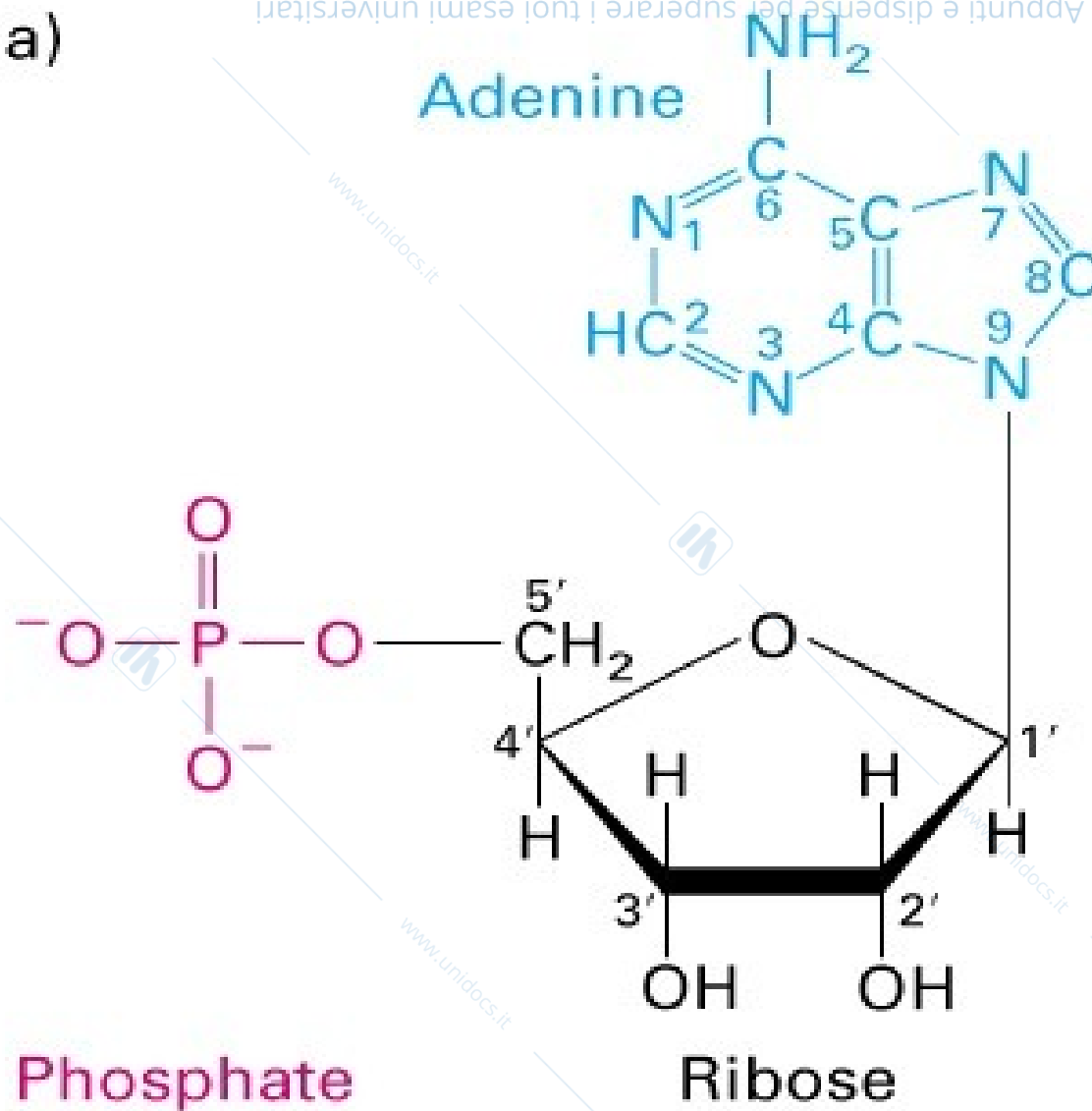


Figure 1.1 A brief history of genetics.

1865	Genes are particulate factors
1903	Chromosomes are hereditary units
1910	Genes lie on chromosomes
1913	Chromosomes contain linear arrays of genes
1927	Mutations are physical changes in genes
1931	Recombination is caused by crossing over
1944	DNA is the genetic material
1945	A gene codes for a protein
1953	DNA is a double helix
1958	DNA replicates semiconservatively
1961	Genetic code is triplet
1977	DNA can be sequenced
1997	Genomes can be sequenced

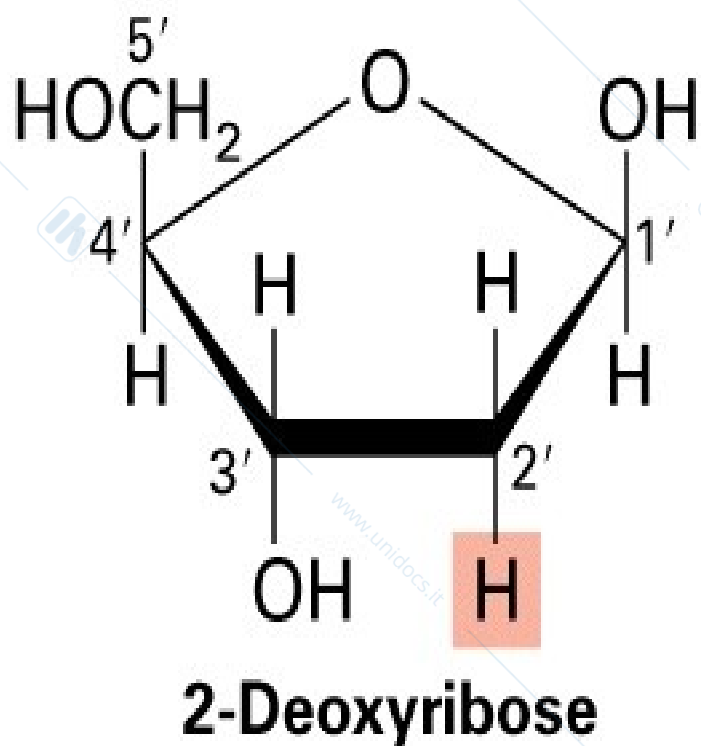
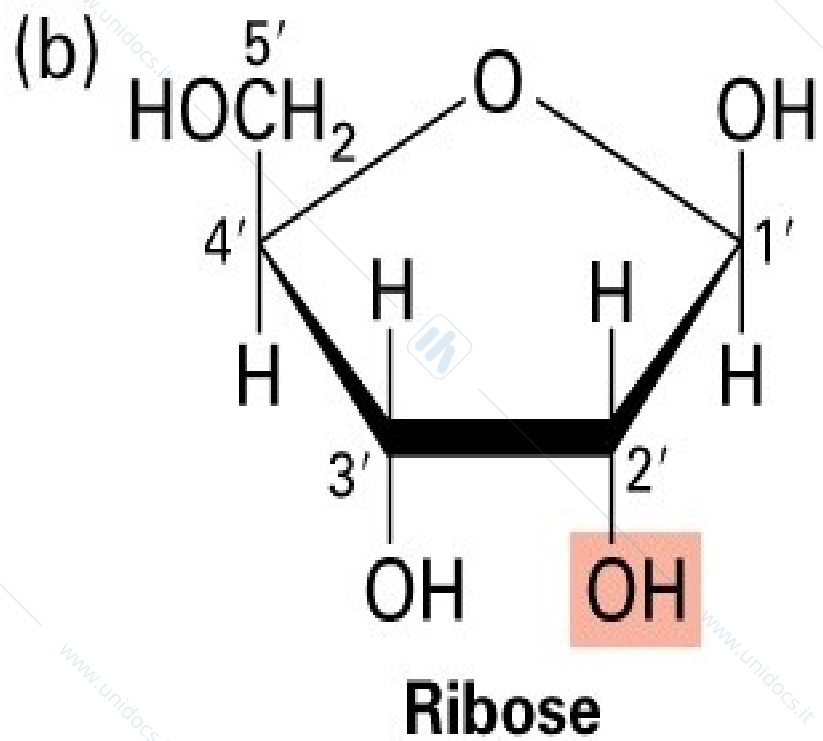
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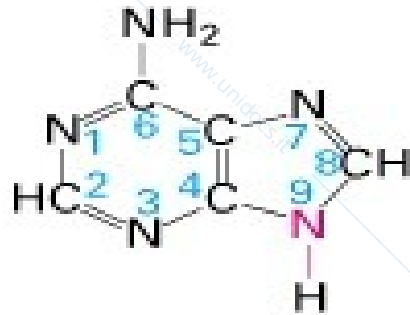
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Ribose

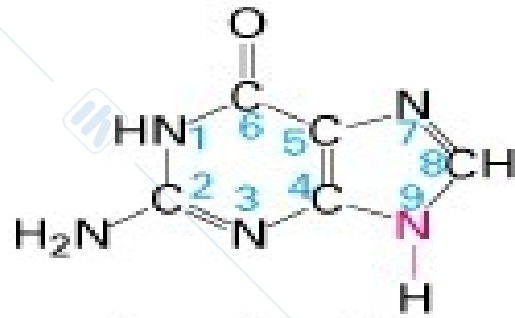
**Adenosine
5'-monophosphate
(AMP)**



PURINES



Adenine (A)

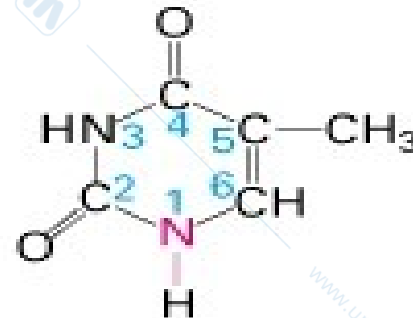


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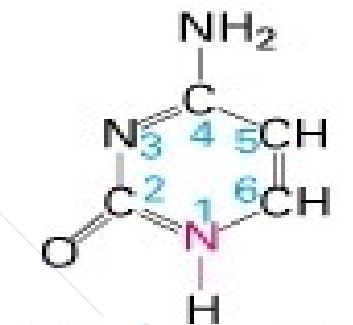
PYRIMIDINES



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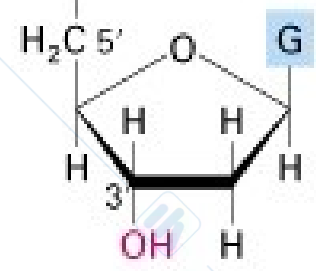
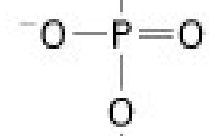
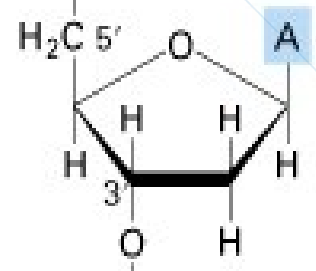
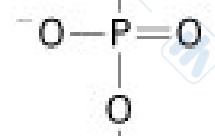
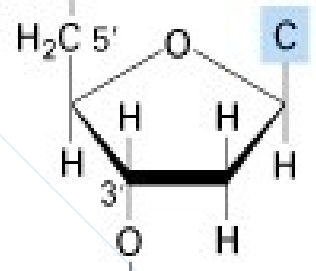
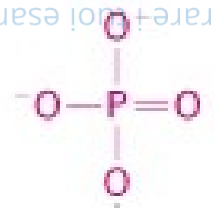
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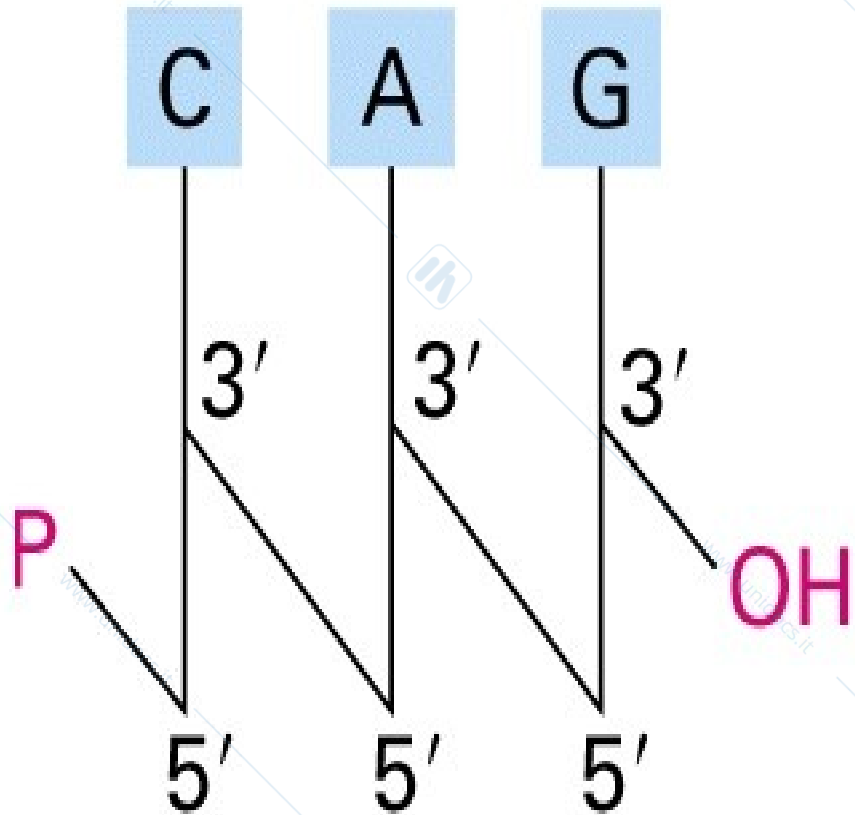
(a)

5' end



3' end

(b)



5' C-A-G 3'

Figure 1.5 A polynucleotide chain consists of a series of 5'-3' sugar-phosphate links that form a backbone from which the bases protrude.

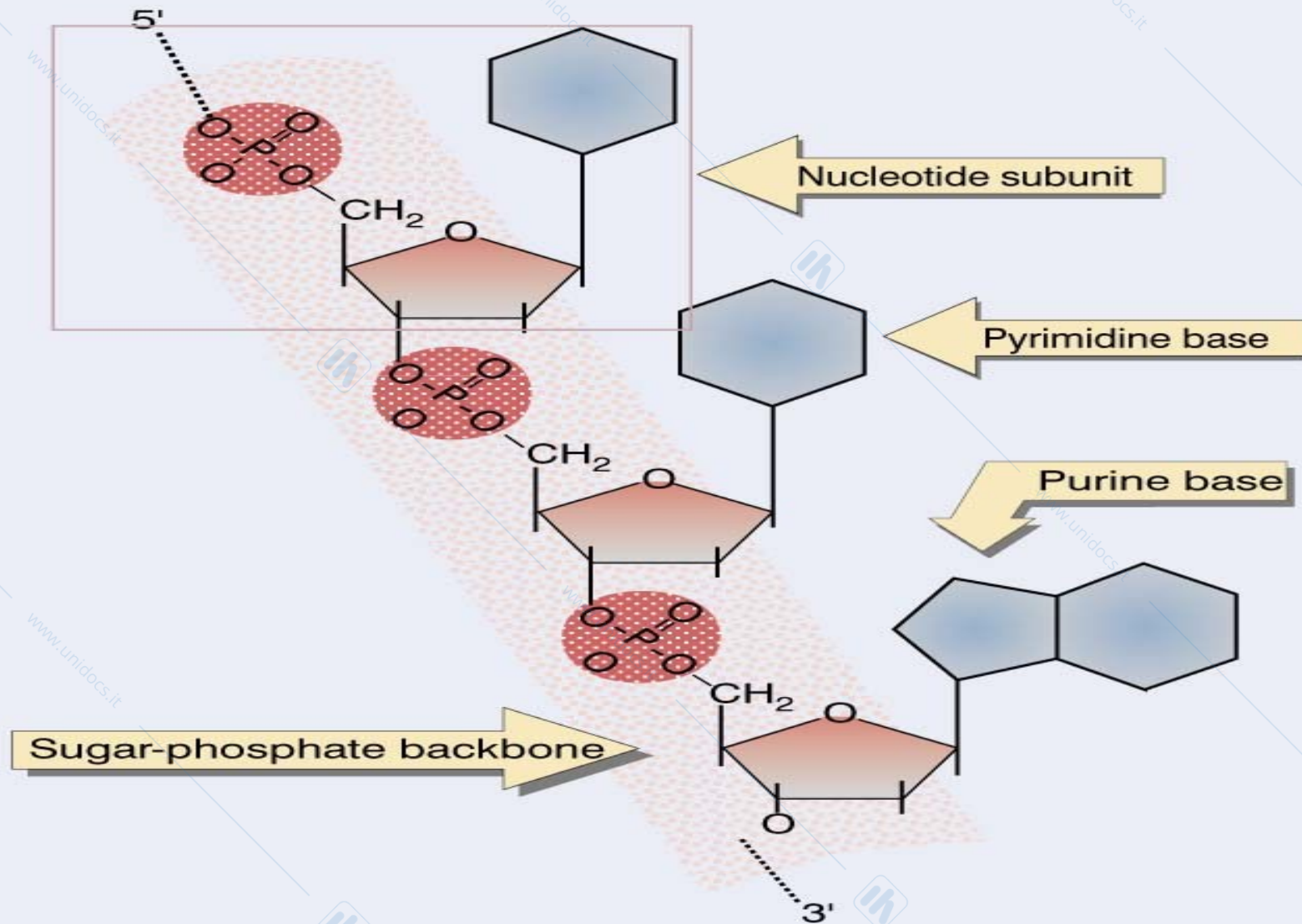


Figure 3.1 DNA content of the haploid genome is related to the morphological complexity of lower eukaryotes, but varies extensively among the higher eukaryotes. The range of DNA values within a phylum is indicated by the shaded area.

