

Concept 5.1: Macromolecules are polymers, built from monomers

- A polymer is a long molecule consisting of many similar building blocks
- The repeating units that serve as building blocks are called monomers
- Three of the four classes of life's organic molecules are polymers
 - Carbohydrates
 - Proteins
- Nucleic acids

The Diversity of Polymers

- · Each cell has thousands of different macromolecules
- Macromolecules vary among cells of an organism, vary more within a species, and vary even more between species
- A huge variety of polymers can be built from a small set of monomers

Figure 5.3a

Aldose (Aldehyde Sugar) Ketose (Ketone Sugar) Trioses: 3-carbon sugars (C₃H₆O₃) н-с-он Glyceraldehyde Dihydroxyacetone

The Molecules of Life

- All living things are made up of four classes of large biological molecules: carbohydrates, lipids, proteins, and nucleic acids
- Macromolecules are large molecules and are complex
- Large biological molecules have unique properties that arise from the orderly arrangement of their atoms

The Synthesis and Breakdown of Polymers

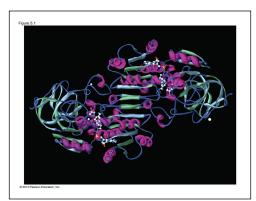
- Enzymes are specialized macromolecules that speed up chemical reactions such as those that make or break down polymers
- A dehydration reaction occurs when two monomers bond together through the loss of a water molecule
- Polymers are disassembled to monomers by hydrolysis, a reaction that is essentially the reverse of the dehydration reaction

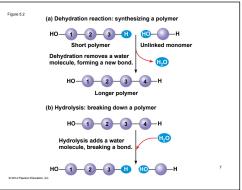
Concept 5.2: Carbohydrates serve as fuel and building material

- Carbohydrates include sugars and the polymers
- The simplest carbohydrates are monosaccharides, or simple sugars
- Carbohydrate macromolecules are polysaccharides, polymers composed of many sugar building blocks

Figure 5.3b

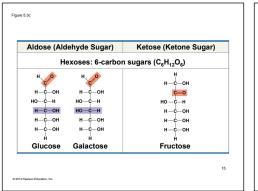
Aldose (Aldehyde Sugar)	Ketose (Ketone Sugar)
Pentoses: 5-carbon sugars (C ₅ H ₁₀ O ₅)	
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н_с_он	_C_OH
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н-с-он	н—с—он
H	H
Ribose	Ribulose



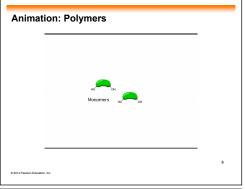


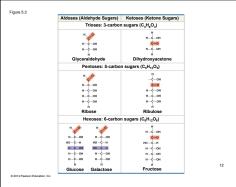
Sugars

- Monosaccharides have molecular formulas that are usually multiples of CH2O
- Glucose (C₆H₁₂O₆) is the most common monosaccharide
- Monosaccharides are classified by
 - The location of the carbonyl group (as aldose or ketose)
- The number of carbons in the carbon skeleton

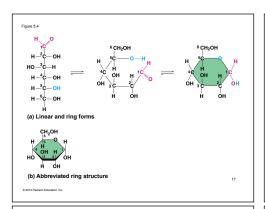


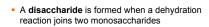






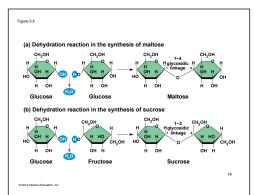
- Though often drawn as linear skeletons, in aqueous solutions many sugars form rings
- Monosaccharides serve as a major fuel for cells and as raw material for building molecules

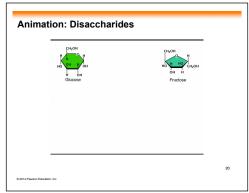




This covalent bond is called a glycosidic linkage

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Polysaccharides

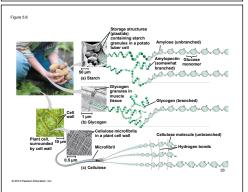
- Polysaccharides, the polymers of sugars, have storage and structural roles
- The architecture and function of a polysaccharide are determined by its sugar monomers and the positions of its glycosidic linkages

