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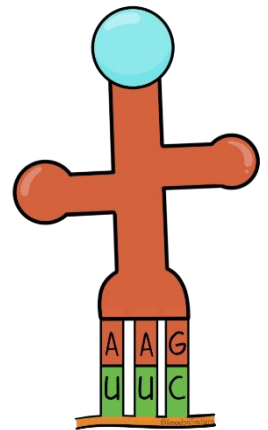
Amoeba Sisters Video Companion for *How to Read a Codon Chart*

Second Base

	U	C	A	G		
First Base	U	Phenylalanine	Serine	Tyrosine	Cysteine	U C A G
		Phenylalanine	Serine	Tyrosine	Cysteine	
		Leucine	Serine	STOP	STOP	
		Leucine	Serine	STOP	Tryptophan	
	C	Leucine	Proline	Histidine	Arginine	U C A G
		Leucine	Proline	Histidine	Arginine	
		Leucine	Proline	Glutamine	Arginine	
		Leucine	Proline	Glutamine	Arginine	
	A	Isoleucine	Threonine	Asparagine	Serine	U C A G
		Isoleucine	Threonine	Asparagine	Serine	
		Isoleucine	Threonine	Lysine	Arginine	
		Methionine	Threonine	Lysine	Arginine	
	G	Valine	Alanine	Aspartic Acid	Glycine	U C A G
		Valine	Alanine	Aspartic Acid	Glycine	
		Valine	Alanine	Glutamic Acid	Glycine	
		Valine	Alanine	Glutamic Acid	Glycine	

Third Base

1. Please *label* the following five words on the image below: **tRNA**, **mRNA**, **codon**, **amino acid**, and **anticodon**.



2. When reading a codon chart, *unless otherwise specified*, you generally use the three bases that are part of the: **CIRCLE ONE:** tRNA anticodon mRNA codon DNA codon DNA anticodon

3. The codon chart demonstrates that more than one codon can potentially code for the same amino acid. **CIRCLE ONE:** TRUE FALSE

4. The information in this rectangular codon chart could be represented in a different way (ex: circular codon chart). **CIRCLE ONE:** TRUE FALSE

5. How many different codon *combinations* are shown on this codon chart? _____

6. How many different *types* of amino acids are shown on this codon chart? _____

Codon Example 1 from Video

mRNA Codon:
AUG

tRNA Anticodon:
UAC

Amino Acid:
methionine

Codon Example 2 from Video

Try working through this before checking your answers in the video!

mRNA Codon:
CCA

tRNA Anticodon:
7. _____

Amino Acid:
8. _____

Codon Example 3 from Video

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mRNA Codon:
GUC

tRNA Anticodon:
9. _____

Amino Acid:
10. _____





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11. The video gave an example of identifying codons for an amino acid. Which six **mRNA codons** code for **leucine**?

12. What would be the six **tRNA anticodons** for the above mRNA codons?

13. What would be the **DNA base triplets** on the DNA template strand that complement the mRNA? One example has been filled in for you!

 AAT _____

TRUE or FALSE?

14. _____ Changing one base letter on a **mRNA codon** will always change the amino acid it codes for.

15. Why or why not? _____

TRUE or FALSE?

18. _____ The mRNA codons GCU and GCC would share the *same* **tRNA anticodon**.

19. Why or why not? _____

TRUE or FALSE?

16. _____ The mRNA codon UGG is the only codon that codes for the amino acid tryptophan.

TRUE or FALSE?

17. _____ The mRNA codon UCU and AGU code for the same amino acid.

20. **Stop codons** can signal the end of a polypeptide. What are the three stop codons?

21. **AUG** is generally a **start codon**. What is the **amino acid** that AUG codes for?

