Replication of DNA

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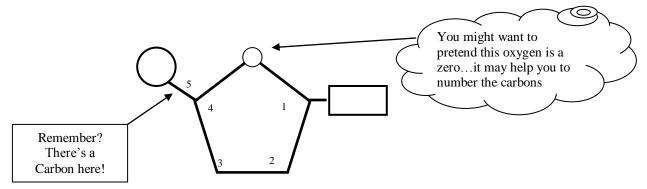
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You <u>WILL</u> confuse replication with RNA making in protein synthesis. Pay close attention NOW and learn this so you won't make errors later.

- 1. Get a DNA molecule (handout), a bunch of nucleoplasm (full of nucleotides), and a blank sheet to glue it all onto.
- 2. Follow the instructions for DNA replication as written in your notes and replicate the DNA molecule. Here are some specifics....
 - a) You will be making 2 DNA molecules from 1. Get prepared by cutting out all the nucleotides from the nucleoplasm.
 - b) Cut ONE (AND ONLY ONE) hydrogen bond at the top of the DNA molecule.
 - c) Find a complementary nucleotide to the exposed one (on the left-hand side of the DNA molecule).
 - d) Attach the new nucleotide to the DNA molecule at the base (figure out a way to do this...either glue them both down to the long paper or staple them or something.
 - e) Cut another hydrogen bond in the parent DNA strand, find another matching nucleotide and attach it.
 - f) Do this until one entire side of the DNA molecule is replicated.
 - g) In the end, this new $\frac{1}{2}$ DNA strand should be glued onto the long sheet of paper.
 - h) Draw in the bonds joining the phosphates properly to the deoxyribose molecules.
 - i) Now, build the OTHER new DNA strand. You MUST build the molecule from top to bottom. In other words be sure you have the oxygens all pointing UP when you begin.
 - j) Glue the other new DNA molecule onto the BACK of the page.

- 3. Define what nucleoplasm is: _____
- 4. In what way is the task you just did a SEMICONSERVATIVE replication?
- 5. Draw in the oxygens on ALL the deoxyriboses.
- 6. Number the carbons on 3 nucleotides of each new DNA strand.



 When a DNA strand replicates, the new nucleotides can only be added in ONE direction. With the oxygens pointing UP, this direction is downwards (just as I had you build your replicas). Biologically speaking this is termed 5-prime to 3-prime. (or 5' to 3')

The 5' end is the one with the #5 carbon closest to the top (oxygen at top). The 3' end is the one with the #3 carbon closest to it.

Label the 5' and 3' ends of each strand of each new DNA molecule.