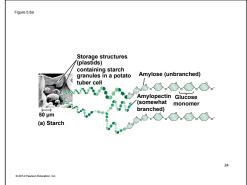
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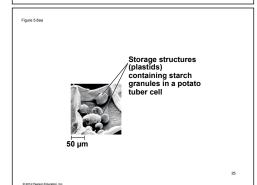
Storage Polysaccharides

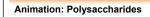
- Starch, a storage polysaccharide of plants, consists entirely of glucose monomers
- Plants store surplus starch as granules within chloroplasts and other plastids
- The simplest form of starch is amylose

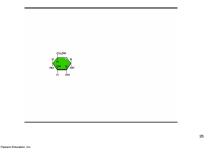
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- **Glycogen** is a storage polysaccharide in animals
- Glycogen is stored mainly in liver and muscle cells
- Hydrolysis of glycogen in these cells releases glucose when the demand for sugar increases

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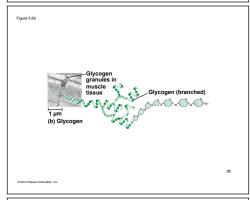


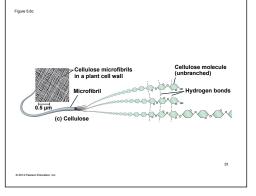
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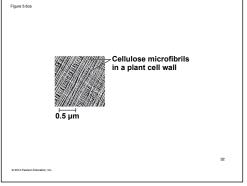
Glycogen granules in muscle tissue

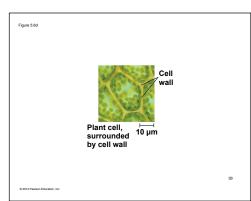
Structural Polysaccharides

- The polysaccharide cellulose is a major component of the tough wall of plant cells
- Like starch, cellulose is a polymer of glucose, but the glycosidic linkages differ
- The difference is based on two ring forms for glucose: alpha (α) and beta (β)

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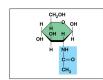




- Starch (α configuration) is largely helical
- Cellulose molecules (β configuration) are straight and unbranched
- Some hydroxyl groups on the monomers of cellulose can hydrogen bond with hydroxyls of parallel cellulose molecules

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Figure 5.8a



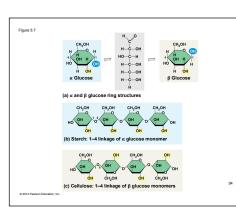
The structure of the chitin monomer

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Fats

- Fats are constructed from two types of smaller molecules: glycerol and fatty acids
- Glycerol is a three-carbon alcohol with a hydroxyl group attached to each carbon
- A fatty acid consists of a carboxyl group attached to a long carbon skeleton

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- Enzymes that digest starch by hydrolyzing α linkages can't hydrolyze β linkages in cellulose
- The cellulose in human food passes through the digestive tract as "insoluble fiber"
- Some microbes use enzymes to digest cellulose
- Many herbivores, from cows to termites, have symbiotic relationships with these microbes

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Figure 5.8b



Chitin, embedded in proteins, forms the exoskeleton of arthropods.

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Figure 5.9

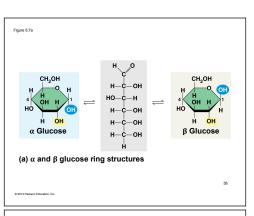
Fatty acid

(in this case, palmitic acid)

Glycerol

(a) One of three dehydration reactions in the synthesis of a fat

Ester linkage



- Chitin, another structural polysaccharide, is found in the exoskeleton of arthropods
- Chitin also provides structural support for the cell walls of many fungi

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Chitin is used to make a strong and flexible surgical thread.

