## Bell Ringer

What is a codon?
What is an anticodon?


Translation

What is it?
Creating an amino acid chain (protein) from an mRNA message.

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mRNA binds to a ribosome in the cytoplasm.


## Step 1: Ribosome binds

Ribosome: a protein structure that provides the machinery for creating an amino acid chain.

- The translation "factory"

The mRNA strand binds to the ribosome to begin translation


## Step 2: tRNAs bring amino acids

tRNA (transfer RNA):
specially folded RNA
structures that carry specific amino acids based on their anticodon sequence.

Anticodon: a group of 3 unpaired RNA bases on the tRNA that can pair with codons on the mRNA.


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Ribosome shifts along mRNA strand to continue adding tRNAs.


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## EXIT TASK

If you make a mistake (mutation) in the DNA or mRNA, how would that affect the protein "message" that would be made?

