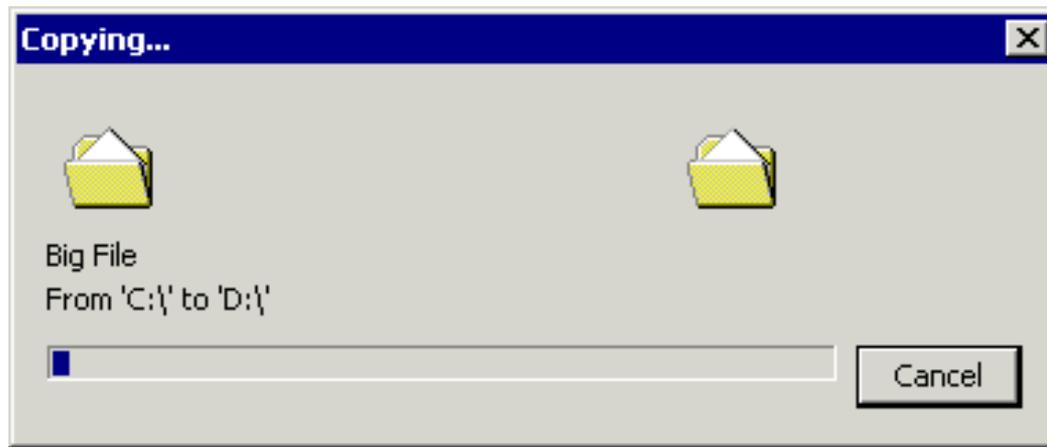


REPLICATION



Replication: Copying to molecule of life

The requirements for DNA to be genetic material

Must carry information

- Cracking the genetic code

Must replicate

- DNA replication

Must allow for information to change

- Mutation

Must govern the expression of the phenotype

- Gene function

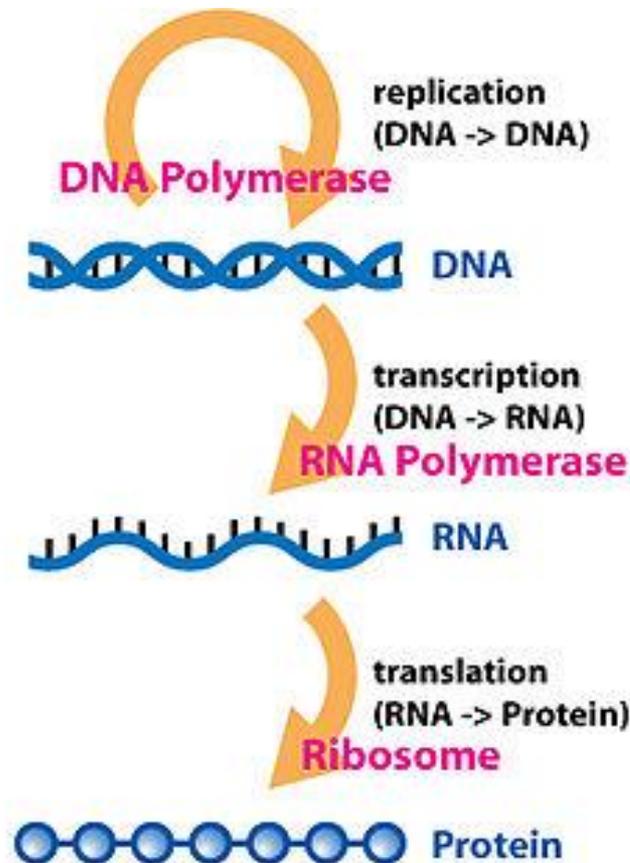
- The most important feature of DNA is its ability to replicate itself.

self-duplication

- *Goal;* is the formation of an exact copy of the DNA molecule to transfer the genetic information to subsequent generations.

CENTRAL DOGMA

- All of the information transfer processes in the cell are called **central dogma**.



When and where DNA replication take place?

- The DNA molecule is replicated once per cell cycle.
- If there is a problem with DNA replication, cell division will stop.
- DNA synthesis occurs at the **S phase of the cell cycle in the nucleus.**

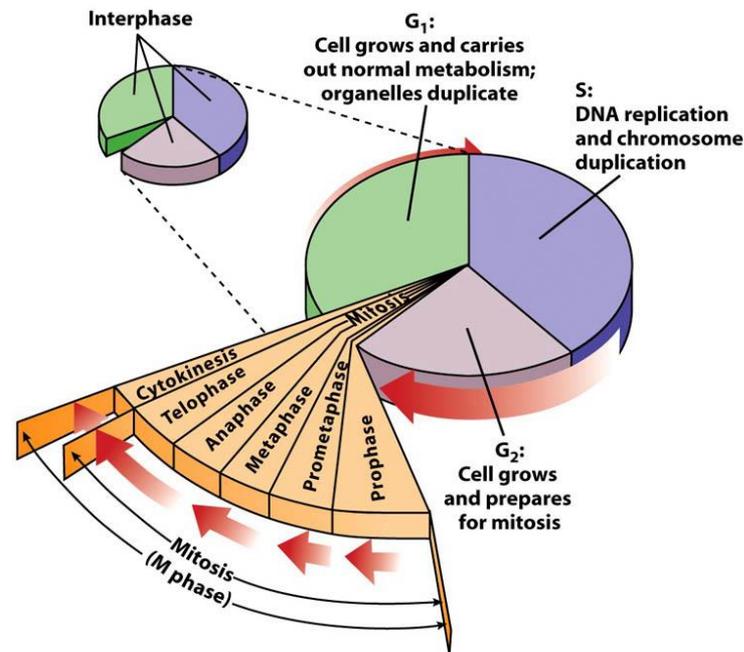


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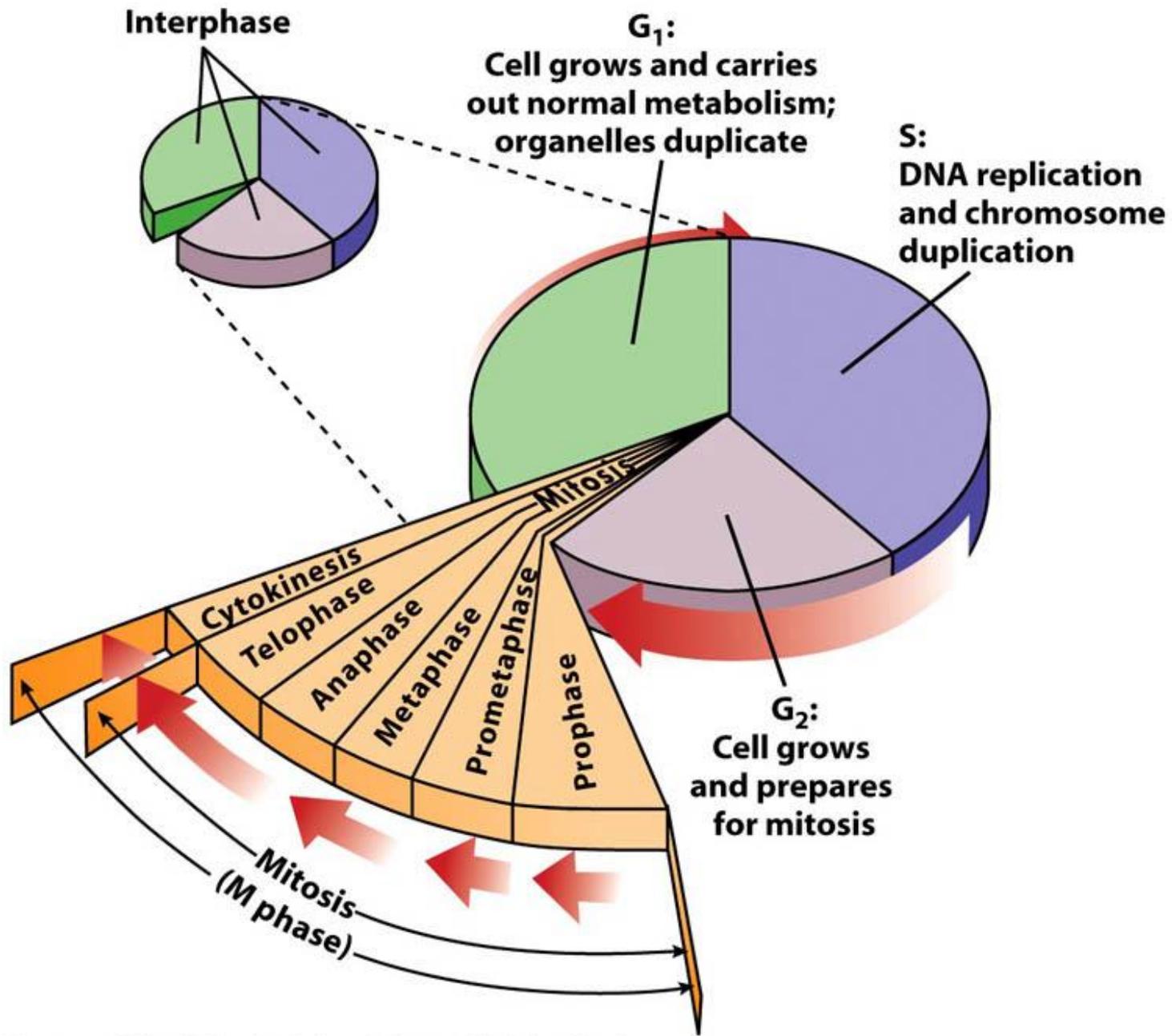
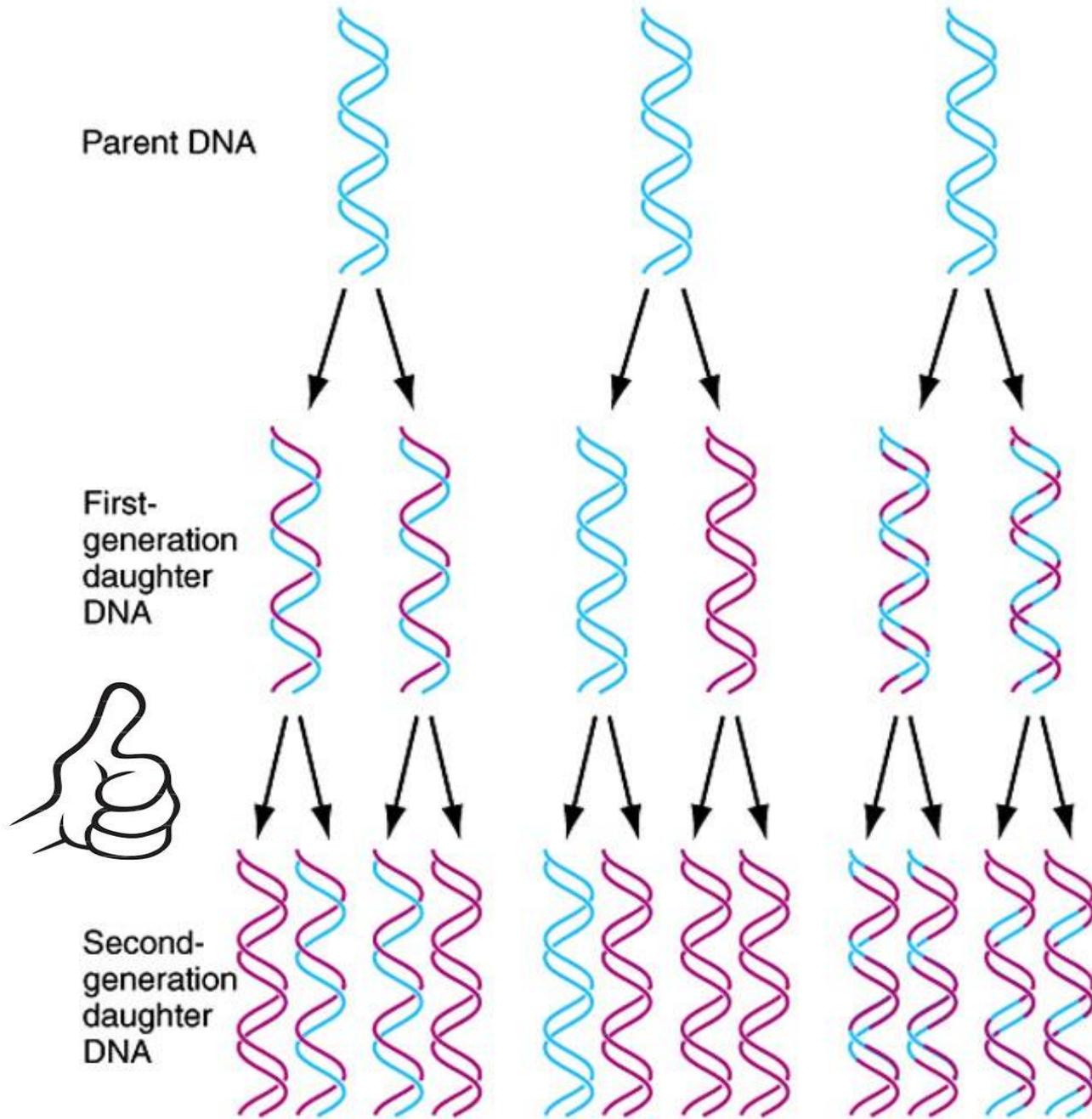