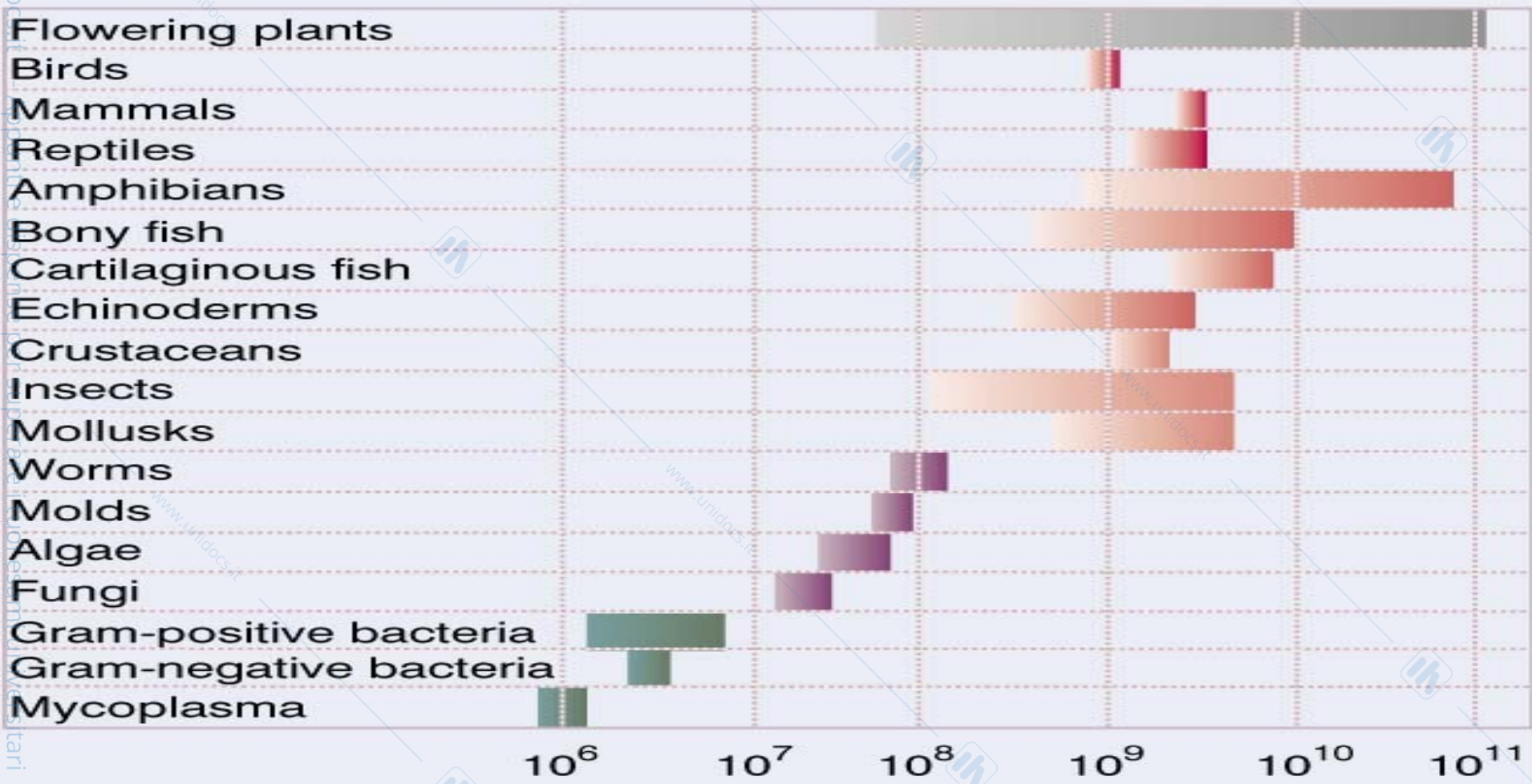


Figure 3.2 The minimum genome size found in each phylum increases from prokaryotes to mammals.

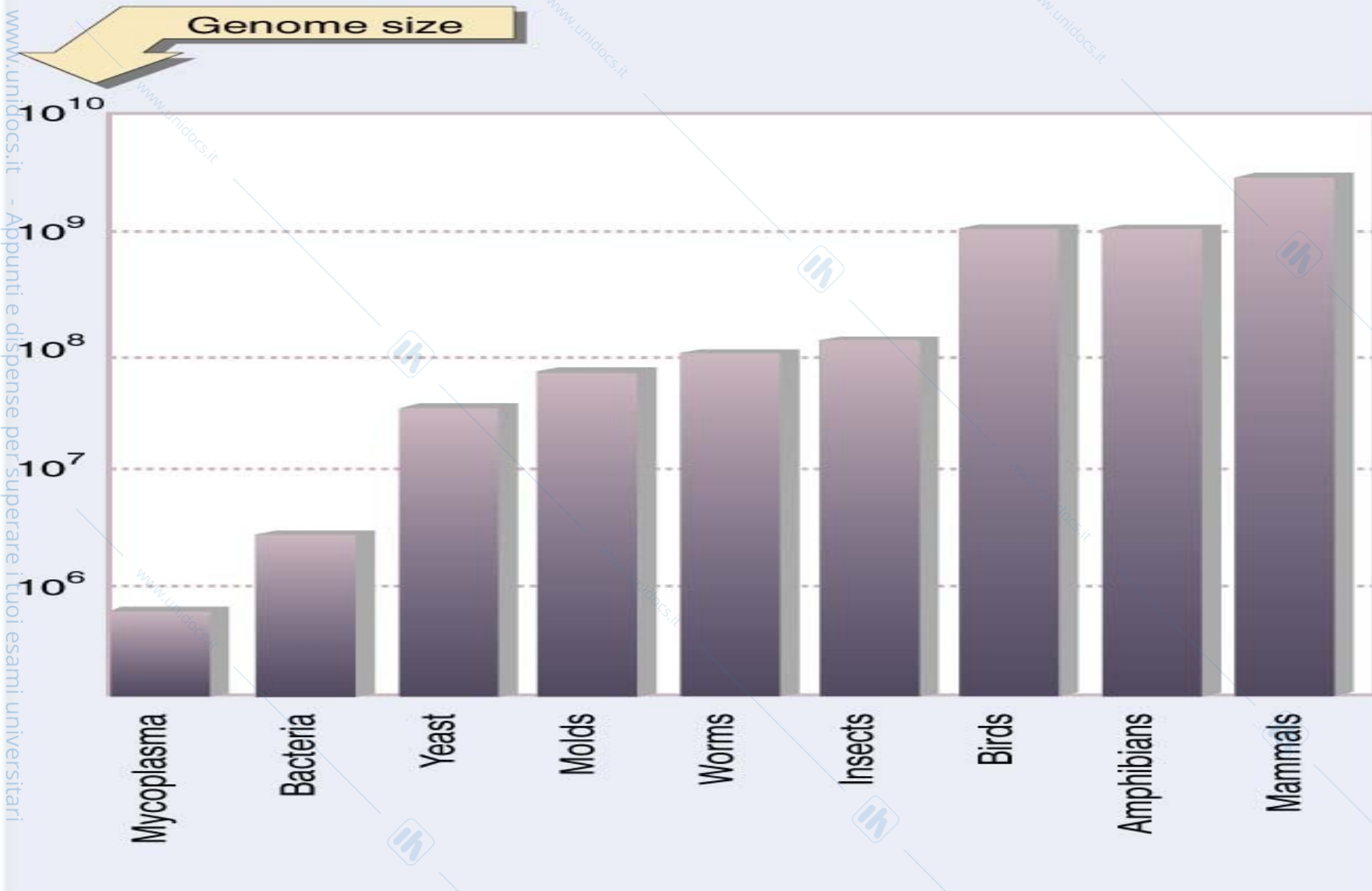


Figure 1.6 The double helix maintains a constant width because purines always face pyrimidines in the complementary A-T and G-C base pairs. The sequence in the figure is

T-A
C-G
A-T
G-C

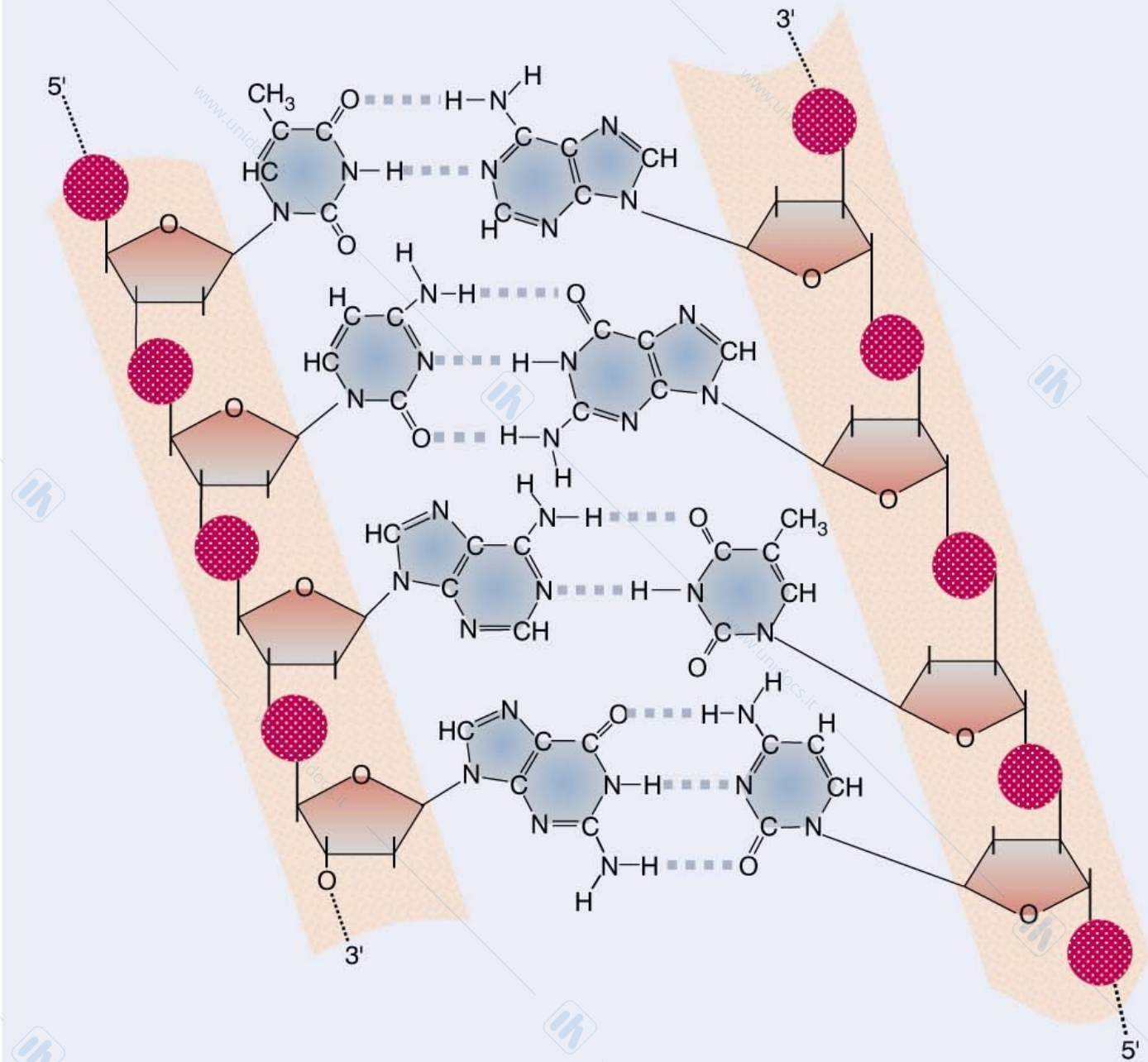
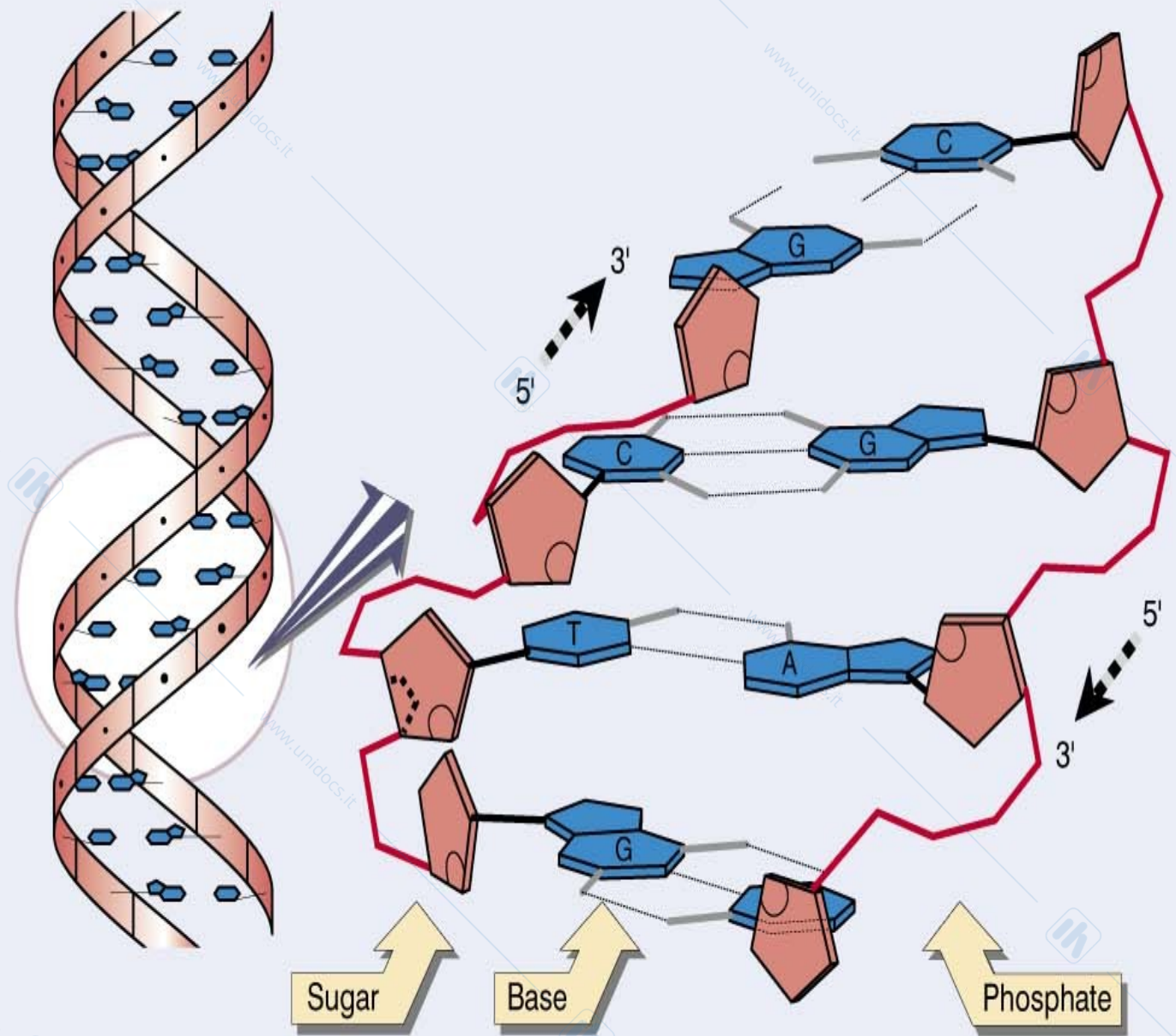


Figure 1.7 Flat base pairs lie perpendicular to the sugar-phosphate backbone.

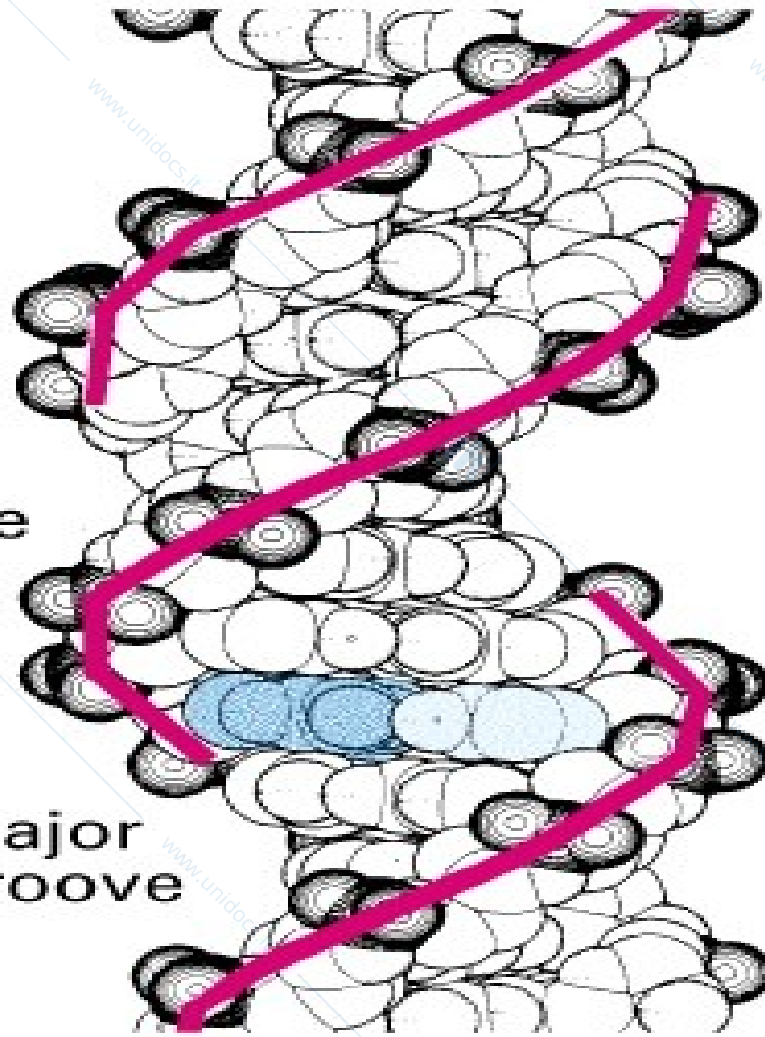


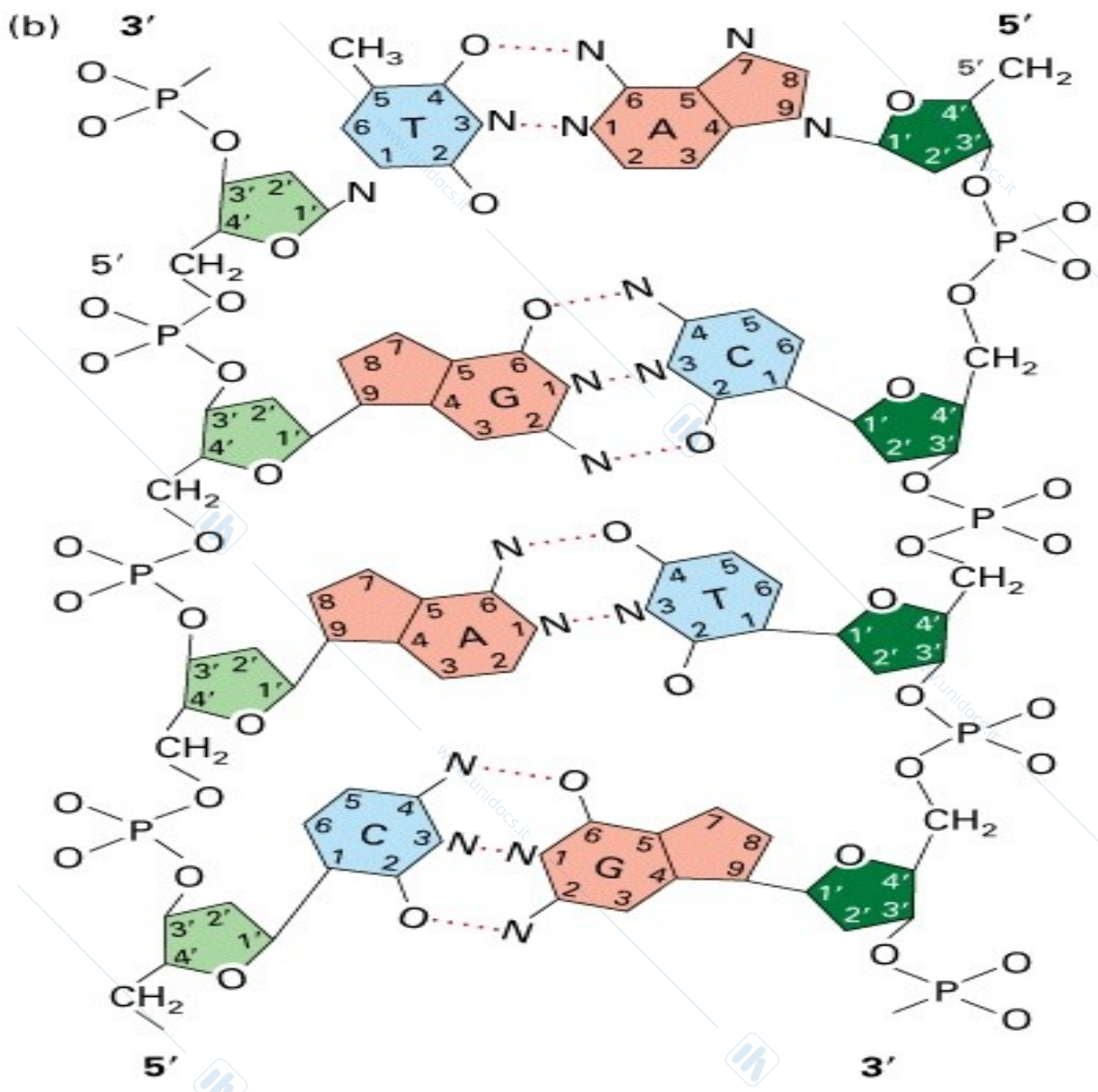
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Minor groove