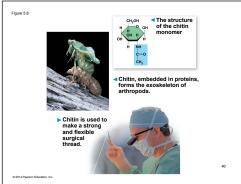
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Figure 5.9a

Fatty acid (in this case, palmitic acid)

Glycerol
(a) One of three dehydration reactions in the synthesis of a fat

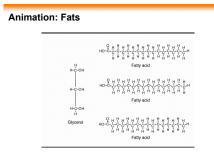
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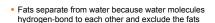
Concept 5.3: Lipids are a diverse group of hydrophobic molecules

- Lipids are the one class of large biological molecules that does not include true polymers
- The unifying feature of lipids is that they mix poorly, if at all, with water
- Lipids are hydrophobic because they consist mostly of hydrocarbons, which form nonpolar covalent bonds
- The most biologically important lipids are fats, phospholipids, and steroids

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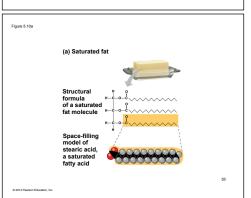


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- In a fat, three fatty acids are joined to glycerol by an ester linkage, creating a triacylglycerol, or triglyceride
- The fatty acids in a fat can be all the same or of two or three different kinds

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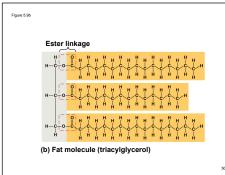


- Fats made from saturated fatty acids are called saturated fats and are solid at room temperature
- Most animal fats are saturated
- Fats made from unsaturated fatty acids are called unsaturated fats or oils and are liquid at room temperature
- Plant fats and fish fats are usually unsaturated

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Phospholipids

- In a phospholipid, two fatty acids and a phosphate group are attached to glycerol
- The two fatty acid tails are hydrophobic, but the phosphate group and its attachments form a hydrophilic head

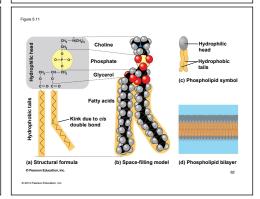


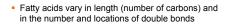




- A diet rich in saturated fats may contribute to cardiovascular disease through plaque deposits
- Hydrogenation is the process of converting unsaturated fats to saturated fats by adding hydrogen
- Hydrogenating vegetable oils also creates unsaturated fats with trans double bonds
- These trans fats may contribute more than saturated fats to cardiovascular disease

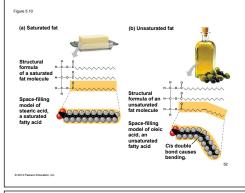
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- Saturated fatty acids have the maximum number of hydrogen atoms possible and no double bonds
- Unsaturated fatty acids have one or more double bonds

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Structural formula of an Normula of an unsaturated fat molecule Space-filling model of oleic acid, an unsaturated fatty acid Cis double bond causes bending.



- Certain unsaturated fatty acids are not synthesized in the human body
- These must be supplied in the diet
- These essential fatty acids include the omega-3 fatty acids, which are required for normal growth and are thought to provide protection against cardiovascular disease

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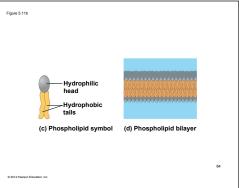
- The major function of fats is energy storage
- Humans and other mammals store their long-term food reserves in adipose cells
- Adipose tissue also cushions vital organs and insulates the body

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Fatty acids

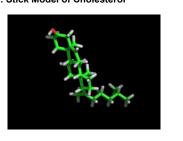
(a) Structural formula

(b) Space-filling model



- When phospholipids are added to water, they self-assemble into double-layered structures called bilayers
- At the surface of a cell, phospholipids are also arranged in a bilayer, with the hydrophobic tails pointing toward the interior
- The structure of phospholipids results in a bilayer arrangement found in cell membranes
- The existence of cells depends on phospholipids

Video: Stick Model of Cholesterol



Defensive proteins Function: Protection against disease Example: Antibodies inactivate and help destroy viruses and bacteria.

Figure 5.13ab

Figure 5 13b Hormonal proteins



Contractile and motor proteins Examples: Motor proteins are responsible for the undulations of cilia and flagella. Actin and myosin proteins are responsible



Receptor proteins membrane of a nerve cell detect signaling molecules released by other



Structural proteins Examples: Keratin is the protein of hair, horns, feathers, and other skin appendages. Insects and spiders use silk fibers to make their cocopin and webs, respectively. Collagen and elastin proteins

Steroids

- Steroids are lipids characterized by a carbon skeleton consisting of four fused rings
- Cholesterol, a type of steroid, is a component in animal cell membranes and a precursor from which other steroids are synthesized
- A high level of cholesterol in the blood may contribute to cardiovascular disease

Concept 5.4: Proteins include a diversity of structures, resulting in a wide range