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Basic rules of replication

- A. Semi-conservative**
- B. Starts at the 'origin'**
- C. Synthesis always in the 5-3' direction**
- D. Can be uni or bidirectional**
- E. Semi-discontinuous**
- F. RNA primers required**

(a) Semiconservative (b) Conservative (c) Dispersive



Semi-conservative replication

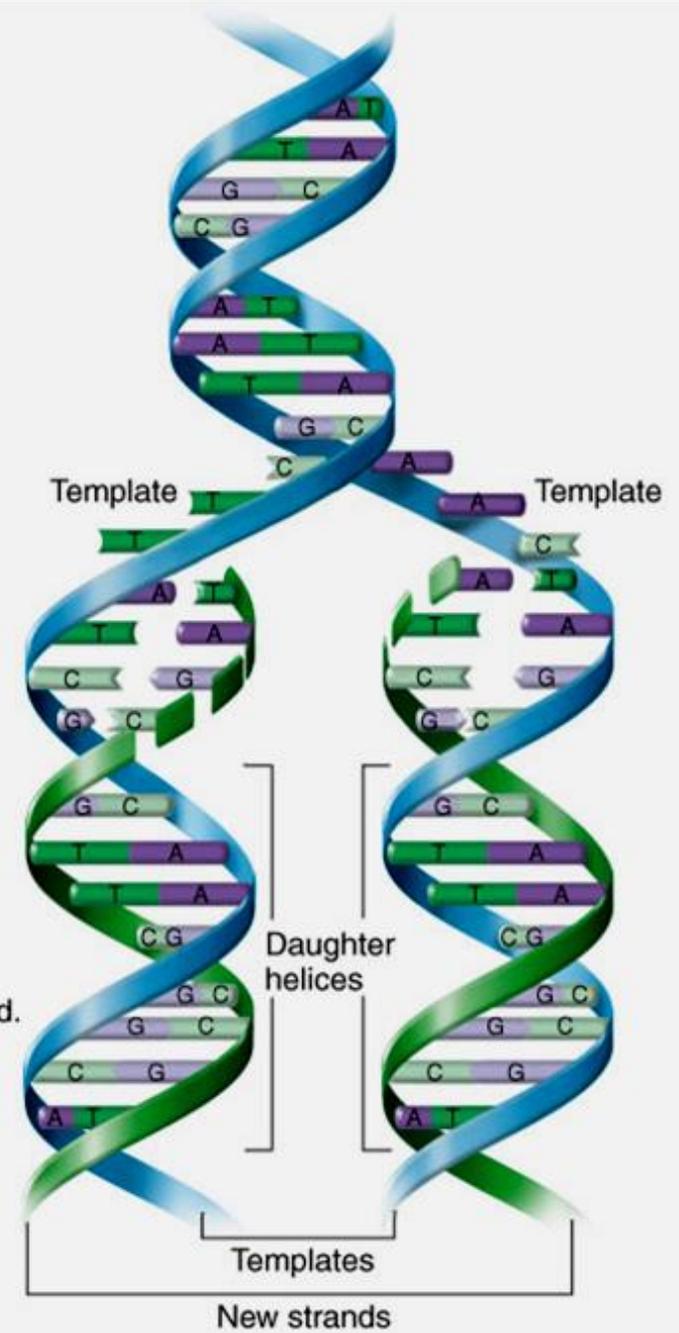
each one of the parent DNA strands is passed to the daughter DNA + one new strand for each

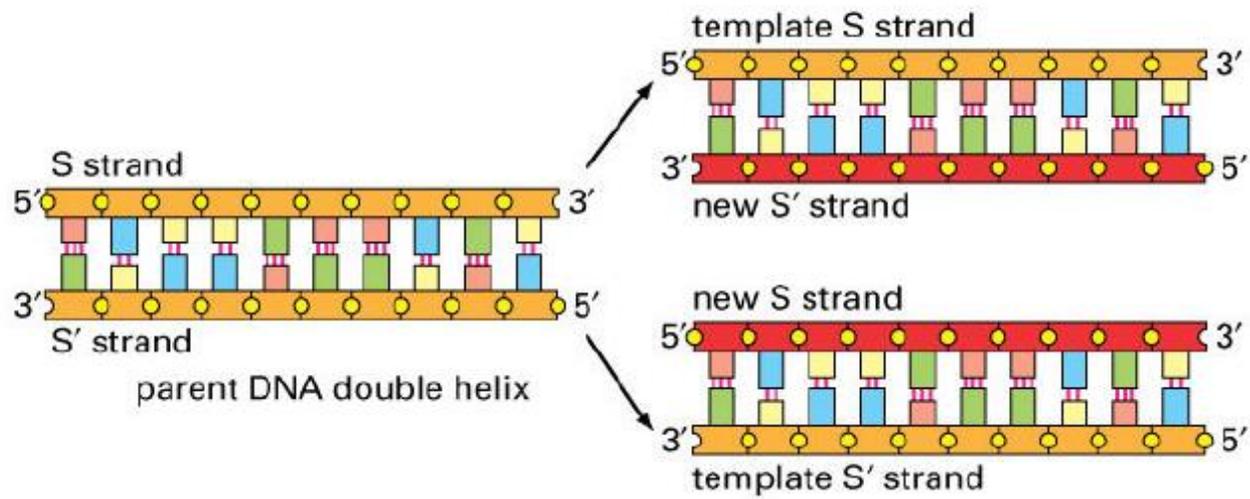
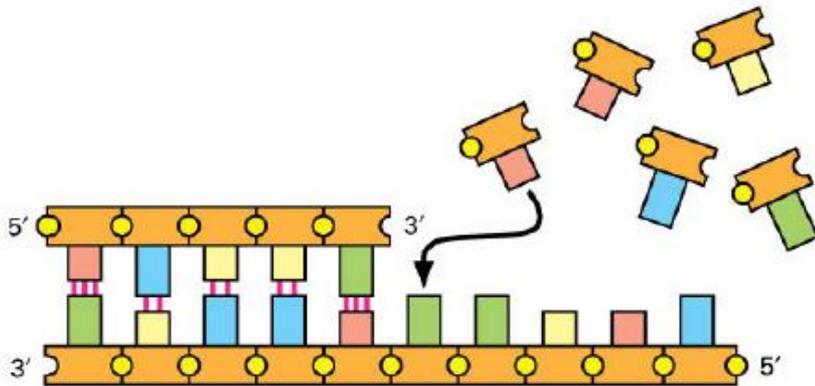
1. Original double helix.

2. Strands separate.

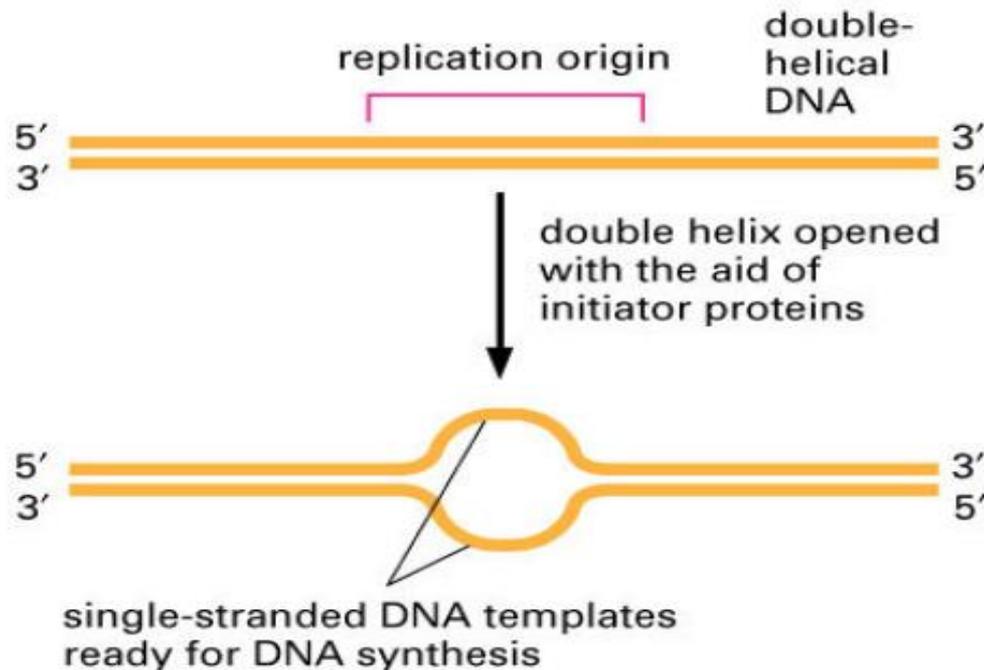
3. Complementary bases align opposite templates.