Major groove

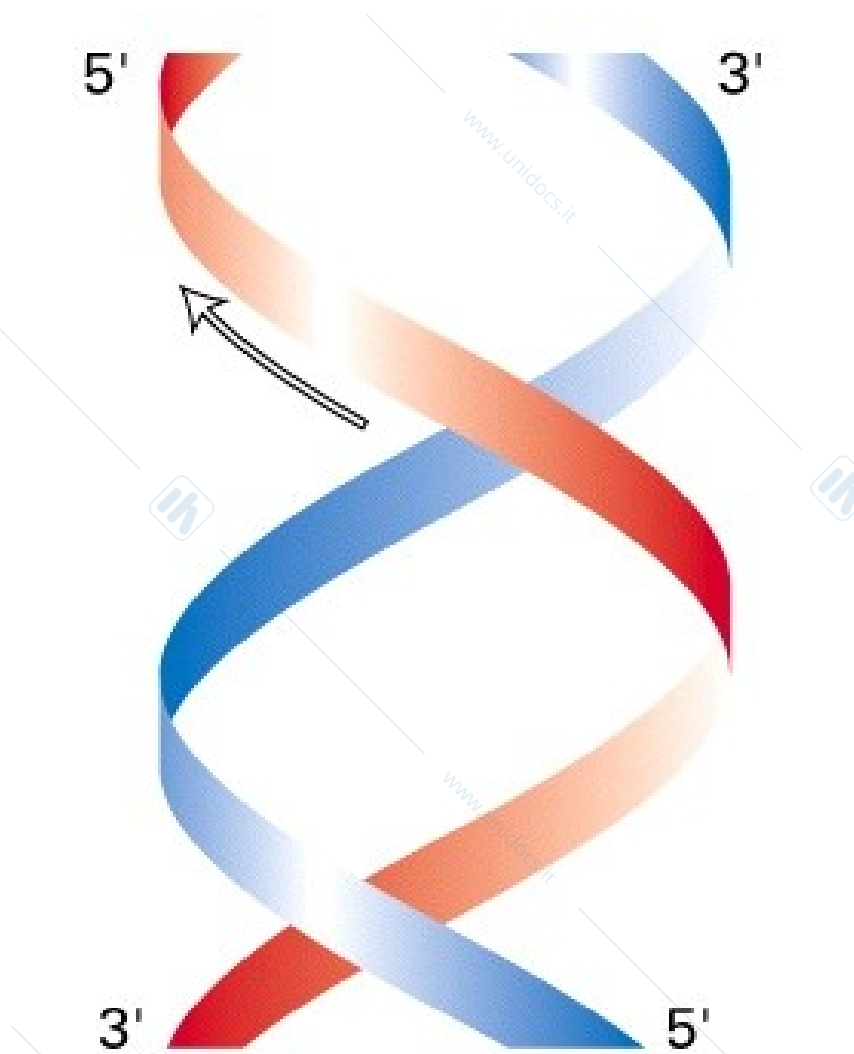
Normal B DNA







Right-handed double helix



Left-handed double helix

B-DNA A-DNA Z-DNA

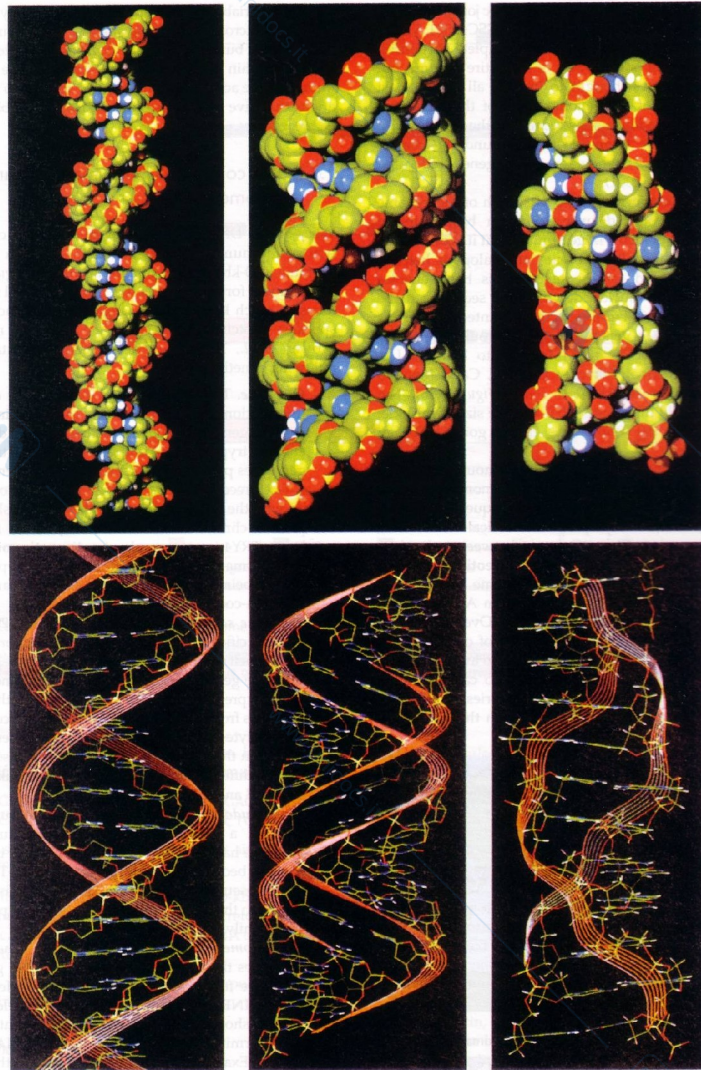


Figure 1.12 Computer-generated images of B-DNA (left), A-DNA (center) and Z-DNA (right).

CARATTERISTICHE DELLE DIVERSE CONFORMAZIONI DELLA DOPPIA ELICA DI DNA

CONFORMAZIONE

CARATTERISTICHE

B-DNA

A-DNA

Z-DNA

- Tipo di elica
- Diametro dell'elica (nm)
- Innalzamento di una coppia di basi (nm)
- Lunghezza di un giro completo (=pitch)(nm)
- Numero di coppie di basi per giro completo
- Topologia del solco maggiore
- Topologia del solco minore

Destrorsa

2,37

0,34

3,4

10

Largo, profondo

**Stretto,
superficiale**

Destrorsa

2,55

0,29

3,2

11

Stretto, profondo

Ampio, superficiale

Sinistrorsa

1,84

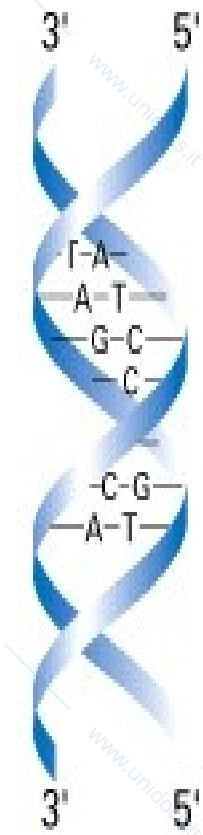
0,37

4,5

12

Piatto

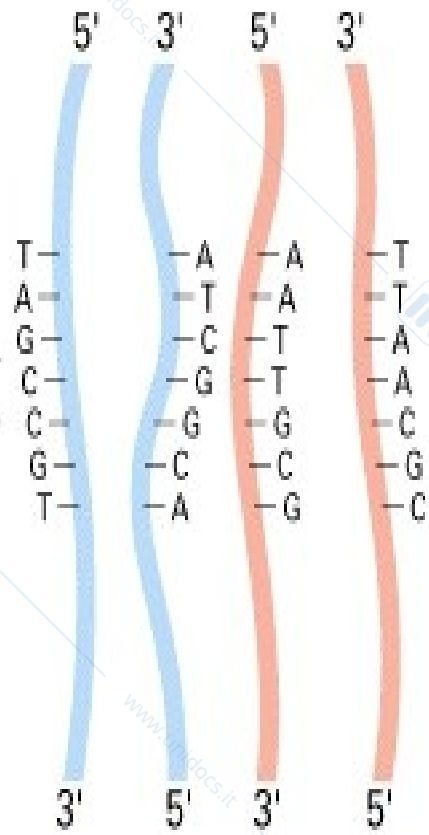
Stretto, profondo



Native state

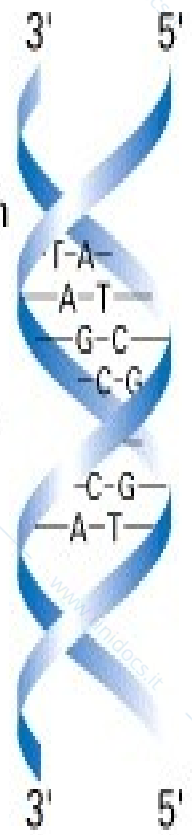


Heat, OH⁻ →

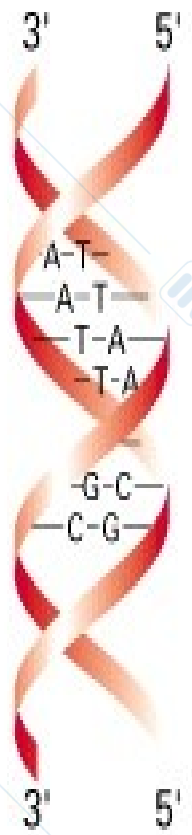


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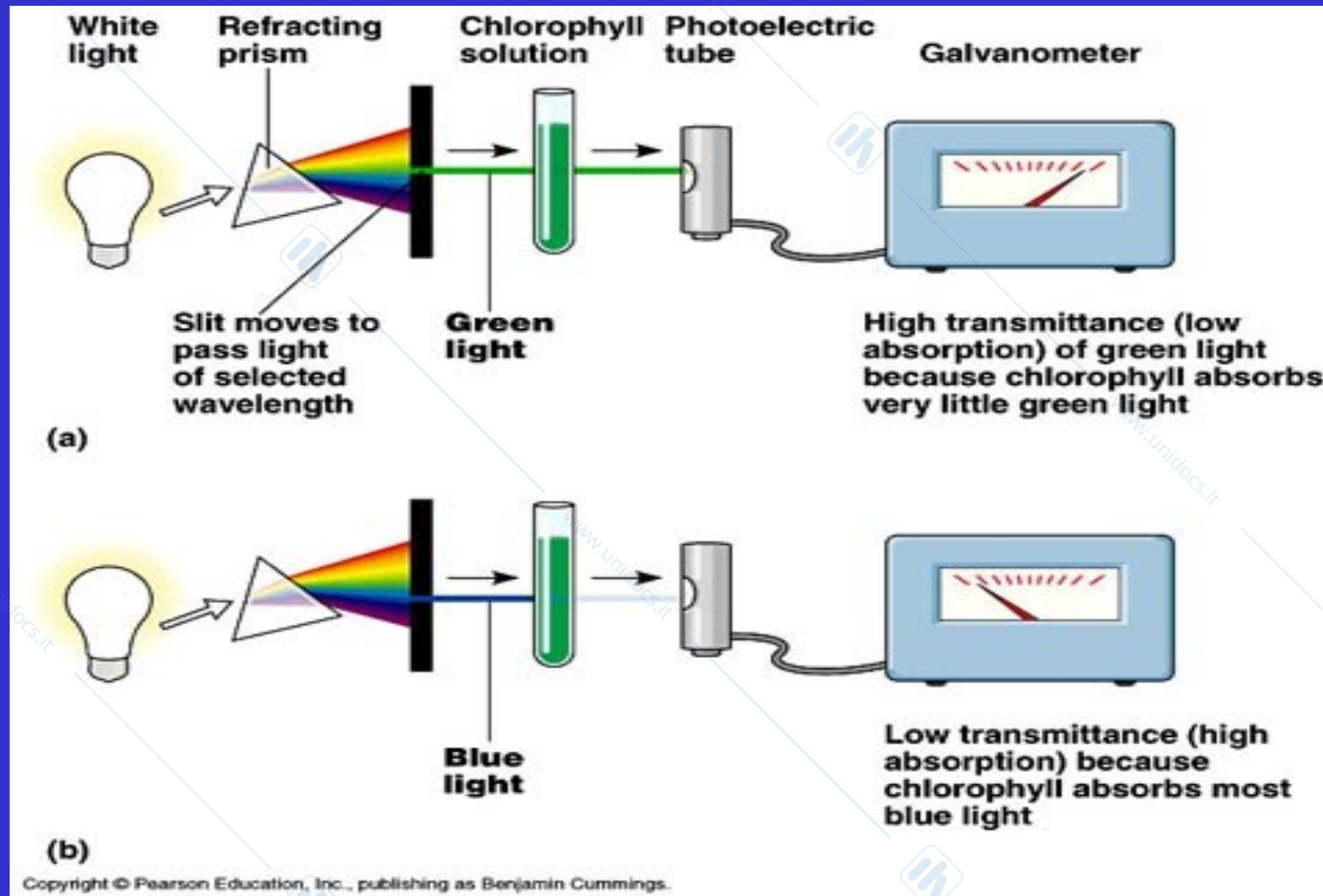
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Renatured state



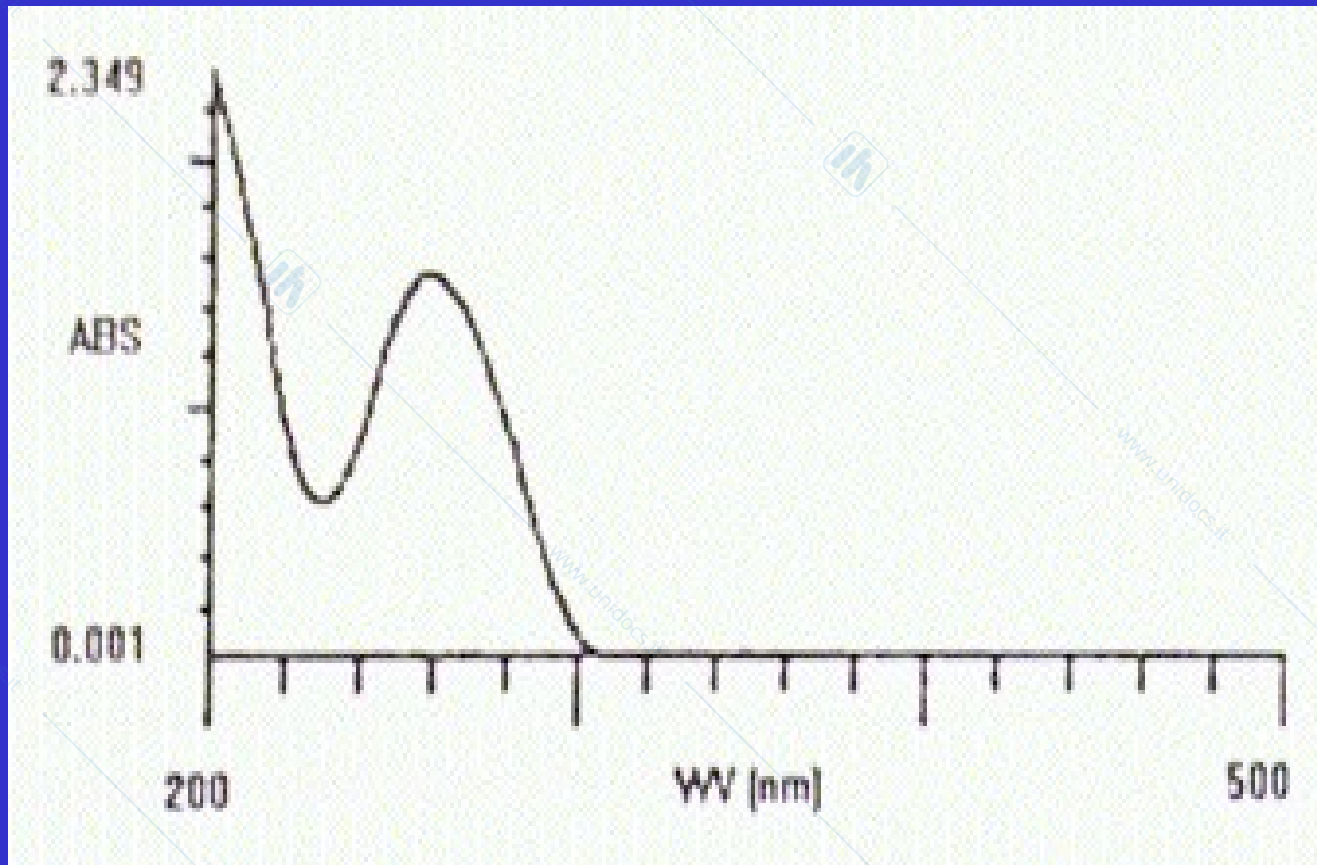
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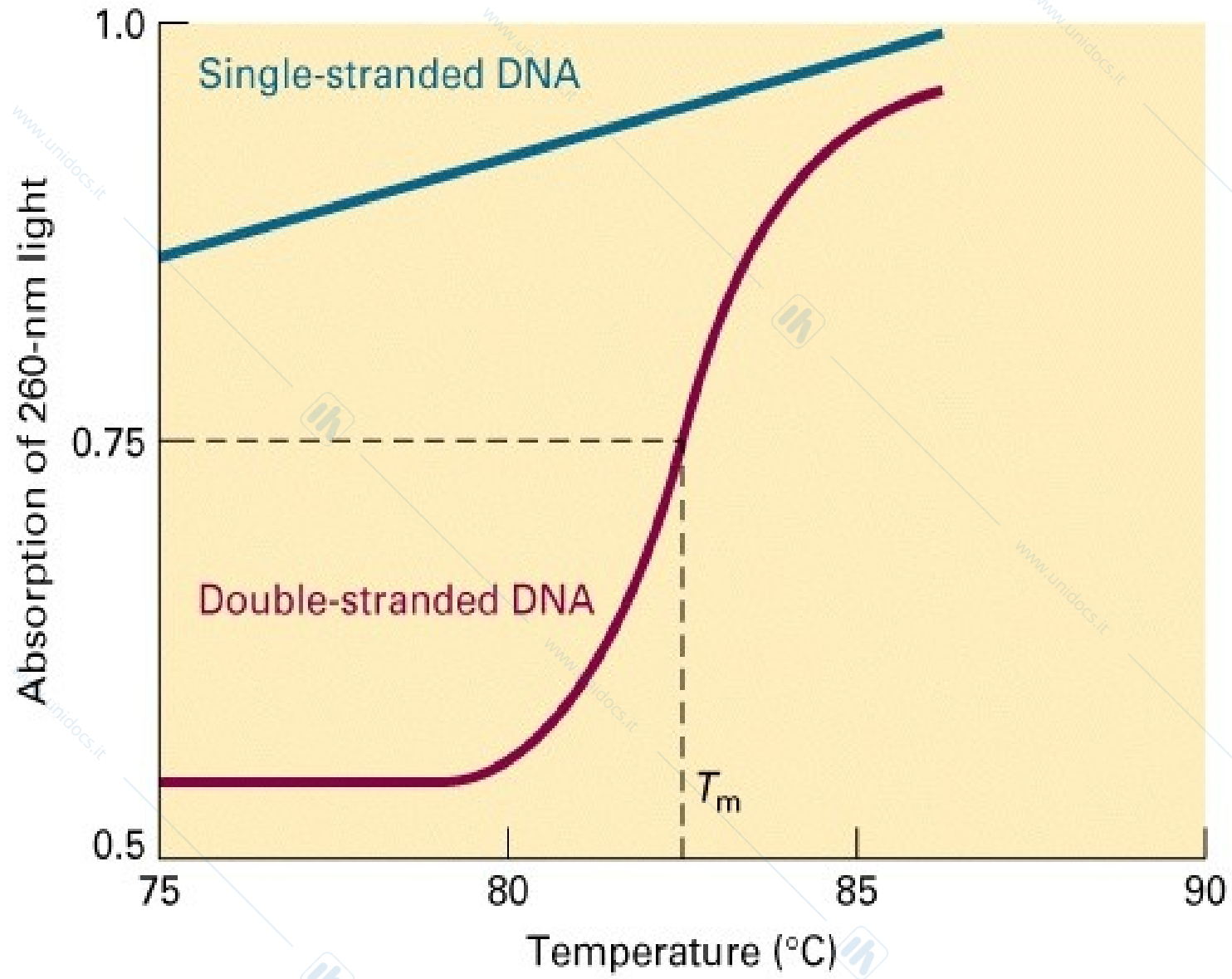
SPECTROPHOTOMETER