Proteins account for more than 50% of the dry

Some proteins speed up chemical reactions

Other protein functions include defense, storage,

transport, cellular communication, movement, or

of functions

Figure 5.13ac

Figure 5.13ba

mass of most cells

structural support

Storage proteins

developing embryo

Hormonal proteins

activities

Function: Coordination of an organism's

Example: Insulin, a hormone secreted by the

pancreas, causes other tissues to take up

glucose, thus regulating blood sugar,

Function: Storage of amino acids

major source of amino acids for baby

Examples: Casein, the protein of milk, is the

mammals. Plants have storage proteins in

their seeds. Ovalbumin is the protein of egg

white, used as an amino acid source for the

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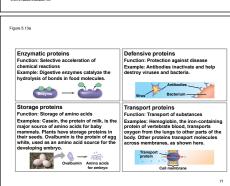


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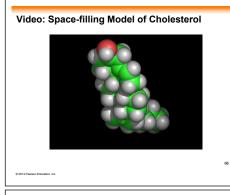


Figure 5 13ac Enzymatic proteins Function: Selective acceleration of chemical reactions Example: Digestive enzymes catalyze the hydrolysis of bonds in food molecules

Figure 5.13bb

Transport proteins Function: Transport of substances

Examples: Hemoglobin, the iron-containing protein of vertebrate blood, transports oxygen from the lungs to other parts of the body. Other proteins transport molecules

Receptor proteins Function: Response of cell to chemical stimuli

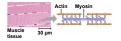
Example: Receptors built into the membrane of a nerve cell detect

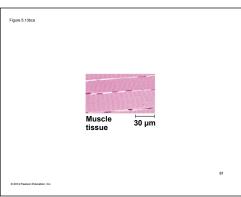
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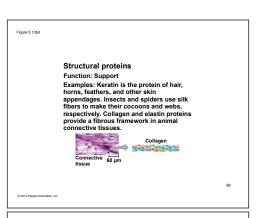
Contractile and motor proteins

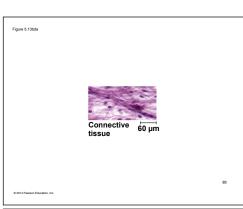
Function: Movement

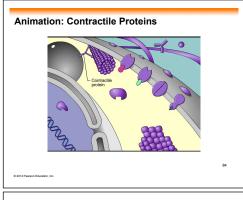
Examples: Motor proteins are responsible for the undulations of cilia and flagella. Actin and myosin proteins are responsible for the contraction of muscles.

