

objectives

Define gene expression

Define the transcripition process



The central dogma of biology is that information stored in DNA is transferred to RNA molecules during transcription and to proteins during Translation.

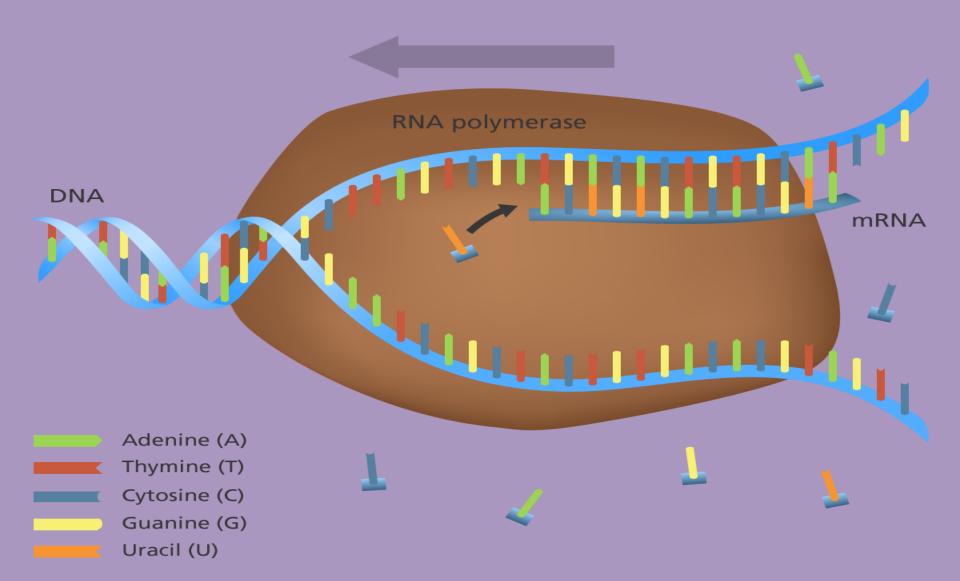
Gene expression is a tightly regulated process that allows a cell to respond to the changing in environment.

It acts as both an on/off switch to control when proteins are made and also the volume control that increases or decreases the amount of proteins made.

Transcription process

- Transcription is when the DNA in a <u>gene</u> copied to produce an <u>RNA</u> transcript called <u>messenger RNA</u> (mRNA).
- This is carried out by an <u>enzyme</u> called RNA polymerase which uses available bases from the <u>nucleus</u> of the cell to form the mRNA.
- RNA is a chemical similar in structure and properties to DNA, but it only has a single strand of <u>bases</u> and instead of the base <u>Thymine</u> (T), RNA has a base called <u>Uracil</u> (U).

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