

LECTURE 10

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Mutation



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WHAT ARE MUTATIONS?

Mutation: Definition

- Permanent **changes** in **nucleotide sequence**.
- A **heritable alteration** or change in the **genetic material**.
- Mutation = any change in a DNA sequence



What if this DNA...

CACGTGGACTGAGGGACTCCCTC

was changed to this DNA?

CACGTGGACTGAGGGACACCTC

What does it matter???

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CACGTGGACTGAGGACTCCTC

was changed to this DNA?

CACGTGGACTGAGGACACCTC

What does it matter???



CACGTGGACTGAGGA**CTC**CTC

Codon for CTC = **glutamate**

CACGTGGACTGAGGA**CAC**CTC

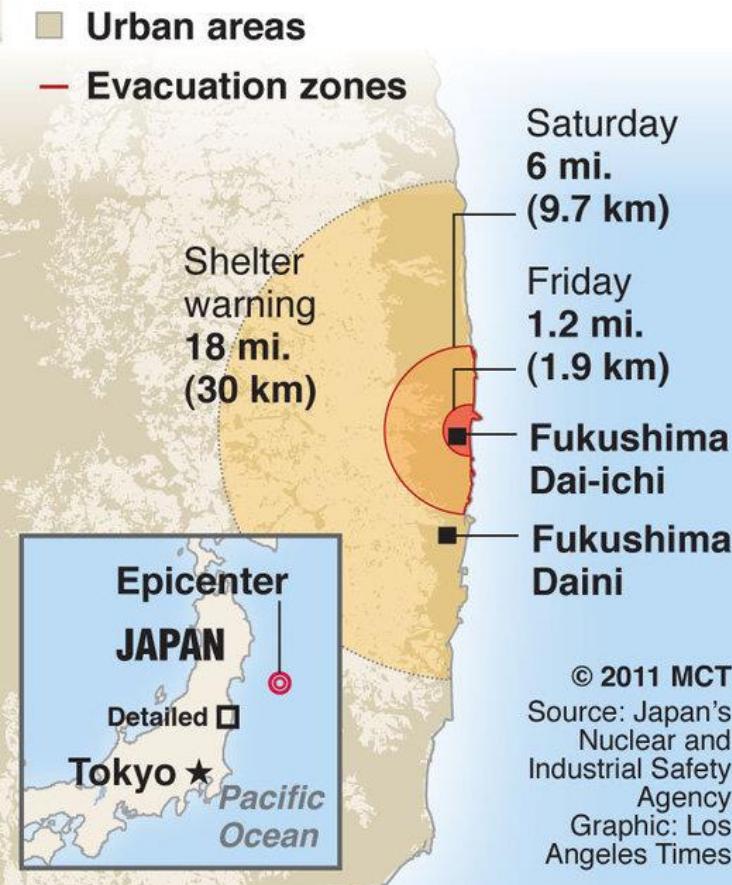
Codon for CAC = **valine**



That what does it
matter

What's Happening in Japan

Danger zone



Radioactive elements that may be released in accident

Cesium-137 Mimics potassium in body and can cause cancer, blood diseases, birth defects; has a 30-year half-life, the time it takes for half the atoms to disintegrate

Iodine-131 Can be inhaled or ingested; concentrates in the thyroid, leading to thyroid cancer; has a half-life of eight days; taking iodine pills prevents the thyroid from absorbing iodine-131

Strontium-90 Spread in dust; accumulates in bones and teeth, causing bone cancer and leukemia; has a half-life of 29 years



Somatic mutations occur in “body” of organism (somatic cells).

A mutation arising in a somatic cell cannot be transmitted to offspring.

Somatic mutations

Occur in non-germline tissues
Cannot be inherited

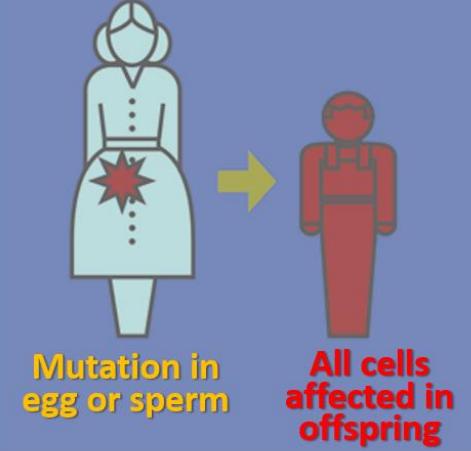


Germ-line mutations-occur In cells producing gametes (gonadal tissue).

Germ-line mutations can be transmitted to future generations.

Germline mutations

Present in egg or sperm
Can be inherited



Mutations: Somatic and Germline

Mutation could be in **somatic cells** or **germ-line cells**.

Types of Mutations

1. **gene mutations** – only affects one gene (point mutation)

A- substitution of a single base pair - changes only one amino acid (if any!)

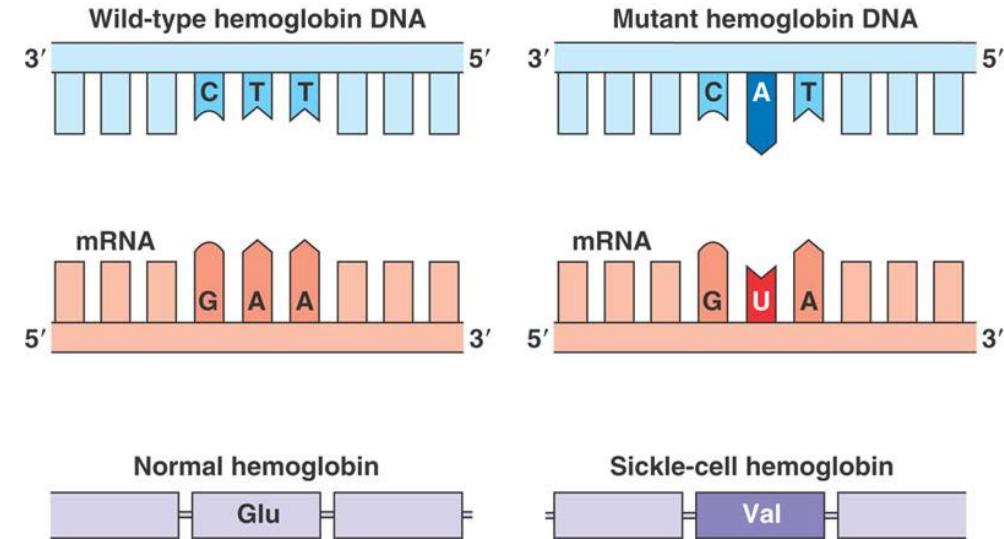
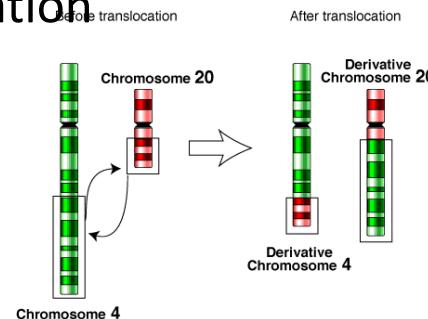
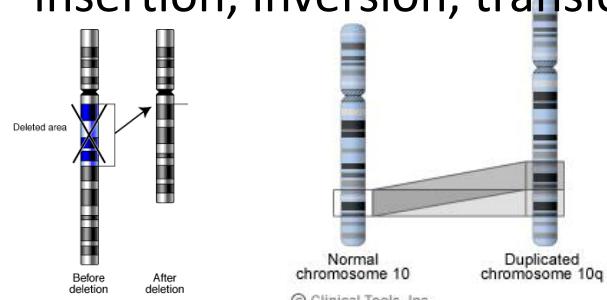
B-frameshift mutation

- a single base is added or deleted - changes every amino acid after mutation site (also called a **nonsense mutation**)

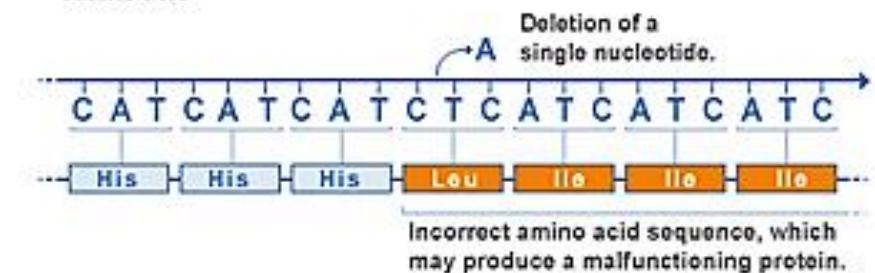
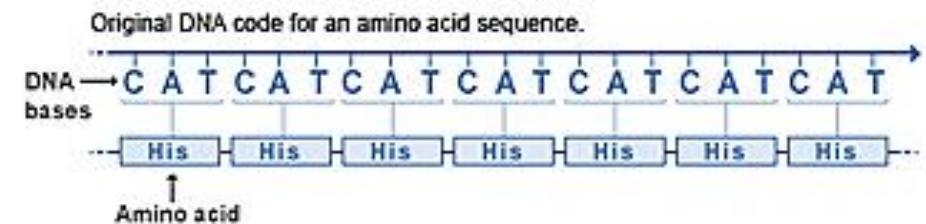
2. **Chromosomal mutation** – may affect

