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Zoology Paper - X

DSE- F29 (Molecular cell biology & Animal
Biotechnology)

Unit- I - Molecular biology

Chapter – I DNA Replication (Semiconservative model)

DNA Replication

➤ Types of DNA replication

Semi-conservative model of DNA replication

Prokaryotic DNA replication

Eukaryotic DNA replication

Inhibitors of DNA replication

(Analogues, Intercalation, Polymerase Inhibitors)

➤ DNA damage

Types and agents of mutations

Spontaneous, Radiation, Chemicals.

➤ Repair mechanisms

Base Excision, Nucleotide Excision, Mismatch Repair.

➤ DNA-recombination

In meiosis

Transposition

DNA Replication

- A process in which daughter DNAs are synthesized using the parental DNAs as template.
- Transferring the genetic information to the descendant generation.

DNA Replication

DNA replication includes:

- **Initiation** – replication begins at an **origin of replication**
- **Elongation** – new strands of DNA are synthesized by **DNA polymerase**
- **Termination** – replication is terminated differently in prokaryotes and eukaryotes

DNA Replication in Bacteria

- To begin DNA replication, unwinding enzymes called **DNA helicases** cause the two parent DNA strands to unwind and separate from one another at the origin of replication to form two "Y"-shaped **replication forks**.
- These replication forks are the actual site of DNA copying.



DNA Replication in Bacteria

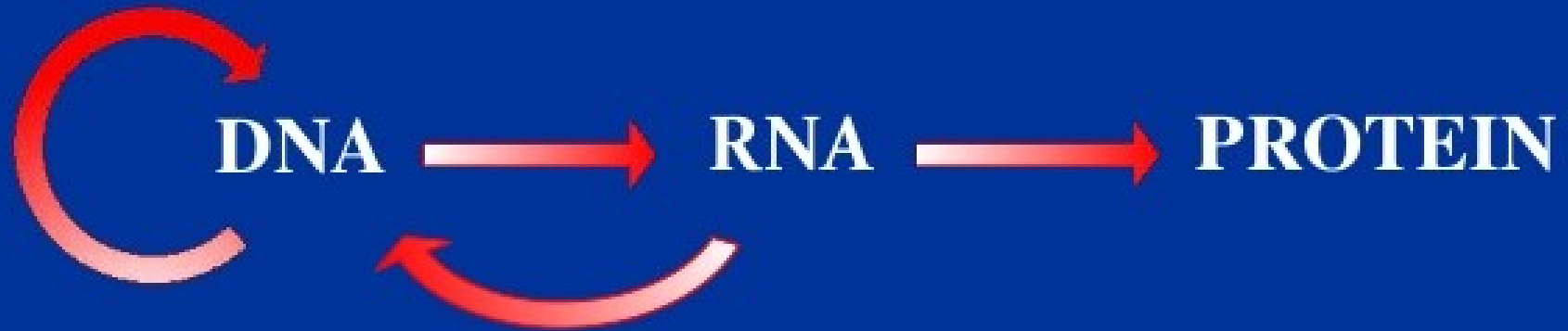
- **Helix destabilizing proteins** bind to the single-stranded regions so the two strands do not rejoin.
- Enzymes called **topoisomerases** produce breaks in the DNA and then rejoin them in order to relieve the stress in the helical molecule during replication.