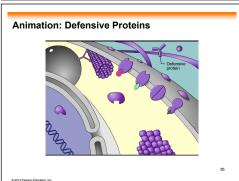


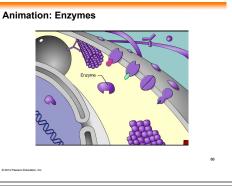


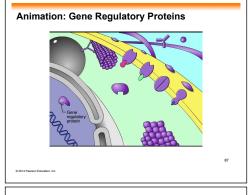


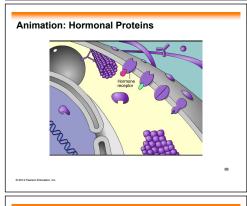


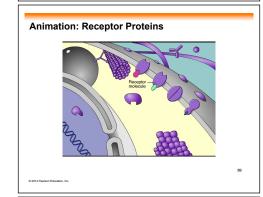


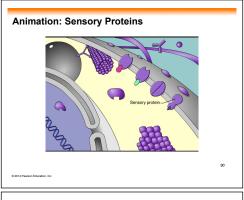


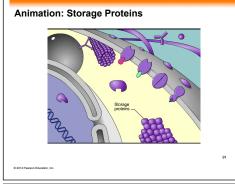


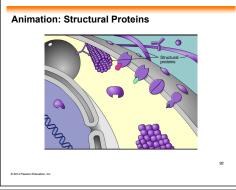


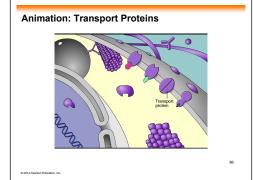


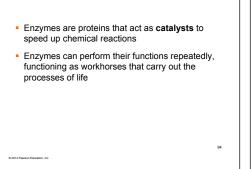


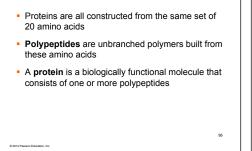


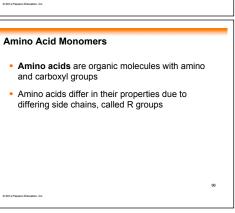


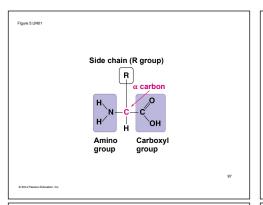


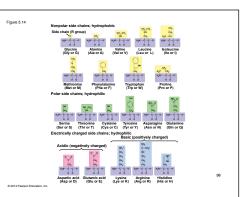


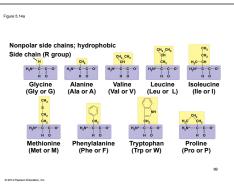


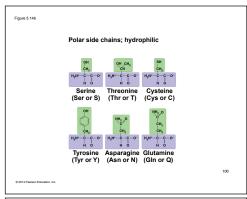


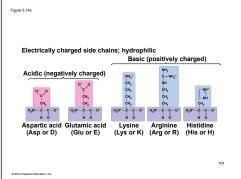






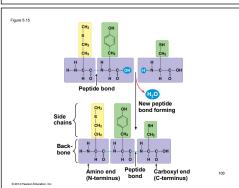


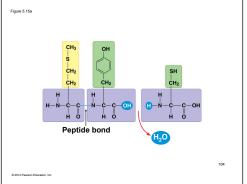






- A polypeptide is a polymer of amino acids
- Polypeptides range in length from a few to more than a thousand monomers
- Each polypeptide has a unique linear sequence of amino acids, with a carboxyl end (C-terminus) and an amino end (N-terminus)





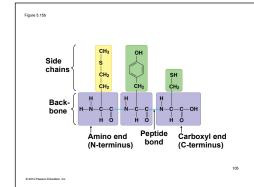
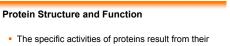
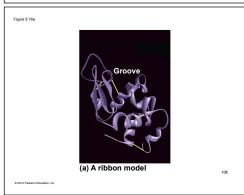


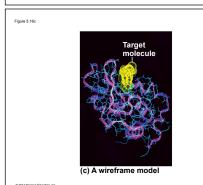
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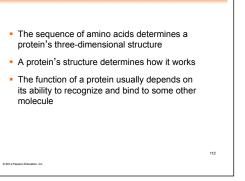
intricate three-dimensional architecture

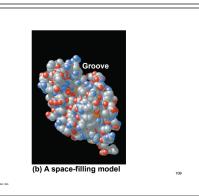
 A functional protein consists of one or more polypeptides precisely twisted, folded, and coiled into a unique shape

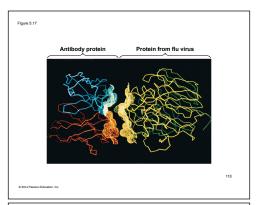




Animation: Protein Structure Introduction



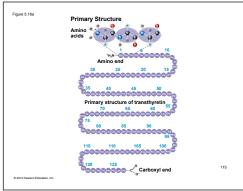


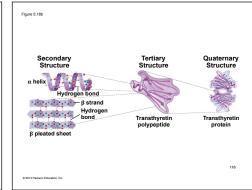


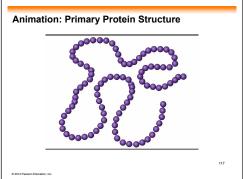


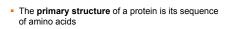
- The primary structure of a protein is its unique sequence of amino acids
- Secondary structure, found in most proteins, consists of coils and folds in the polypeptide chain
- Tertiary structure is determined by interactions among various side chains (R groups)
- Quaternary structure results when a protein consists of multiple polypeptide chains

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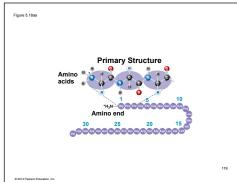


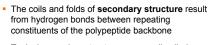




- Primary structure is like the order of letters in a long word
- Primary structure is determined by inherited genetic information