more than one gene

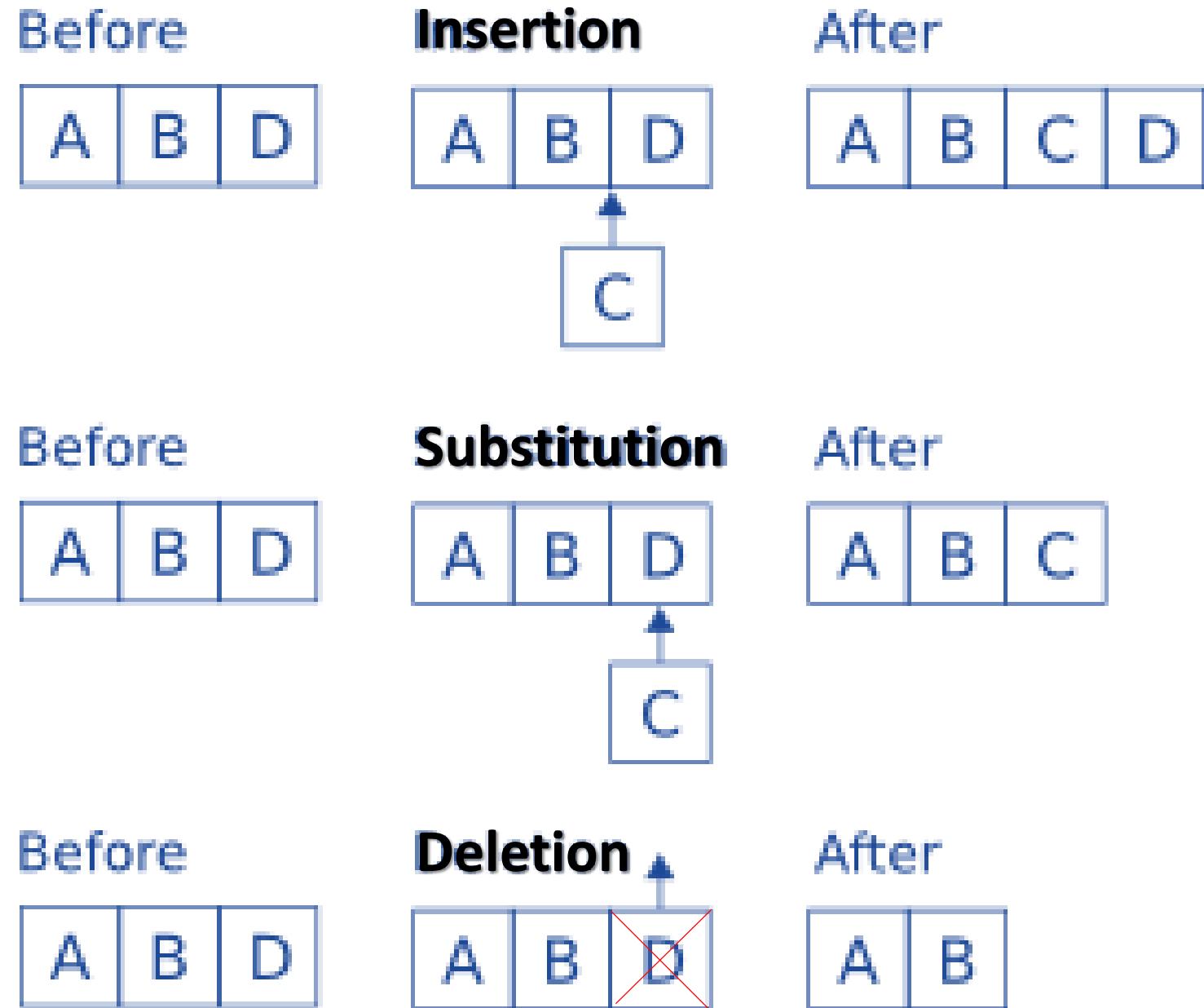
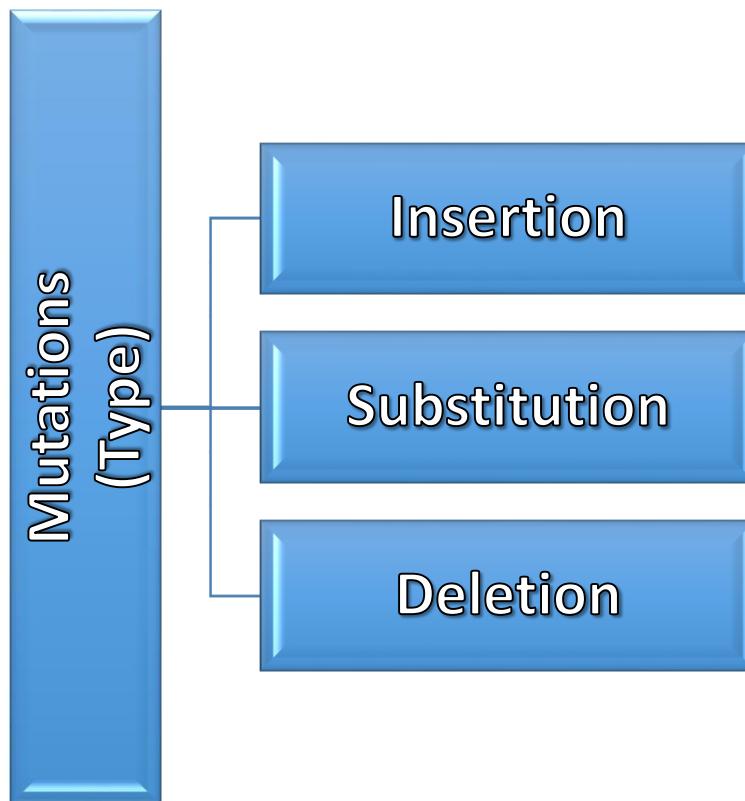
-Examples: nondisjunction, deletion, insertion, inversion, translocation



Deletion mutation

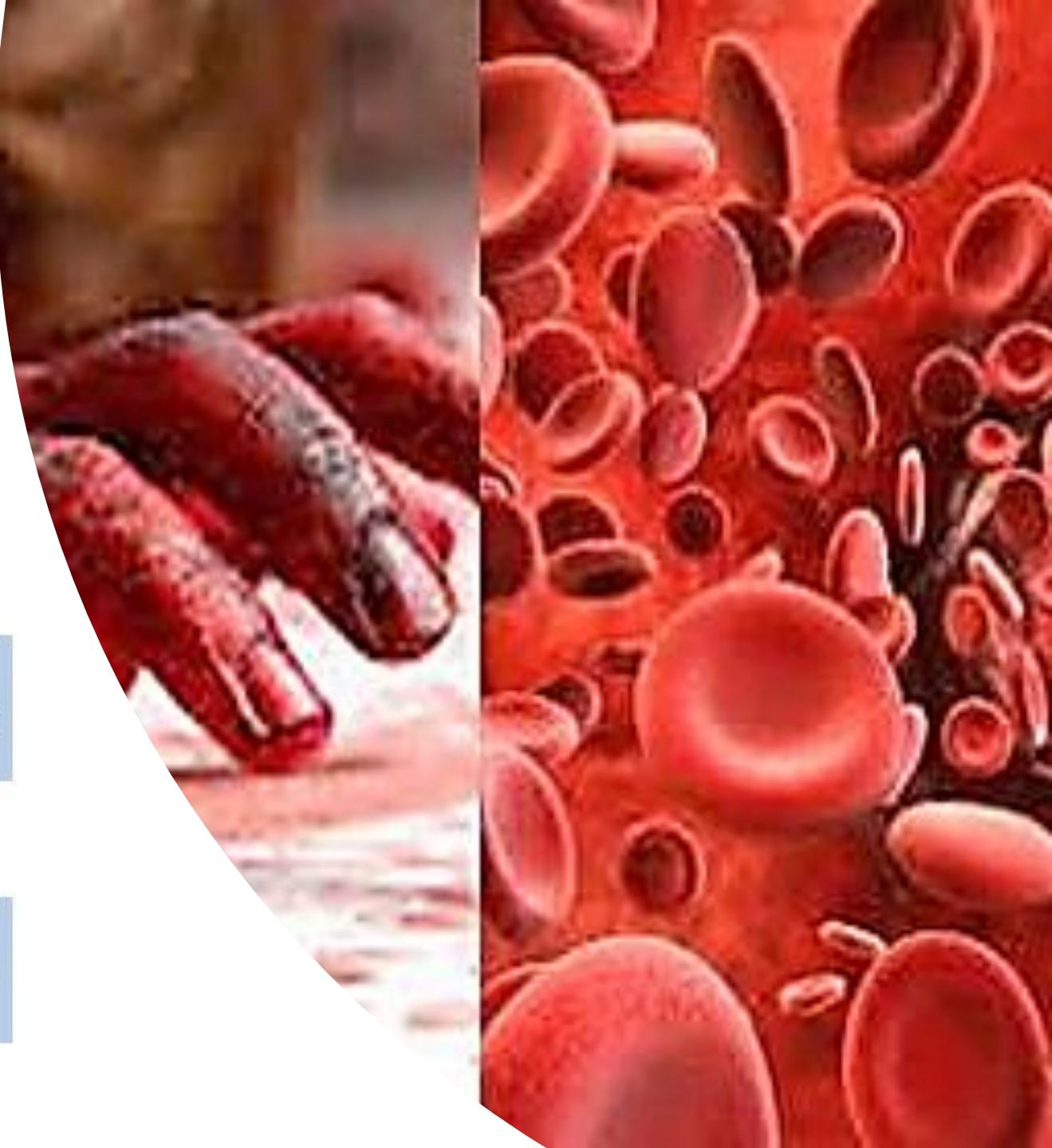
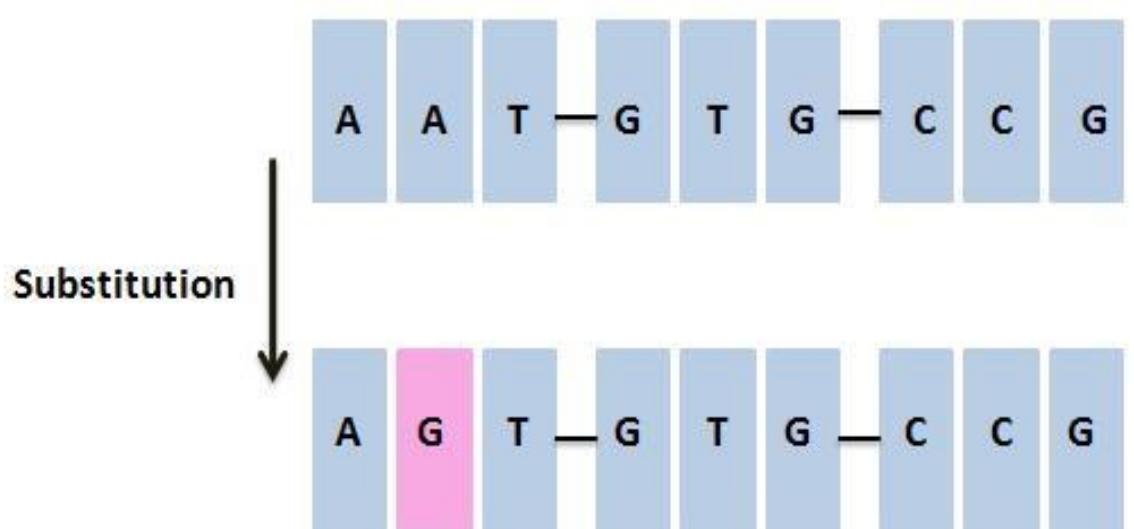