4. Enzymes link sugar-phosphate elements of aligned nucleotides into a continuous new strand.

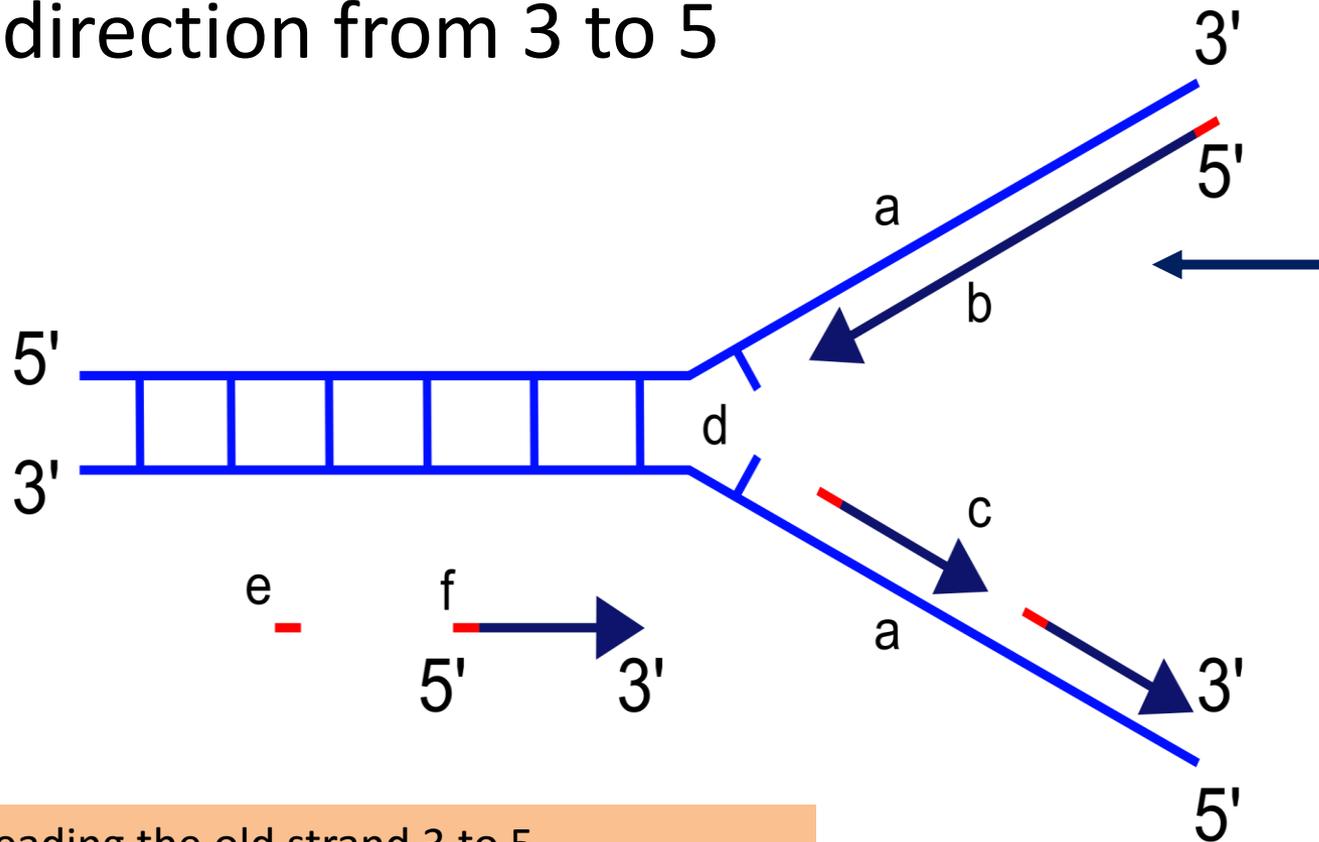




- DNA replication does not start at any point in the random DNA chain. Initiator proteins identify specific base sequences on DNA called sites of origin
- Starts in regions called "**REPLICATION ORIGIN**"
- This point is one in prokaryotic cell, whereas it is much higher in eukaryotic cells (>1000).



- Generally, replication in the replication forks proceeds from 5 to 3;
- The strand acting as a template is read in the direction from 3 to 5

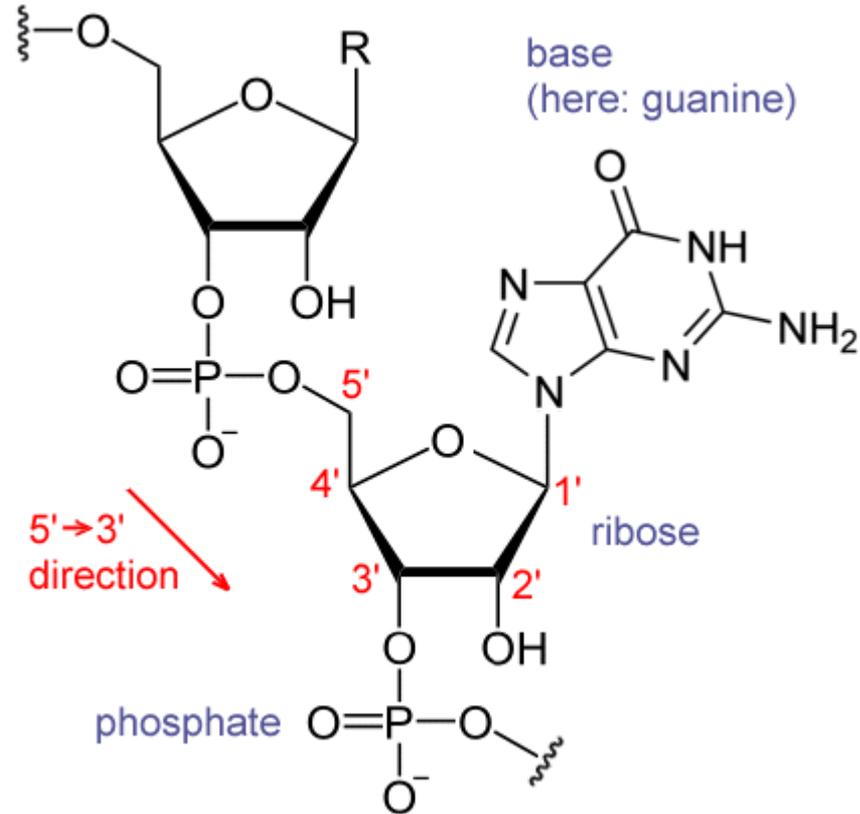
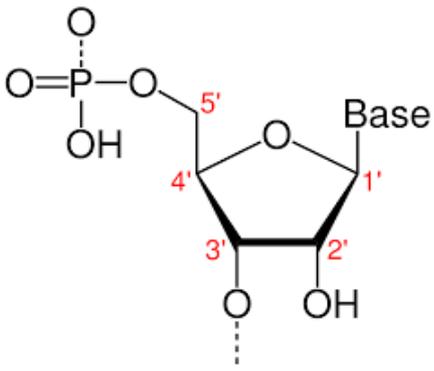


Reading the old strand 3 to 5
 Synthesis a new strand (replication) 5 to 3

Why does DNA replication only occur in the 5' to 3' direction?

When a 3' hydroxyl group of another nucleotide is attached to the phosphate group at the 5' end of one nucleotide, a phosphodiester bond is formed.

therefore the synthesis direction of DNA is from 5 to 3.



Building blocks for replication:

1. Four types of dNTP (dATP, dGTP, dTTP, dCTP) (substrates) and Mg^{+2} ion.
2. A primer having a free 3'-OH group
(Without the primer, the DNA polymerase enzyme cannot initiate a new synthesis !!!)
3. A DNA template (DNA strand)
4. Single strand binding proteins (SSBs)
5. Enzymes !!!!!

Enzymes!!!

- Topoisomerase also called DNA gyrase----- unwinds double helix
- Helicase----- separates double helix at the replication fork (breaking H-bonds between the complementary base pairs (A-T, G-C))
- Primase----- makes RNA nucleotides into a primer (Nucleotides for the starting point for DNA replication)
- DNA ligase----- links the strands
- DNA polymerases ----- synthesise new strand

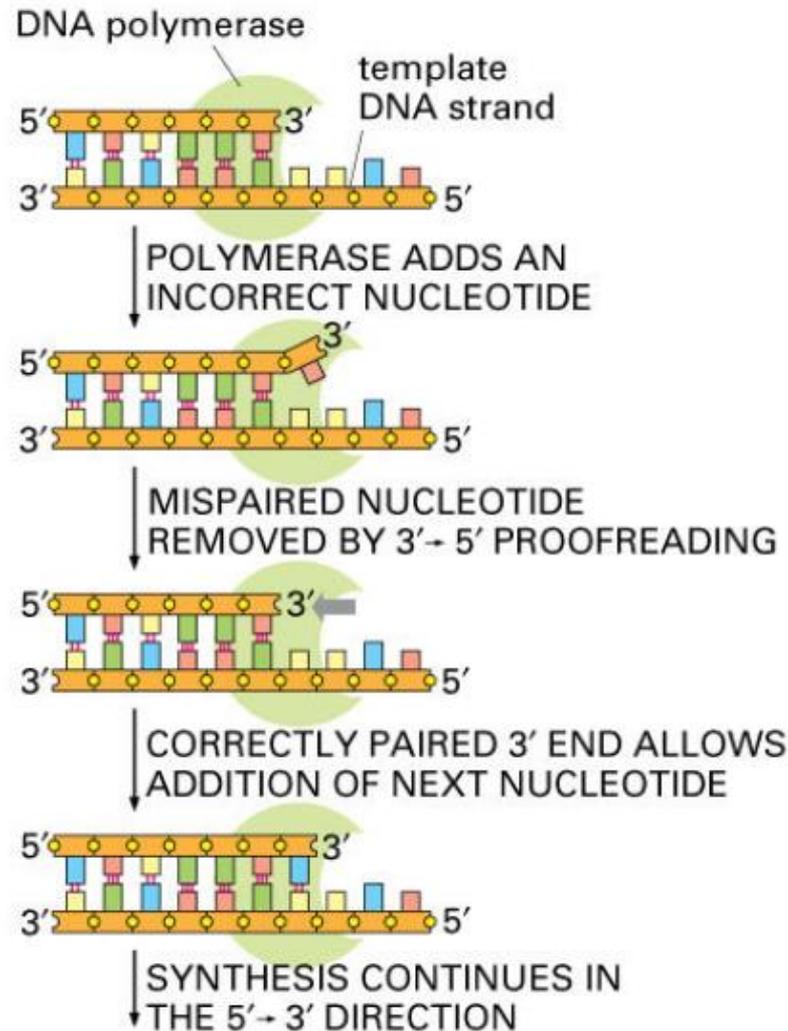
- **DNA Polymerase I**

- Cuts off RNA primers and fills in with DNA (between Okazaki fragments) –lagging strand
- Can proofread

- **DNA Polymerase III**

- Elongates the strand by adding DNA nucleotides on leading strand
- Also proofreads and corrects the DNA strand