DNA ABSORBANCE



(a)



(a)

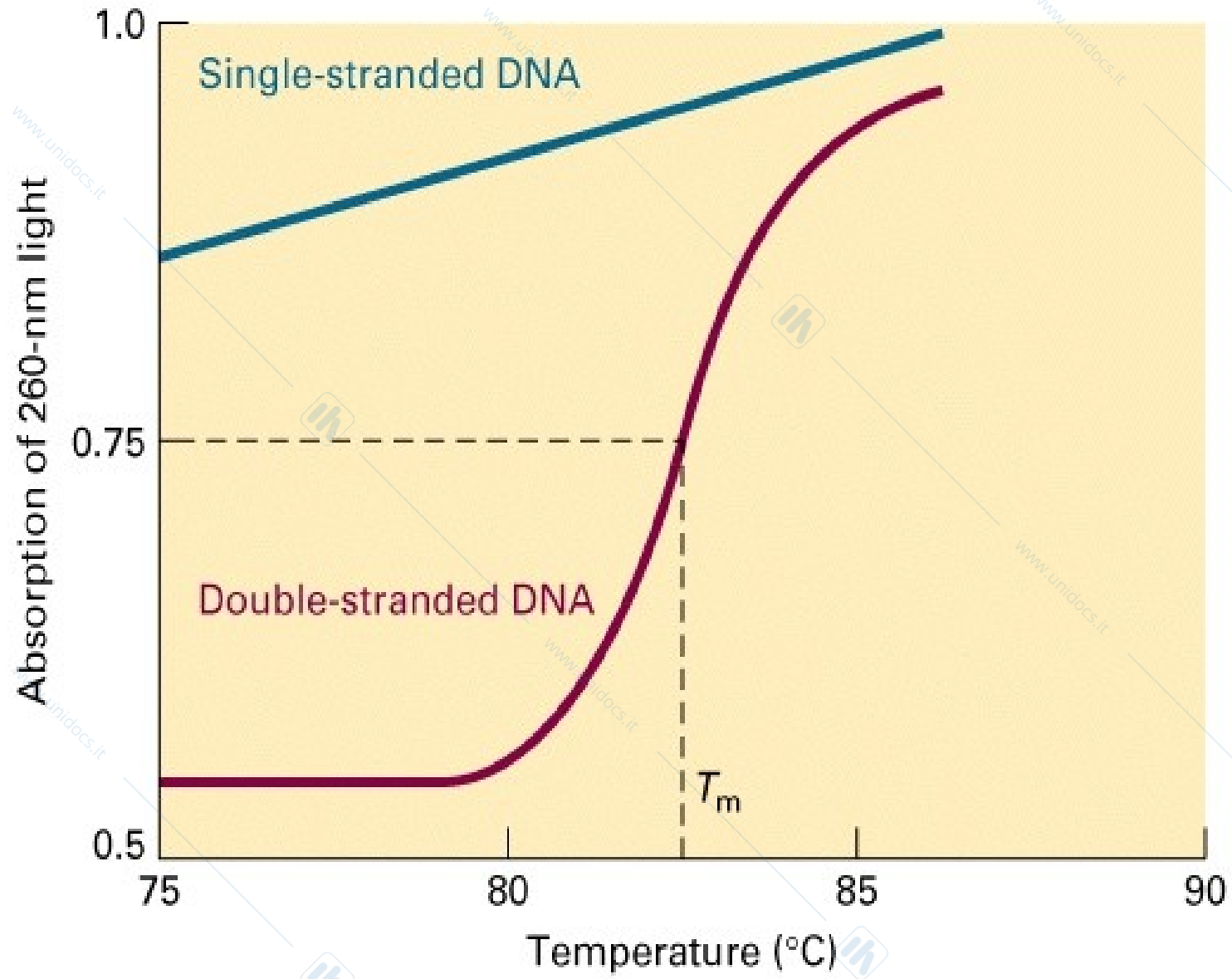


Figure 3.4 A DNA reassociation reaction is described by the $C_0 t_{1/2}$

Rate of reaction

The reaction follows the second order equation

$$\frac{dC}{dt} = -kC^2$$

C is the concentration of DNA that is single-stranded at time t
 k is a reassociation rate constant.

Progress of reaction

Integrate the rate equation between the limits:
initial concentration of DNA = C_0 at time $t = 0$;
concentration remaining single stranded = C after time t

$$\frac{C}{C_0} = \frac{1}{1 + k.C_0 t}$$

Critical parameter is $C_0 t_{1/2}$

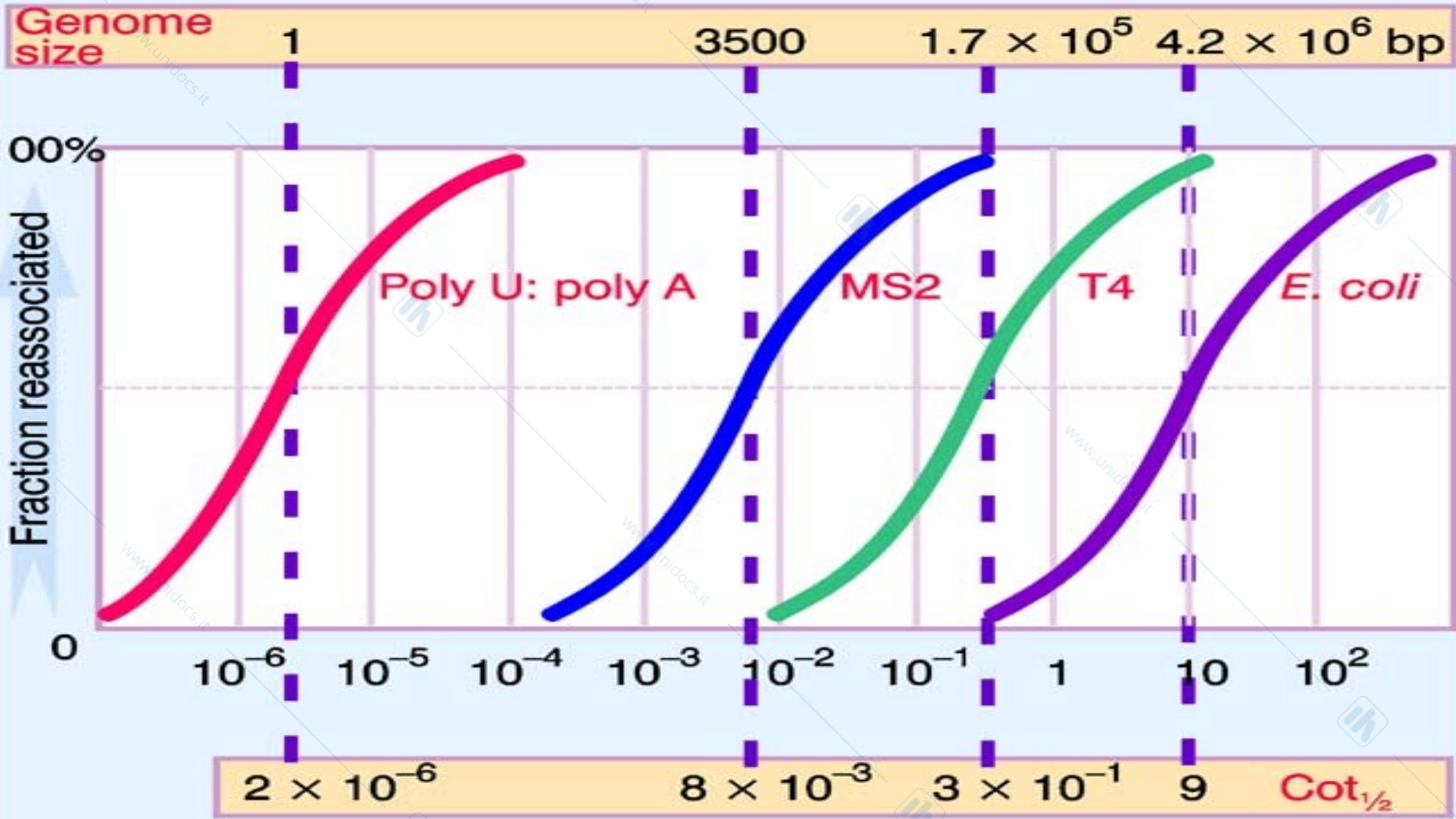
When the reaction is half complete at time $t = 1/2$

$$\frac{C}{C_0} = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{1 + k.C_0 t_{1/2}}$$

Therefore $C_0 t_{1/2} = \frac{1}{k}$

Figure 3.5 Rate of reassociation is inversely proportional to the length of the reassociating DNA.

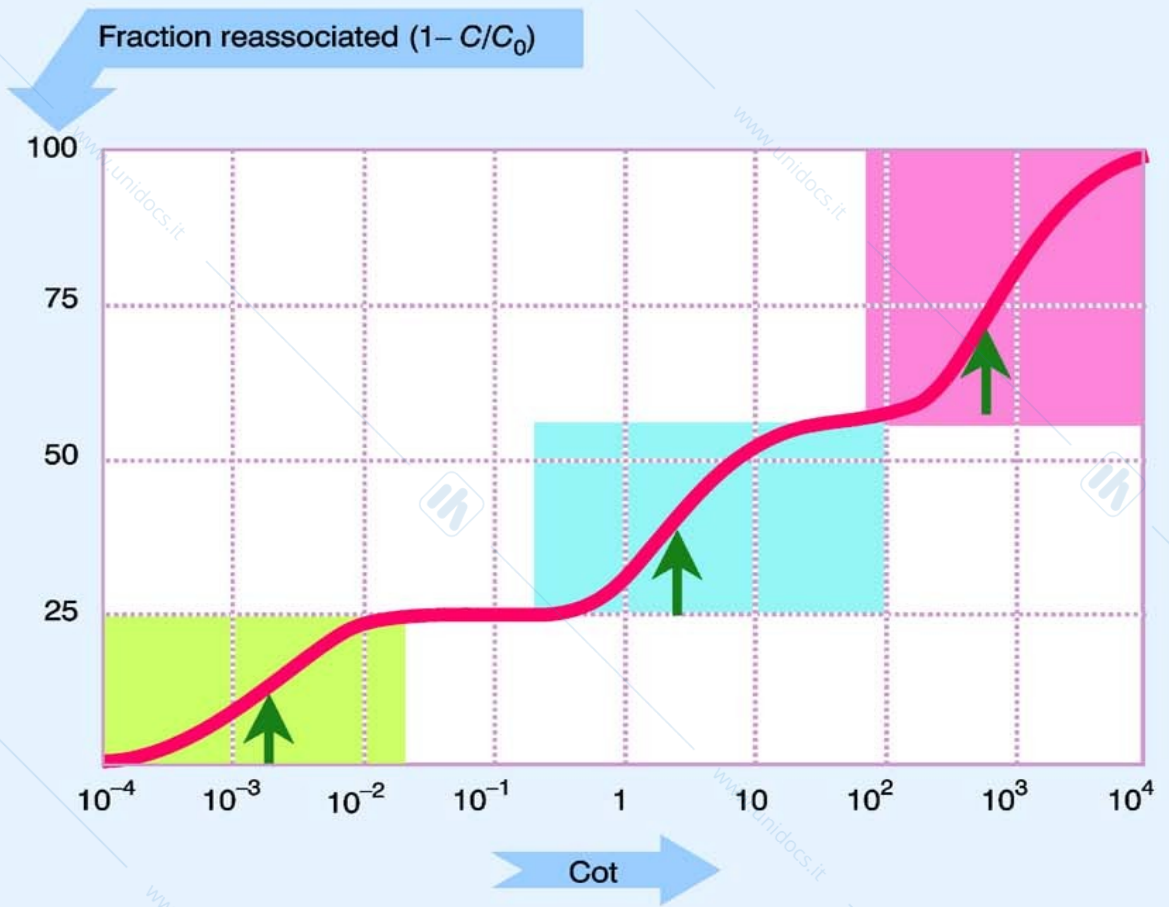
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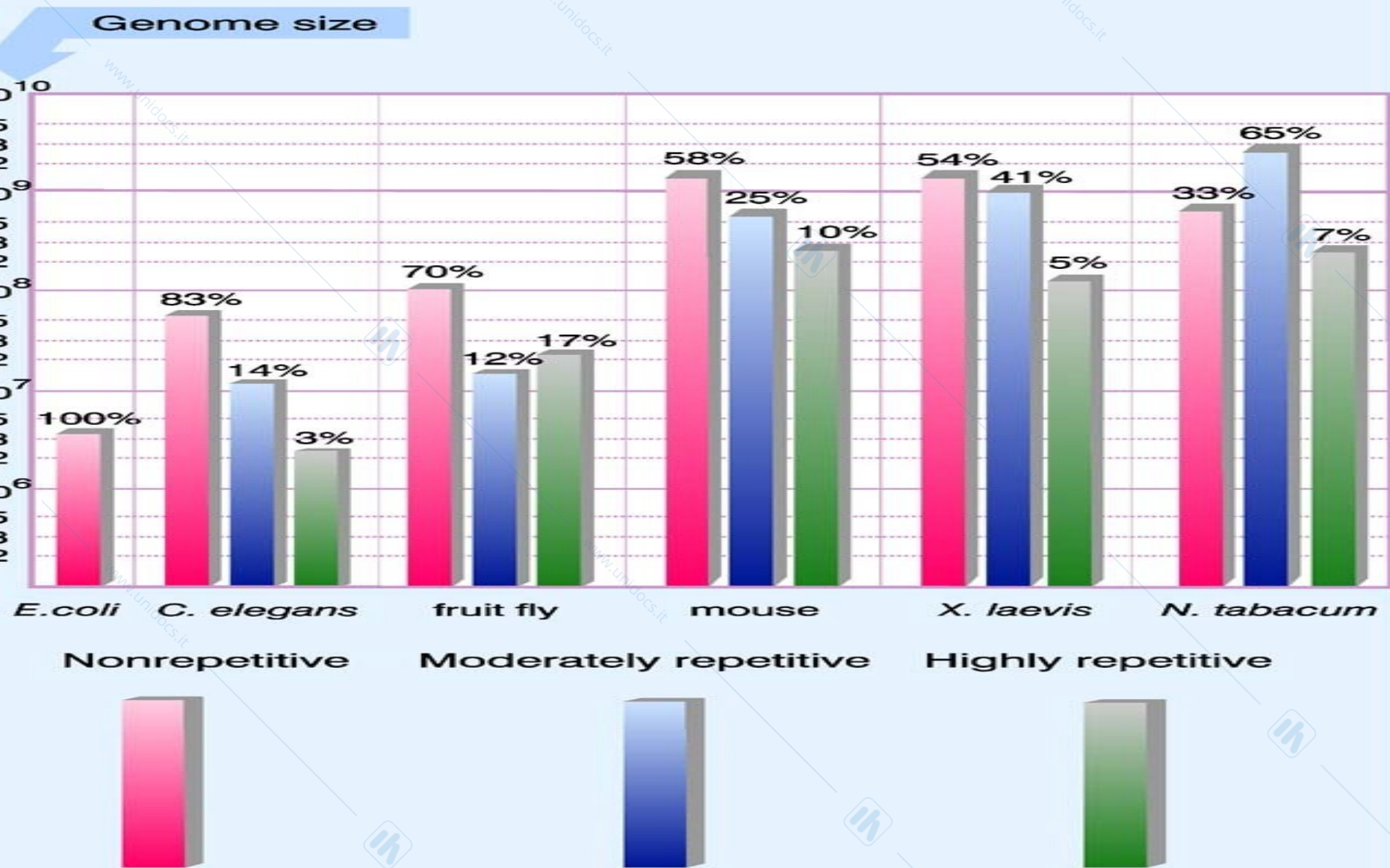
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Figure 3.6 The reassociation kinetics of eukaryotic DNA show three types of component (indicated by the shaded areas). The arrows identify the $Cot_{1/2}$ values for each component.