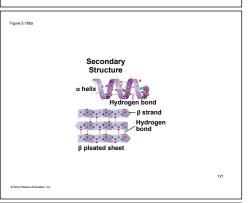
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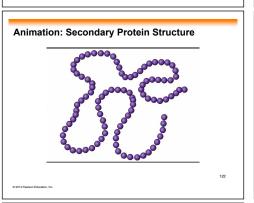


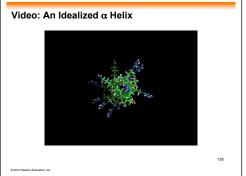


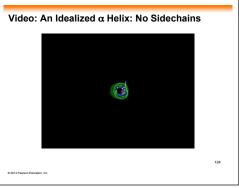
- Typical secondary structures are a coil called an α helix and a folded structure called a β pleated sheet

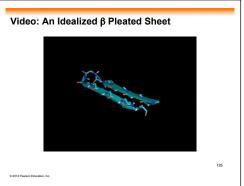
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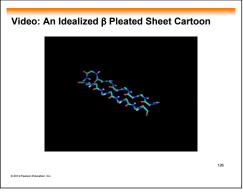




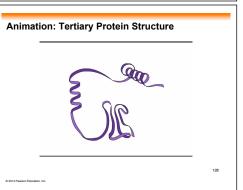










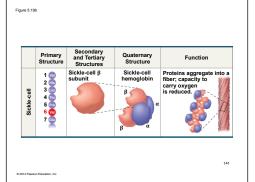


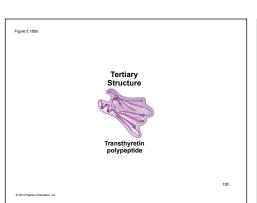
- Tertiary structure, the overall shape of a polypeptide, results from interactions between R groups, rather than interactions between backbone constituents
- These interactions include hydrogen bonds, ionic bonds, hydrophobic interactions, and van der Waals interactions
- Strong covalent bonds called disulfide bridges may reinforce the protein's structure

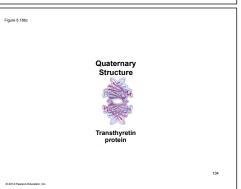
- Quaternary structure results when two or more polypeptide chains form one macromolecule
- Collagen is a fibrous protein consisting of three polypeptides coiled like a rope
- · Hemoglobin is a globular protein consisting of four polypeptides: two alpha and two beta chains

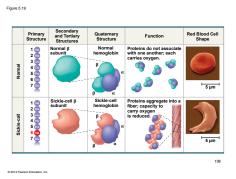
Sickle-Cell Disease: A Change in Primary Structure

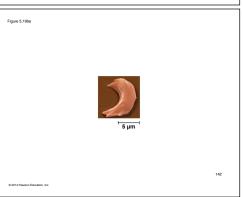
- A slight change in primary structure can affect a protein's structure and ability to function
- Sickle-cell disease, an inherited blood disorder, results from a single amino acid substitution in the protein hemoglobin

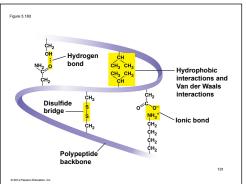


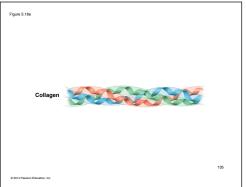


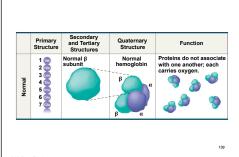












In addition to primary structure, physical and

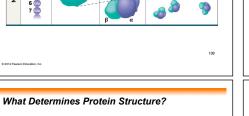
temperature, or other environmental factors

chemical conditions can affect structure Alterations in pH, salt concentration,

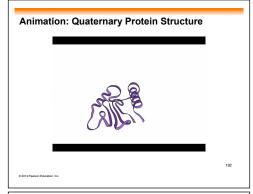
A denatured protein is biologically inactive