Types of mutations



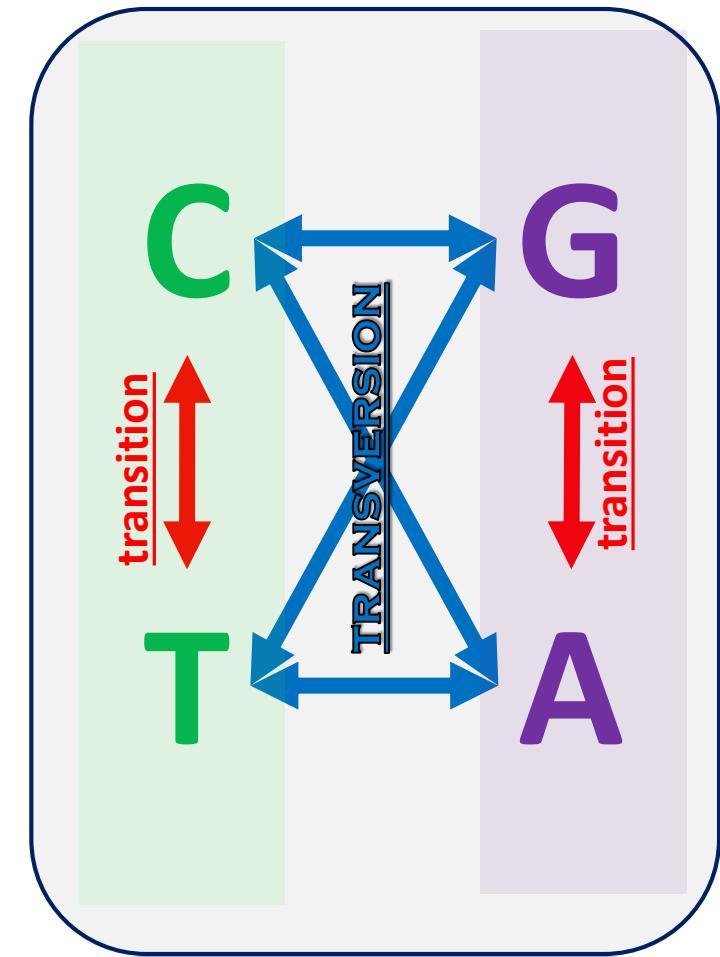
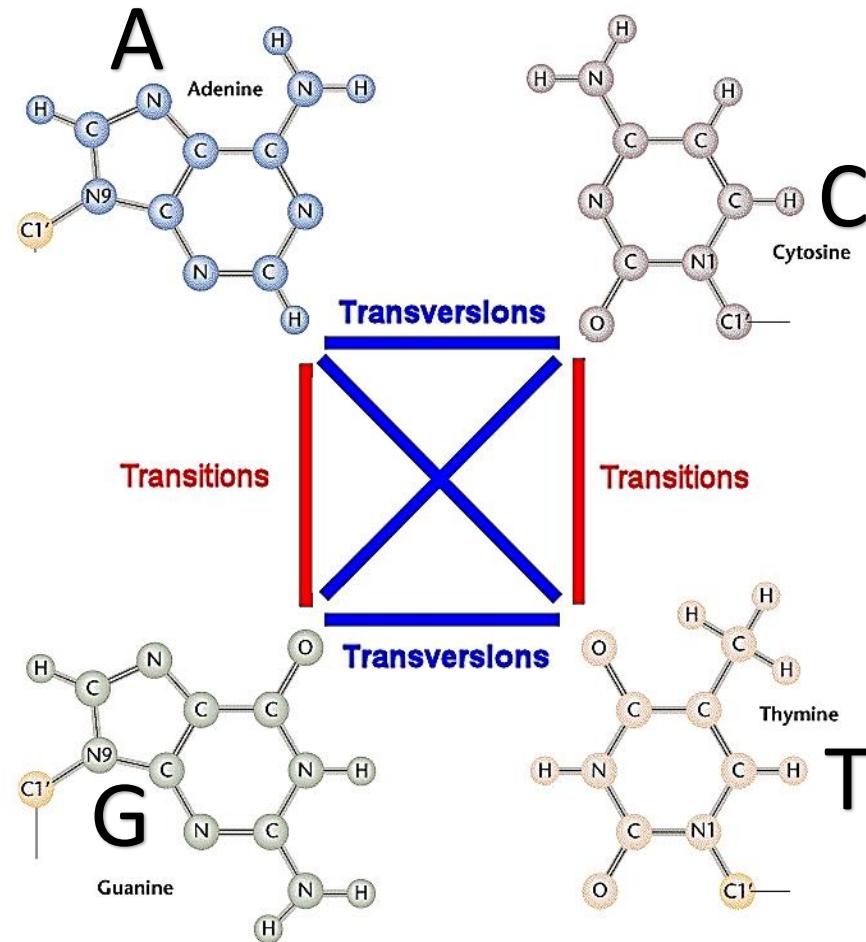
1. Substitution

- A substitution is the **replacement** of a single nucleotide by another.
- This is the **most common** type of mutation.



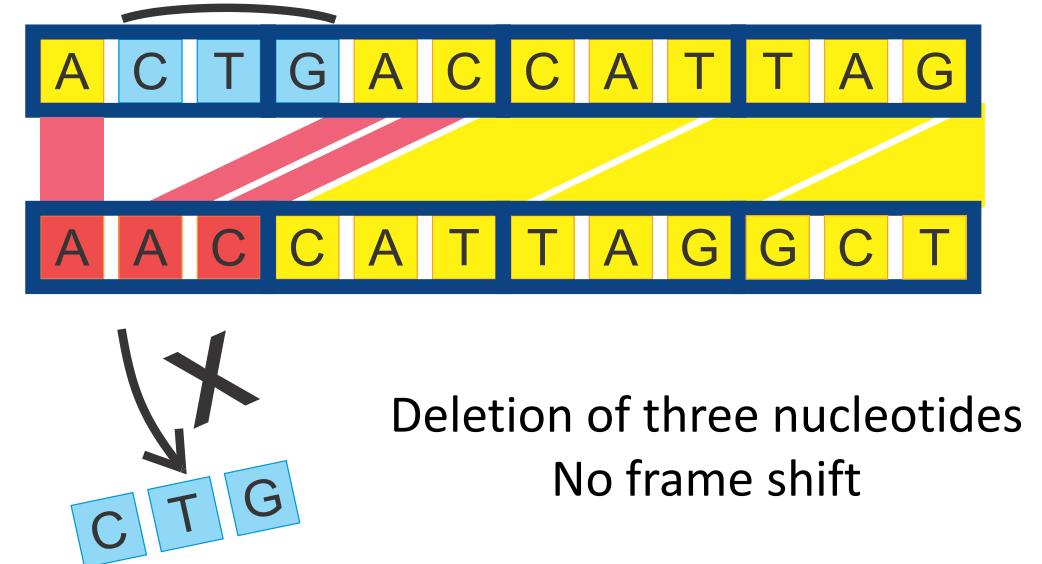
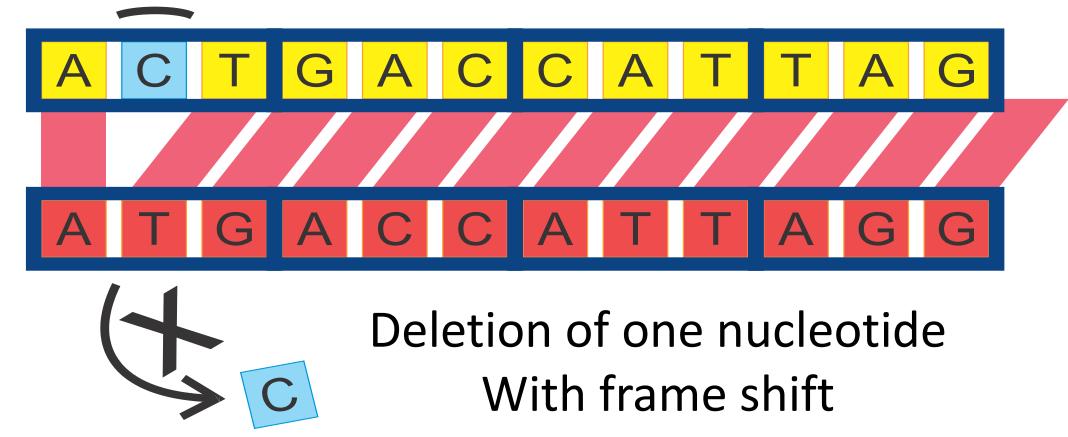
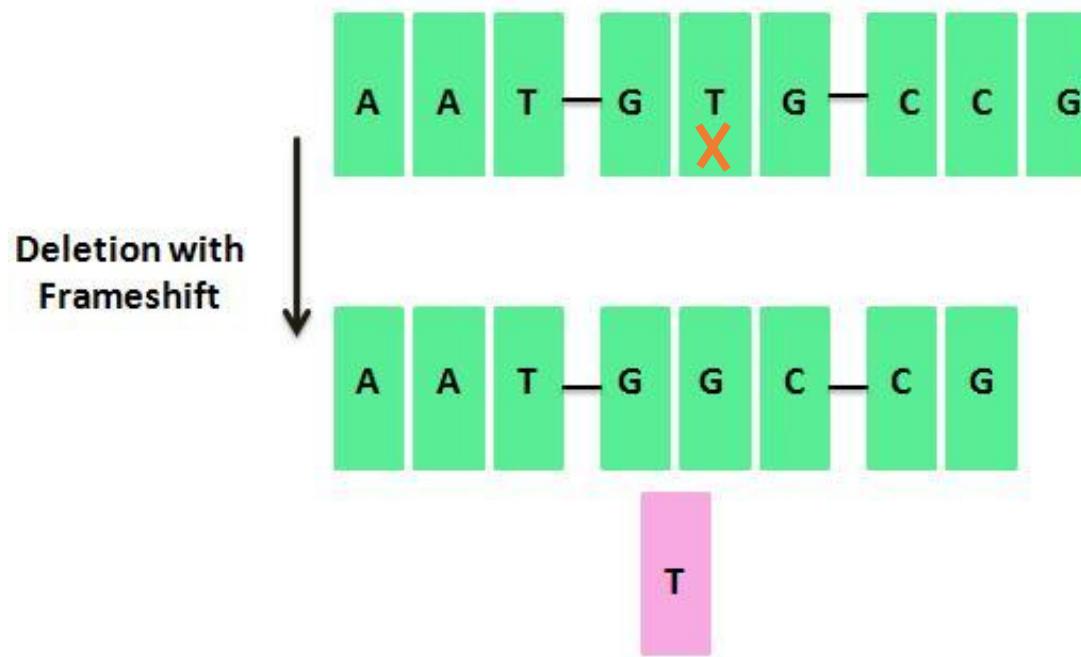
Substitution: transition vs. transversion

- If the substitution involves replacement by the same type of nucleotide, i.e. a **pyrimidine** for a **pyrimidine** or a **purine** for a **purine**, → this is termed a transition.
- Substitution of a **pyrimidine** by a **purine** or vice versa is termed a transversion.