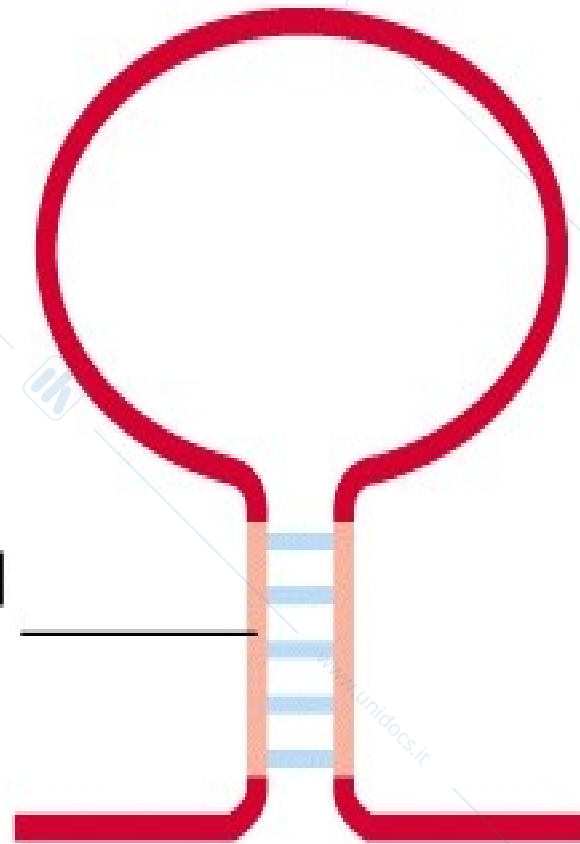


	Fast component	Intermediate component	Slow component
Percent of genome	25	30	45
$Cot_{1/2}$	0.0013	1.9	630
Complexity, bp	340	6.0×10^5	3.0×10^8
Repetition frequency	500,000	350	1

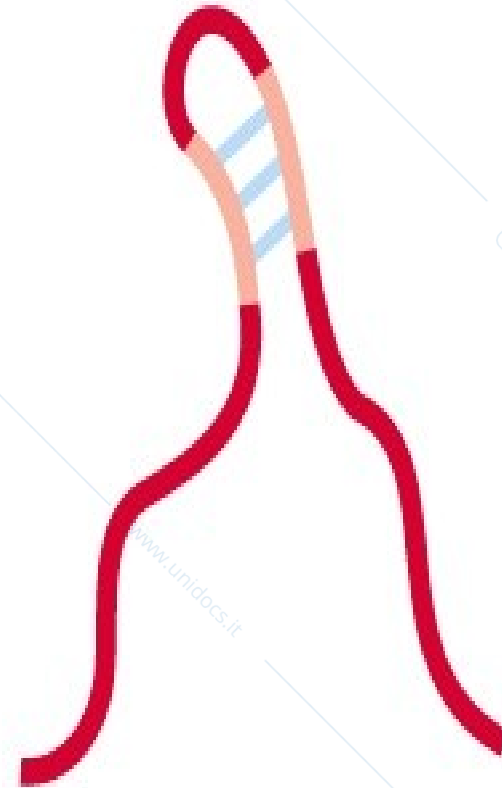
Figure 3.8 The proportions of different sequence components vary in eukaryotic genomes. The absolute content of nonrepetitive DNA increases with genome size, but reaches a plateau at $\sim 2 \times 10^9$ bp.



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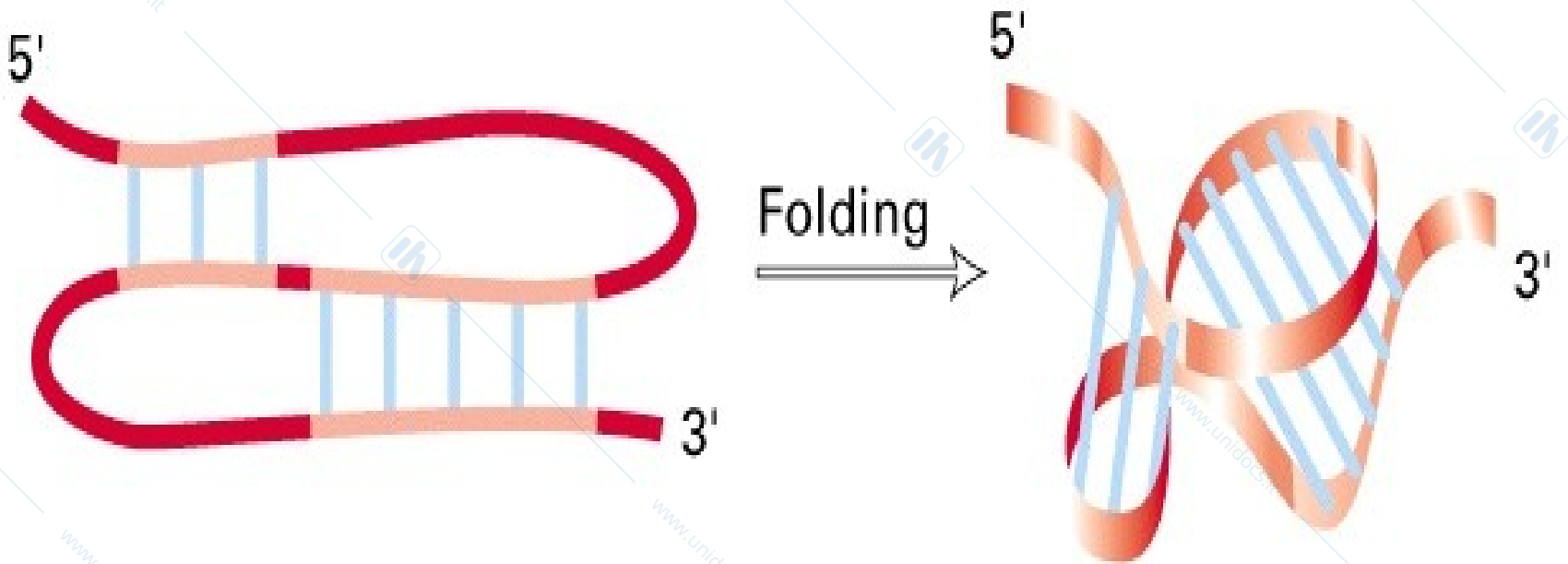


Stem-loop



Hairpin

(b) Tertiary structure

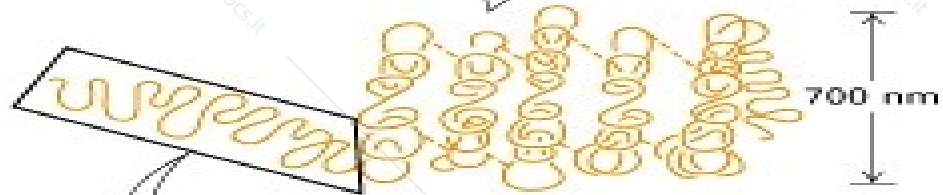


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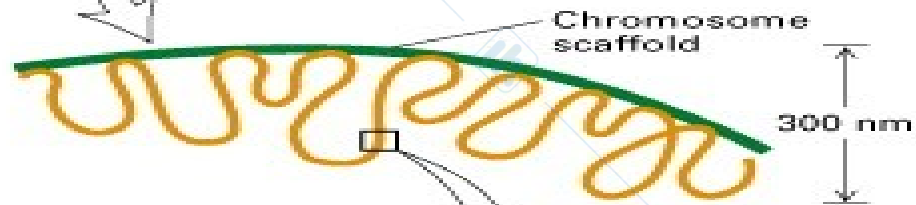
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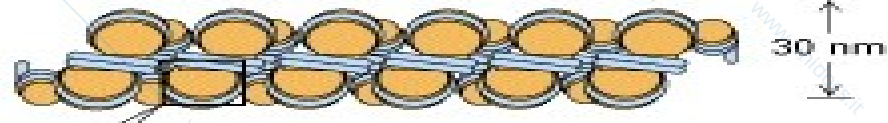
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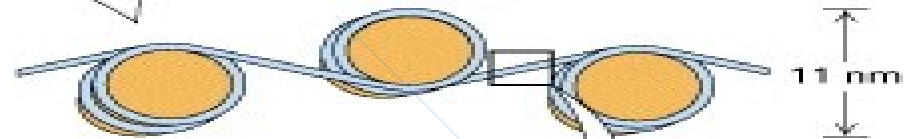
Extended scaffold-associated form



30-nm chromatin fiber of packed nucleosomes



"Beads-on-a-string" form of chromatin

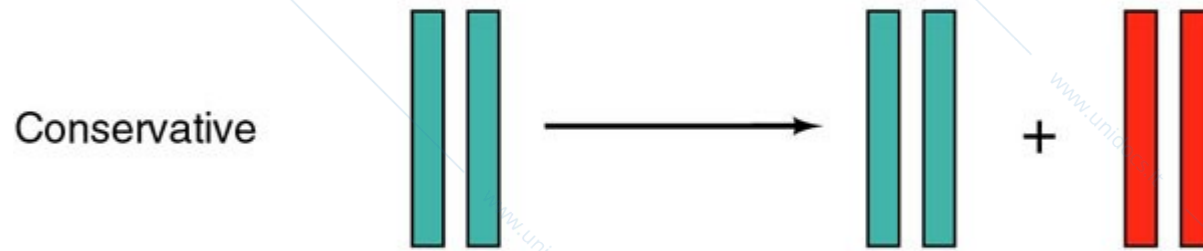
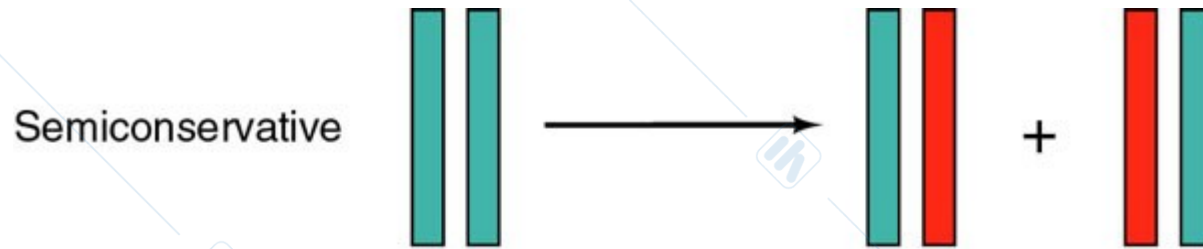


Short region of DNA double-helix





Possible Mechanisms of DNA Replication

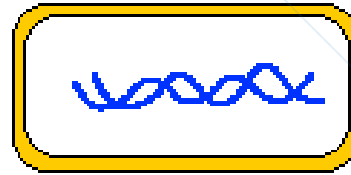




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E. coli grown many generations in "heavy" medium

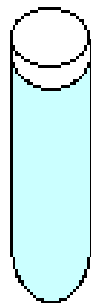
^{15}N



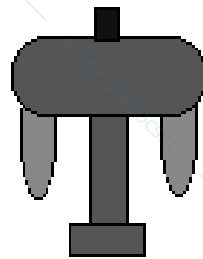
^{14}N

grow in "light" medium and sample after one, two, three (etc.) generations

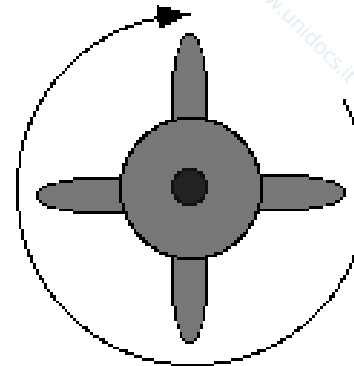
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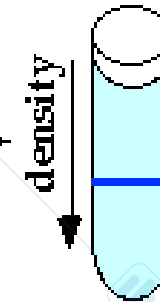
mix DNA into cesium chloride solution



centrifuge rotor



centrifuge at $100,000 \times g$ until equilibrated

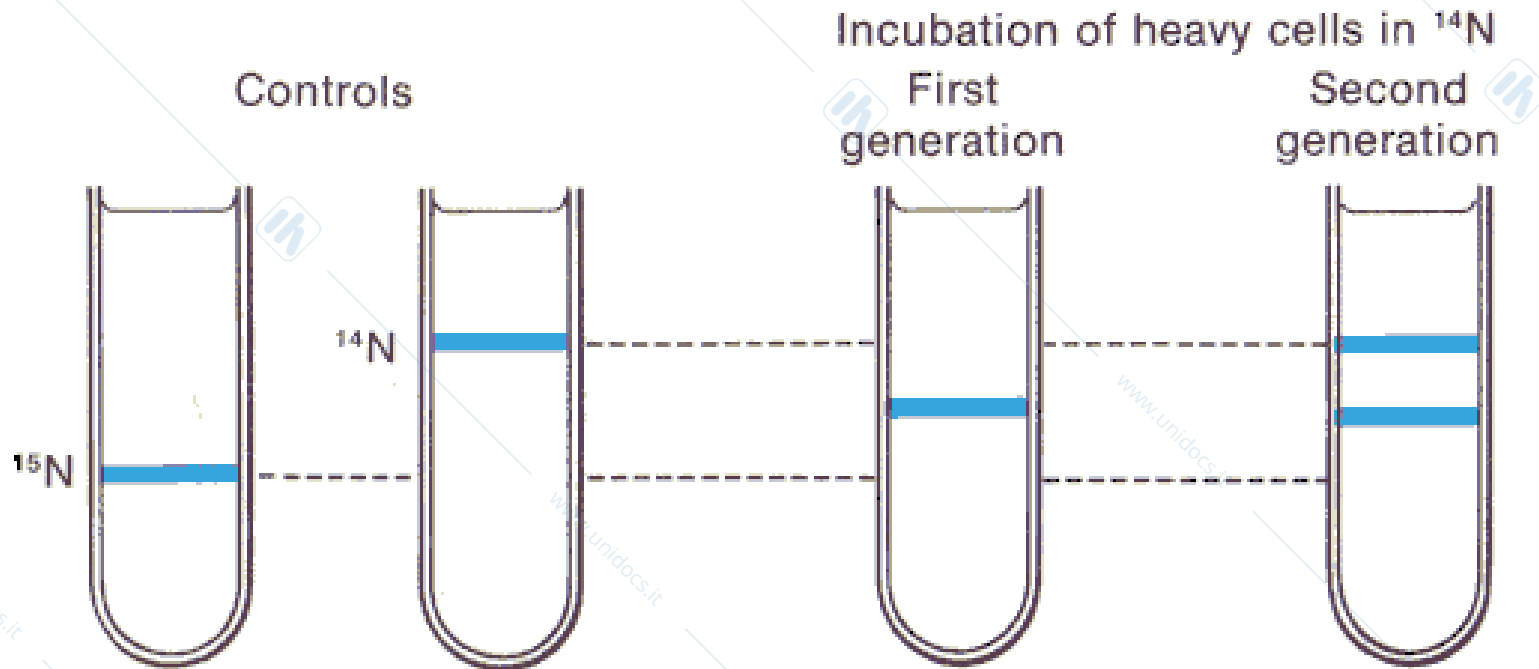


density

density gradient



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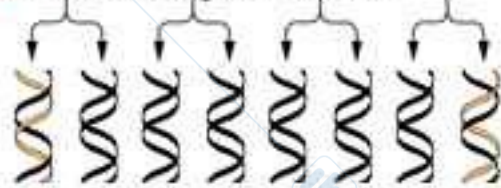
1 E. coli cells are grown on ^{15}N for several generations.



3 Cells are then transferred to medium containing ^{14}N for one generation.

5 For two generations.

7 For three generations.

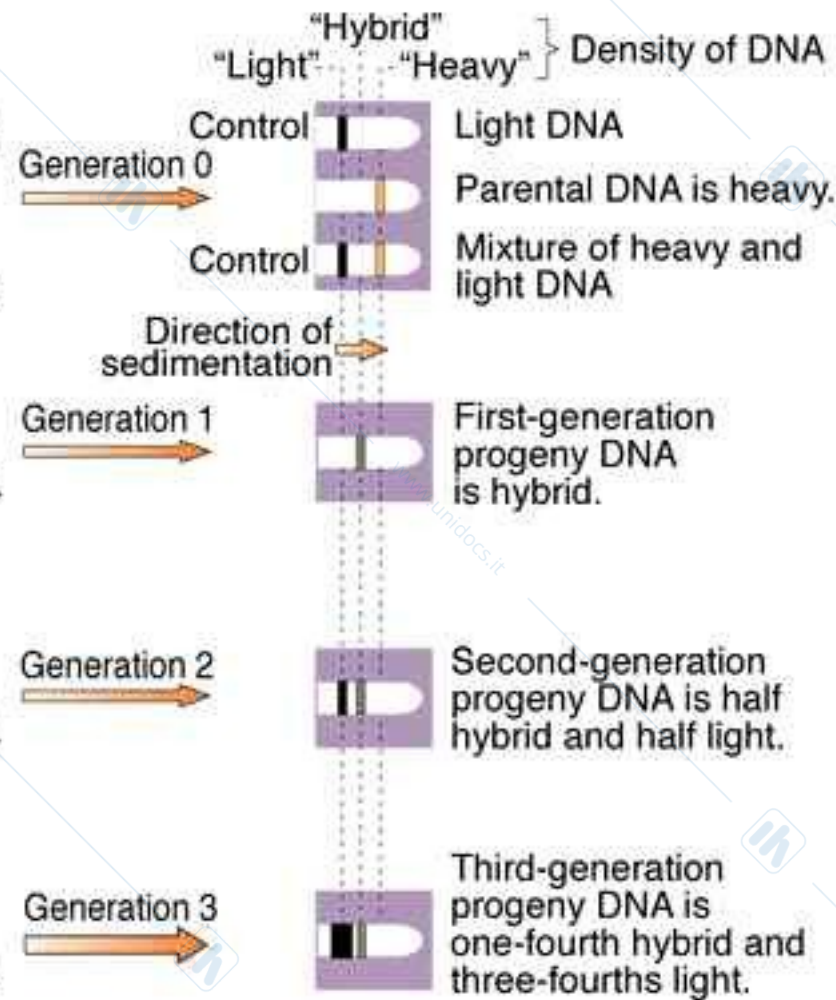


2 DNA is extracted and analyzed by CsCl density gradient centrifugation.

4 DNA is extracted and analyzed.

6 DNA is extracted and analyzed.

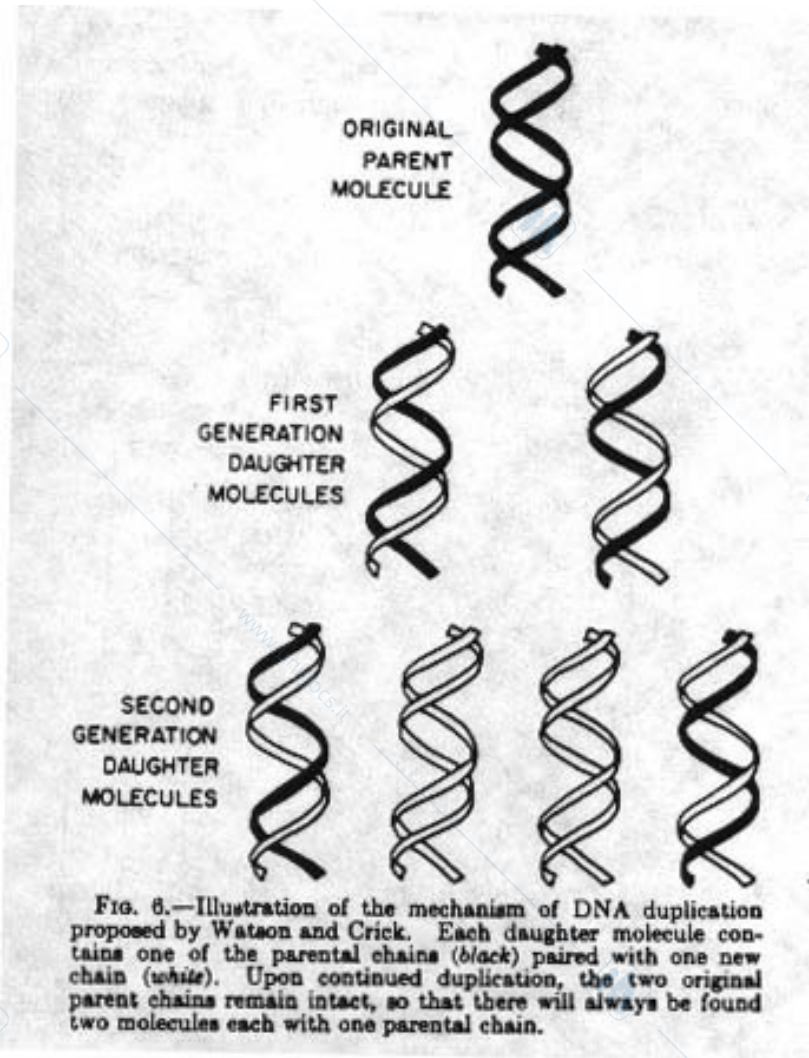
8 DNA is extracted and analyzed.