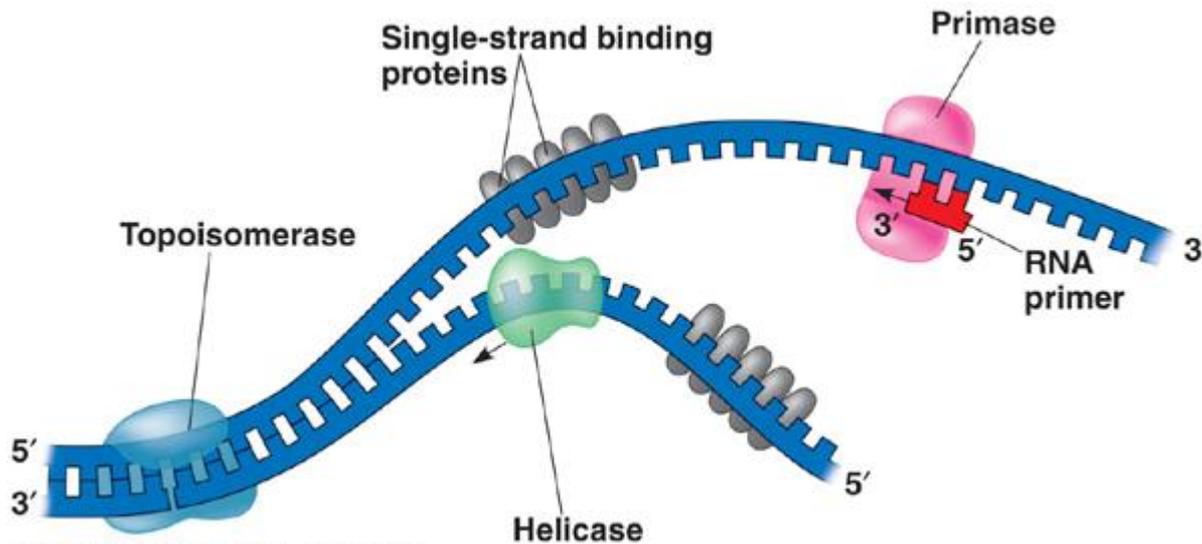
- Errors in newly synthesized DNA are corrected by 3'-5' exonuclease activity



SSB's

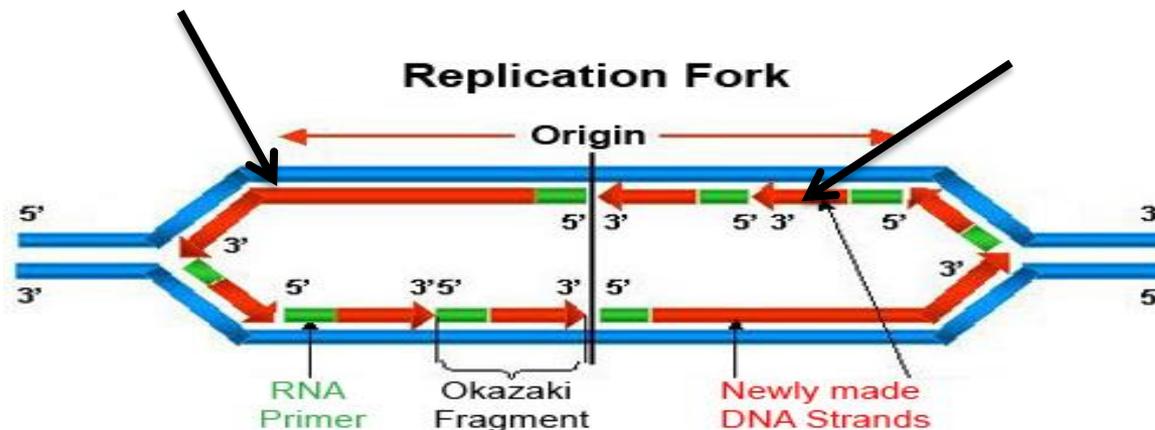
single strand binding proteins

- Stabilize the DNA strands as they are being replicated
- Prevents rejoining of DNA strands



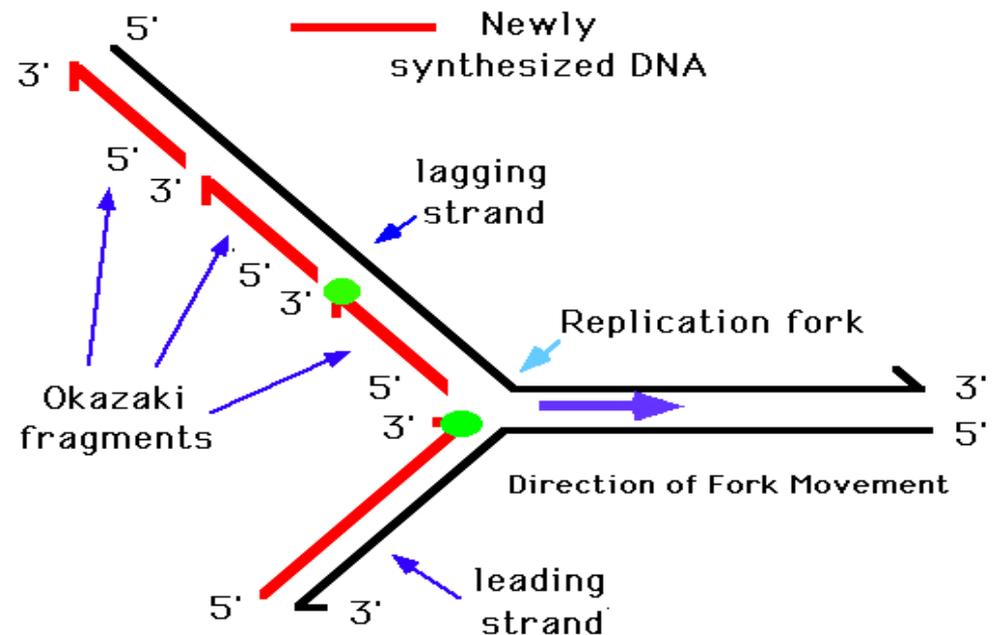
Leading Strand Lagging Strand

- **Template strand of DNA**
- Continuous addition of nitrogenous bases
- in 5' to 3' direction
- [McGraw-Hill Replication Fork](#)
- **Other DNA strand**
- Forms short strands of Okazaki fragments (that will be joined later)
- in the 5' to 3' direction
- [DNA Replication You Tube](#) (1:35)



• OKAZAKI FRAGMENTS

- The short strands of newly made DNA fragments on the lagging strand are called Okazaki fragments after the Japanese Biochemist Reiji Okazaki.



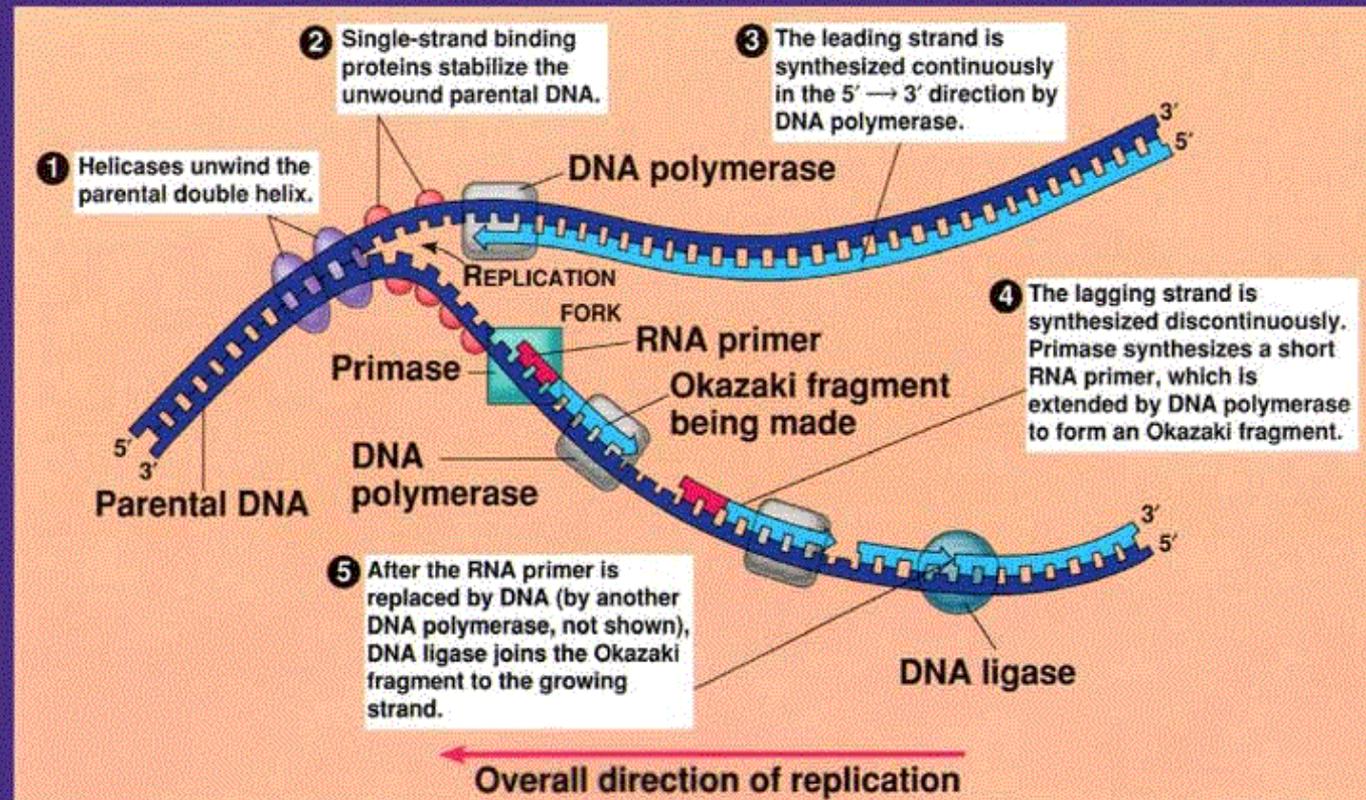
DNA Replication Activity

Work in Groups

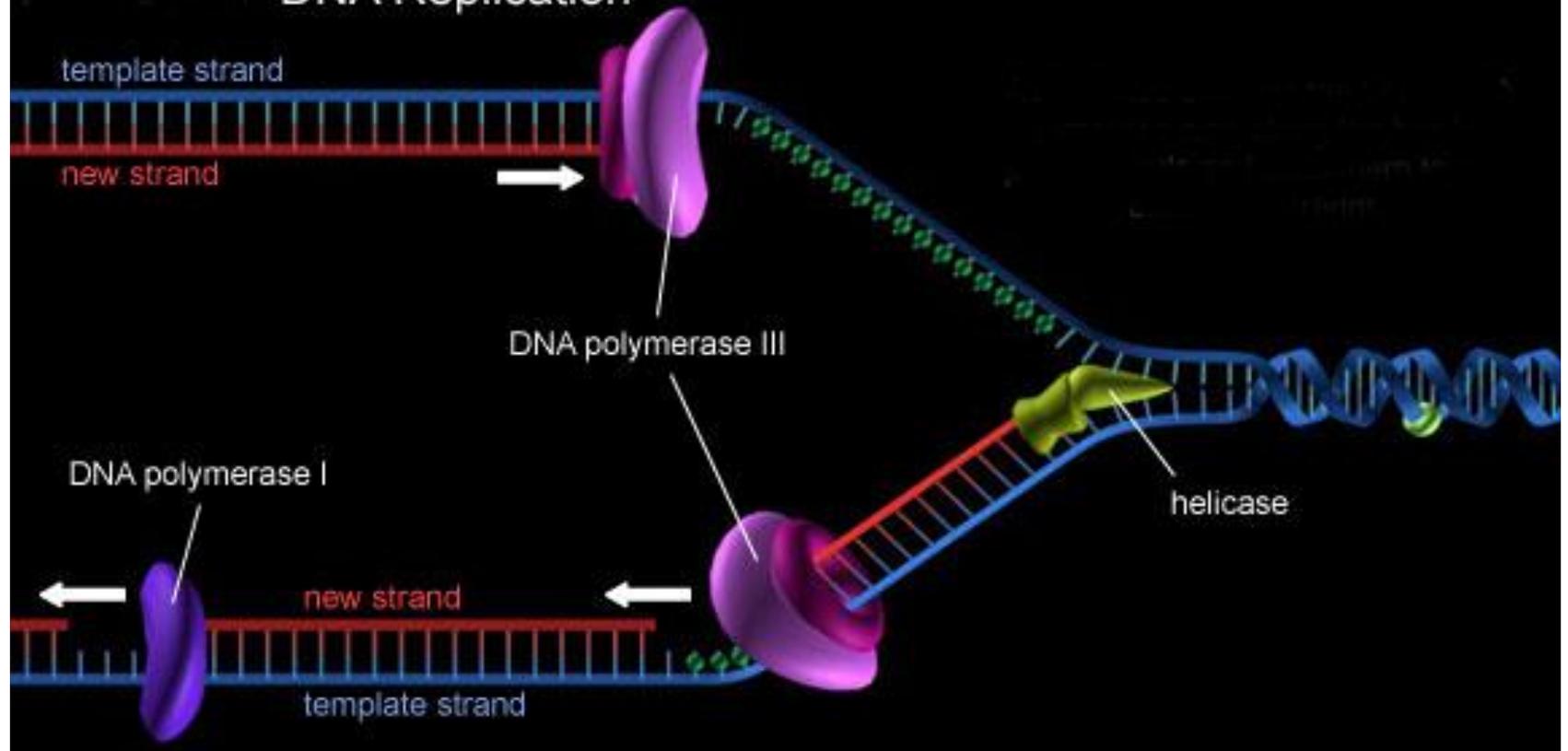
- Card stock papers are original DNA strands
- Colored paper are new DNA strands
- MAKE OWN ENZYMES- construction paper

