



Nucleic Acids

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DNA and RNA molecules have structural similarities and differences related to their function—

- a. Both DNA and RNA have three components—sugar, a phosphate group, and a nitrogenous base—that form nucleotide units that are connected by covalent bonds to form a linear molecule with 5' and 3' ends, with the nitrogenous bases perpendicular to the sugar-phosphate backbone.**



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DNA and RNA molecules have structural similarities and differences related to their function—

- b. The basic structural differences between DNA and RNA include the following:**
- i. DNA contains deoxyribose and RNA contains ribose.**
 - ii. RNA contains uracil and DNA contains thymine.**
 - iii. DNA is usually double stranded; RNA is usually single stranded.**
 - iv. The two DNA strands in double-stranded DNA are antiparallel in directionality**

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- > Pentose sugar**
- > Nitrogenous Base**
- > Phosphate**

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The pentose sugar has three sites that are important to binding:

1' - nitrogenous base

3' - hydroxyl (but this is a functional group on the pentose sugar not an additional component)

5' - phosphate



How does the pentose sugar differ between DNA and RNA?

- A. DNA= deoxyribose, RNA= ribose**
- B. DNA= dextrose, RNA= ribose**
- C. DNA= deoxyribose, RNA= ribozyme**
- D. DNA= dextrose, RNA= ribozyme**

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How does the pentose sugar differ between DNA and RNA?

**A. DNA= deoxyribose,
RNA= ribose**



DNA is deoxyribonucleic acid while RNA is ribonucleic acid. DNA has deoxyribose and RNA has ribose. The deoxyribose is missing an oxygen on the 2nd carbon of the sugar.

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How does the nitrogenous base differ between DNA and RNA?

- A. DNA - cytosine, RNA - guanine**
- B. DNA - uracil, RNA - thymine**
- C. DNA - guanine, RNA - cytosine**
- D. DNA - thymine, RNA - uracil**

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How does the nitrogenous base differ between DNA and RNA?

**D. DNA - thymine,
RNA - uracil**



**DNA has adenine, thymine,
cytosine, & guanine.**

**RNA has adenine, uracil,
cytosine, & guanine.**

Adenine will pair with either thymine or uracil depending whether its DNA or RNA.

Test Tip: If you are asked for DNA and there are "U"s in the answer, you can cross those options out.



**How does the phosphate differ
between DNA and RNA?**

- A. DNA- 1 phosphate,
RNA- 2 phosphate**
- B. DNA- phosphate acts as acid,
RNA- phosphate acts as base**
- C. There is no difference**

How does the phosphate differ between DNA and RNA?



C. There is no difference

All nucleotides have:

> pentose sugar

(deoxyribose or ribose)

> nitrogenous base

(adenine, thymine, uracil, cytosine, or guanine)

> phosphate



Traditionally, how are the strands different?

- A. DNA - single, RNA - double**
- B. DNA - single, RNA - triple**
- C. DNA - double, RNA - single**
- D. DNA - triple, RNA - single**

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Traditionally, how are the strands different?

**C. DNA - double,
RNA - single**



DNA is a double stranded molecule with strands running antiparallel and bound by hydrogen bonds

mRNA is a single stranded molecule formed from base pairing with a split DNA strand.

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Which nitrogenous base is not found in DNA?

- A. Adenine**
- B. Cytosine**
- C. Thymine**
- D. Uracil**

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Which nitrogenous base is not found in DNA?

D. Uracil



DNA has adenine, thymine, cytosine and guanine.

There is no uracil. This is only found in RNA molecules.



**What is the pentose sugar found
in DNA?**

- A. Deoxyribose**
- B. Dextrose**
- C. Ribose**
- D. Rubisco**



What is the pentose sugar found in DNA?

A. Deoxyribose

DNA stands for deoxyribonucleic acid and has the sugar deoxyribose. This is the same as the ribose, except it is missing an oxygen on the 2nd carbon in the pentose sugar.



**What is the pentose sugar found
in RNA?**

- A. Deoxyribose**
- B. Dextrose**
- C. Ribose**
- D. Rubisco**



What is the pentose sugar found in RNA?

C. Ribose

RNA stands for ribonucleic acid and has the sugar ribose. This is the same as the deoxyribose, except it has an oxygen (specifically a hydroxyl group) on the 2nd carbon in the pentose sugar.



Which nitrogenous base is not found in RNA?

- A. Adenine**
- B. Cytosine**
- C. Thymine**
- D. Uracil**

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Which nitrogenous base is not found in RNA?

C. Thymine



RNA has adenine, uracil, cytosine and guanine.

There is no thymine. This is only found in DNA molecules.

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What is the directionality of a DNA strand?

- A. DNA is 3' to 5' and antiparallel**
- B. DNA is 5' to 3' and antiparallel**
- C. DNA is 3' to 5' and parallel**
- D. DNA is 5' to 3' and parallel**

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What is the directionality of a DNA strand?

B. DNA is 5' to 3' and antiparallel



DNA is always synthesized in the 5' to 3' direction. The DNA polymerase responsible for synthesis of the DNA polymer can only add to an open 3' end thus it moves 5' to 3'. The two strands run in opposite directions equidistant apart (hence the antiparallel).

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DNA is usually ___ and RNA is usually ___

- A. Double stranded; double stranded**
- B. Double stranded; single stranded**
- C. Single stranded; double stranded**
- D. Single stranded; single stranded**

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