**20.2 Gene Expression & Protein Synthesis**

Protein:

* A long chain of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Every protein has to be coded for in DNA
* The function of a protein is dependent on its shape
	1. Uses: muscle, enzymes, hormones, cell membrane, etc

2 main stages: Transcription & Translation

* *Diagram:*

RNA – ribonucleic acid

*Comparing DNA to RNA*

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|  | **DNA** | **RNA** |
| **Sugar type** |  |  |
| **Bases** |  |  |
| **Structure** |  |  |
| **Location** |  |  |

Types of RNA

***mRNA***: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – takes code from nucleus to cytoplasm; single stranded

***tRNA***: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – carries specific amino acids to the ribosome (20 different tRNA molecules, each specific to an a.a.)

**mRNA codon**: a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of nitrogen bases (nucleotides)

* + - This is how DNA is “read”

**Transcription**

1. Initiation – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ binds to DNA at a specific site near the beginning of a gene (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – sequence of A & T)
2. Elongation – RNA polymerase builds single-stranded \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ direction
	* Transcribed DNA strand = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Termination – synthesis of mRNA continues until a termination sequences is reached then mRNA disconnects
	* mRNA moves into the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_



**Translation**

1. Initiation:
	* a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ binds to mRNA - 2 subunits clamp mRNA between it
	* Ribosome moves in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ direction until it finds a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Elongation:
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with complementary to start codon attaches to mRNA
* Next in line enters the next site
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bond forms between two a.a’s
* Ribosome shifts over one codon
1. Termination:
* when a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_codon is reached the ribosome - mRNA complex breaks apart, releasing the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