Central dogma

Replication

Transcription

Translation



DNA

RNA

PROTEIN

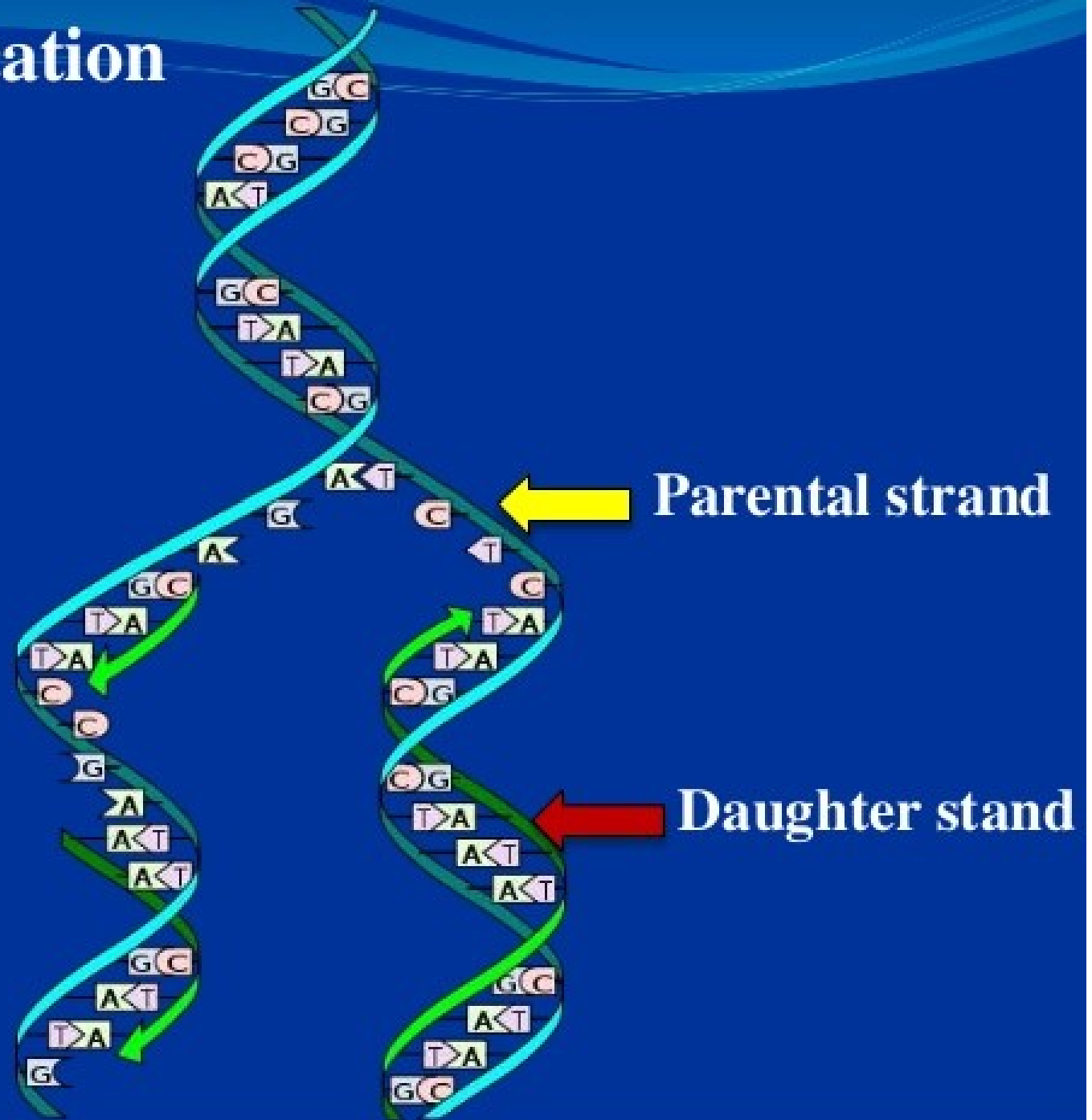
Reverse
transcription

➤ DNA replication is a biological process that occurs in all living organisms and copies their exact DNA. It is the basis for biological inheritance.

➤ **Replication** is the process of synthesis of daughter DNA from parental DNA by the enzyme DNA Polymerase.