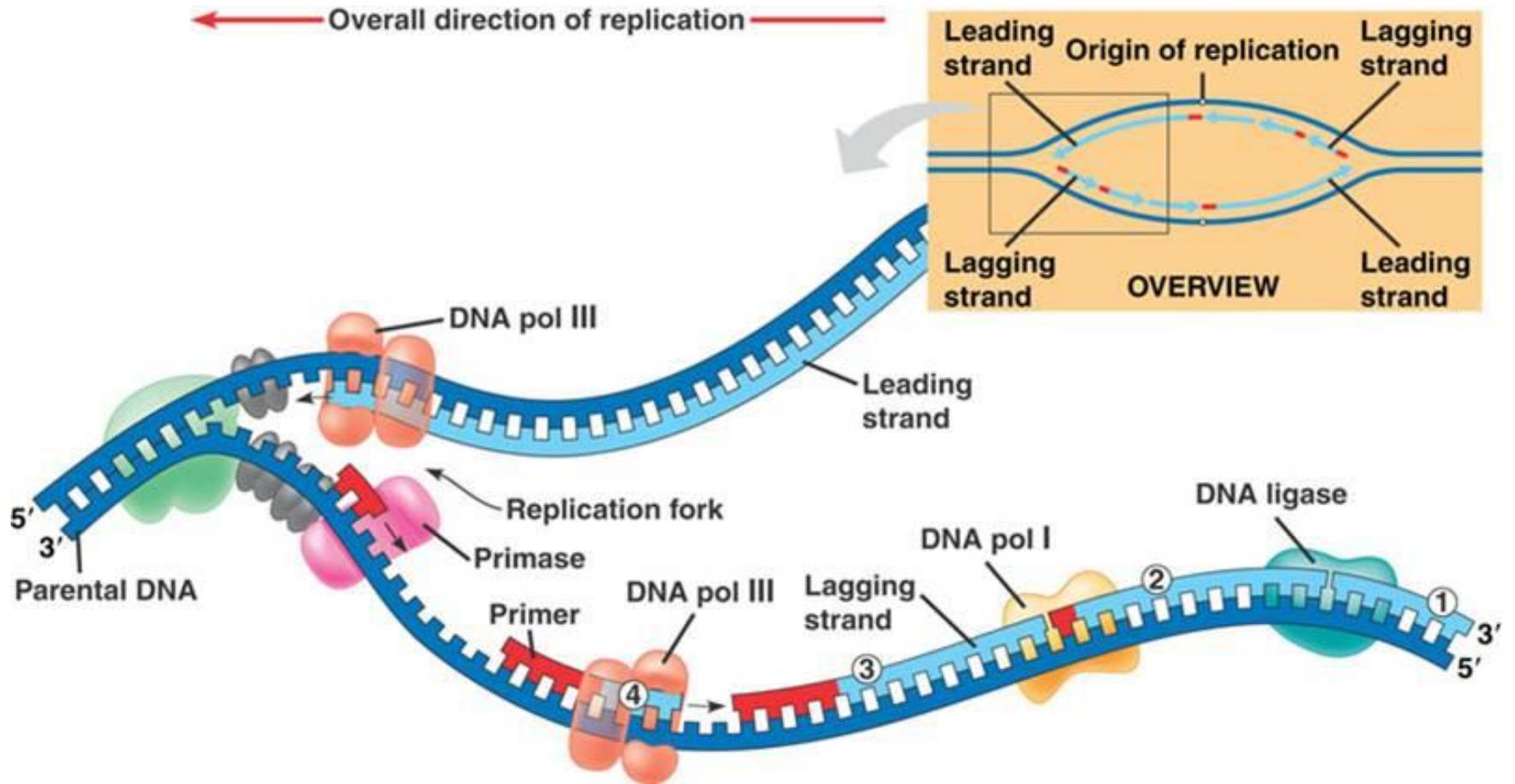


A SUMMARY OF DNA REPLICATION

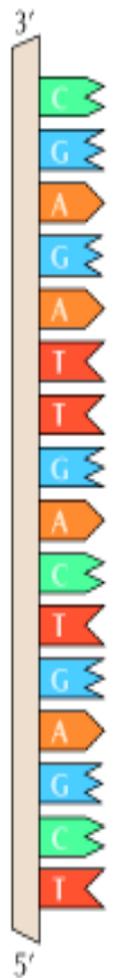


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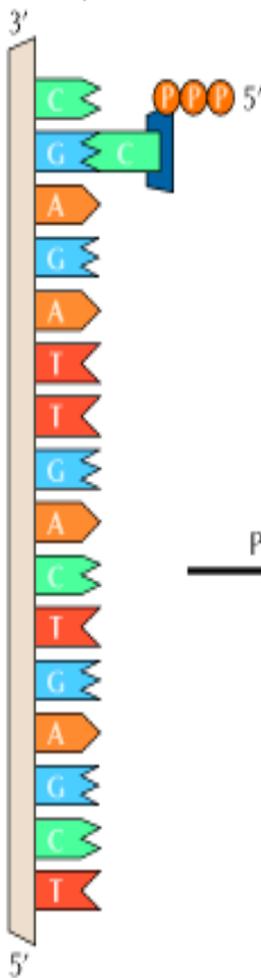




Template DNA

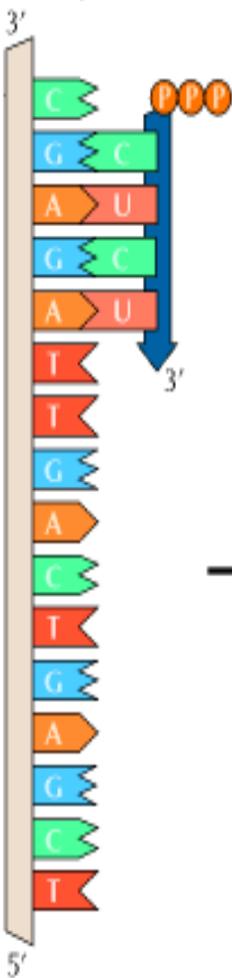


Initiation of RNA synthesis



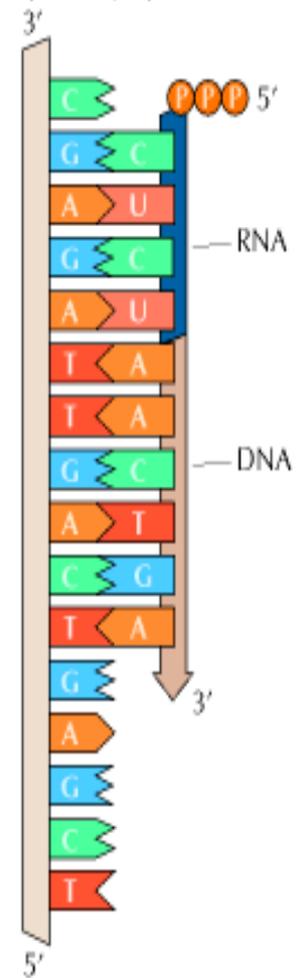
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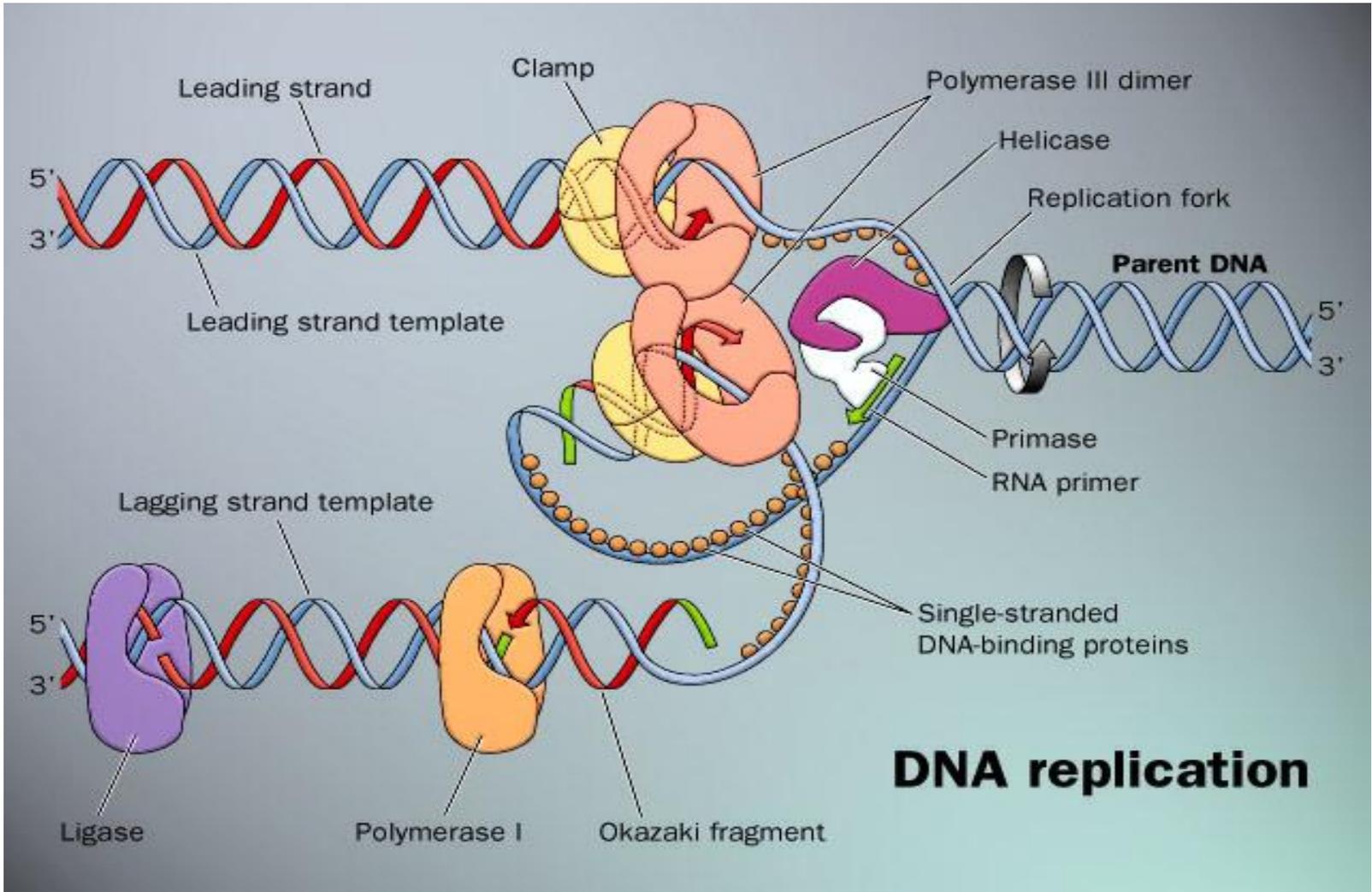
Synthesis of RNA primer



