



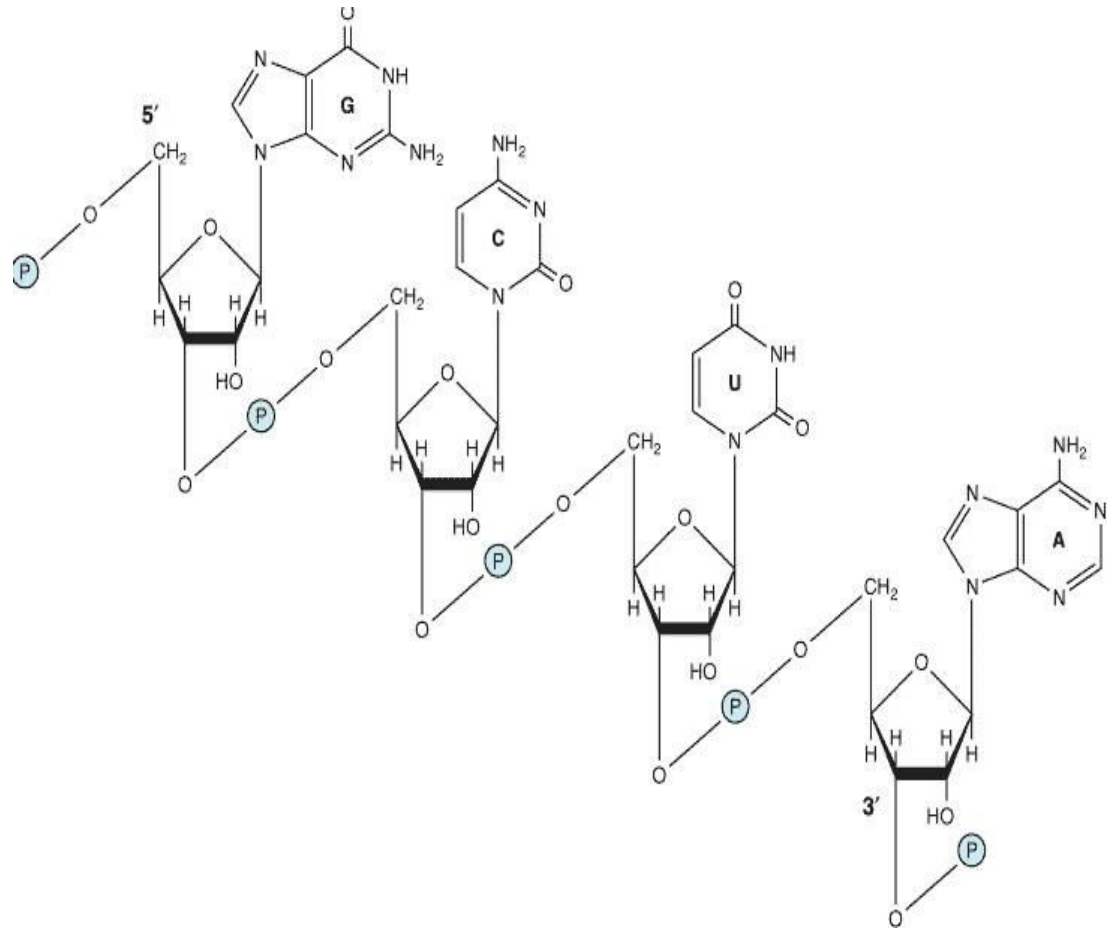
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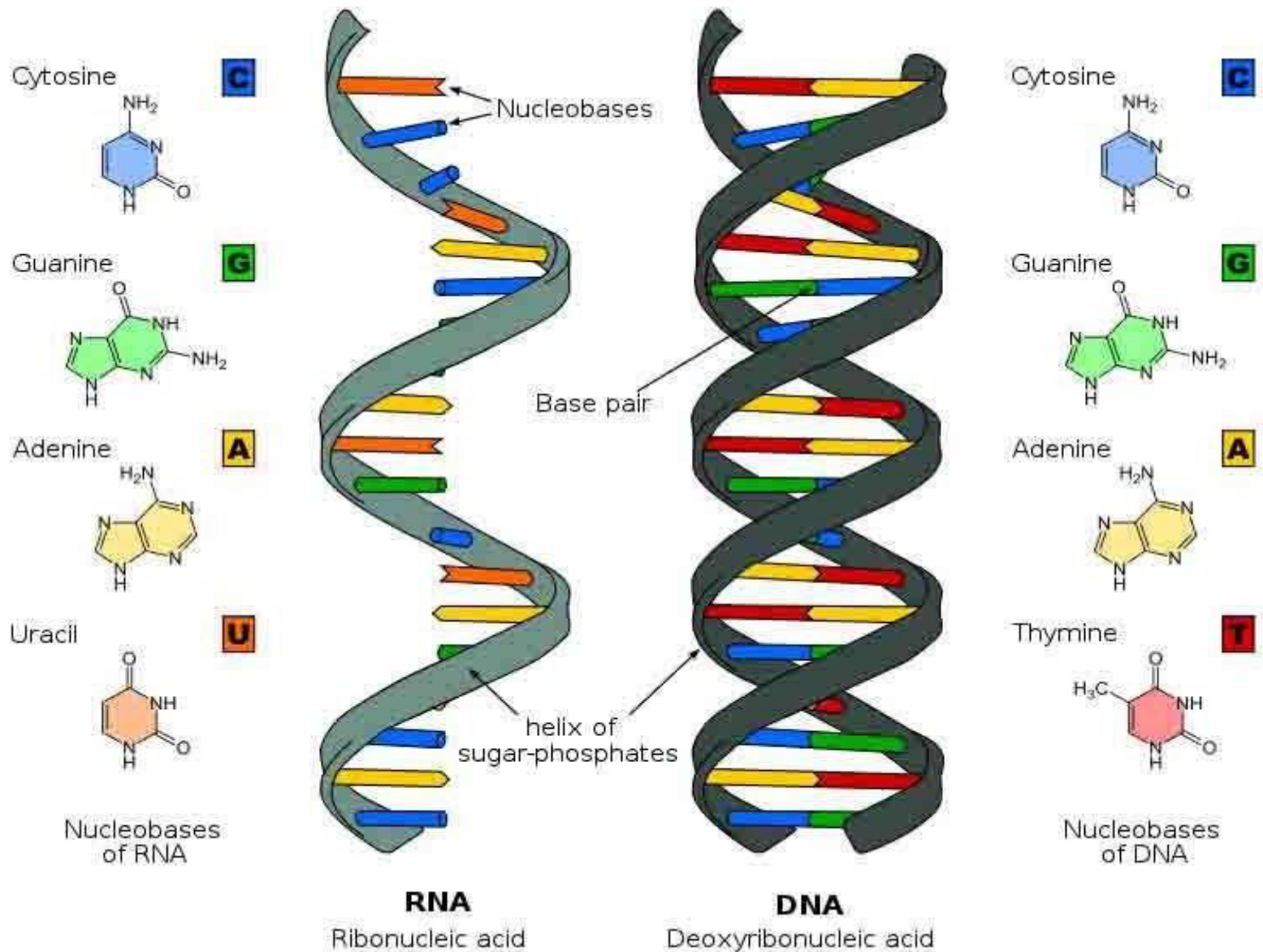
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RNA (Ribonucleic acid)