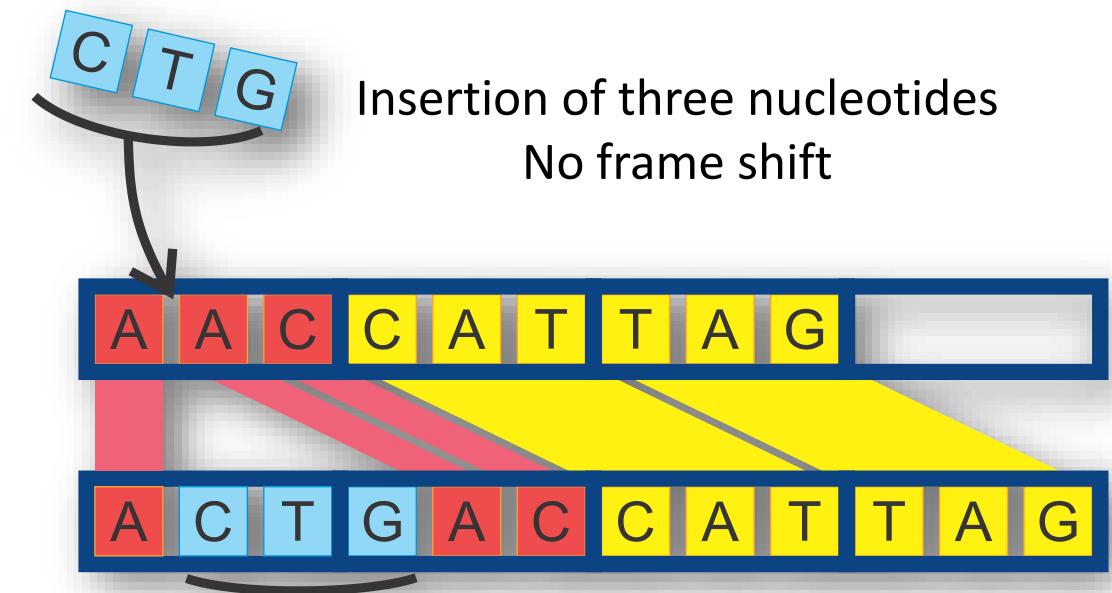
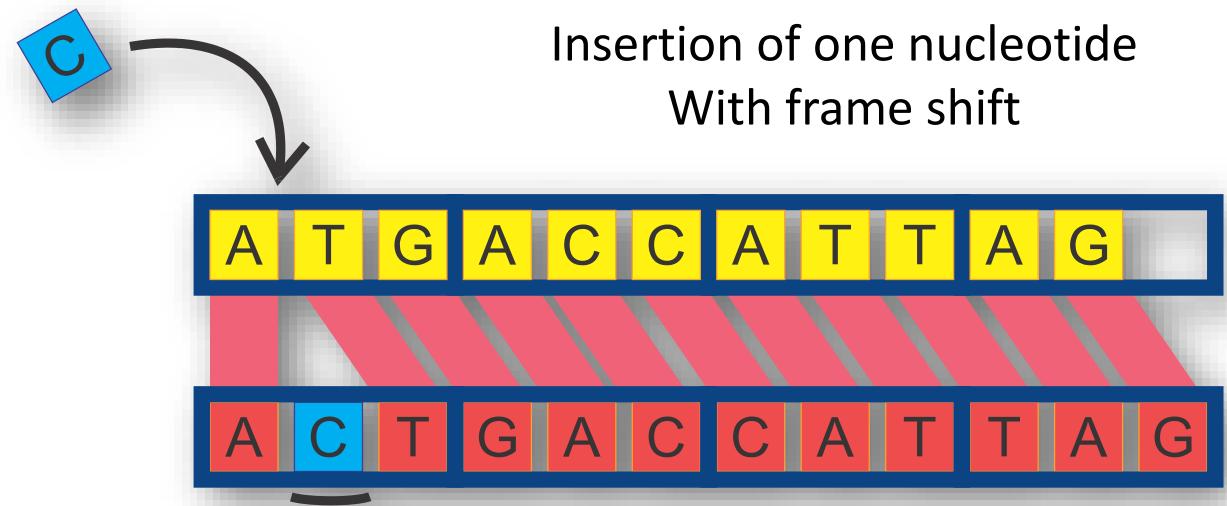
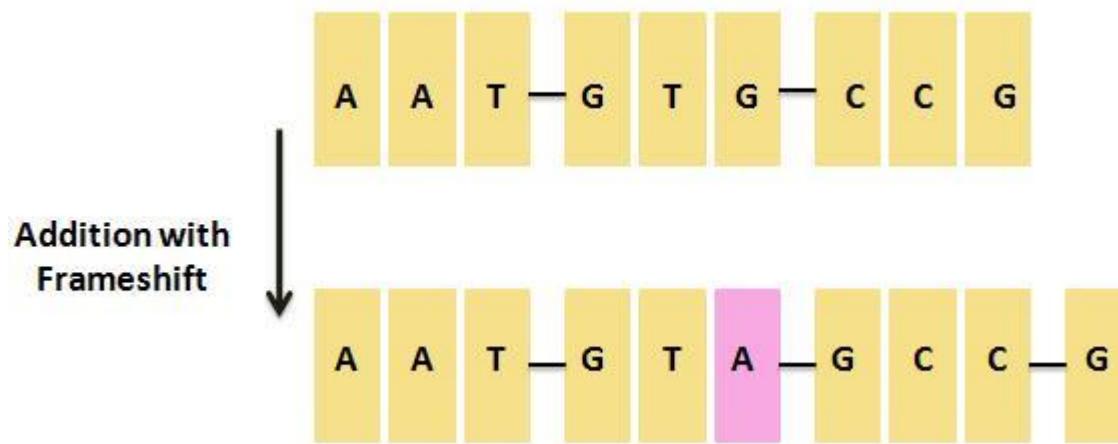
2. Deletion

- A deletion involves the loss of one or more nucleotides.
- If it occurs in coding sequences and involves one, two or more nucleotides which are not a multiple of three, it will disrupt the **reading**



3- Insertions

- An insertion involves the addition of one or more nucleotides into a gene.
- If an insertion occurs in a coding sequence and involves one, two or more nucleotides which are **not a multiple of three**, it will disrupt the reading frame.



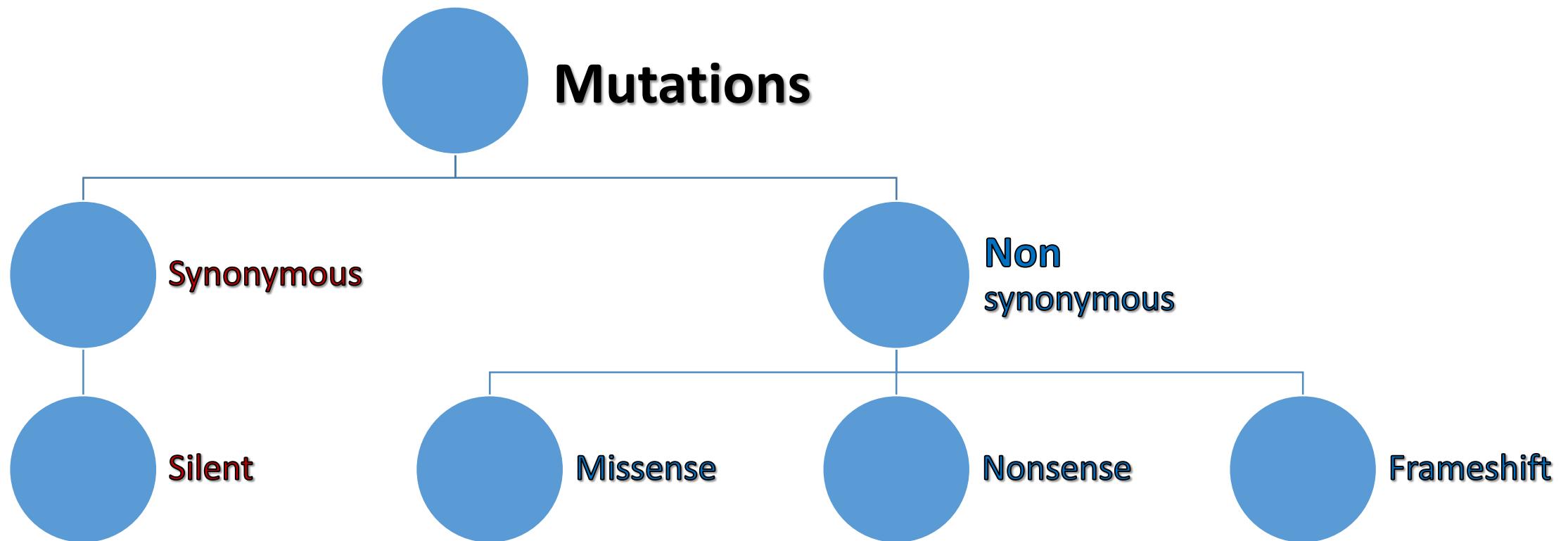
Concept Check 1

Which of the following changes is a transition base substitution?

- a. Adenine is replaced by thymine.
- b. Cytosine is replaced by adenine.
- c. Guanine is replaced by adenine.
- d. Three nucleotide pairs are inserted into DNA.

