

		Second letter					
		U	C	A	G		
U	UUU	Phe	UCU UCC UCA UCG	Tyr	UGU UGC	Cys	U
	UUC						UAA Stop
	UUA	Leu		UAG Stop	UGG Trp	A	
	UUG			G			
C	CUU	Leu	CCU CCC CCA CCG	His	CGU CGC CGA CGG	Arg	U
	CUC						Gin
	CUA			G			
	CUG						G
A	AUU	Ile	ACU ACC ACA ACG	Asn	AGU AGC	Ser	U
	AUC						Lys
	AUA	Met		G	A		
	AUG				G		
G	GUU	Val	GCU GCC GCA GCG	Asp	GGU GGC GGA GGG	Gly	U
	GUC						Glu
	GUA			G			
	GUG						G

Figure 2.1 The genetic code converts information stored in DNA to function proteins through mRNA. Above is a table detailing the amino acids corresponding to the nucleotide sequences present in mRNA.

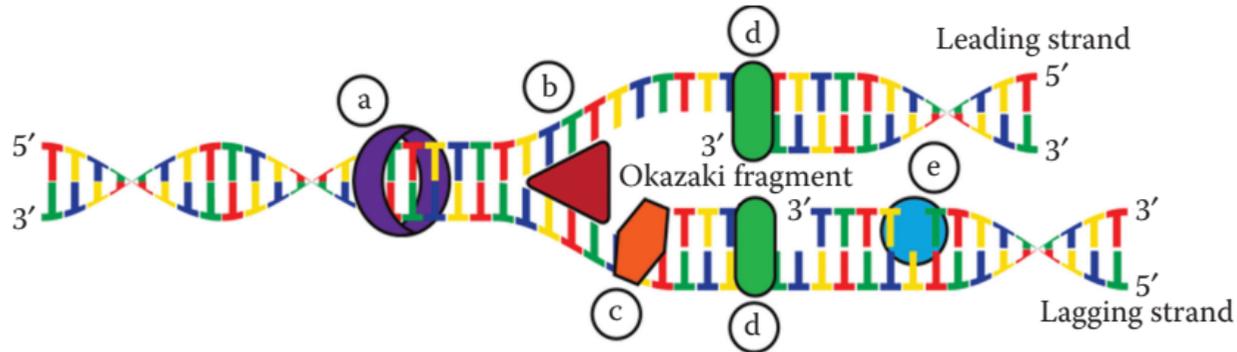


Figure 2.2 DNA replication begins with topoisomerase unwinding the double helix (a), followed by helicase splitting the DNA into single strands (b), then DNA primase generates a single RNA primer (c), and DNA polymerase binds to the RNA primer and generates complementary strands (termed Okazaki fragments) (d), finally, the Okazaki fragments are joined together by DNA ligase (e).