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Replication Machinery

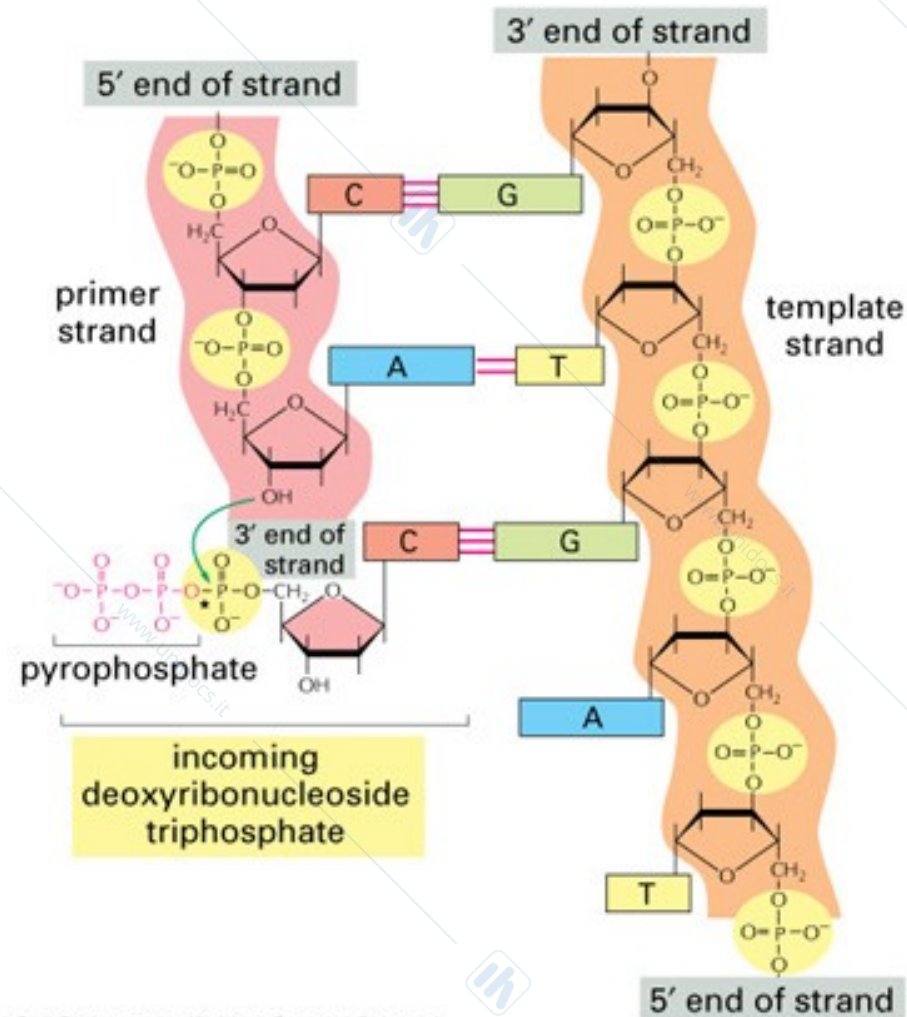
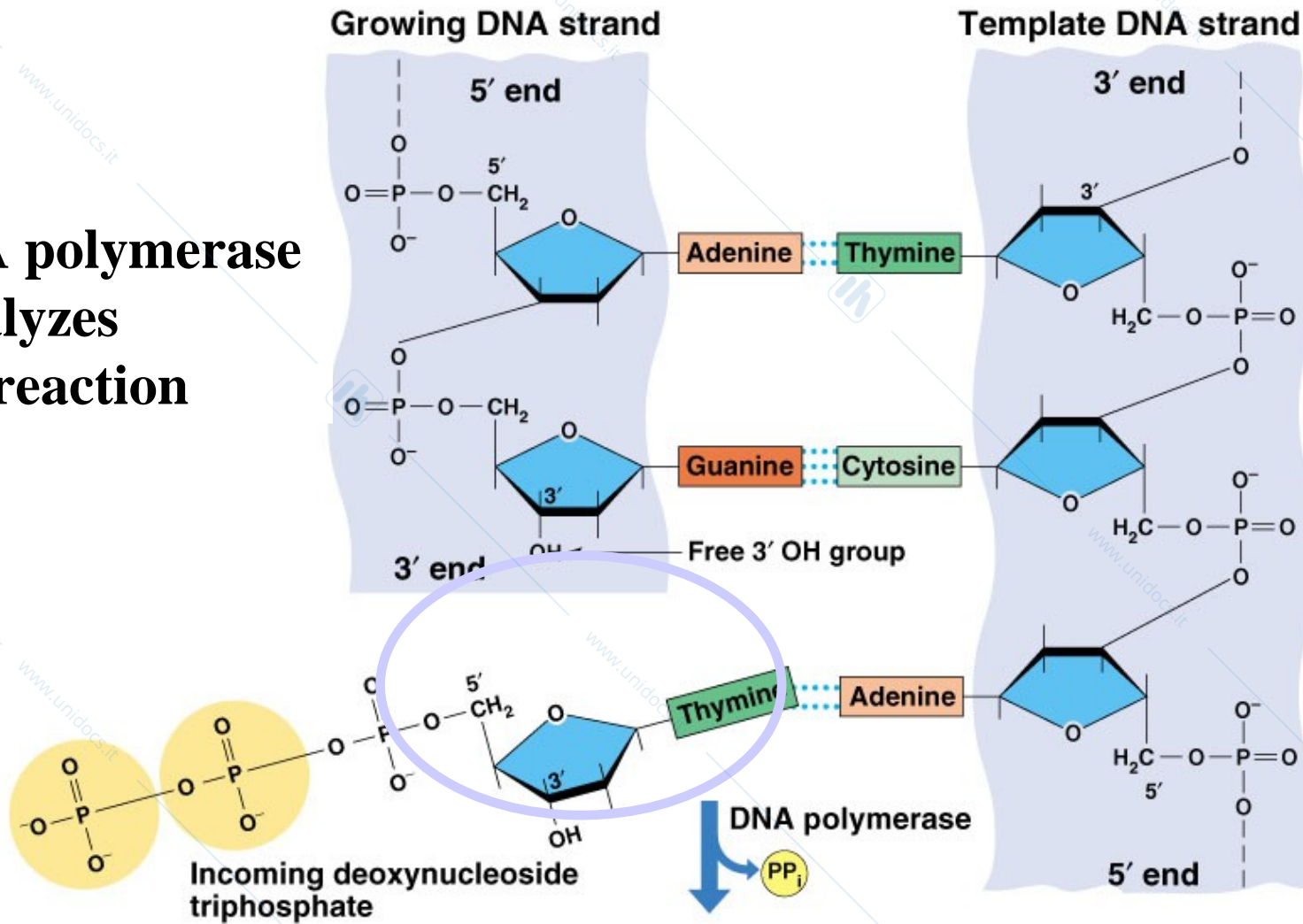


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DNA Replication

DNA polymerase catalyzes this reaction



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DNA Replication Proteins

Table 17-1 Important DNA Replication Proteins

Protein	Cell Type	Main Activities and/or Functions
DNA polymerase I	Prokaryotic	DNA synthesis; 3'→5' exonuclease (for proofreading); 5'→3' exonuclease; removes and replaces RNA primers used in DNA replication (also functions in excision repair of damaged DNA)
DNA polymerase III	Prokaryotic	DNA synthesis; 3'→5' exonuclease (for proofreading); used in synthesis of both DNA strands
DNA polymerase α (alpha)	Eukaryotic	Nuclear DNA synthesis; forms complex with primase and begins DNA synthesis at the 3' end of RNA primers for both leading and lagging strands (also functions in DNA repair)
DNA polymerase γ (gamma)	Eukaryotic	Mitochondrial DNA synthesis
DNA polymerase δ (delta)	Eukaryotic	Nuclear DNA synthesis; 3'→5' exonuclease (for proofreading); involved mainly in leading-strand synthesis (also functions in DNA repair)
DNA polymerase ε (epsilon)	Eukaryotic	Nuclear DNA synthesis; 3'→5' exonuclease (for proofreading); carries out lagging-strand synthesis (also functions in DNA repair)
Primase	Both	RNA synthesis; makes RNA oligonucleotides that are used as primers for DNA synthesis
Helicase	Both	Unwinds double-stranded DNA
Single-strand binding protein (SSB)	Both	Binds to single-stranded DNA; stabilizes strands of unwound DNA in an extended configuration that facilitates access by other proteins
DNA topoisomerase (type I and type II)	Both	Makes single-strand cuts (type I) or double-strand cuts (type II) in DNA; induces and/or relaxes DNA supercoiling; can serve as swivel to prevent overwinding ahead of the DNA replication fork; can separate linked DNA circles at the end of DNA replication
DNA gyrase	Prokaryotic	Type II DNA topoisomerase that serves as a swivel to relax supercoiling ahead of the DNA replication fork in <i>E. coli</i>
DNA ligase	Both	Makes covalent bonds to join together adjacent DNA strands, including the Okazaki fragments in lagging-strand DNA synthesis and the new and old DNA segments in excision repair of DNA
Initiator proteins	Both	Bind to origin of replication and initiate unwinding of DNA double helix
Telomerase	Eukaryotic	Using an integral RNA molecule as template, synthesizes DNA for extension of telomeres (sequences at ends of chromosomal DNA)

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Figure 12.1 Replicated DNA is seen as a replication eye flanked by nonreplicated DNA.

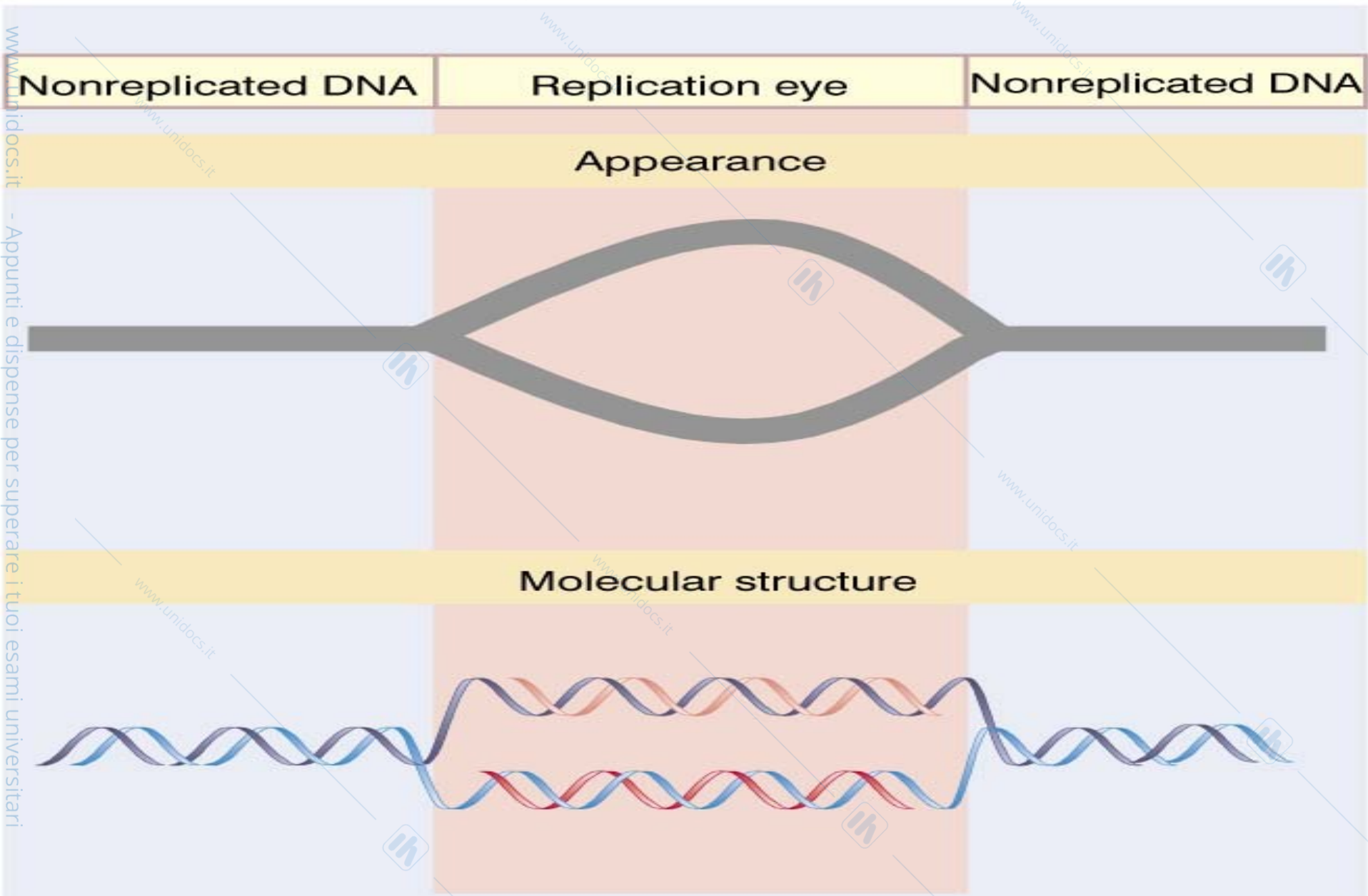
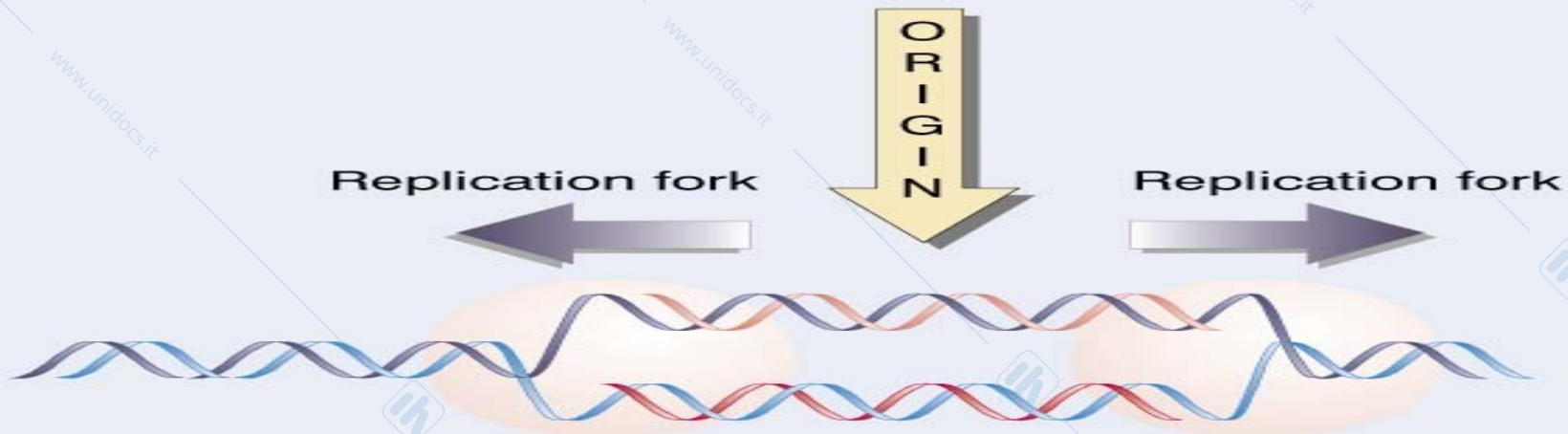


Figure 12.2 Replicons may be unidirectional or bidirectional, depending on whether one or two replication forks are formed at the origin.