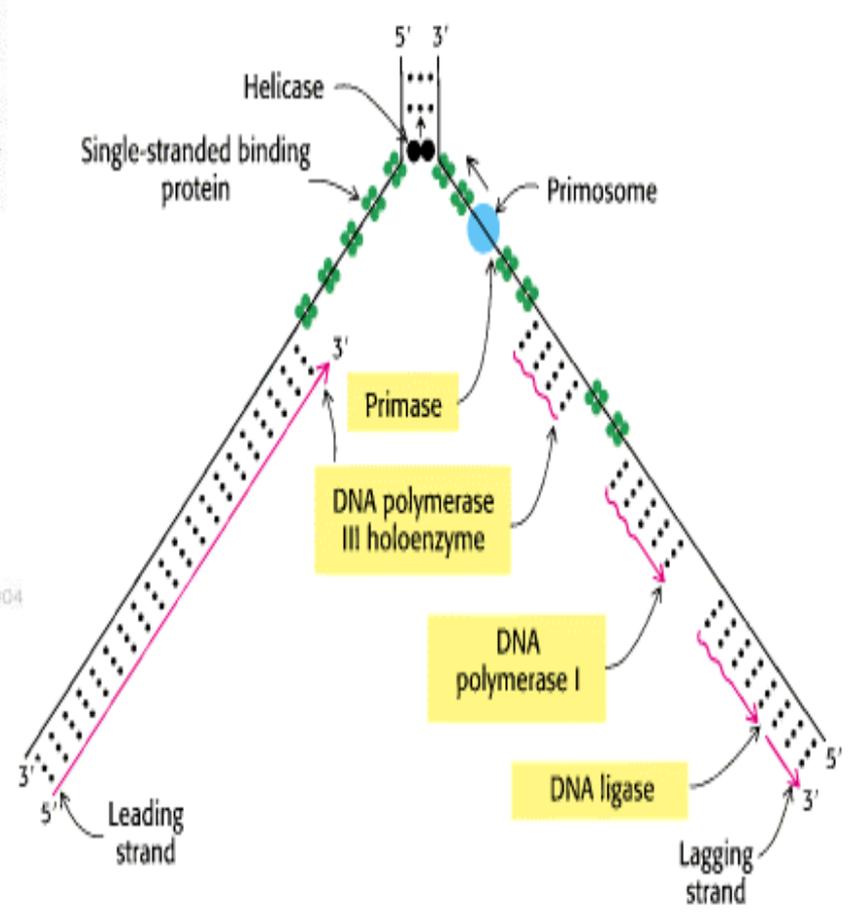
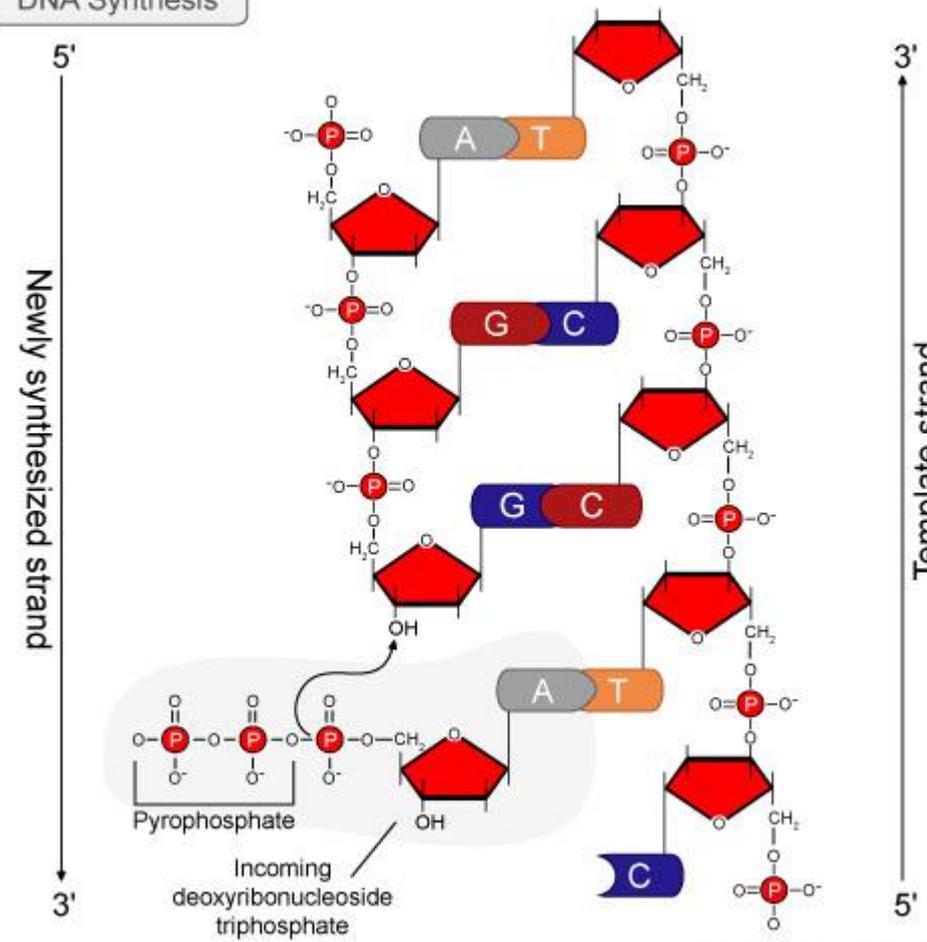
DNA polymerase

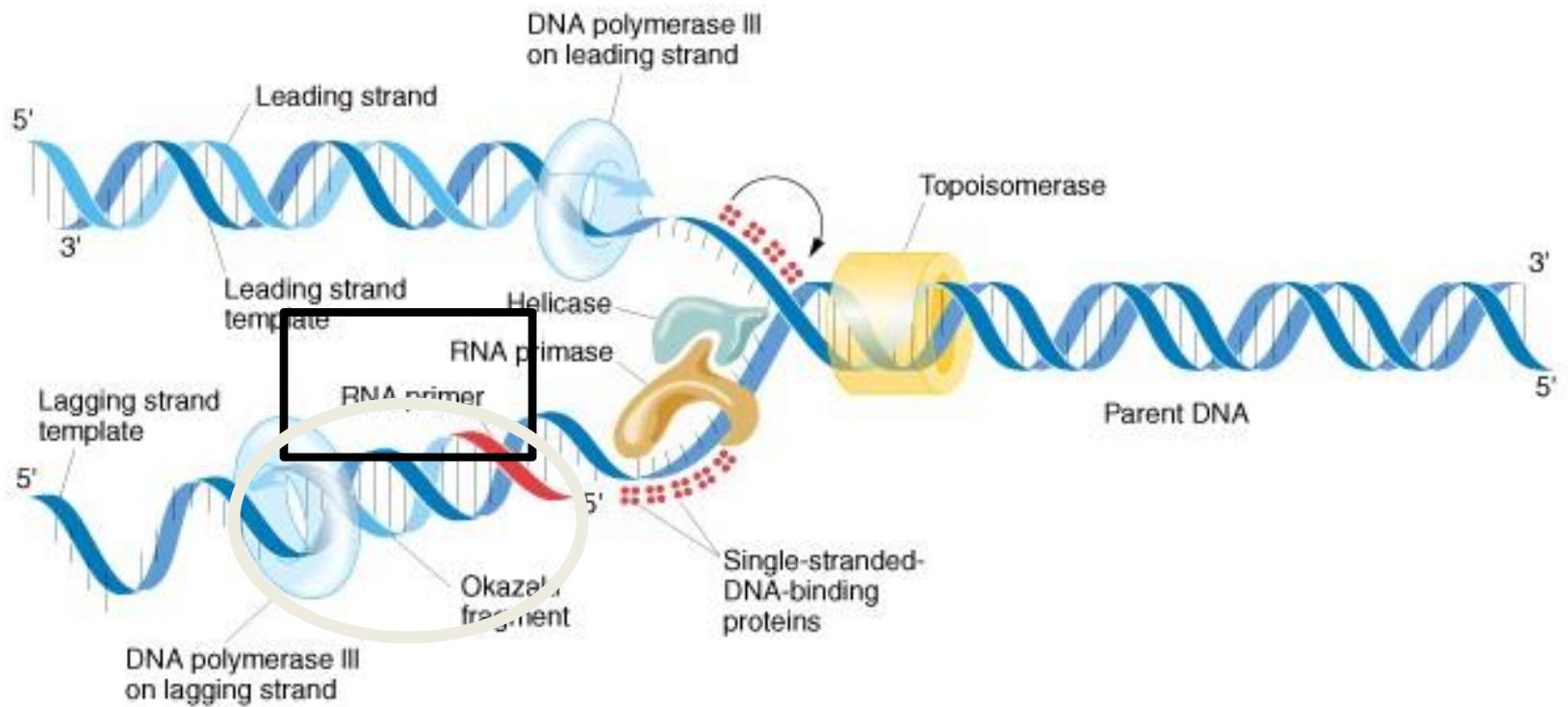
Extension of RNA primer by DNA polymerase