can cause a protein to unravel This loss of a protein's native structure is

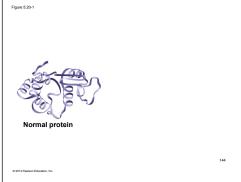
called denaturation

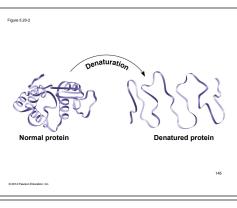


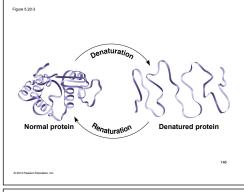


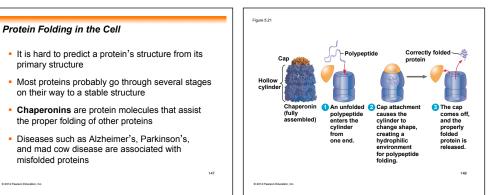


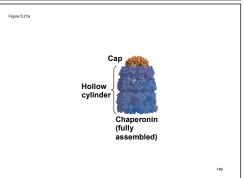


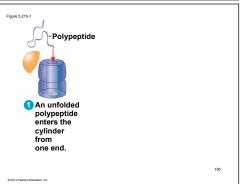


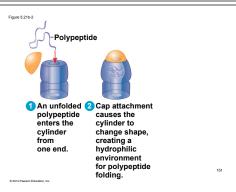


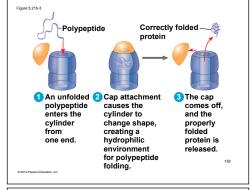


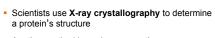






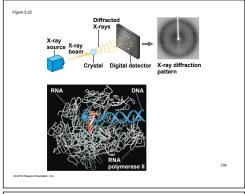


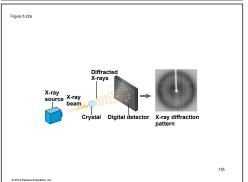


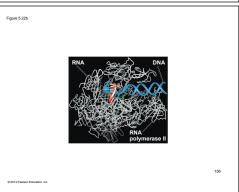


- Another method is nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy, which does not require protein crystallization
- Bioinformatics is another approach to prediction of protein structure from amino acid sequences



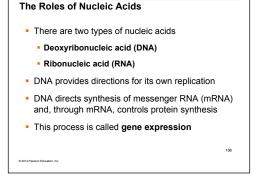


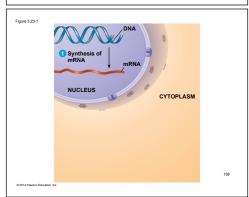


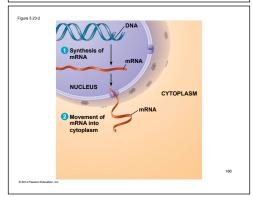


Concept 5.5: Nucleic acids store, transmit, and help express hereditary information

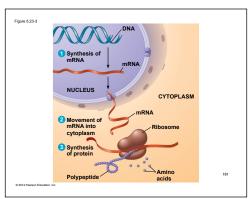
- The amino acid sequence of a polypeptide is programmed by a unit of inheritance called
- · Genes consist of DNA, a nucleic acid made of monomers called nucleotides

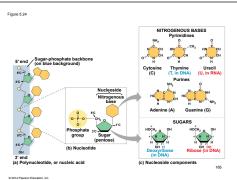


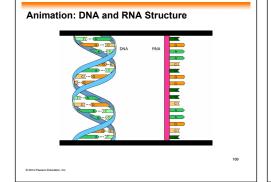




- a gene







- RNA, in contrast to DNA, is single stranded
- two RNA molecules or between parts of the
- A and U pair
- RNA molecules are more variable in form

- Each gene along a DNA molecule directs synthesis of a messenger RNA (mRNA)
- The mRNA molecule interacts with the cell's protein-synthesizing machinery to direct production of a polypeptide
- The flow of genetic information can be summarized as DNA → RNA → protein

 Each polynucleotide is made of monomers called nucleotides

The Components of Nucleic Acids

· Nucleic acids are polymers called

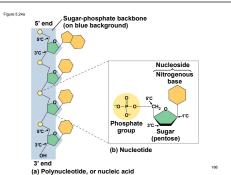
polynucleotides

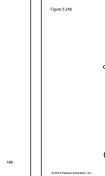
 Each nucleotide consists of a nitrogenous base, a pentose sugar, and one or more phosphate groups