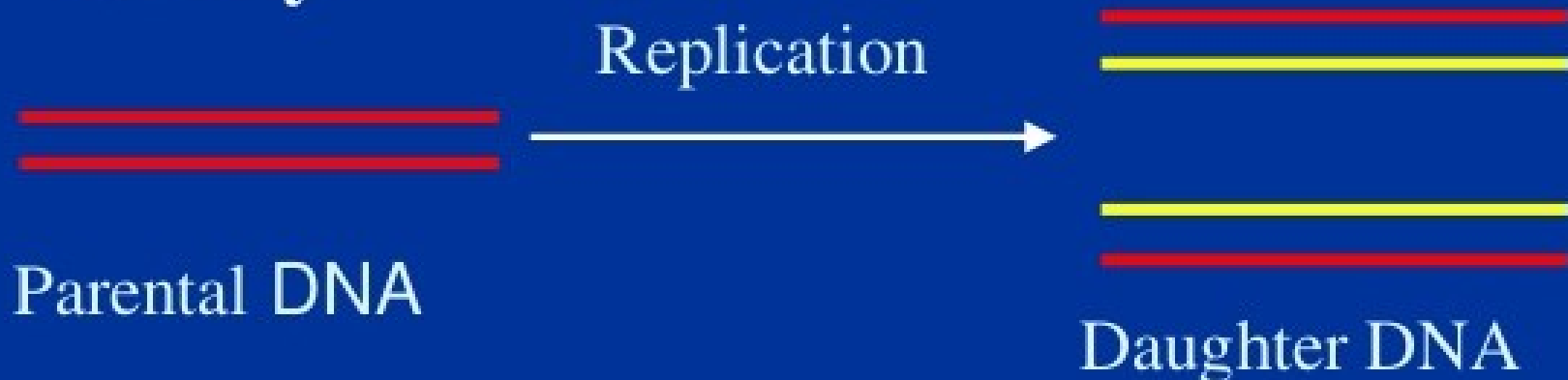


DNA Replication



DNA Replication

- A reaction in which daughter DNAs are synthesized using the parental DNAs as the template.
- Transferring the **genetic information** to the descendant generation with a high fidelity.



Three possible replication patterns:

- 1. Semiconservative replication*
- 2. Conservative replication*
- 3. Dispersive replication*

Semiconservative replication

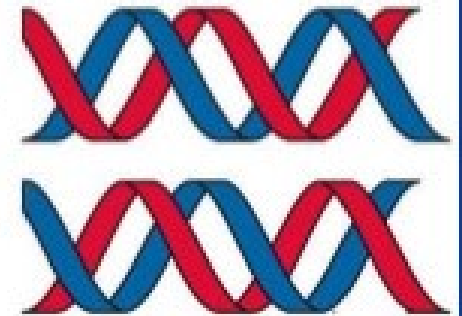
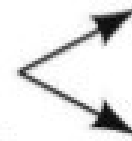
Conservative replication

Dispersive replication

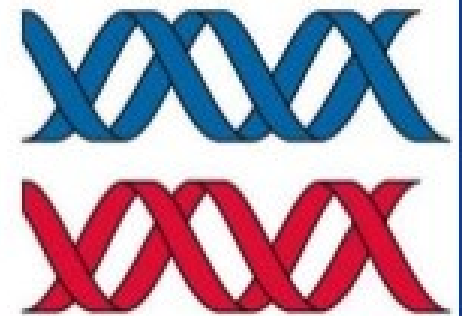
Original DNA

After one round of replication

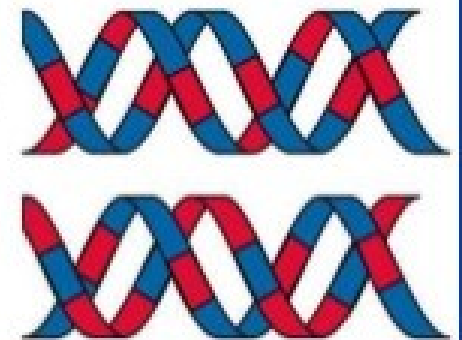
(A)



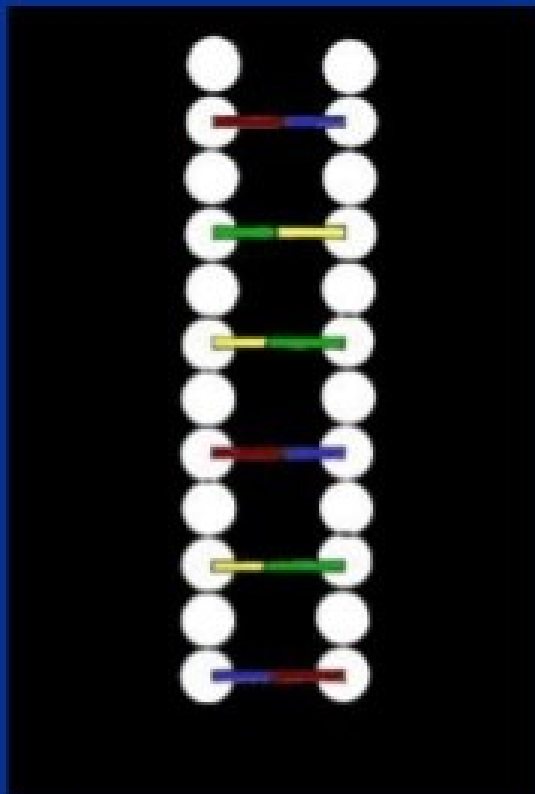
(B)



(C)



Each parent strand serves as a template for a new strand and the two new DNA strands each have one old and one new strand