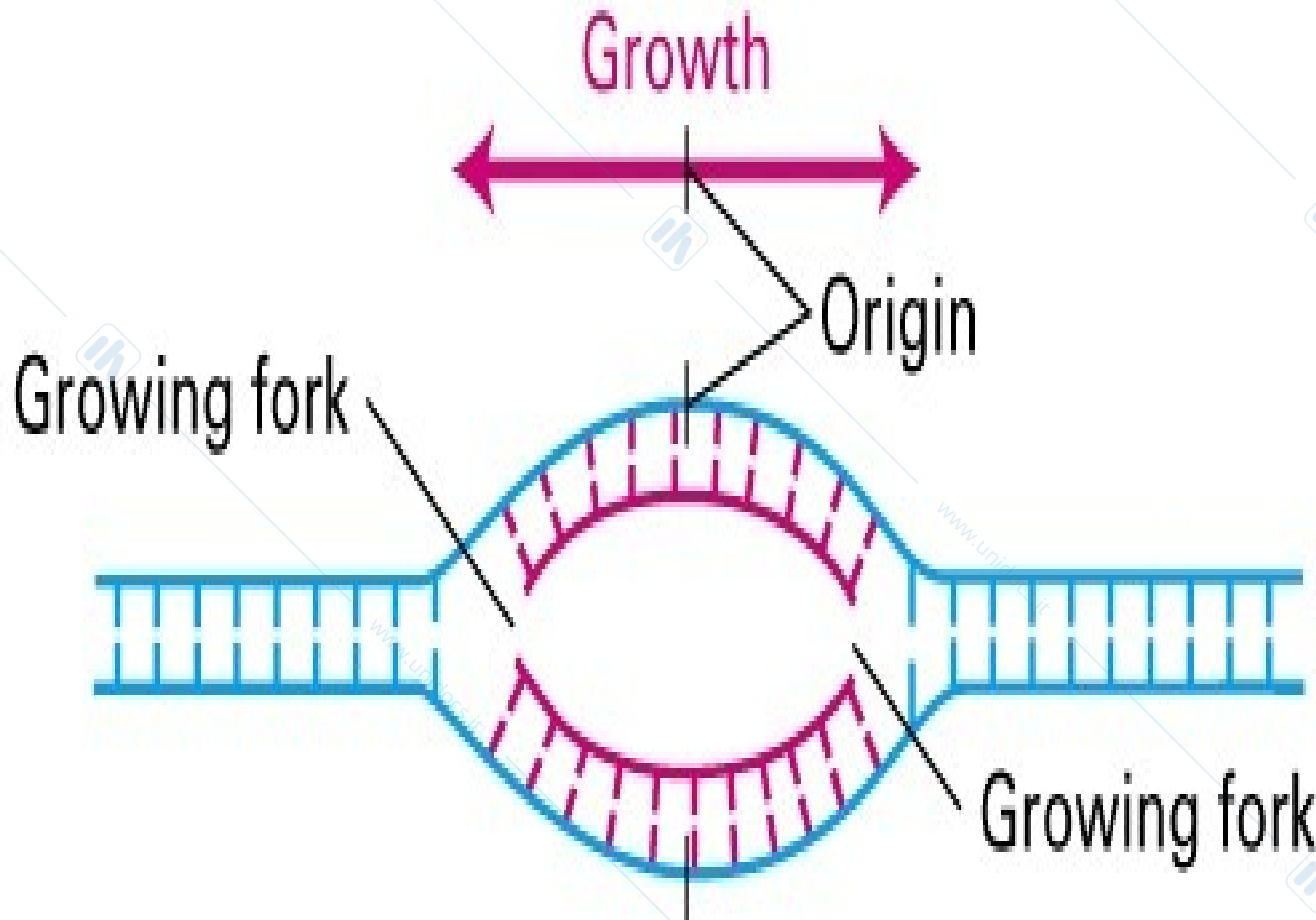
UNIDIRECTIONAL REPLICATION



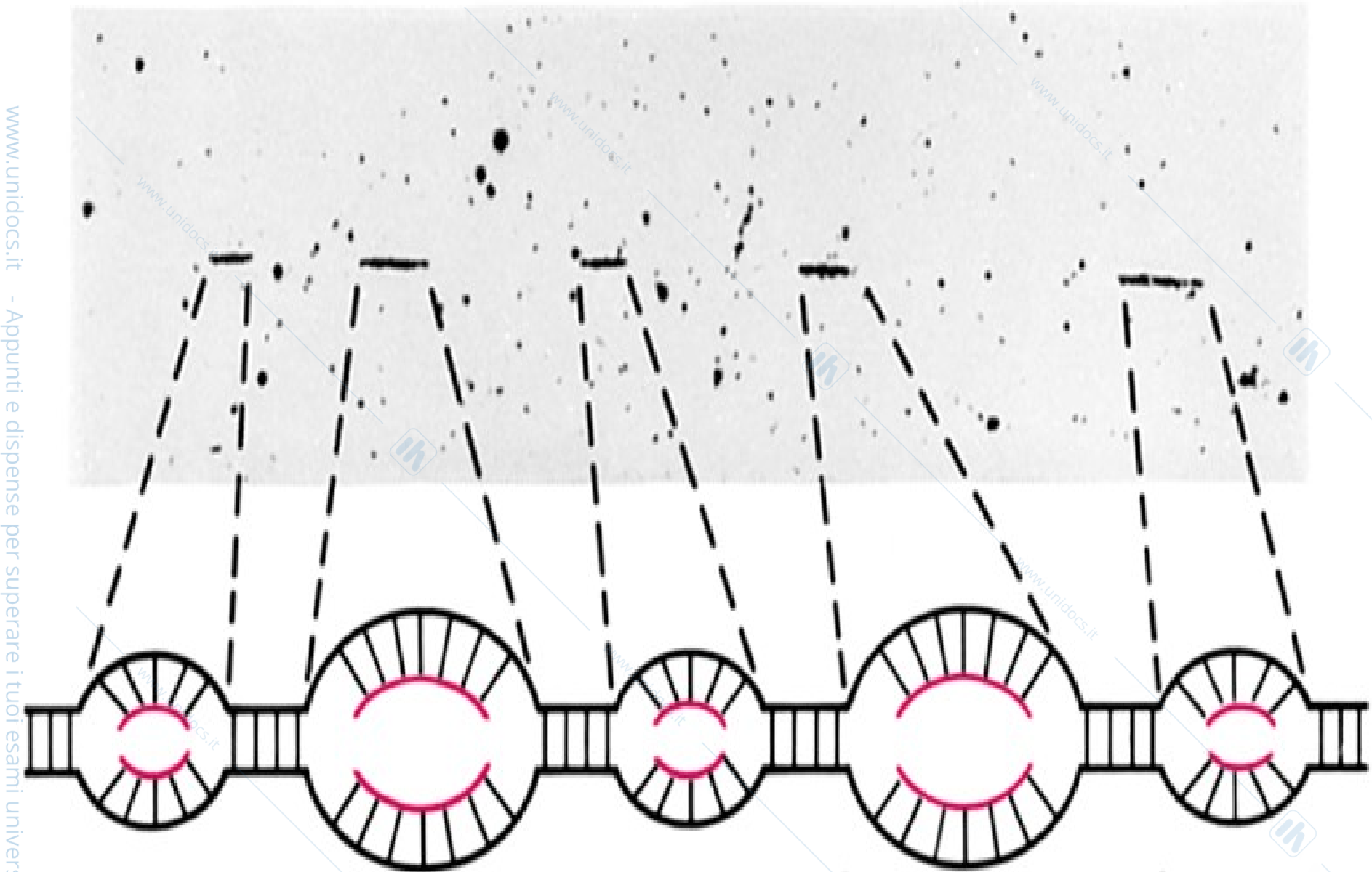
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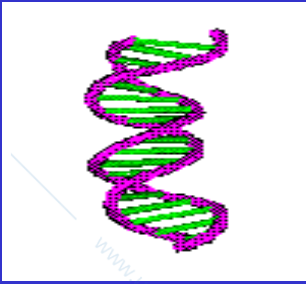
(c) Bidirectional growth of both strands from one origin



1 origin
2 forks

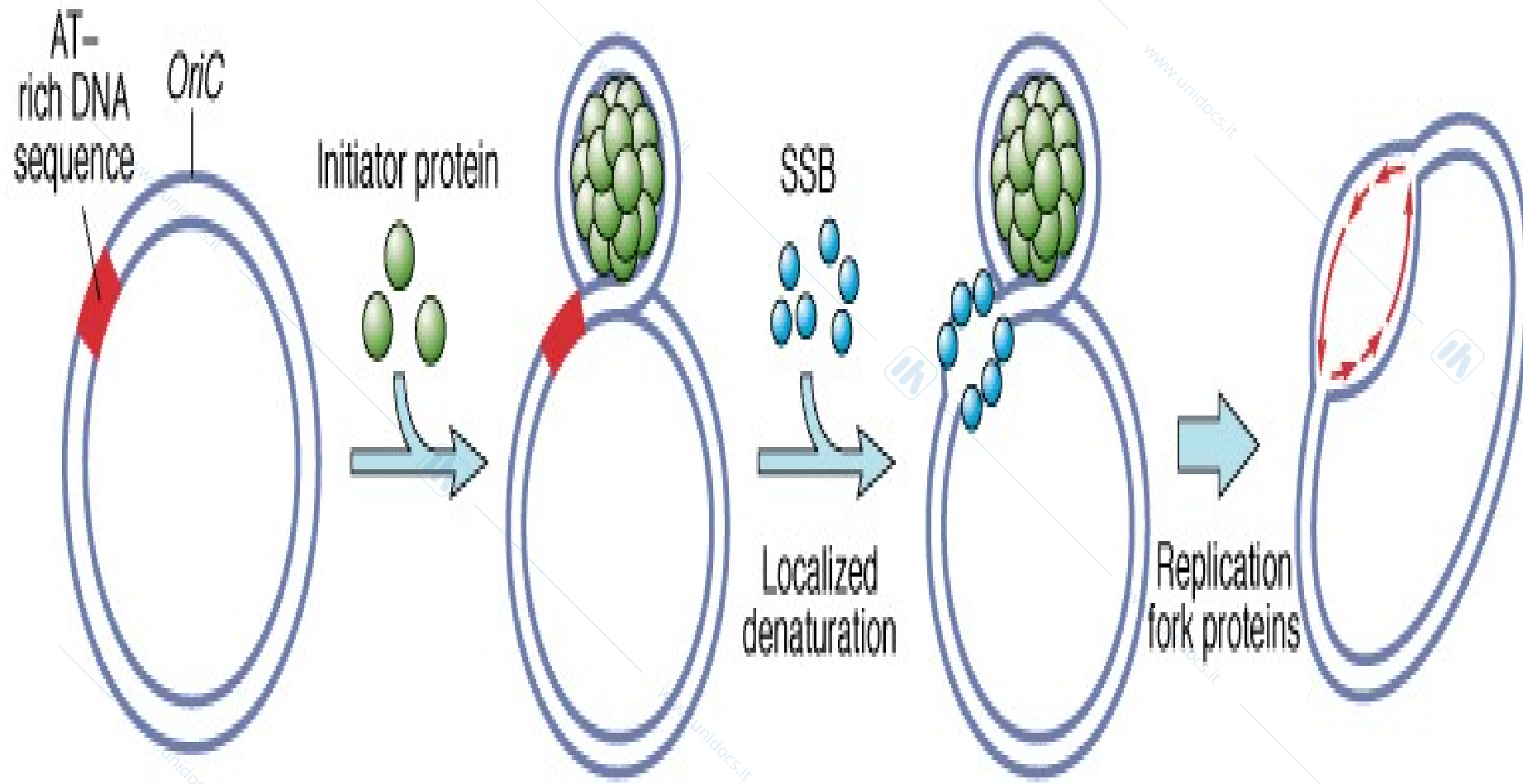


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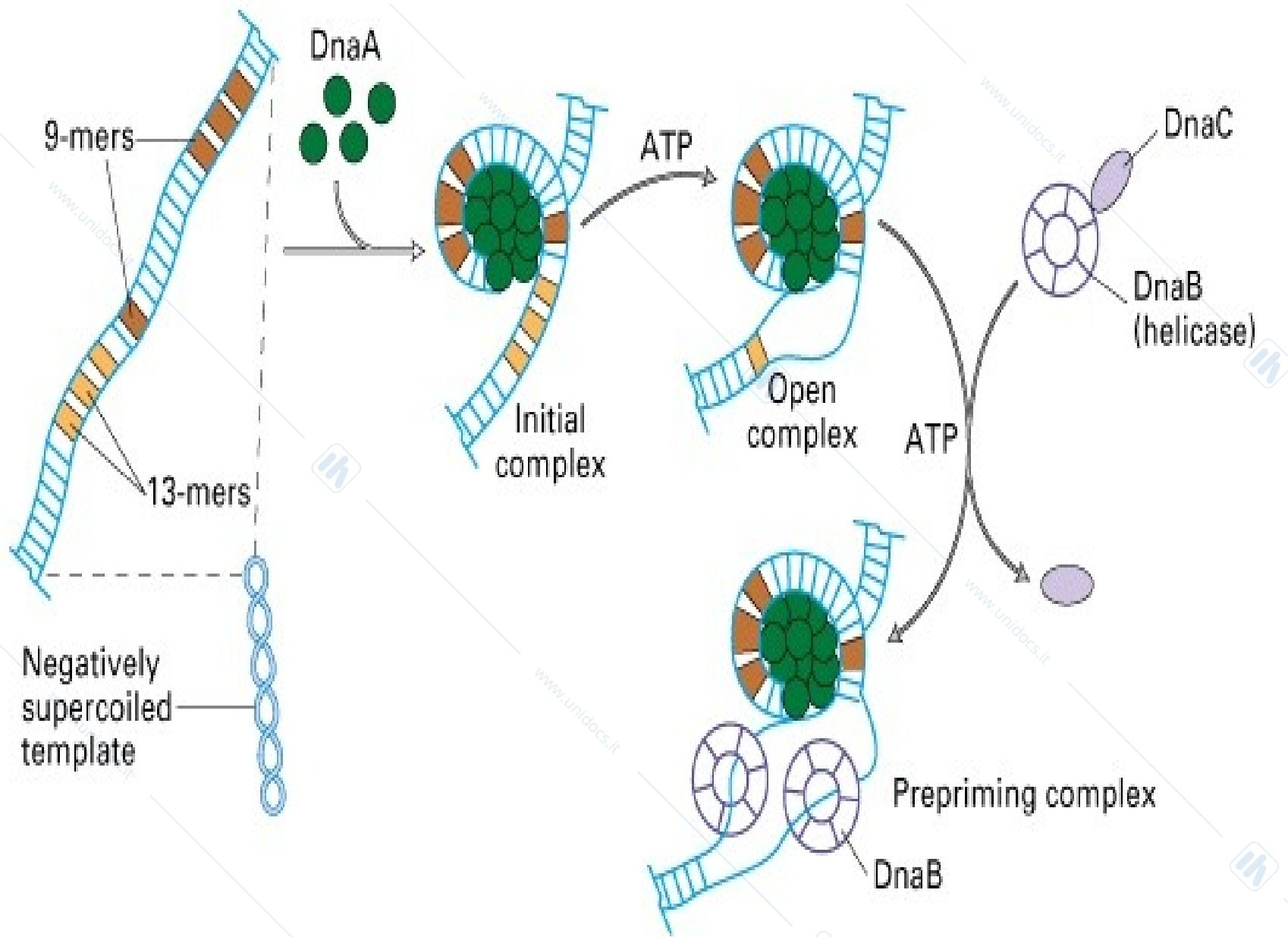


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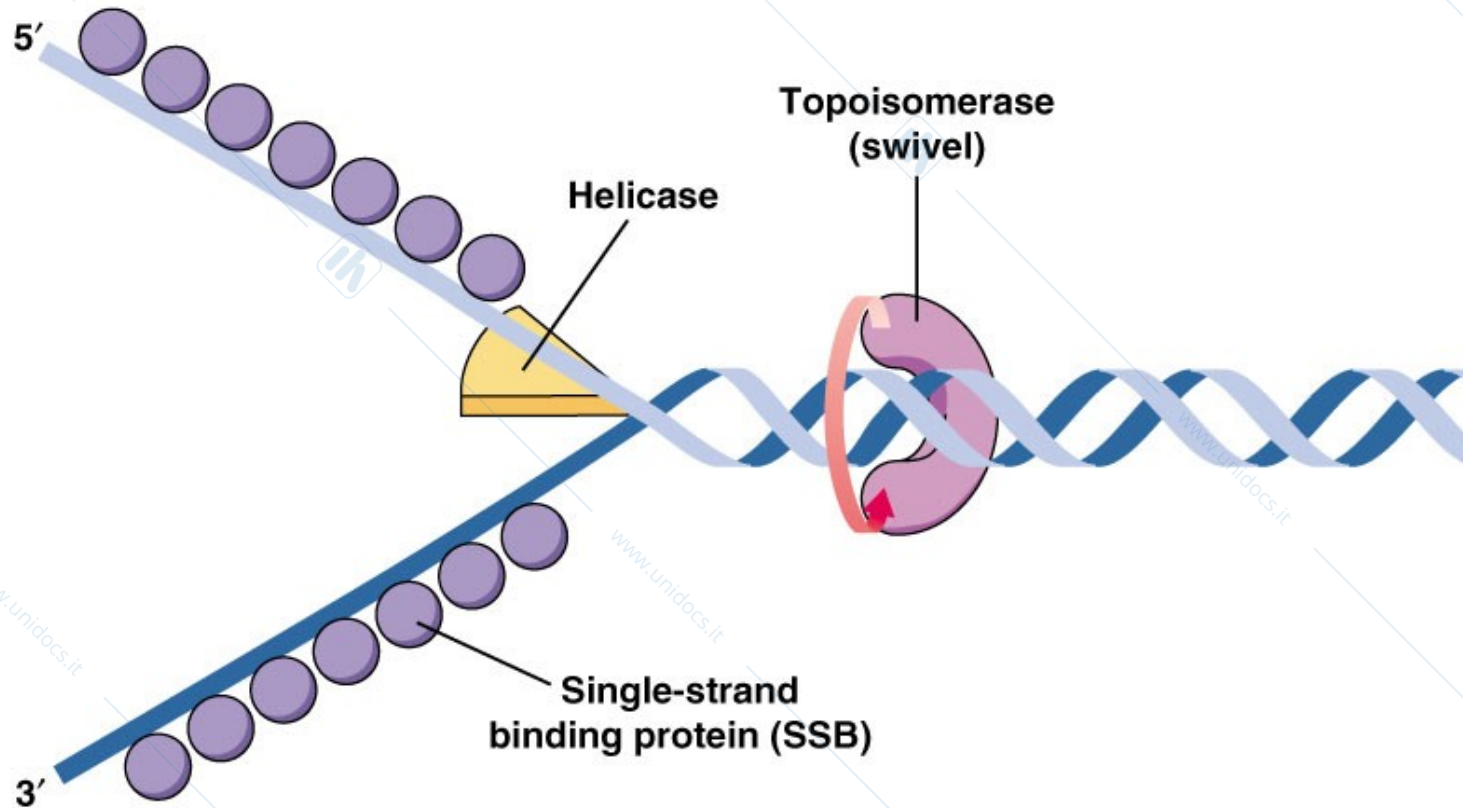
Feature	Prokaryotic (<i>E. coli</i>)	Eukaryotic (Hela cells in culture)
DNA content (nucleotide pairs per cell)	3.9×10^6	$\sim 10^9$
DNA replication rate (nucleotides/sec/rep. fork)	850	60-90
Number of replication origins/cell	1	$10^3 - 10^4$
Hours for complete genome replication	0.67	8