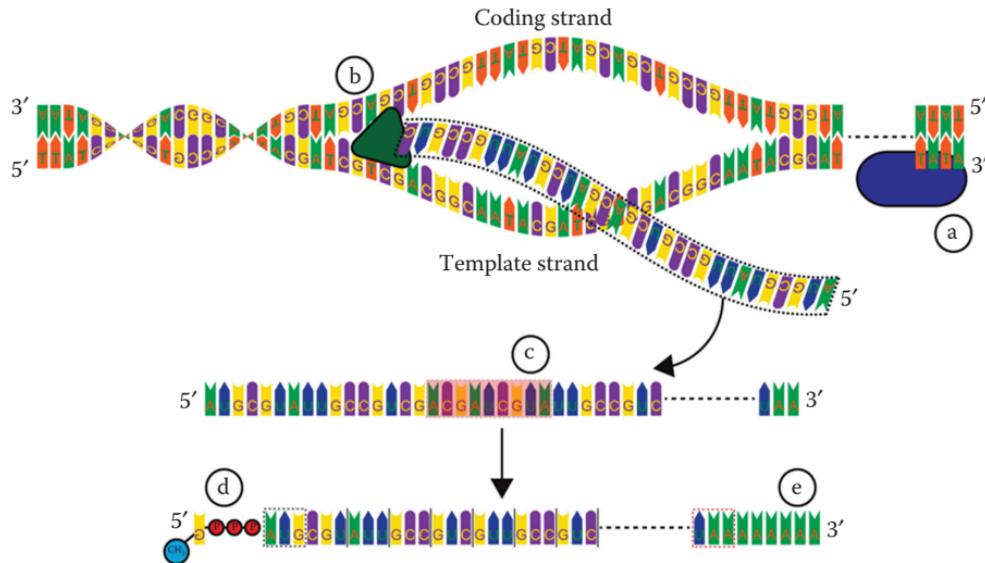


Figure 2.3 The process of DNA transcription begins with transcription factor binding (a), then RNA polymerase generates a complementary RNA sequence (b), and finally concludes with posttranslational modifications (c–e).

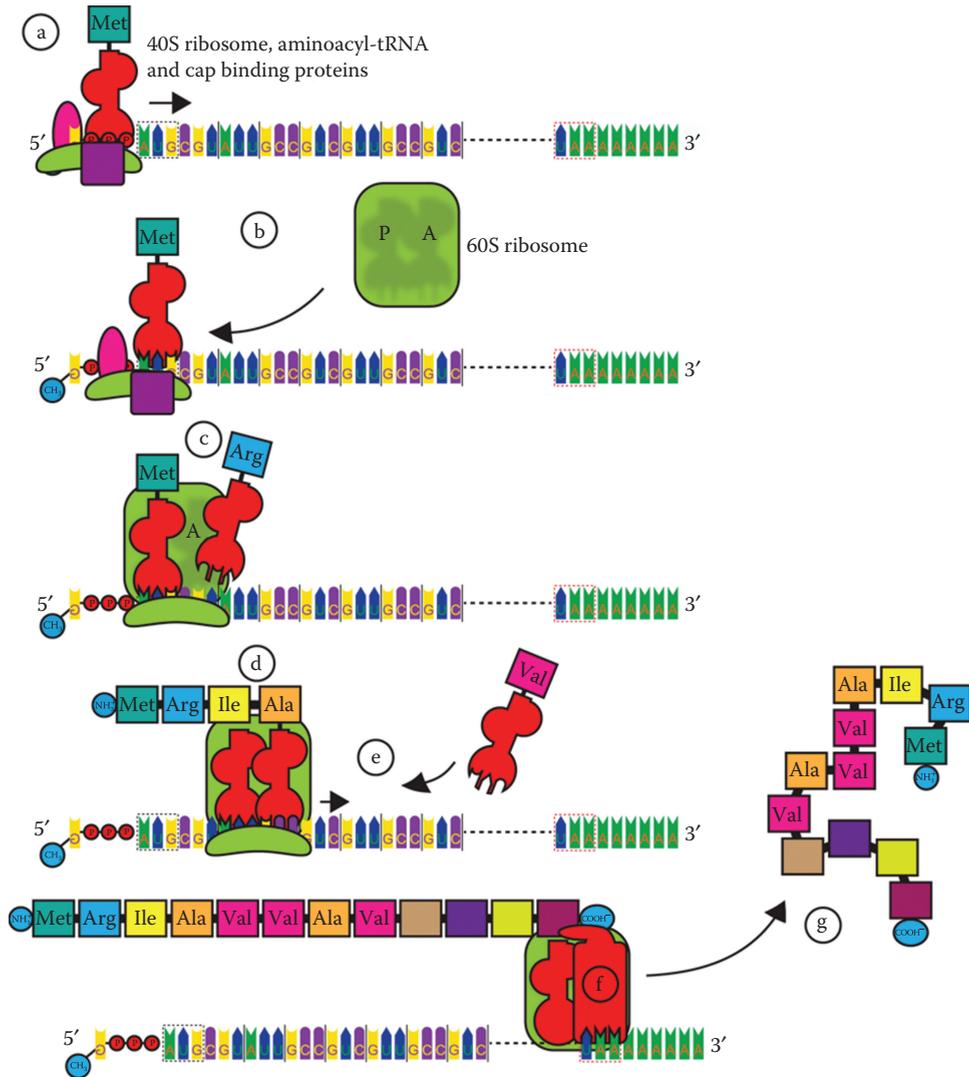


Figure 2.4 Translation of mRNA into proteins begins with the 40S ribosome and the initial amino acid tRNA (methionine aminoacyl-tRNA) binding the mRNA (a), then the 60S ribosome binds the 40S ribosome (b), and together they facilitate the binding of appropriate tRNAs based on the mRNA sequence (c), and promote the cleavage of the amino acid from the tRNA while forming a peptide bond to the nascent peptide chain (d), this process repeats down the mRNA (e), until a stop codon terminates the peptide chain formation releasing the protein (f), and the protein undergoes posttranslational modification (g).