Parent strands

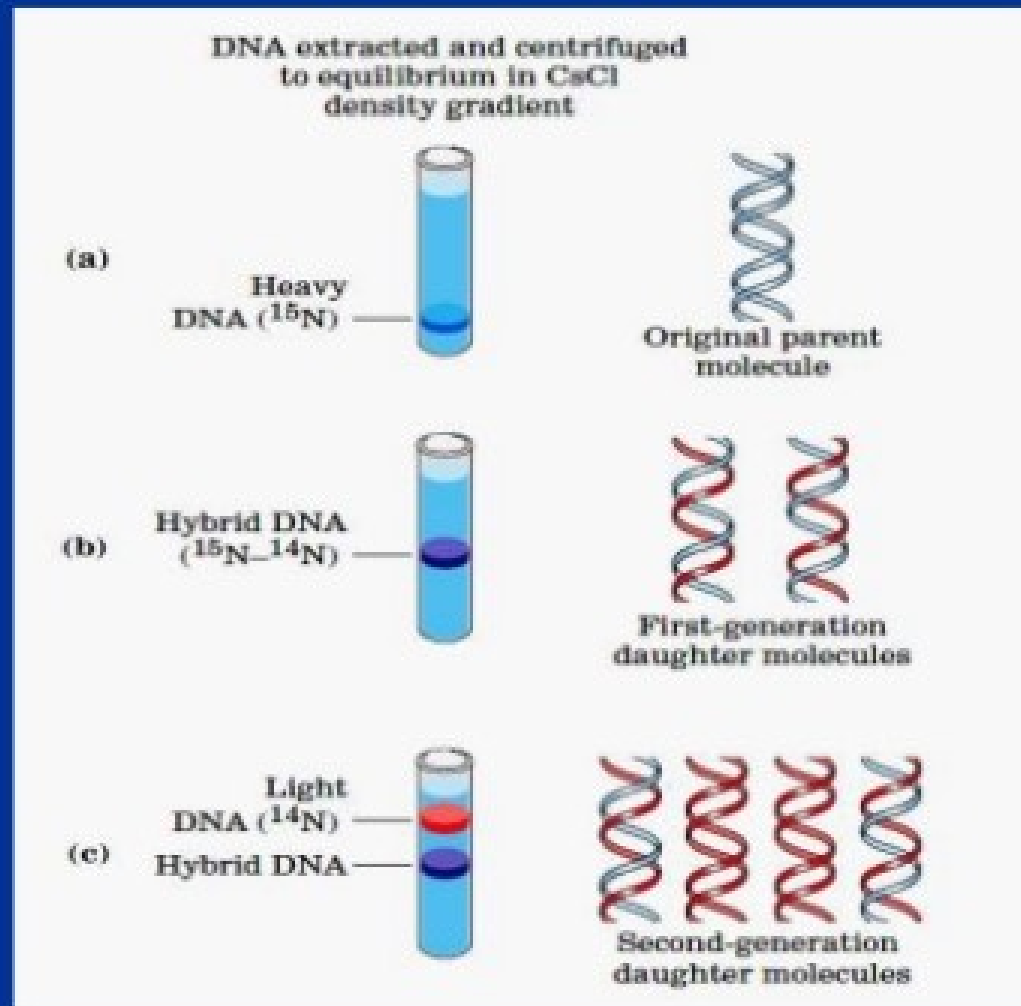
New / Daughter strand

Characteristics of Replication

- **Semi-conservative replication**
- **Bidirectional replication**
- **Semi-continuous replication**
- **High fidelity**

Meselson and Stahl experiment [1958]

demonstrated Semiconservative replication





1

E. coli grown in the presence of ¹⁵N (a heavy isotope of Nitrogen) for many generations

- Cells get heavy-labeled DNA



2

E. coli placed in medium containing only ¹⁴N (a light isotope of Nitrogen)

Sampled at:
0 min

20 min

40 min



3

Cells broken open to extract DNA

4

Suspended DNA in Cesium chloride (CsCl) solution.