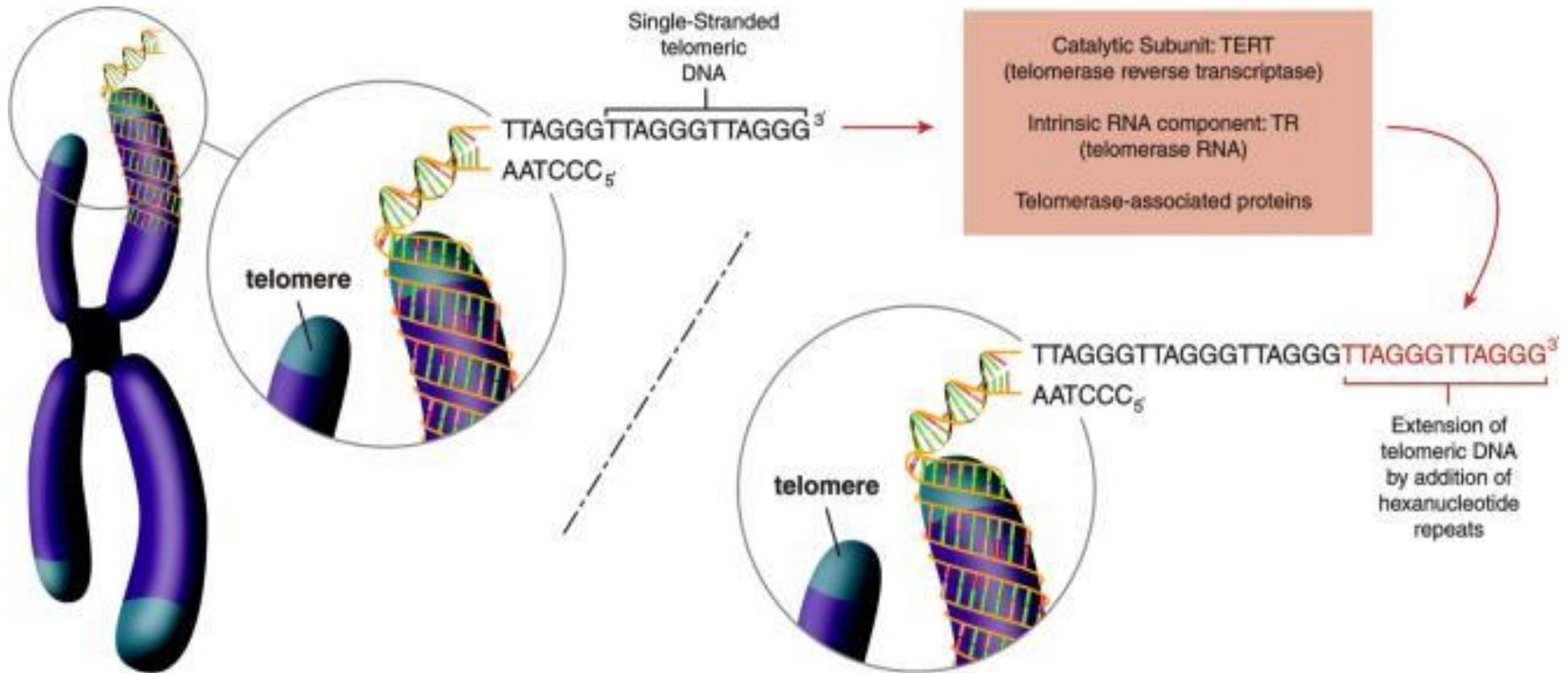
DNA Synthesis





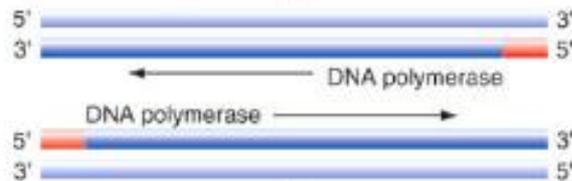


TELOMERE- TELOMERASE





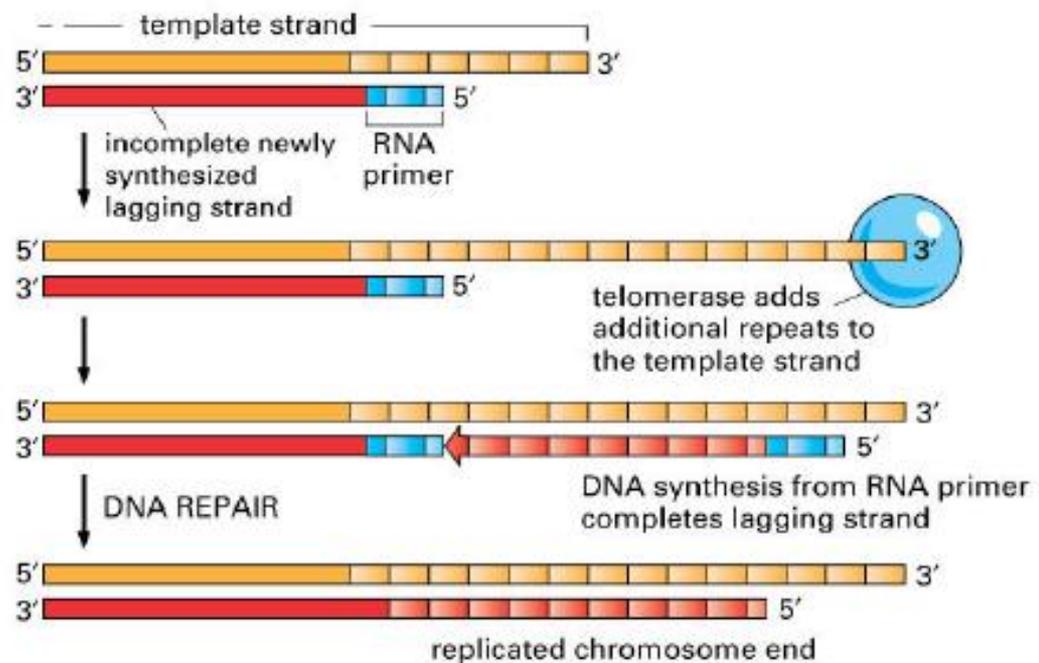
Synthesis of new DNA strands by addition to the 3' end of the RNA primers



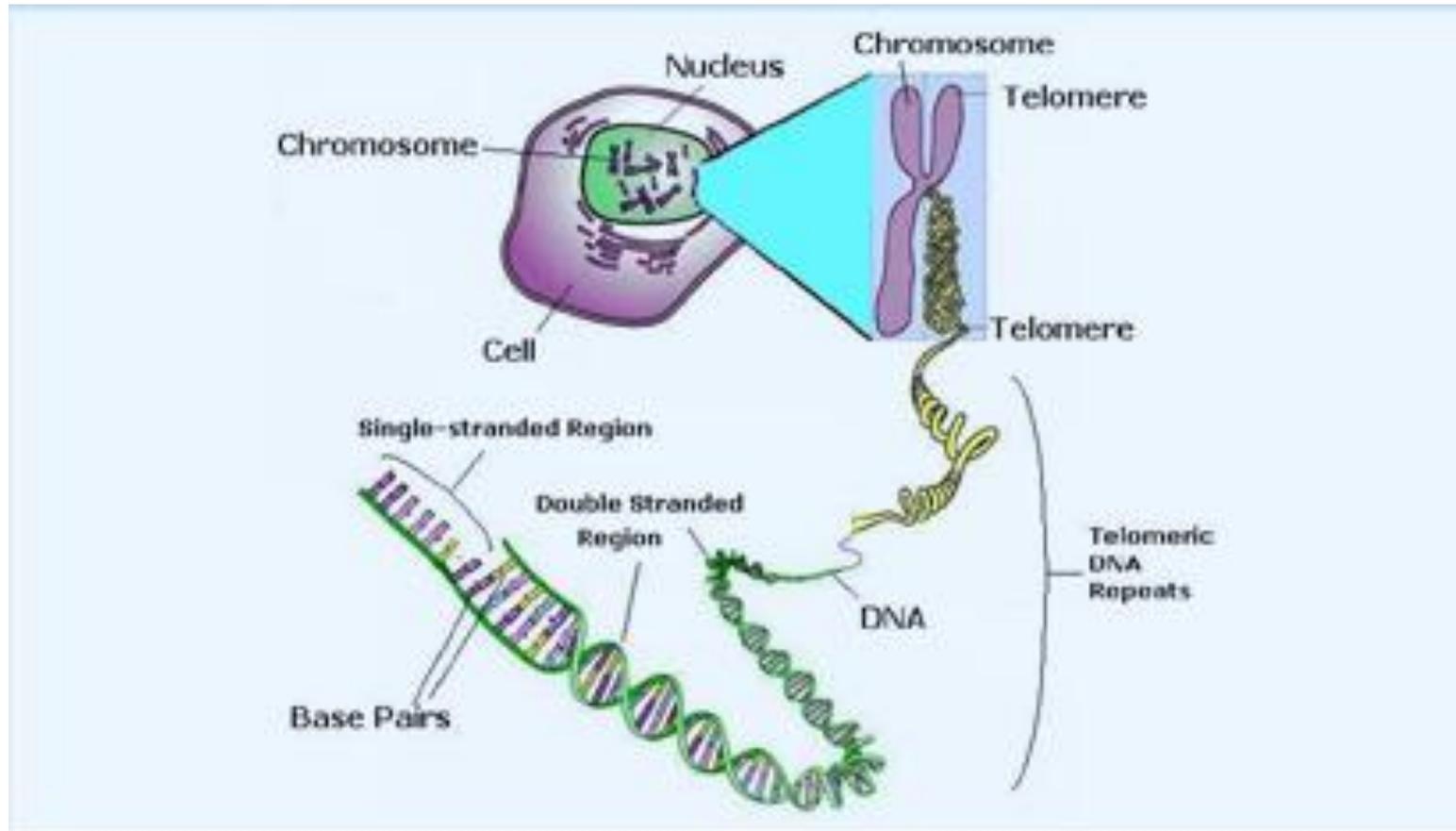
Removal of RNA primers by ribonucleases



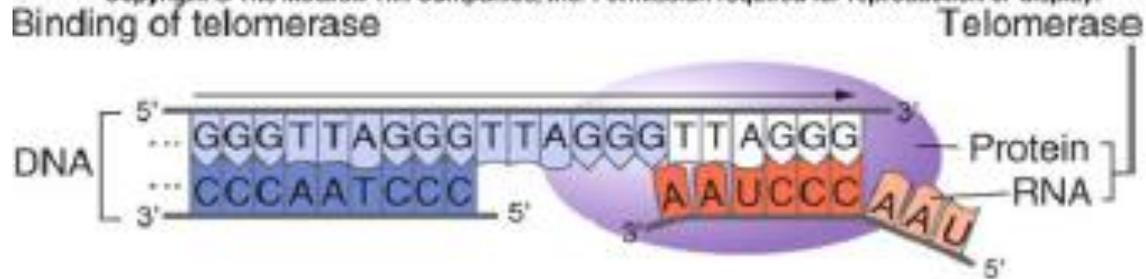
Newly synthesized strands are shorter by the length of the RNA primer.



