

## DNA Replication

I have summarized the three steps in DNA replication below. Use this information as well as the information gathered in your notes to answer the questions that follow.

**STEP 1:** The double helix unzips (with helicase) down the middle as base pairs separate.

**STEP 2:** DNA polymerase adds the correct complimentary nucleotide to each exposed strand.

**STEP 3:** A complimentary strand is created for each original strand in the double helix.

### Questions:

1. Fill in the correct complimentary base for each of the following bases found in DNA.

Complimentary Base

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|-------------|-------|
| a. guanine  | _____ |
| b. adenine  | _____ |
| c. thymine  | _____ |
| d. cytosine | _____ |

2. Which of the four bases above are purines? Look in your text book for a picture of the bases. Purines are single ringed structures.

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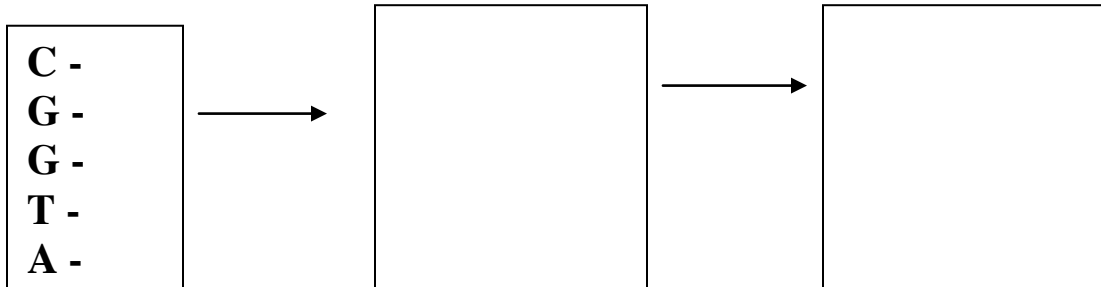
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3. Which of the four bases above are pyrimidines? Look in your text book for a picture of the bases. Pyrimidines are double ringed structures.

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4. Draw a picture of the result of each step of DNA replication below. I have given you the sequence of one strand of DNA in the first box. Begin by filling in the complimentary bases for the second strand in the box.



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Replicate the following DNA molecules. Use a different color pens (or pencils) to show the difference between the original and new strands of DNA.