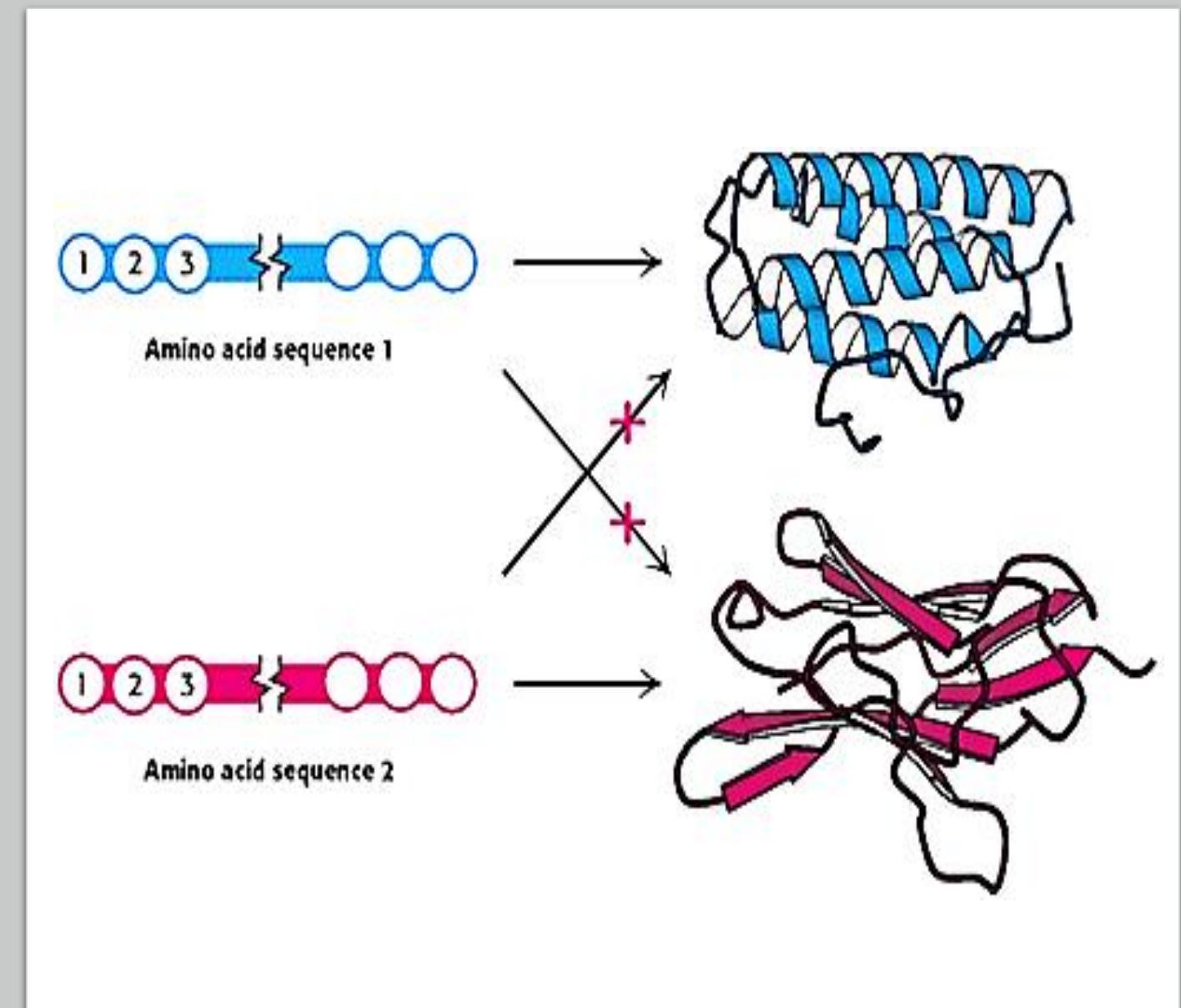


Effects of mutations on the protein



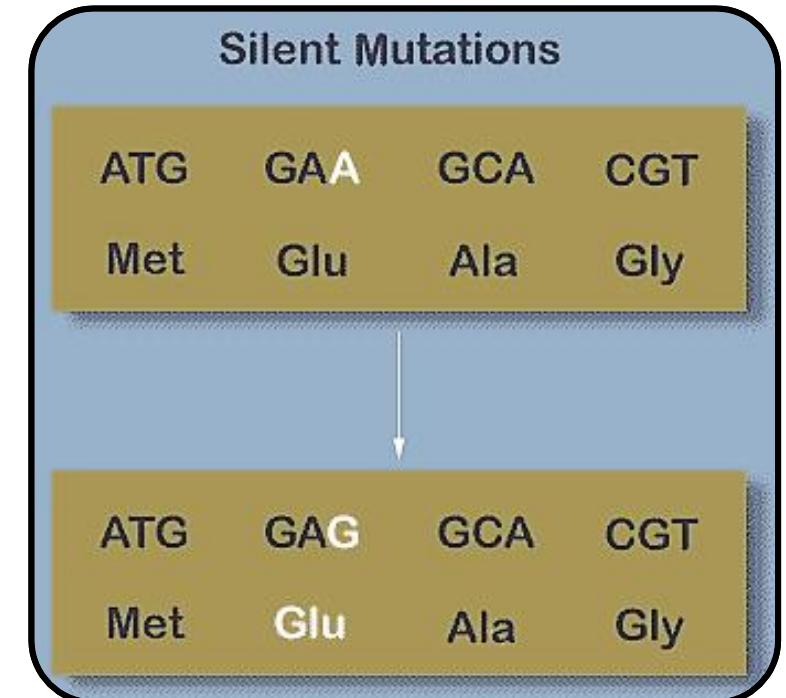
Structural effects of mutations on the protein

- Mutations can also be subdivided into two main groups according to the effect on the polypeptide sequence of the encoded protein, being either:
 - **Synonymous (Silent)** Mutation or
 - **non-synonymous Mutation.**



A- Synonymous/silent mutations

- If a mutation **does not alter the polypeptide product** of the gene, this is termed a synonymous or silent mutation.
- A single base pair substitution, particularly if it occurs in the third position of a codon, will often result in another triplet which codes for the same amino acid with no alteration in the properties of the resulting protein.

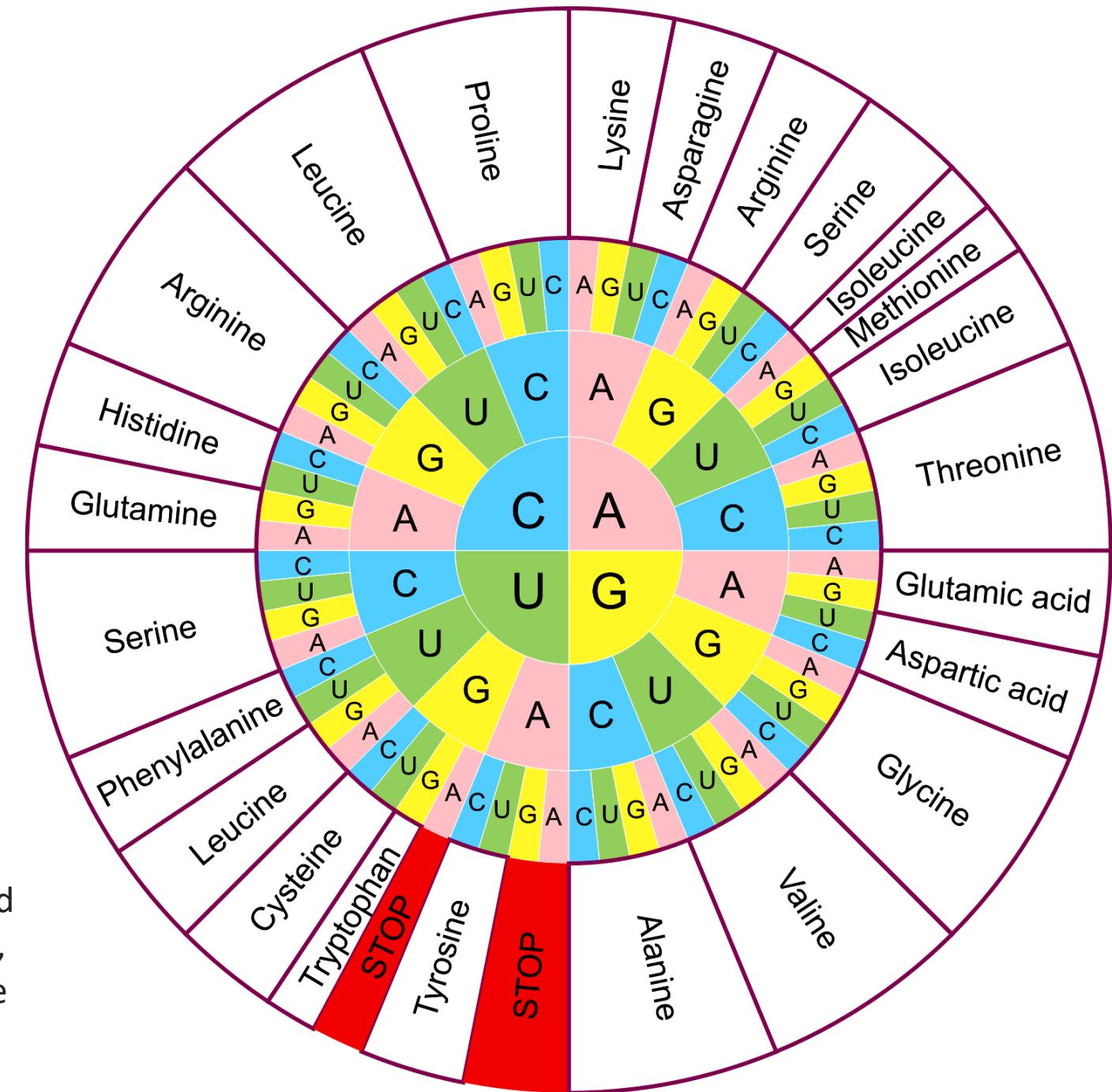


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You Must Be know some thing about
the Codon vs. Amino acids

Genetic code

The **genetic code** is the set of rules used by living **cells** to **translate** information encoded within genetic material (**DNA** or **mRNA** sequences) into **proteins**. Translation is accomplished by the **ribosome**, which links **amino acids** in an order specified by **messenger RNA (mRNA)**, using **transfer RNA (tRNA)** molecules to carry amino acids and to read the mRNA three **nucleotides** at a time., called *codons*, specify which amino acid will be added next during **protein synthesis**.



B- Non-synonymous mutations

If a mutation leads to an alteration in the encoded **polypeptide**, it is known as a ***non-synonymous mutation***. Alteration of the amino acid sequence of the protein product of a gene is likely to result in **abnormal function**.

Types of Non-synonymous mutations

Non-synonymous mutations can occur in one of three main ways

**Non
synonymous**

Missense

Nonsense

Frameshift

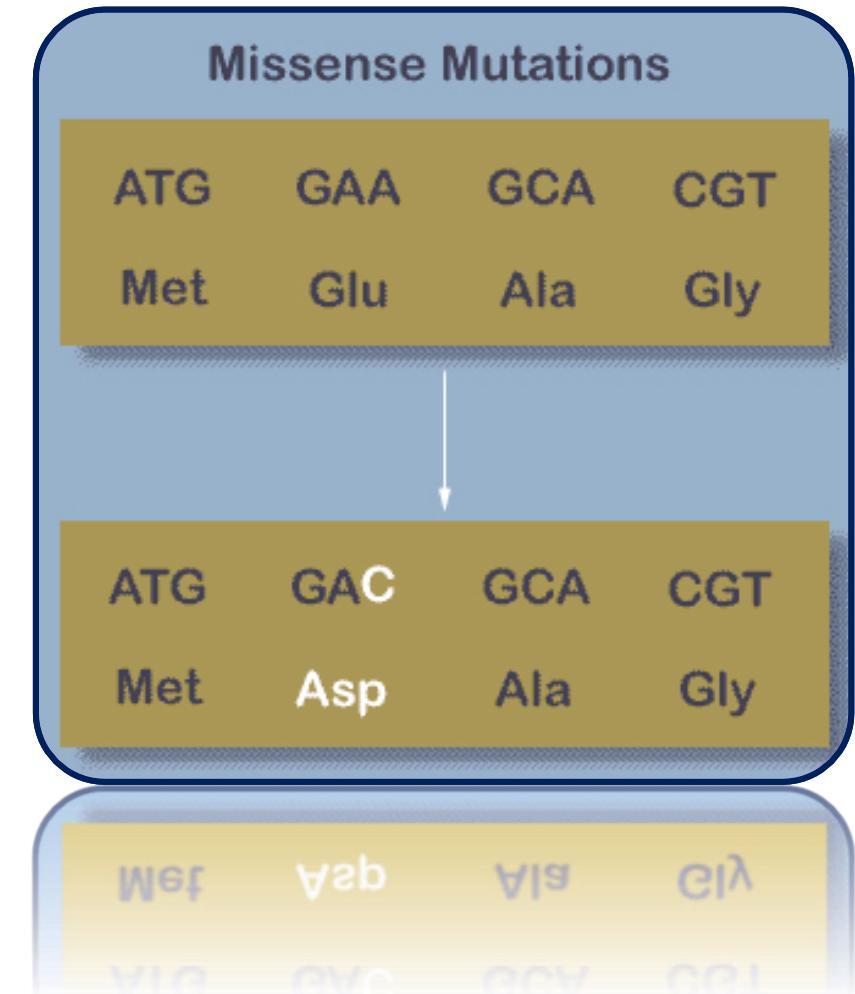
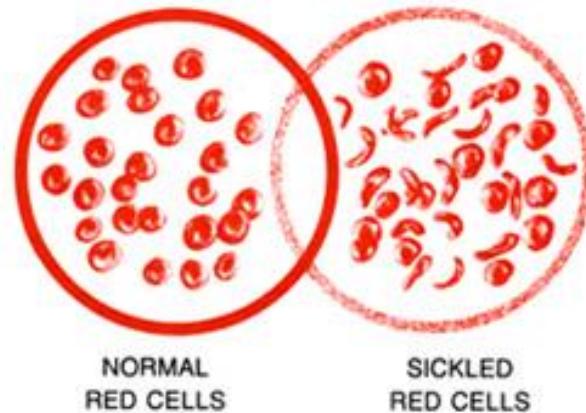


