Steps of Translation



Learning Objectives

Describe the steps of DNA translation

How are the amino acids brought together to make proteins?

tRNA!

Transfer RNA (tRNA)



Each tRNA molecule is specific for one amino acid. It carries an amino acid on one end and an anticodon on the other end.

Transfer RNA (tRNA)



The anticodon is complementary to the 3 bases of the codon on the mRNA molecule.

Steps of Translation (occurs in the cytoplasm)

Initiation
Elongation
Termination

Step 1: Initiation



Ribosome attaches to the mRNA. Start codon on mRNA is always AUG.

Step 2: Elongation



tRNA anticodon matches with codon on mRNA. Pepetide bonds are formed between amino acids.

Step 2: Elongation



Amino acid released from tRNA. Ribosome moves along the mRNA and continues adding amino acids.

Step 3: Termination



Translation ends when a stop codon (UAA, UAG, UGA) is reached. mRNA and protein (amino acid chain) are released into the cytoplasm.

Central Dogma Summary



YouTube Video



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DNA Transcription



 mRNA is formed from DNA by a process called RNA transcription

- DNA is transcribed (copied) to mRNA
- mRNA goes from the nucleus to the ribosomes in the cytoplasm



Translation of mRNA into Amino Acids



The genetic code is a sequence of triplets or codons in a specific order, to make a protein.