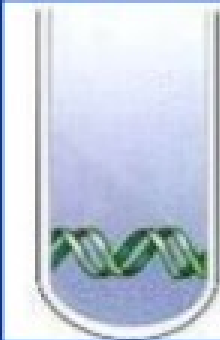


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CsCl density gradient centrifugation

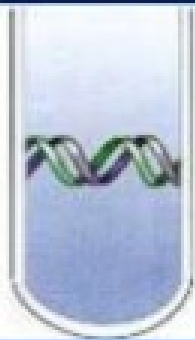


0 min



Both strands heavy

20 min



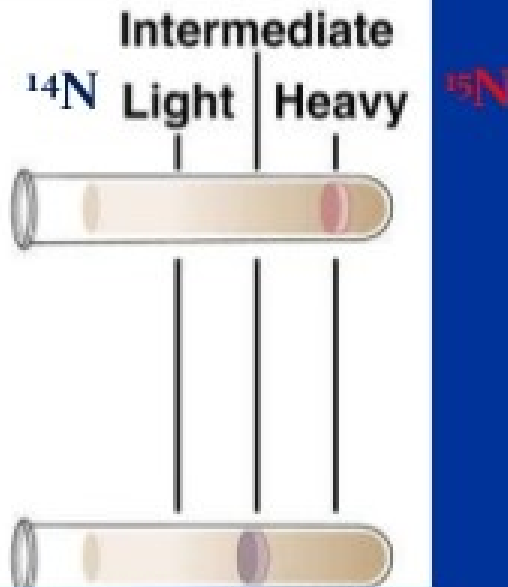
F1 generation DNA (one heavy/one light strand)