RNA is a polymer of ribonucleotides linked together by 3'-5' phosphodiester linkage



RNA V/S DNA



Differences between RNA and DNA

S.No.	RNA	DNA
1)	Single stranded mainly except when self complementary sequences are there it forms a double stranded structure (Hair pin structure)	Double stranded (Except for certain viral DNA s which are single stranded)
2)	Ribose is the main sugar	The sugar moiety is deoxy ribose
3)	Pyrimidine components differ. Thymine is never found(Except tRNA)	Thymine is always there but uracil is never found
4)	Being single stranded structure- It does not follow Chargaff's rule	It does follow Chargaff's rule. The total purine content in a double stranded DNA is always equal to pyrimidine content.

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5)	RNA can be easily destroyed by alkalis to cyclic diesters of mono nucleotides.	DNA resists alkali action due to the absence of OH group at 2' position
6)	RNA is a relatively a labile molecule, undergoes easy and spontaneous degradation	DNA is a stable molecule. The spontaneous degradation is very slow. The genetic information can be stored for years together without any change.
7)	Mainly cytoplasmic, but also present in nucleus (primary transcript and small nuclear RNA)	Mainly found in nucleus, extra nuclear DNA is found in mitochondria, and plasmids etc
8)	The base content varies from 100-5000. The size is variable.	Millions of base pairs are there depending upon the organism