1- Missense mutation

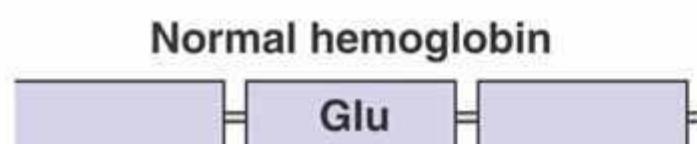
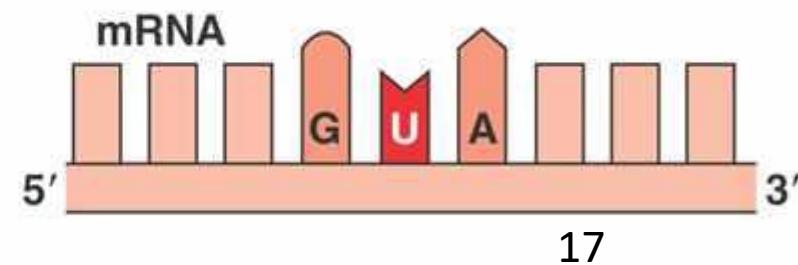
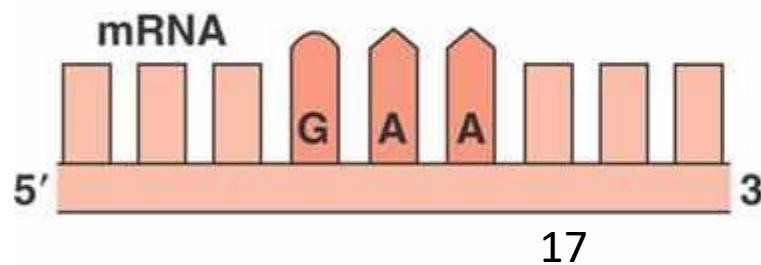
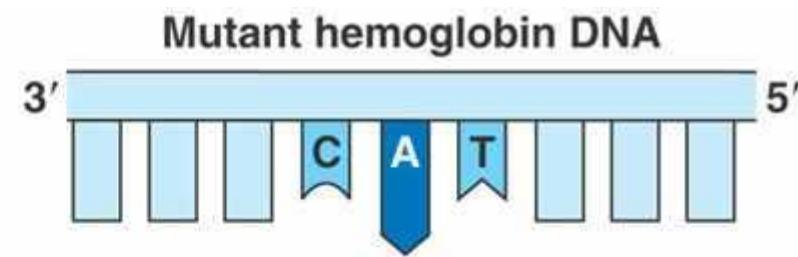
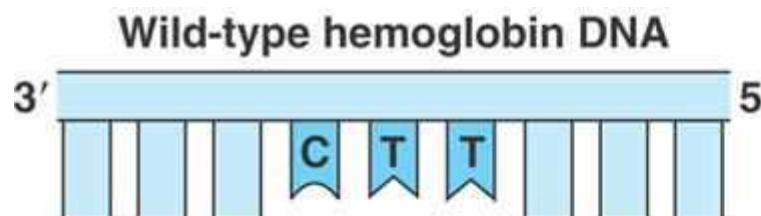
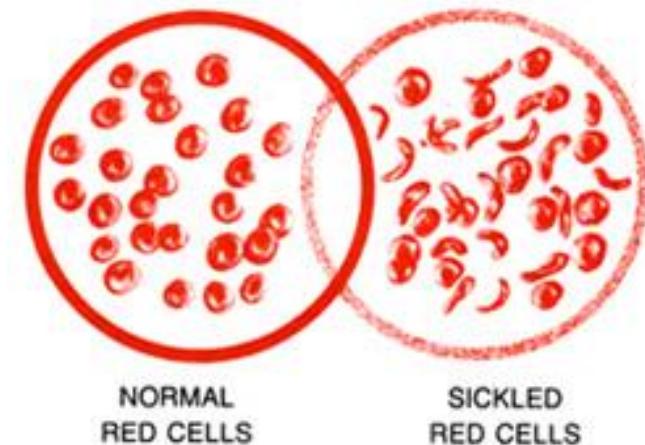
- A **single bp substitution** that result in coding for a **different amino acid**
- This result in the synthesis of an **altered protein**.
- Missense mutations are the most common mutations observed in nature.

Example of Missense Mutation → Sickle Cell Anaemia

Cause: defective haemoglobin due to mutation in β -globin gene

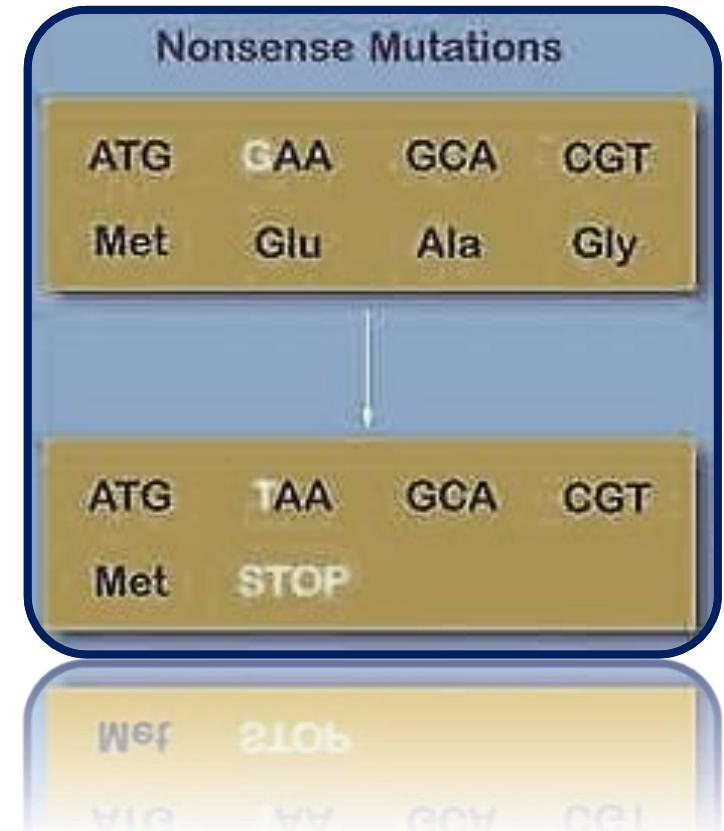


Sickle Cell Anaemia



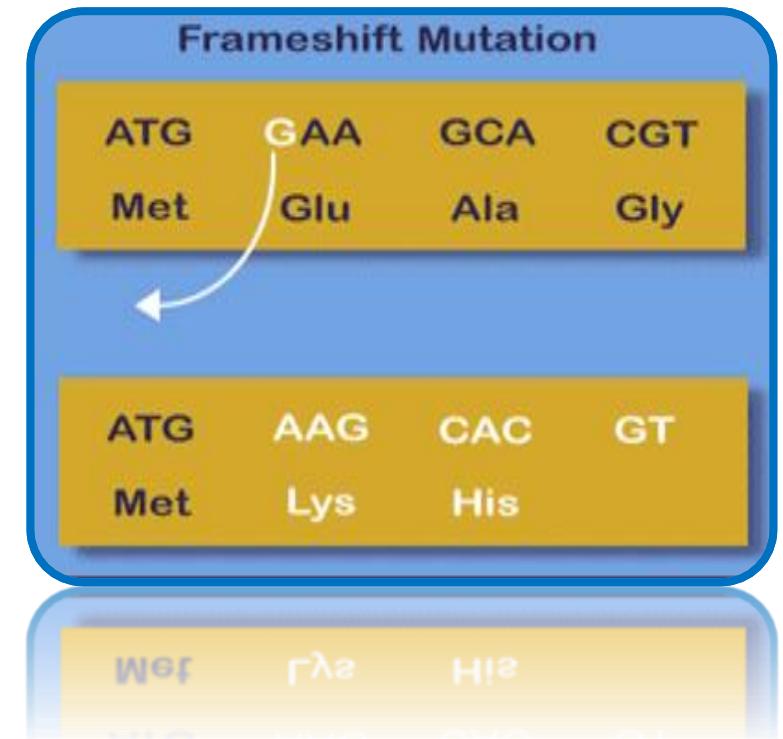
2- Nonsense Mutation

- A substitution which leads to the generation of one of the **stop codons**.
- **This will result in premature termination of translation of a peptide chain.**



3- Frameshift Mutations

If a mutation involves the insertion or deletion of nucleotides which are **not a multiple of three**, it will disrupt the **reading frame** and constitute what is known as a frameshift mutation.