40 min



F2 generation DNA:
▪ Two light strands
▪ One heavy/One light strand

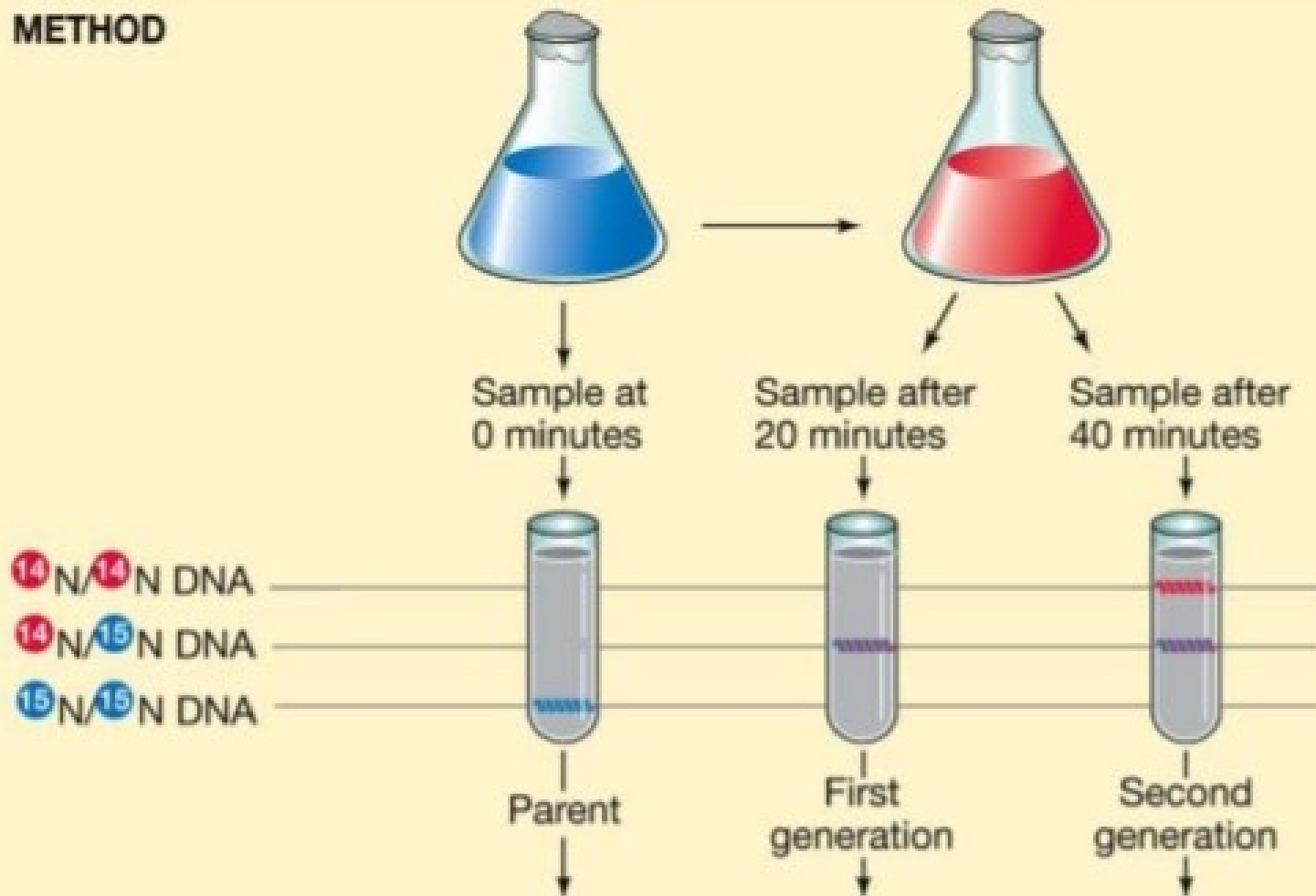
DNA



EXPERIMENT

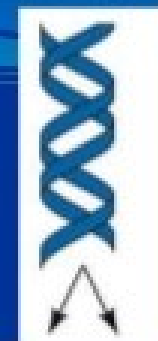
HYPOTHESIS: Each DNA strand replicates semiconservatively.

METHOD



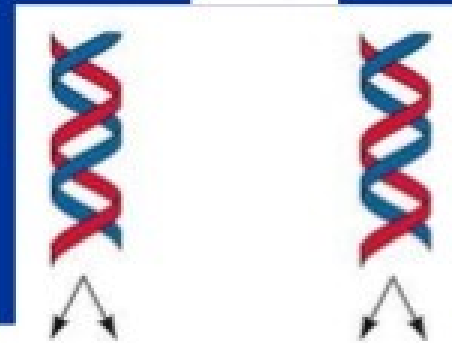
Three rounds of replication:

Original DNA



0 min

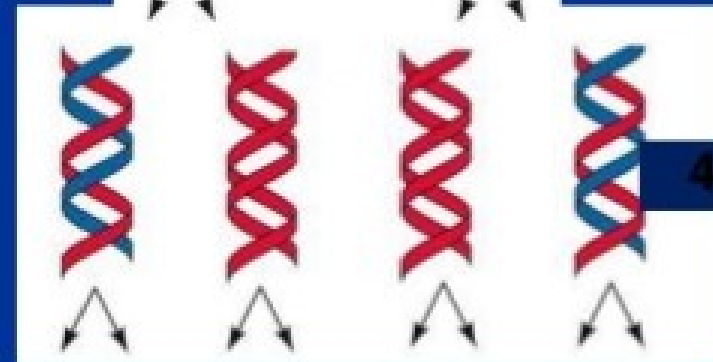
1st Round:



20 min

2nd

Round:

