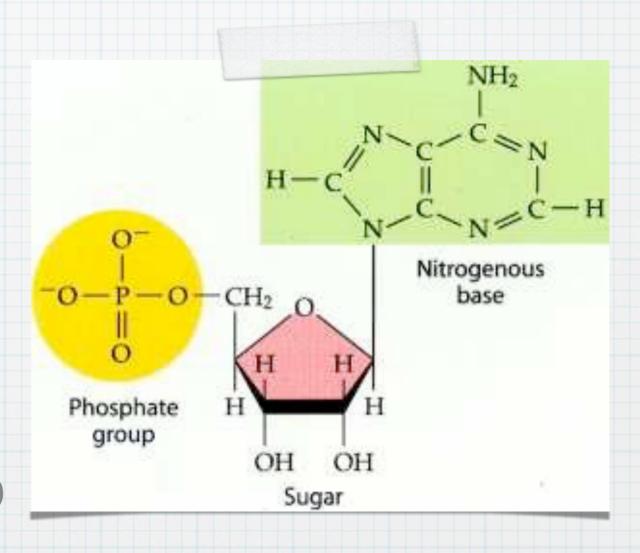


Nucleic Acid Functions

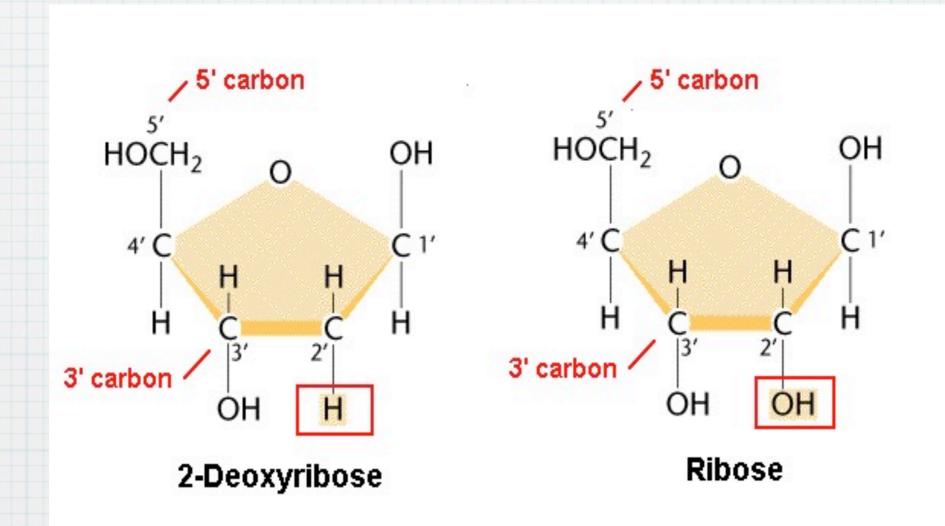
* deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) and ribonucleic acid (RNA) used for protein assembly & hereditary information

Nucleic Acid Structure

- * nucleic acids are polymers of nucleotides
- * nucleotide:
 - * sugar
 - * phosphate group
 - * nitrogenous base

