

CHALLENGE

Chapter
7

FIGURE OUT THE CODONS AND AMINO ACIDS

Use what you have learned about pairing of nitrogen bases, and a biochemistry book to fill in the missing parts in the chart below. The first one is done for you.

Order of Codon in DNA	Order of Codon in mRNA	Amino Acid Coded for by mRNA
CTT	GAA	glutamic acid
GCA	_____	_____
_____	UCA	_____
CCT	_____	_____
_____	ACU	_____
GGG	_____	_____
_____	UAA	stop code
CAT	_____	_____
_____	AUC	_____
CGA	_____	_____
ATC	_____	stop code
_____	CAA	_____
AAA	_____	_____
ACT	UGA	_____
_____	UUG	_____
ATG	_____	_____
_____	_____	histidine
_____	_____	lysine
_____	_____	tryptophan
_____	_____	methionine (and start code)

5. Summary of Key Concepts (continued)

Review Key Terms

On the line provided, write the term from the list that matches each description.

amino acids	genetic code	protein	RNA
codon	messenger RNA	protein synthesis	transcription
cytoplasm	nucleic acid	replication	transfer RNA
DNA	nucleotides	ribosomal RNA	translation
double helix	nucleus	ribosome	

- _____ 1. type of molecule composed of many nucleotides
- _____ 2. group of three nucleotides in mRNA that specifies an amino acid
- _____ 3. shape of the DNA molecule
- _____ 4. form of RNA that carries copies of DNA's instructions out of the nucleus
- _____ 5. form of RNA that forms a particle where proteins are assembled
- _____ 6. process in which part of the DNA nucleotide sequence is copied into mRNA
- _____ 7. basic building blocks of proteins; carried to ribosomes by tRNAs
- _____ 8. task of manufacturing proteins from DNA blueprints
- _____ 9. basic building blocks of nucleic acids
- _____ 10. single-stranded nucleic acid that carries out instructions coded in the DNA
- _____ 11. part of the cell that surrounds the nucleus
- _____ 12. macromolecule made of amino acids outside the nucleus
- _____ 13. double-stranded nucleic acid contained in the cell nucleus
- _____ 14. part of the cell that contains the DNA
- _____ 15. key to using the instructions in nucleic acids to synthesize proteins
- _____ 16. form of RNA that transfers amino acids to the ribosome
- _____ 17. particle in the cell cytoplasm on which protein synthesis takes place
- _____ 18. process in which DNA makes copies of itself
- _____ 19. process in which codons of mRNA are decoded to a sequence of amino acids