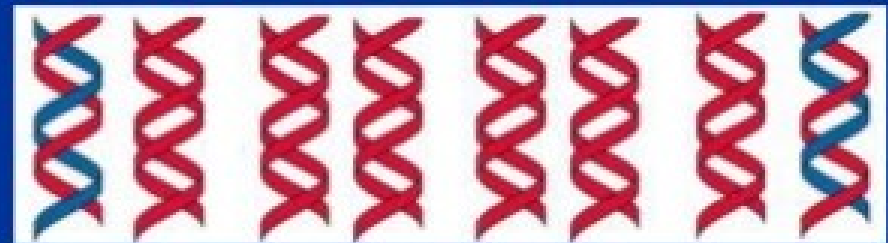


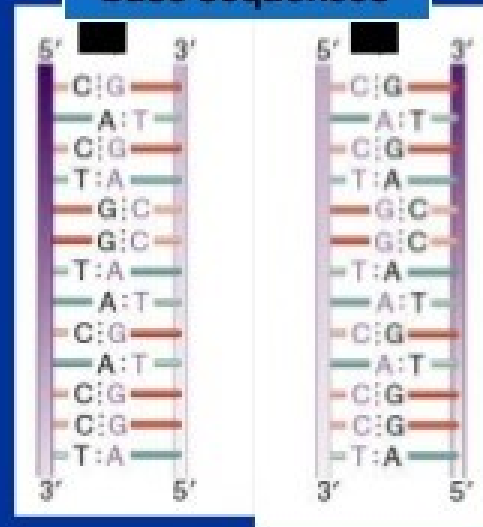
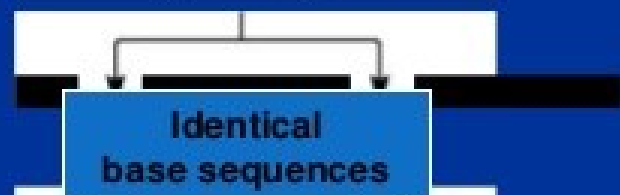
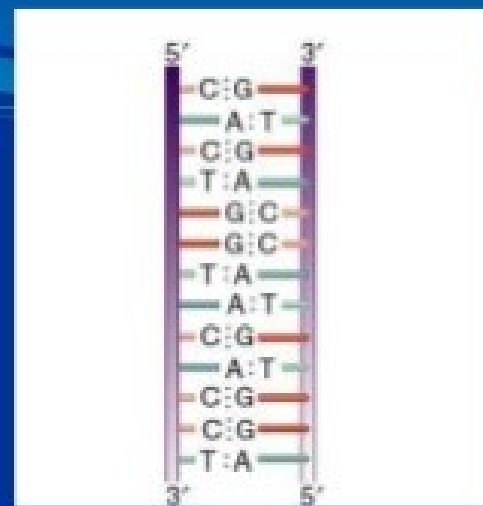
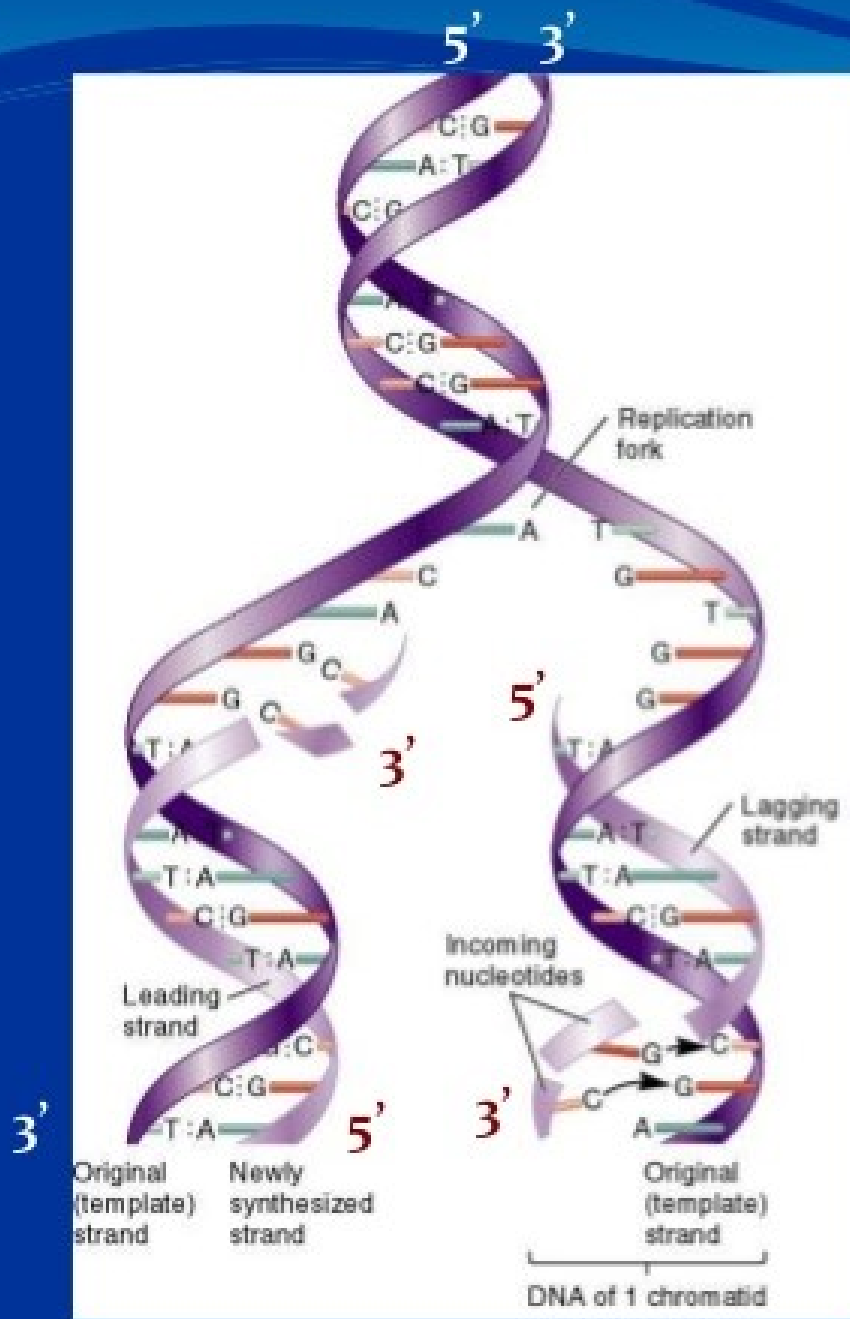
40 min

60 min?