Mutation Harmful vs. Helpful



- **Mutations harmful:**

- -be bad, leading to cancer, aging, birth defects, self-aborted embryos

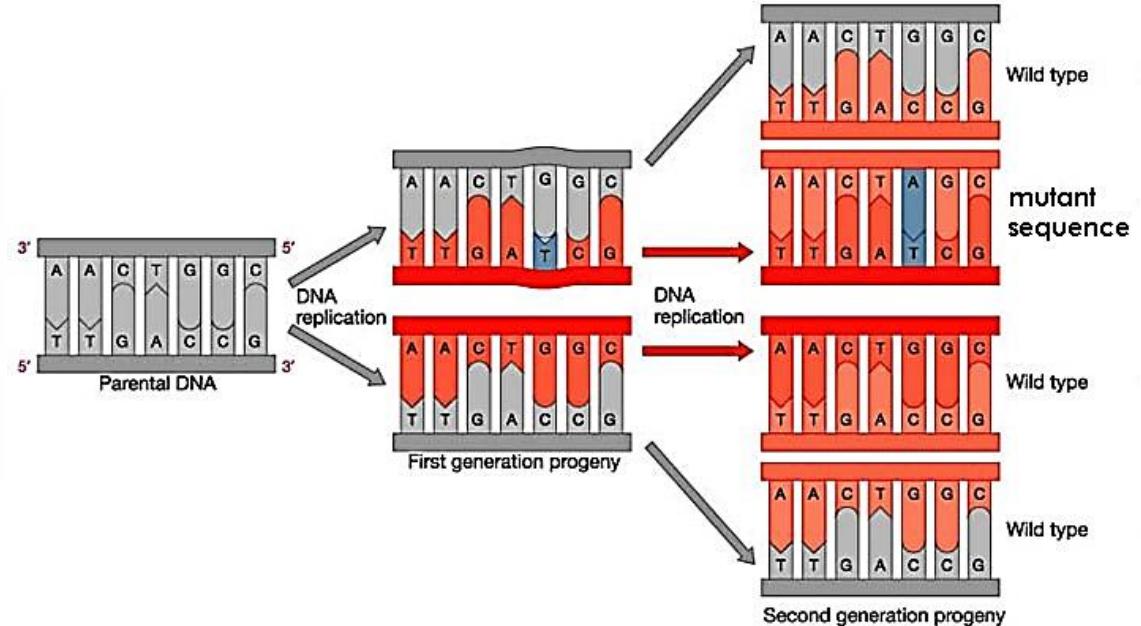
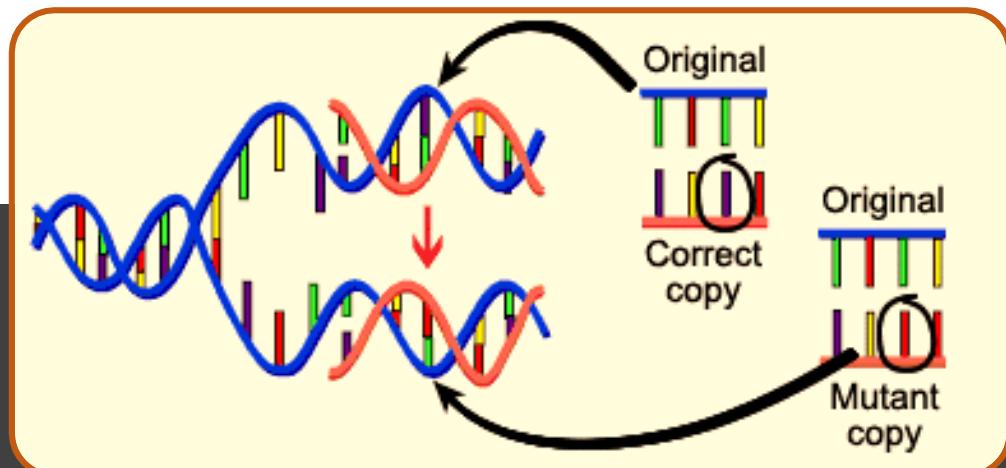
- **Mutations helpful:**

- be good, making an organism survive better in its environment
- Example: bacteria becoming antibiotic-resistant
- The ability to drink milk as an adult is a helpful mutation (Lactose)





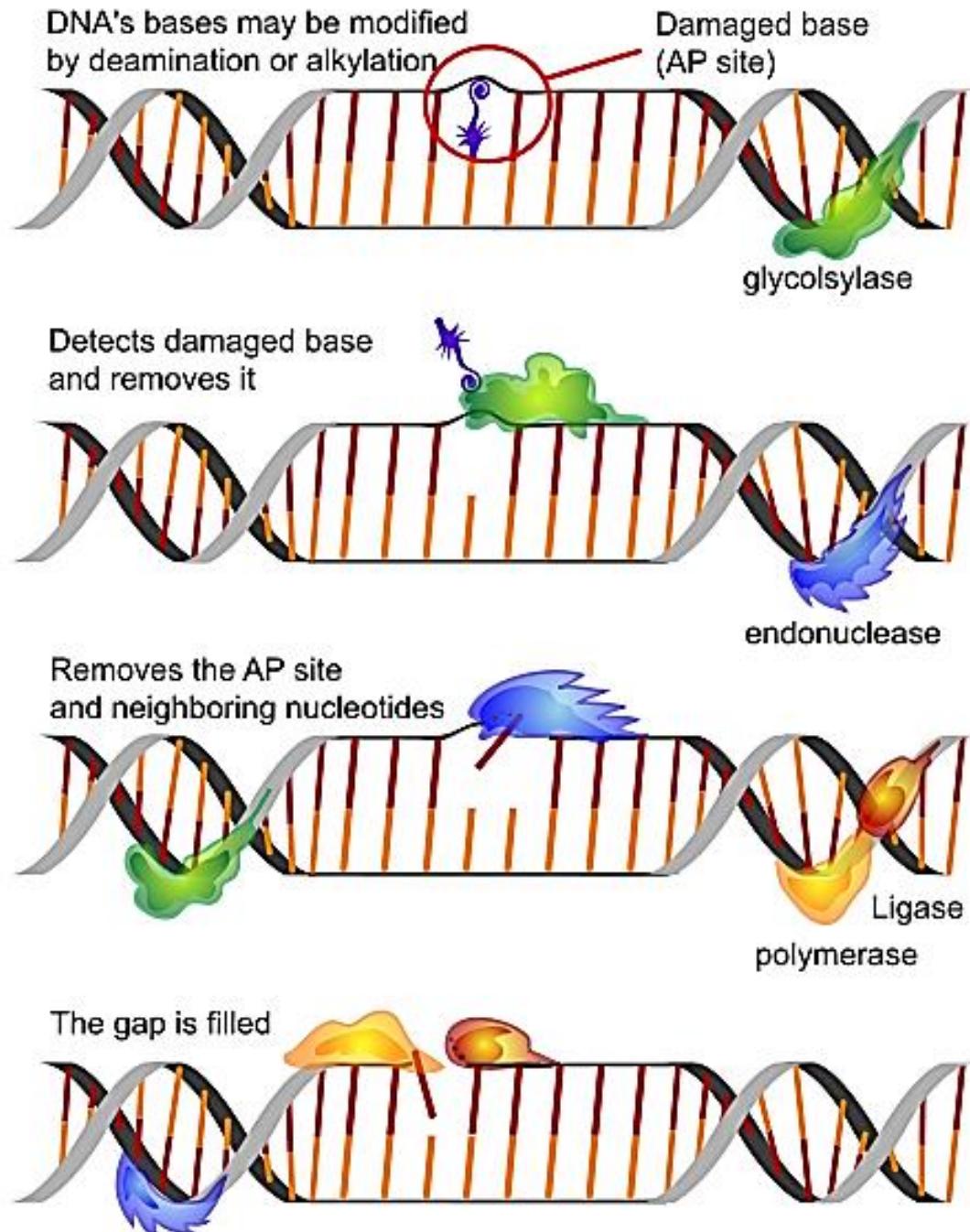
usually happens during DNA replication



When Mutations happen

Mutation Repair

Note: Our DNA mutates all the time, but our cells have repair mechanisms. It is the overexposure to a mutagen that causes the worst problems, because the cell cannot repair all of it in time. Also, repair effectiveness reduces with age.



What can cause a mutation?

- A mutation can be inherited, caused by environmental agents, or happen spontaneously
- Mutagen – anything environmental that can cause a change in DNA

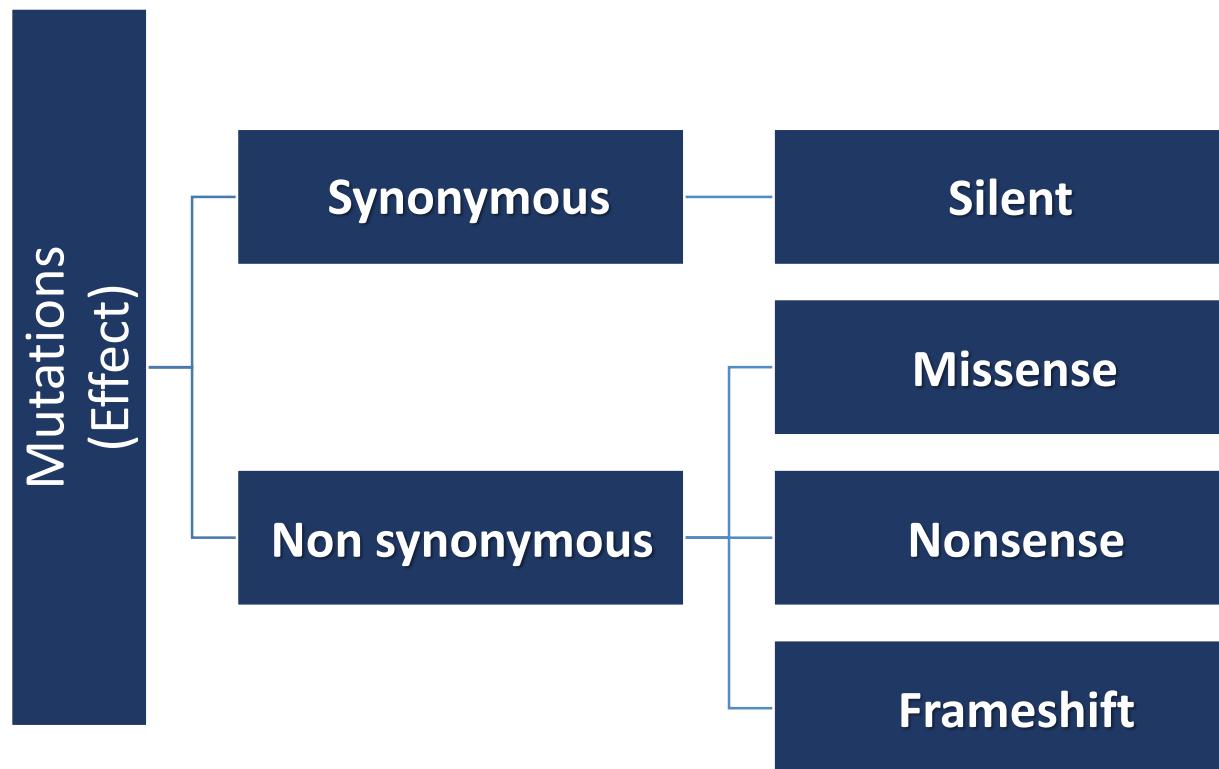
Mutagens

- Radiation – UV, X-rays, nuclear and wain
- Chemicals – asbestos, formaldehyde, chemicals in tobacco products
- (many mutagens are also carcinogens – cancer causing)



Concept Check 2

Effects of mutations on the protein





**Test your
information**

1. A mutation that changes a codon specifying an amino acid into a **stop codon** is called a:

- A. missense mutation.
- B. nonsense mutation.
- C. frameshift mutation.
- D. deletion mutation



2. A mutation that changes a codon specifying an amino acid into a **different amino acid** is called a:

- A. missense mutation.
- B. nonsense mutation.
- C. synonymous mutation.
- D. deletion mutation



3. A mutation that changes a codon into another codon specifying **the same amino acid** is called a:

- A. missense mutation.
- B. nonsense mutation.
- C. synonymous mutation.
- D. deletion mutation



4. Type of mutation caused by an addition or deletion of one base in the coding region:

- A. missense mutation.
- B. nonsense mutation.
- C. synonymous mutation.
- D. Frame-shift mutation



5. _____ Type of mutation in which a pyrimidine is substituted for a purine:

- A. Transition
- B. Transversion
- C. Frameshift
- D. Conversion
- E. Inversion



6. _____ Type of mutation in which a purine is substituted for a purine :