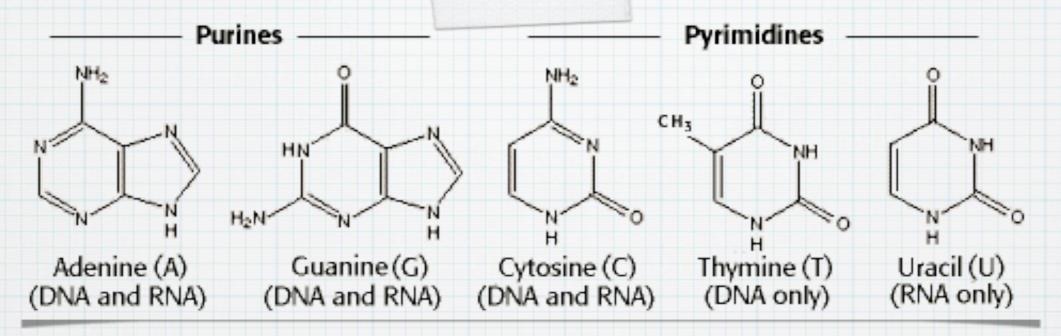


Veoxyribose & Ribose

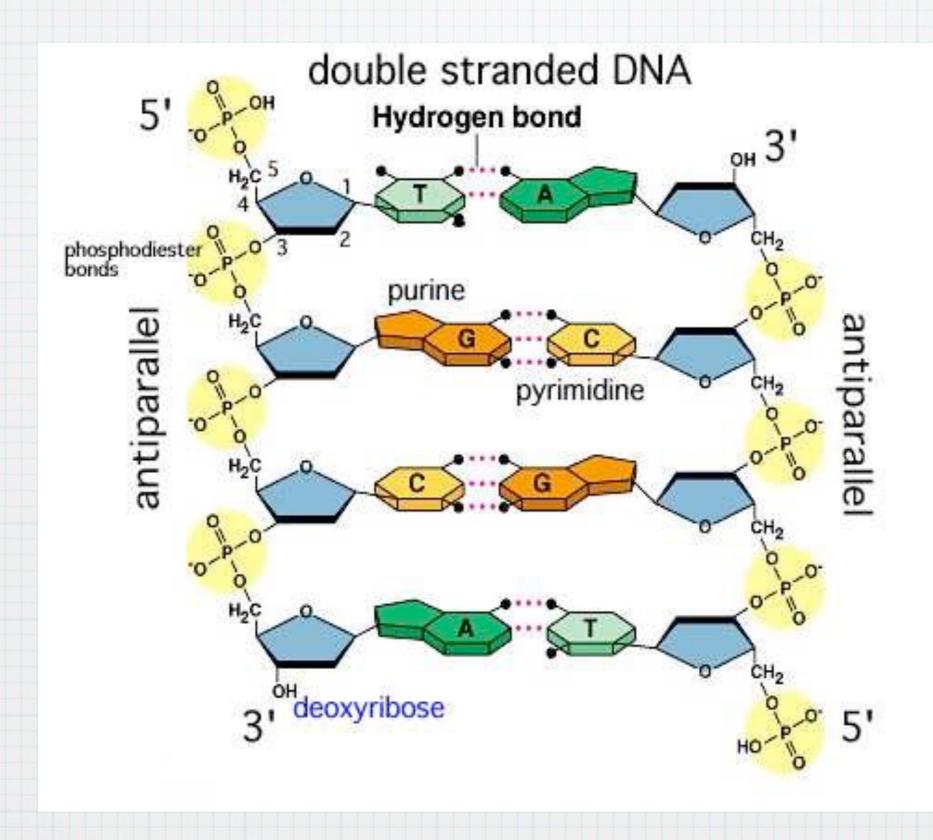


(Klug & Cummings 1997)

Nitrogenous Bases

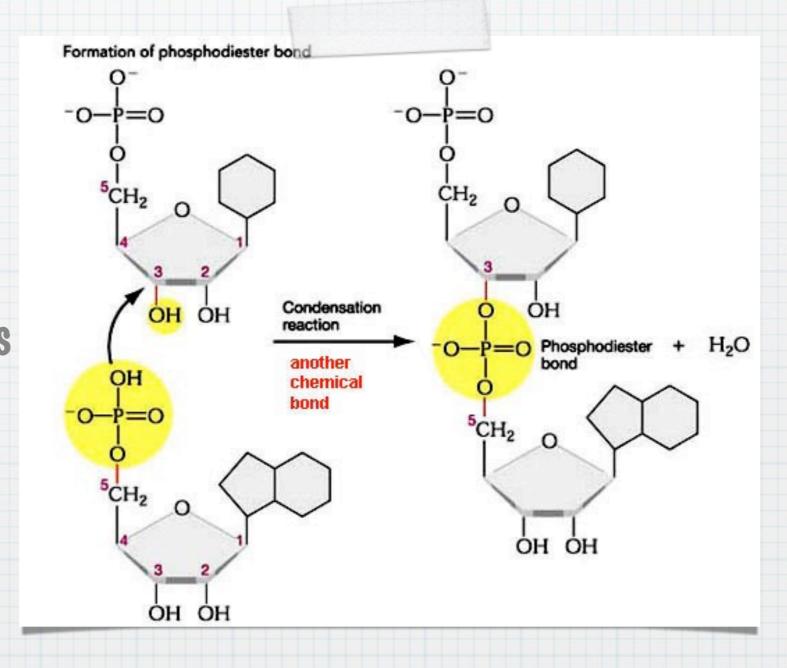


- * Purines: Double ring structure
 - * Adenine, Guanine
- * Pyrimidines: Single ring structure
 - * Cytosine, Thymine, Uracil



Nucleotide Bonding

* Nucleotides are help together by phosphodiester bonds



Adenosine Triphosphate

* Adenosine triphosphate (ATP) is the primary source of free energy in living cells