TELOMERAZ



Binding of telomerase



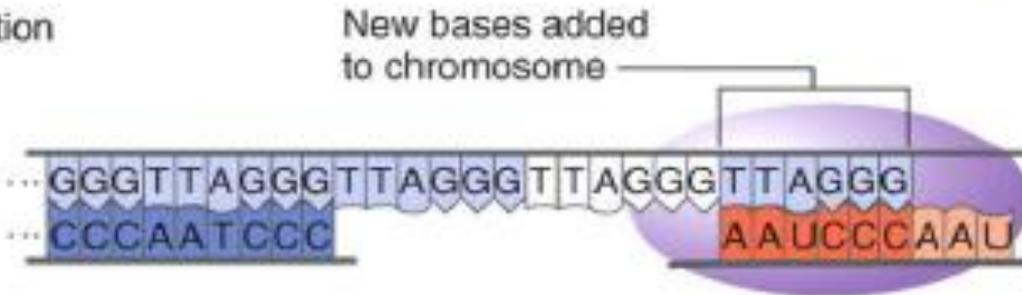
Elongation

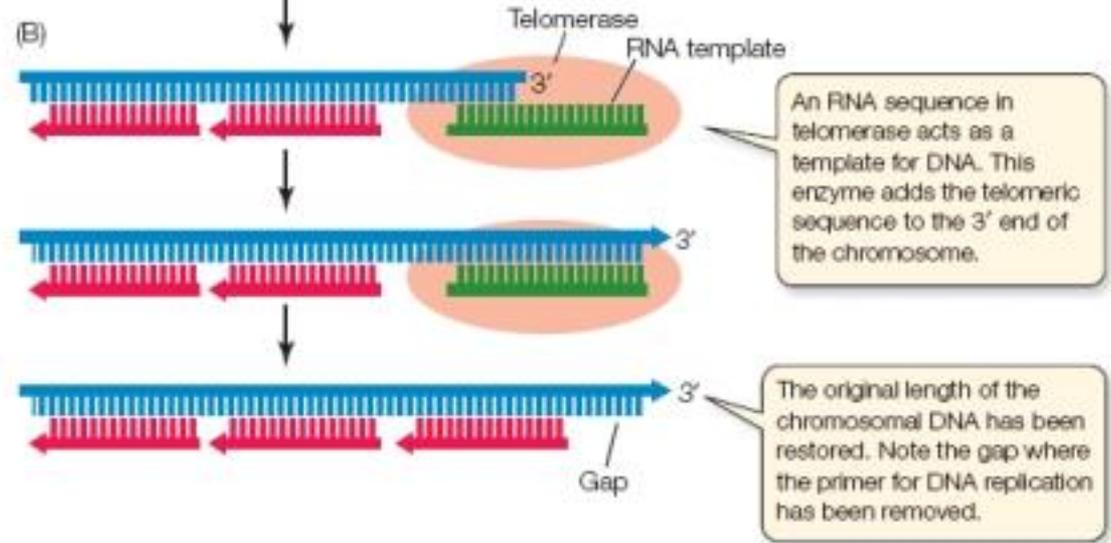
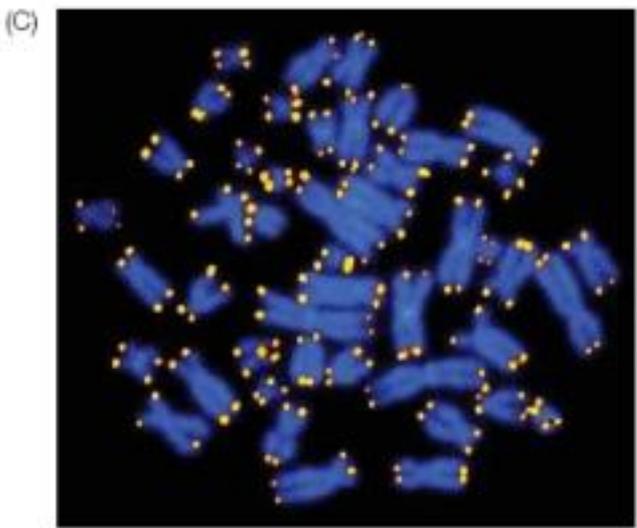
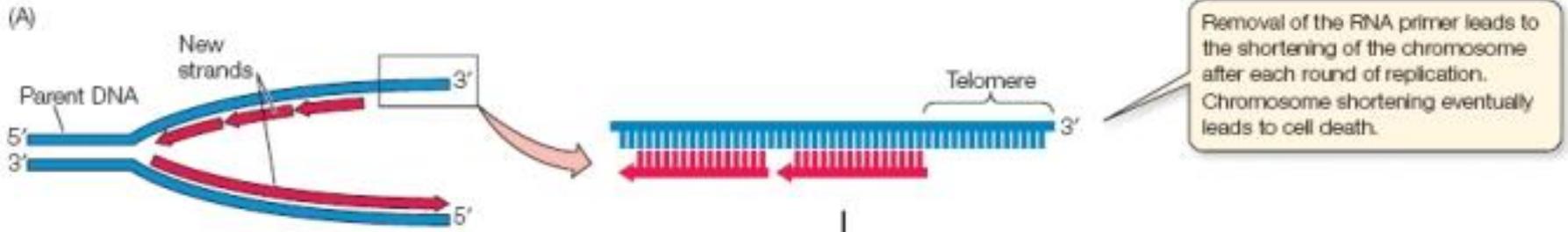


Translocation



Elongation





TELOMERASE ACTIVITY

Embryonic cells

Germ cells

Continuously proliferating cells (Hematopoietic stem cells, active lymphocytes, intestinal cells)

Cancer cells

Under normal conditions, somatic cells do not show telomerase activity.

In somatic cells:

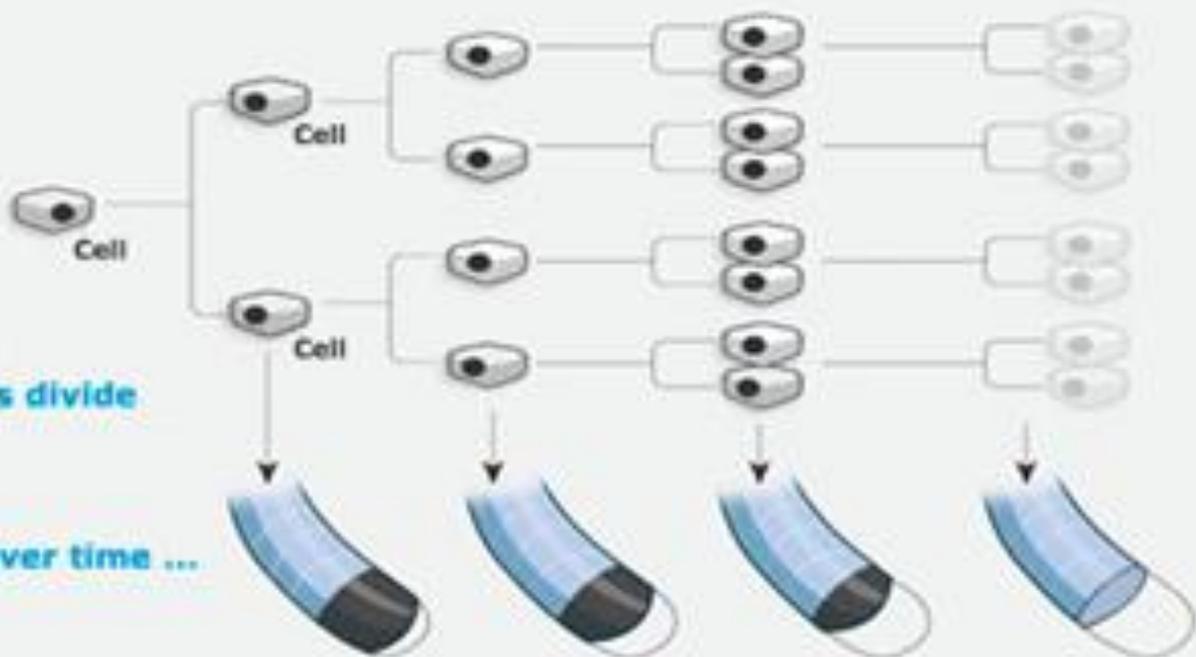
There is a close relationship between telomere loss and old age

PROGERIA (Rapid Aging Disease), severe telomere shortening and loss are observed.

Chromosome



Telomeres
end caps that protect
the chromosomes

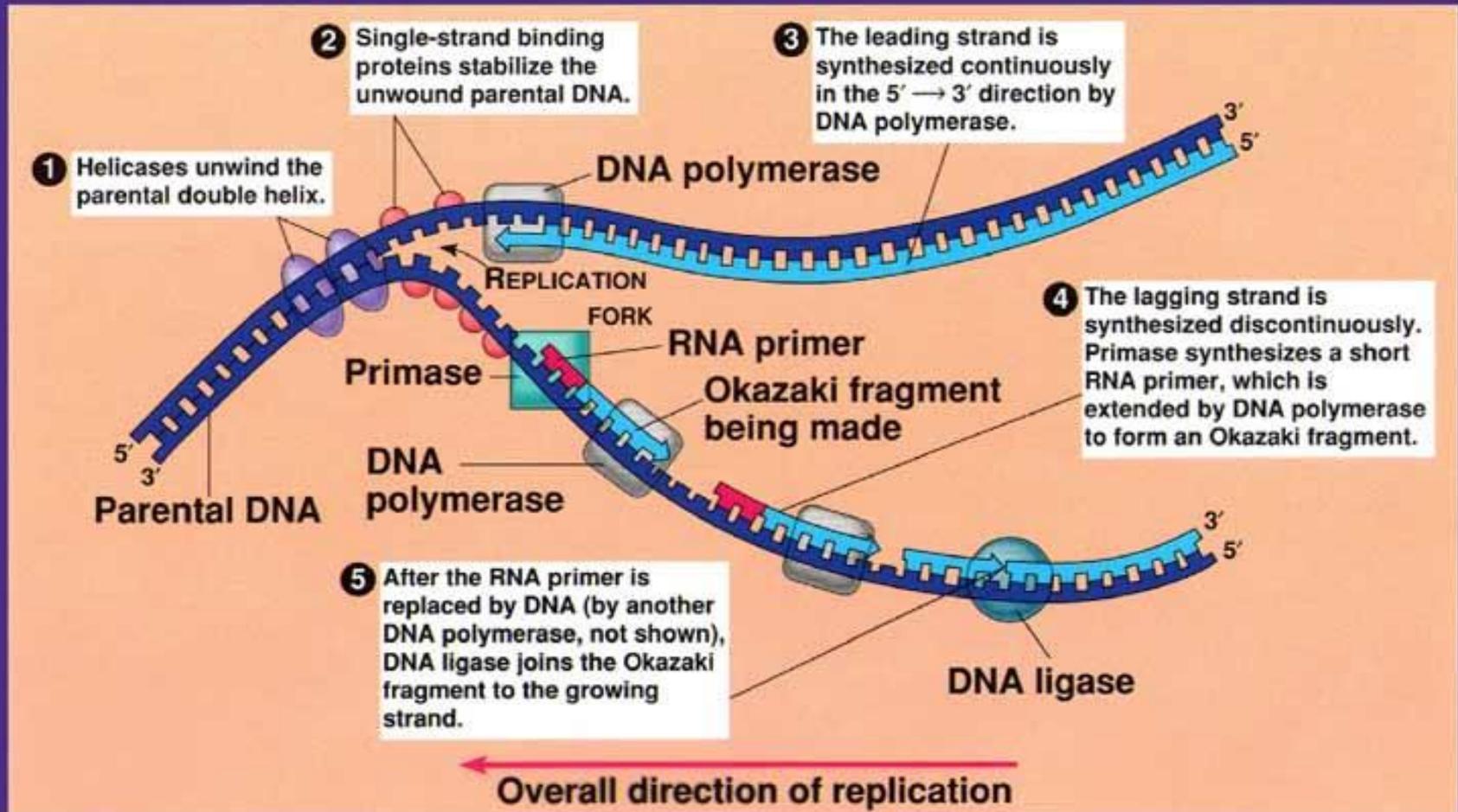


As cells divide

over time ...

... telomeres shorten, and eventually cell division stops.

A SUMMARY OF DNA REPLICATION



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