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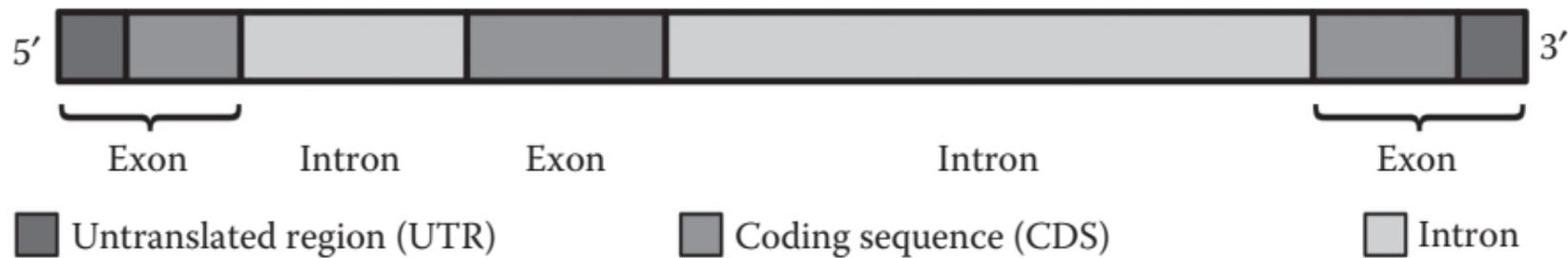


Figure 2.5 General organization of the DNA sequence. Only the exons encode a functional peptide or RNA. The coding region accounts for about 3% of the total DNA in a human cell.

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GGGTTAGGGTTAGGGTTAGGGTTAGGGTTAGGGTTAGG
GTTAGGGTTAGGGTTAGGGTTAGGGTTAGGGTTAG . . .

Figure 2.6 An entire telomere, about 15 kb, is constituted by thousands of the repeated sequence *GGGTTA*.

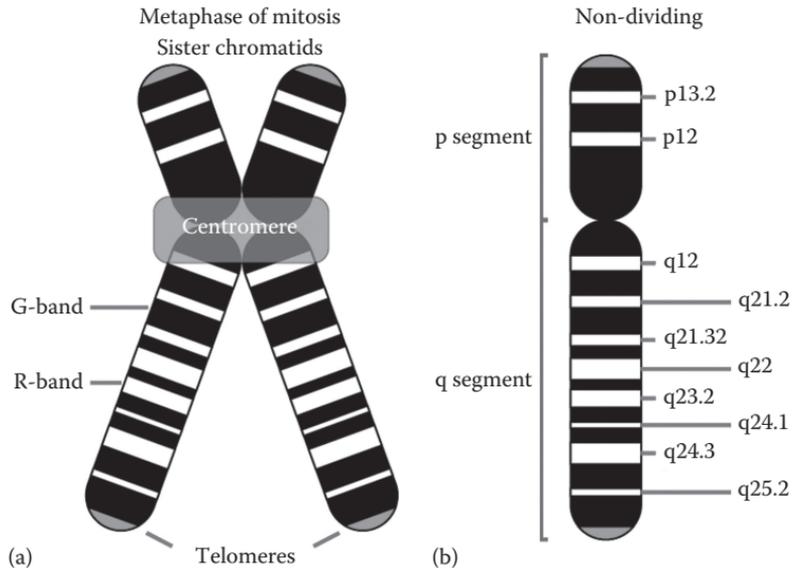


Figure 2.7 Schematic drawing of chromosomes. (a) During the metaphase of cell division, a chromosome becomes two sister chromatids attached at the centromere. (b) Notations about the chromosome bands. This figure uses human chromosome 17 as an example.