• The portion of a nucleotide without the phosphate group is called a nucleoside

Nucleoside = nitrogenous base + sugar

- There are two families of nitrogenous bases
- Pyrimidines (cytosine, thymine, and uracil) have a single six-membered ring
- Purines (adenine and guanine) have a sixmembered ring fused to a five-membered ring
- In DNA, the sugar is deoxyribose; in RNA, the sugar is ribose
- Nucleotide = nucleoside + phosphate group





NITROGENOUS BASES Uracil Thymine (c) Nucleoside components

SUGARS (c) Nucleoside components

Nucleotide Polymers

- Nucleotides are linked together to build a polynucleotide
- Adjacent nucleotides are joined by a phosphodiester linkage, which consists of a phosphate group that links the sugars of two nucleotides
- These links create a backbone of sugar-phosphate units with nitrogenous bases as appendages
- The sequence of bases along a DNA or mRNA polymer is unique for each gene

The Structures of DNA and RNA Molecules

- DNA molecules have two polynucleotides spiraling around an imaginary axis, forming a double helix
- The backbones run in opposite 5' → 3' directions from each other, an arrangement referred to as antiparallel
- One DNA molecule includes many genes

 Only certain bases in DNA pair up and form hydrogen bonds: adenine (A) always with thymine (T), and guanine (G) always with cytosine (C)

This is called complementary base pairing

 This feature of DNA structure makes it possible to generate two identical copies of each DNA molecule in a cell preparing to divide

- Complementary pairing can also occur between same molecule
- In RNA, thymine is replaced by uracil (U) so
- While DNA always exists as a double helix,

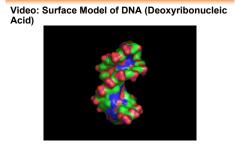
Figure 5.25 Sugar-phospha packbones (b) Transfer RNA

Animation: DNA Double Helix



Video: Stick Model of DNA (Deoxyribonucleic





Concept 5.6: Genomics and proteomics have transformed biological inquiry and applications

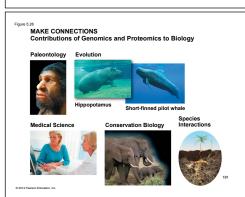
- Once the structure of DNA and its relationship to amino acid sequence was understood, biologists sought to "decode" genes by learning their base sequences
- The first chemical techniques for DNA sequencing were developed in the 1970s and refined over the next 20 years

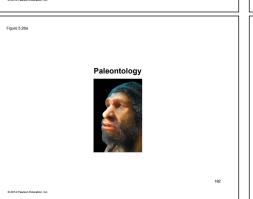
• It is enlightening to sequence the full complement of DNA in an organism's genome

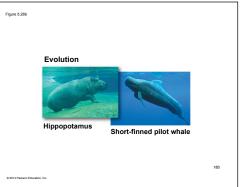
- The rapid development of faster and less expensive methods of sequencing was a side effect of the Human Genome Project
- Many genomes have been sequenced, generating reams of data

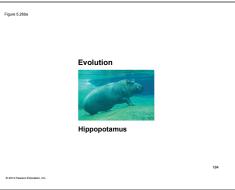
 Bioinformatics uses computer software and other computational tools to deal with the data resulting from sequencing many genomes

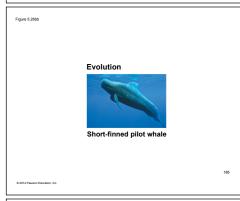
- Analyzing large sets of genes or even comparing whole genomes of different species is called genomics
- A similar analysis of large sets of proteins including their sequences is called proteomics



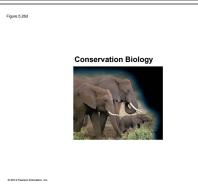














DNA and Proteins as Tape Measures of Evolution

- Sequences of genes and their protein products document the hereditary background of an
- Linear sequences of DNA molecules are passed from parents to offspring
- We can extend the concept of "molecular genealogy" to relationships between species
- Molecular biology has added a new measure to the toolkit of evolutionary biology

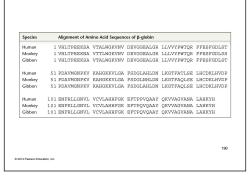


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