3rd

Round:

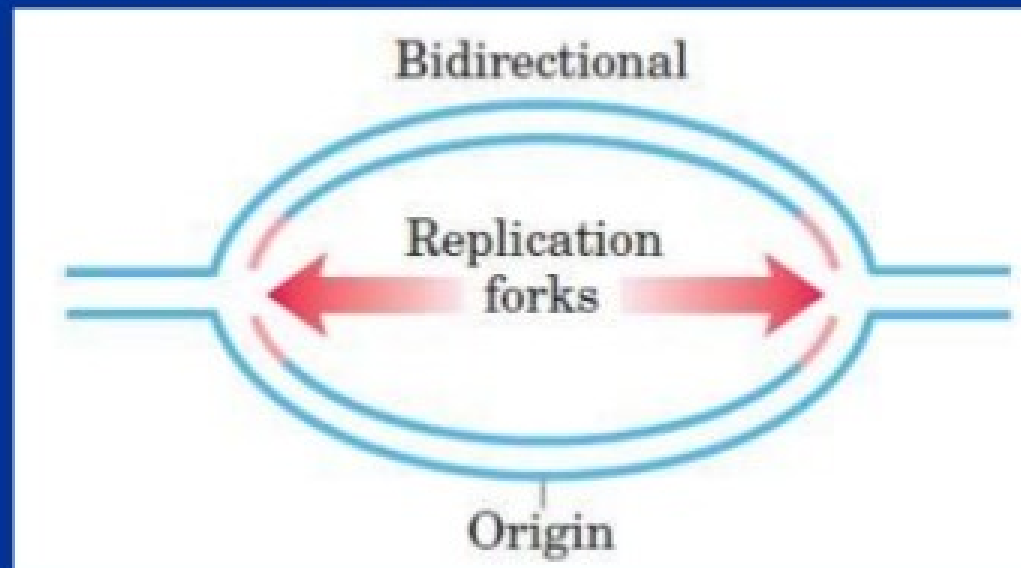
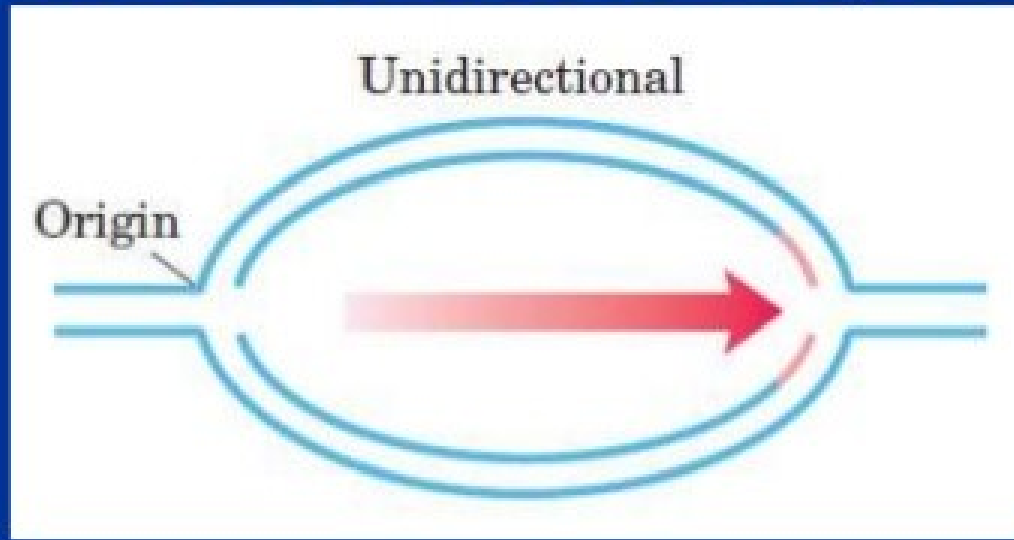




Semiconservative Replication

Half of the parental DNA molecule is conserved in each new double helix, paired with a newly synthesized complementary strand. This is called semiconservative replication.

Direction of the DNA Replication



Thank You