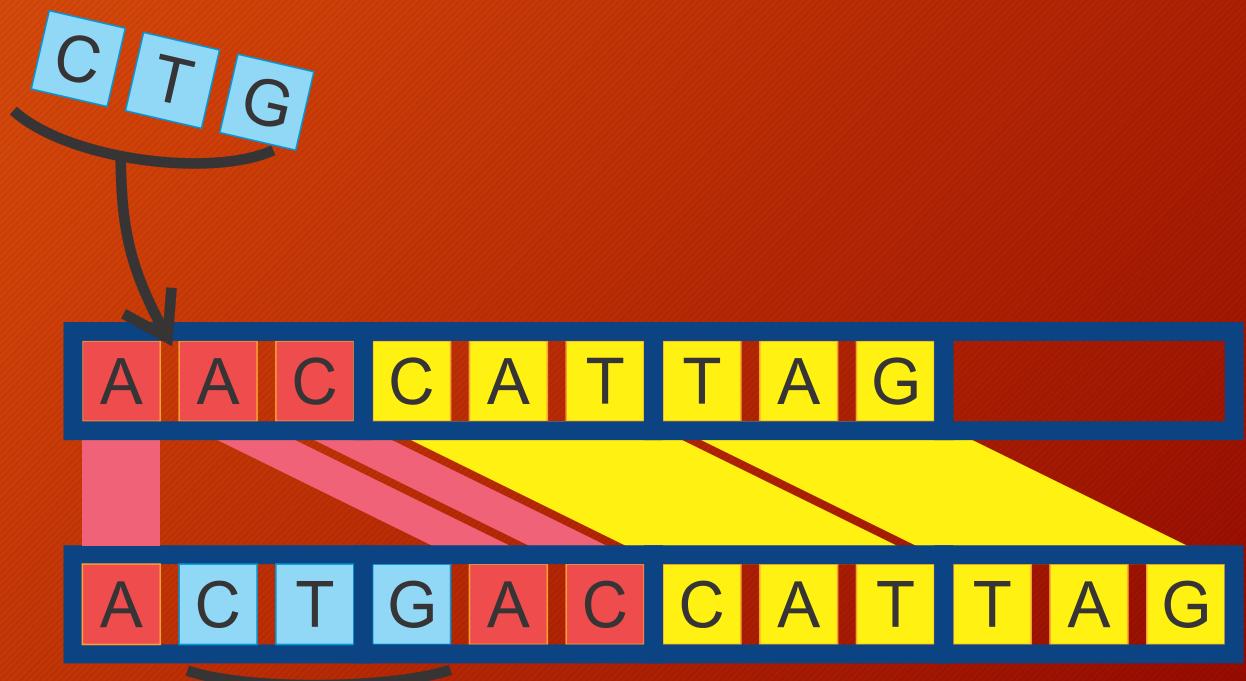
- A. Transition
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7. Study the figure and answer:

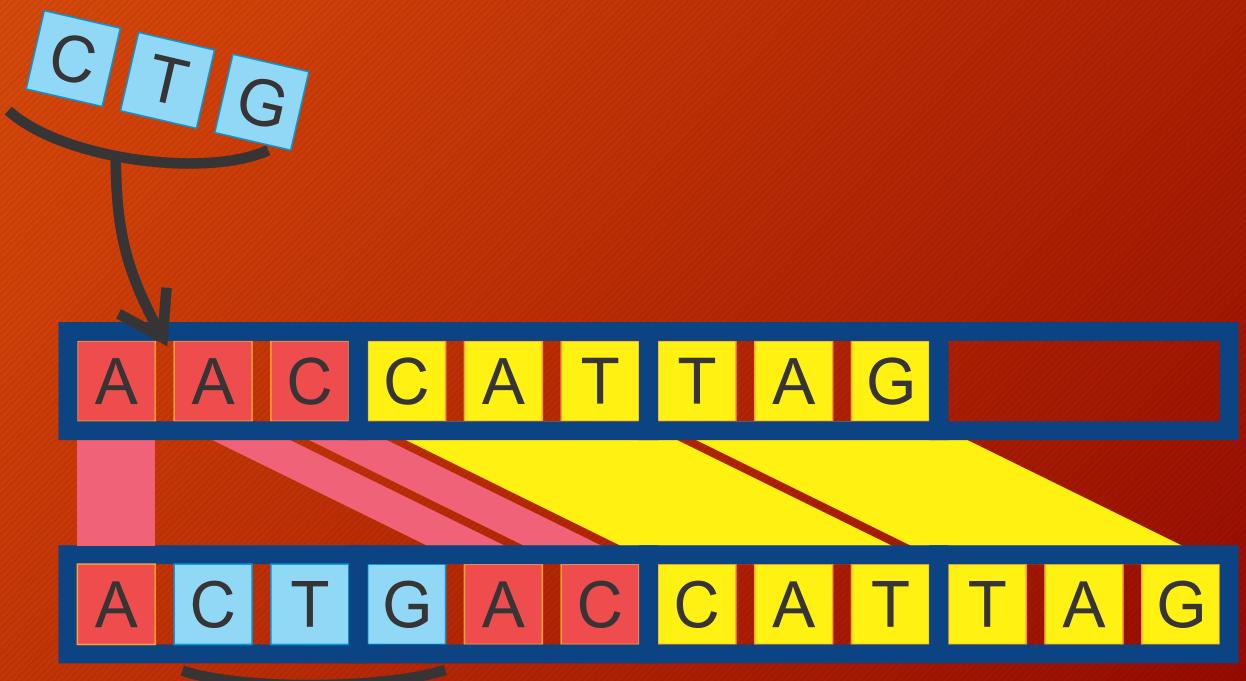
I. What is the type of mutation?

- A. Insertion
- B. Deletion
- C. Substitution



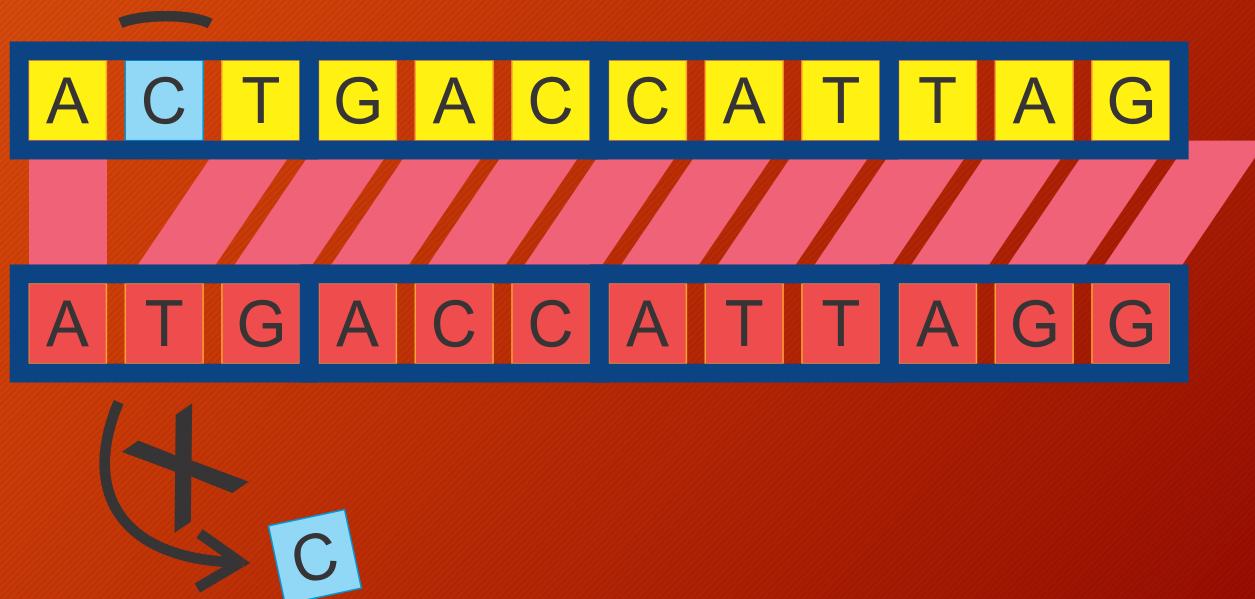
8 II. Did this mutation produce a frame-shift?

- A. Yes
- B. No



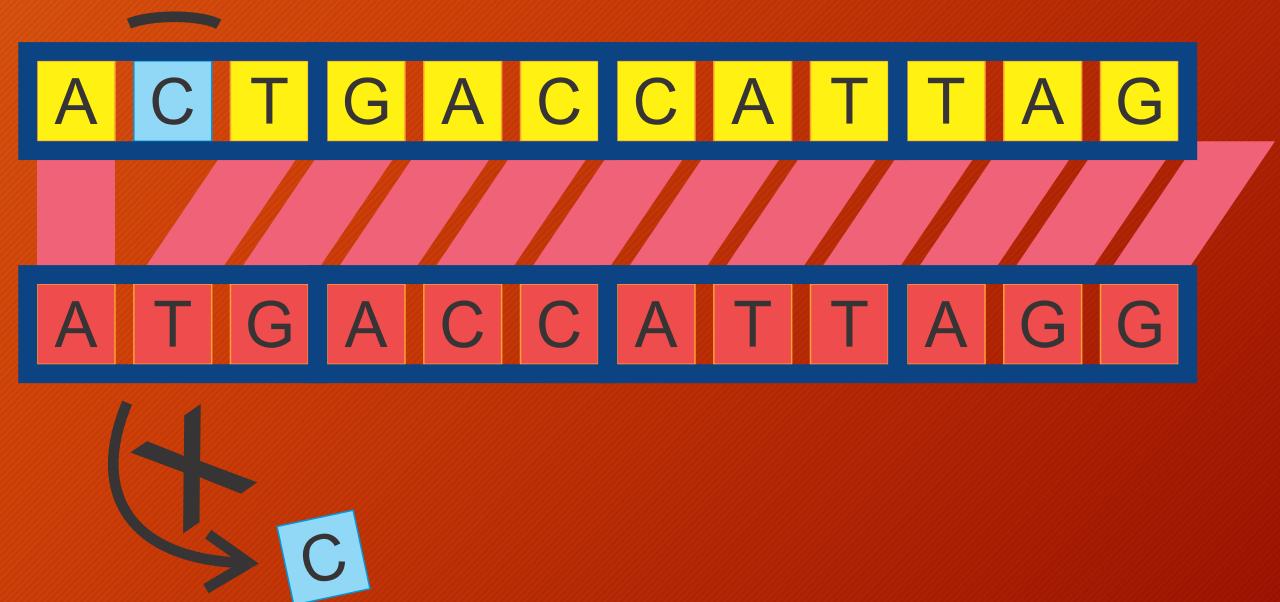
9. Study the figure and answer:
What is the type of mutation

- A. Insertion
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- C. Substitution



10. Did this mutation produce a frame-shift?

- A. Yes
- B. No



End of Lecture Good Luck!

See you
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Greetings of
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