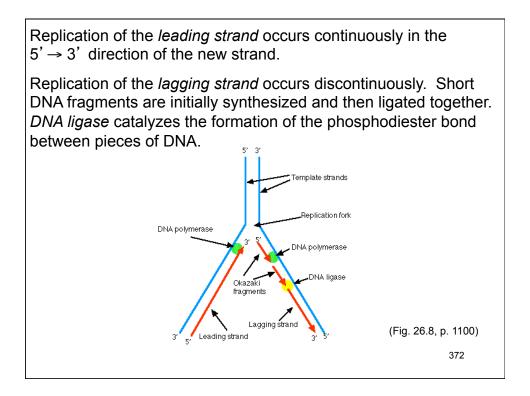
DNA replication is *semi-conservative*: Each new strand of DNA contains one parental (old, template) strand and one daughter (newly synthesized) strand

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Unwinding of DNA by helicases expose the DNA bases (replication fork) so that replication can take place. Helicase hydrolyzes ATP in order to break the hydrogen bonds between DNA strands.







## 26.11 Ribonucleic Acid

RNA contains ribose rather than 2-deoxyribose and uracil rather than thymine. RNA usually exist as a single strand.

There are three four major kinds of RNA:

messenger RNA (mRNA): ribosomal RNA (rRNA) transfer RNA (tRNA) microRNA (miRNA)

DNA is found in the cell nucleus and mitochondria; RNA is more disperse in the cell.

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*Transcription:* only one of the DNA strands is copied (coding or antisense strand). An RNA polymerase replicates the DNA sequence into a complementary sequence of *mRNA* (template or sense strand). mRNAs are transported from the nucleus to the cytoplasm, where they acts as the template for protein biosynthesis (*translation*). A three base segment of mRNA (codon) codes for an amino acid. The reading frame of the codons is defined by the start and stop codons.

## THE STANDARD GENETIC CODE

	UUU	Phe	UCU	Ser	UAU	Tyr	UGU	Cys	
	UUC	Phe	UCC	Ser	UAC	Tyr	UGC	Cvs	
	UUA	Leu	UCA	Ser	UAA	Stop	UGA	Stop	
	UUG	Leu	UCG	Ser	UAG	Stop	UGG	Trp	
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	CUU	Leu	CCU	Pro	CAU	His	CGU	Arg	
	CUC	Leu	CCC	Pro	CAC	His	CGC	Arg	
	CUA	Leu	CCA	Pro	CAA	GIn	CGA	Arg	
	CUG	Leu	CCG	Pro	CAG	GIn	CGG	Arg	
	AUU	lle	ACU	Thr	AAU	Asn	AGU	Ser	
	AUC	lle	ACC	Thr	AAC	Asn	AGC	Ser	
	AUA	lle	ACA	Thr	AAA	Lys	AGA	Arg	
	AUG	Met	ACG	Thr	AAG	Lys	AGG	Arg	
	GUU	Val	GCU	Ala	GAU	Asp	GGU	Gly	
	GUC	Val	GCC	Ala	GAC	Asp	GGC	Gly	
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