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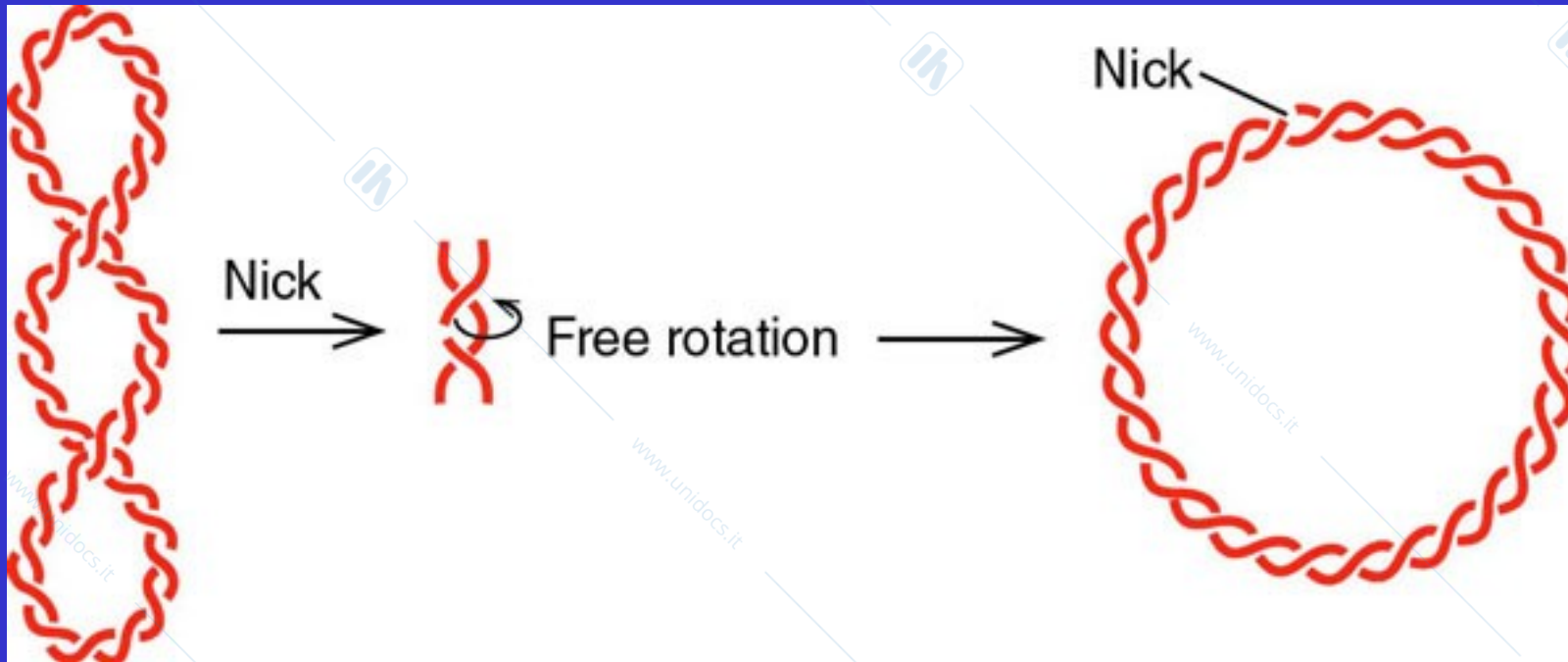
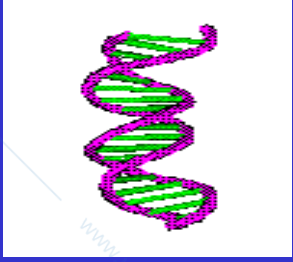


Unwinding of DNA at Replication Fork



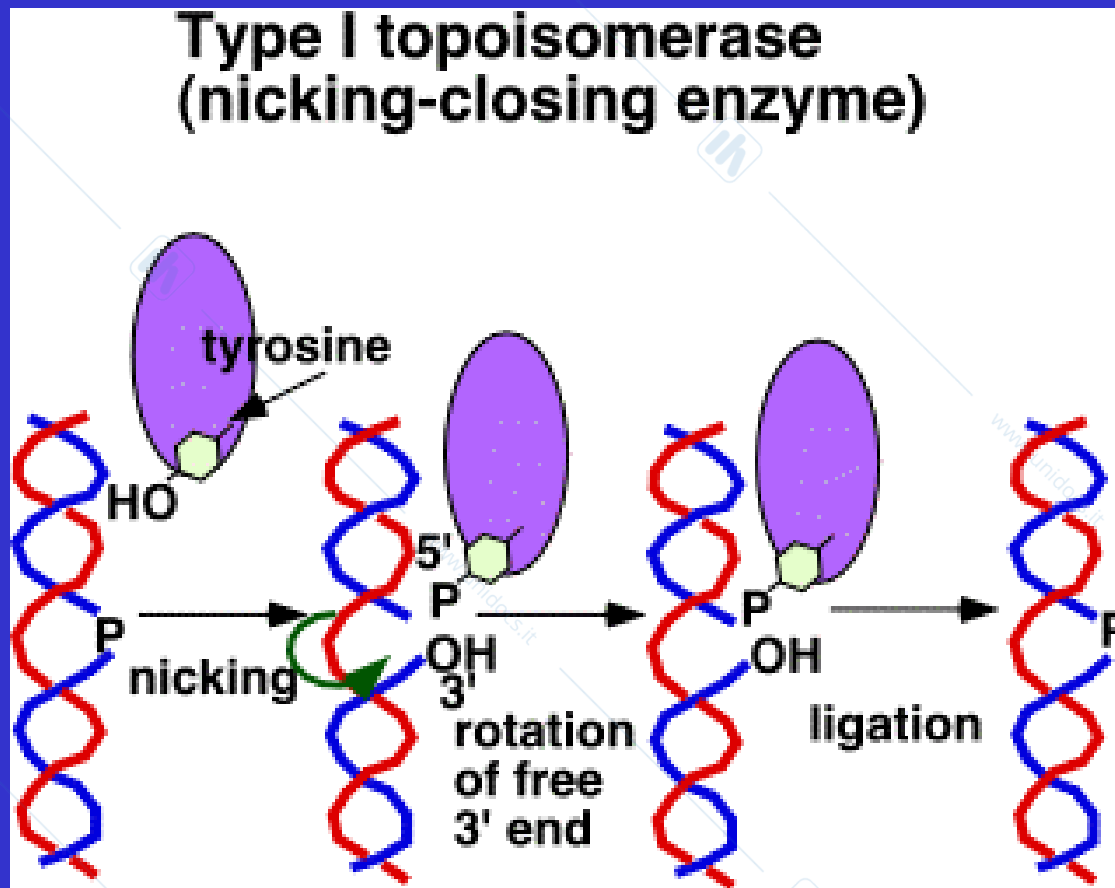
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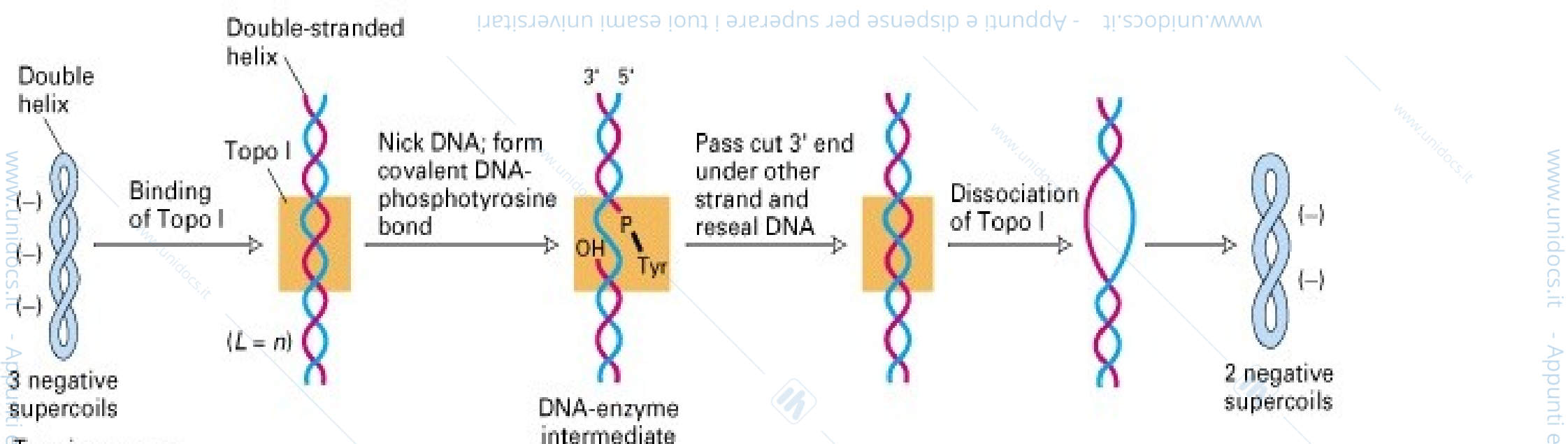
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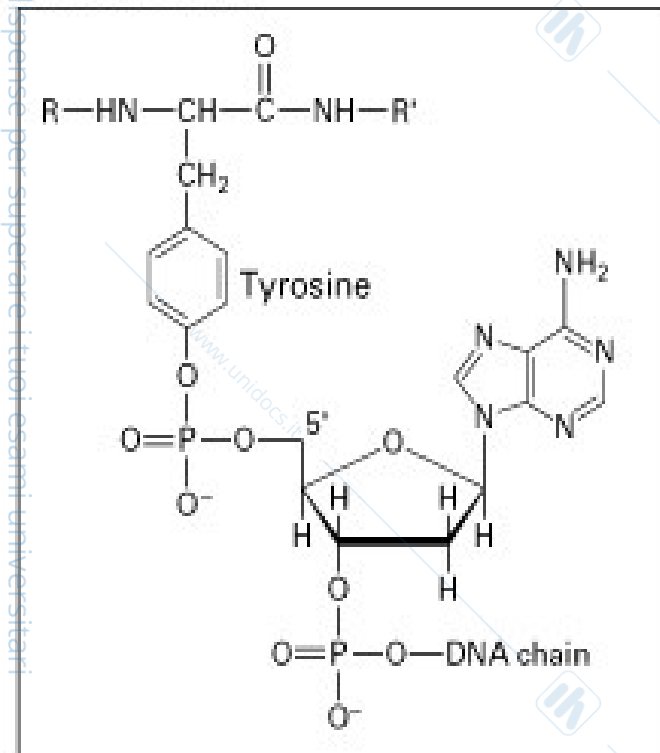


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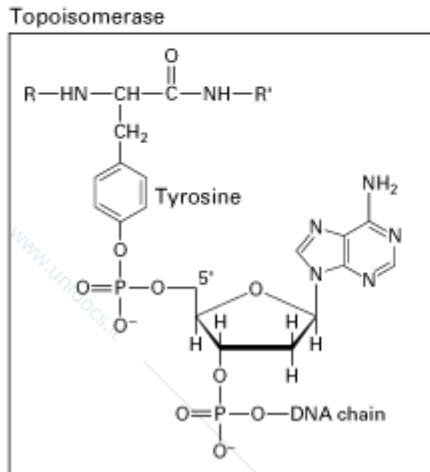
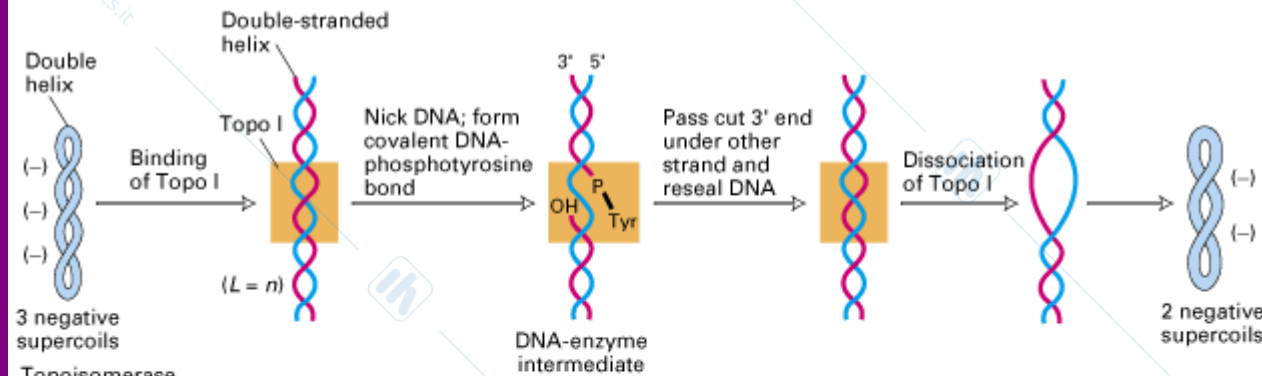


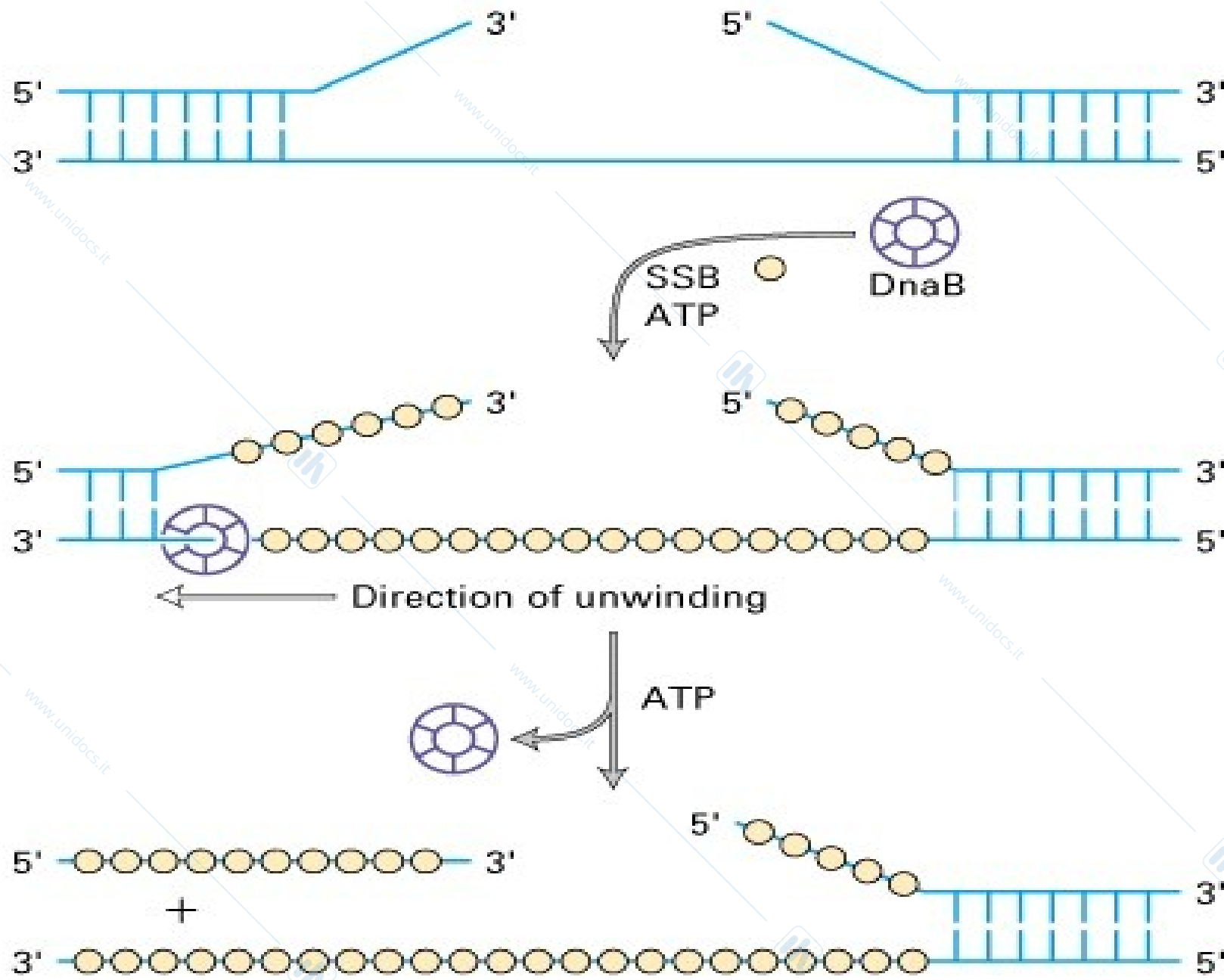


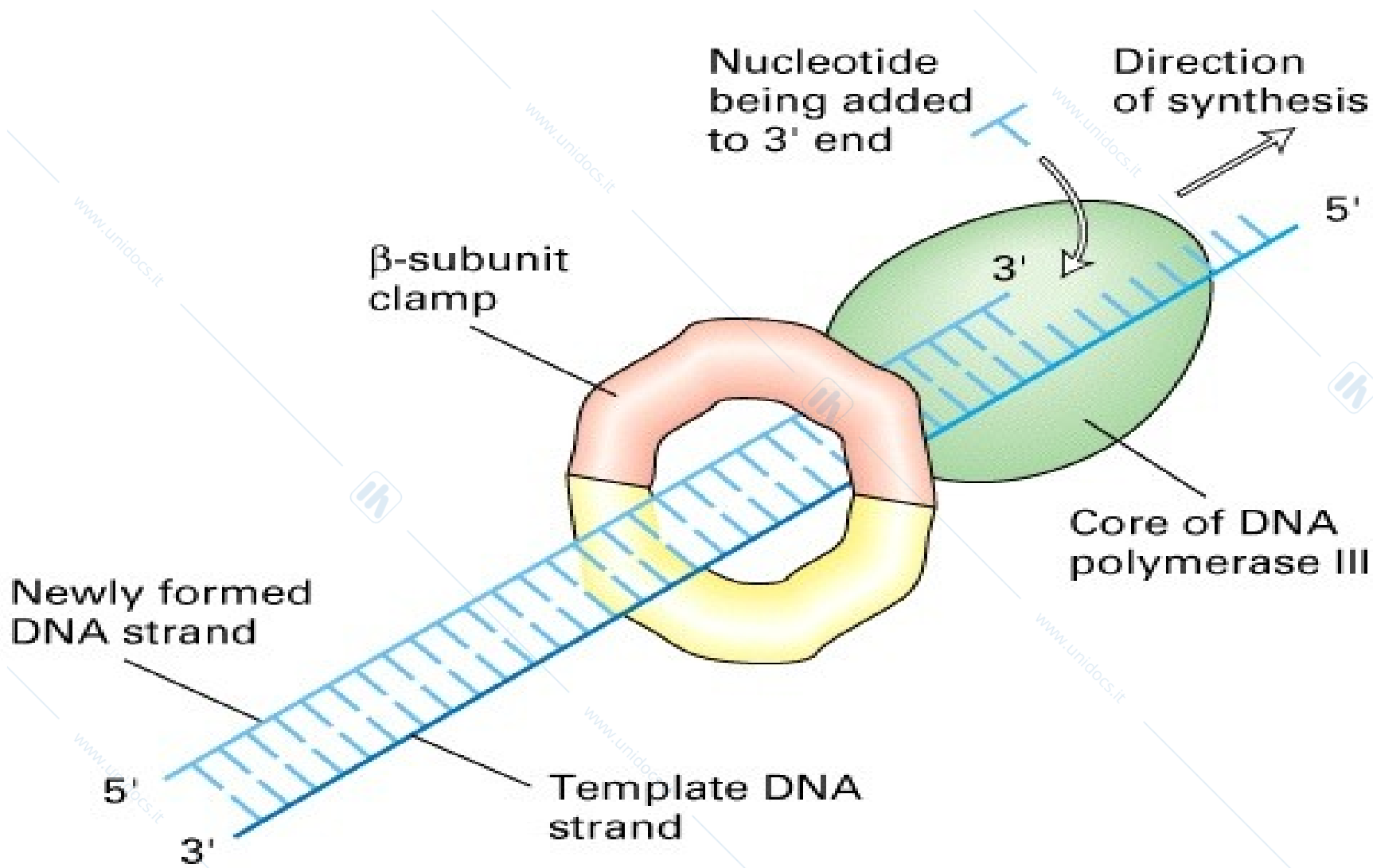
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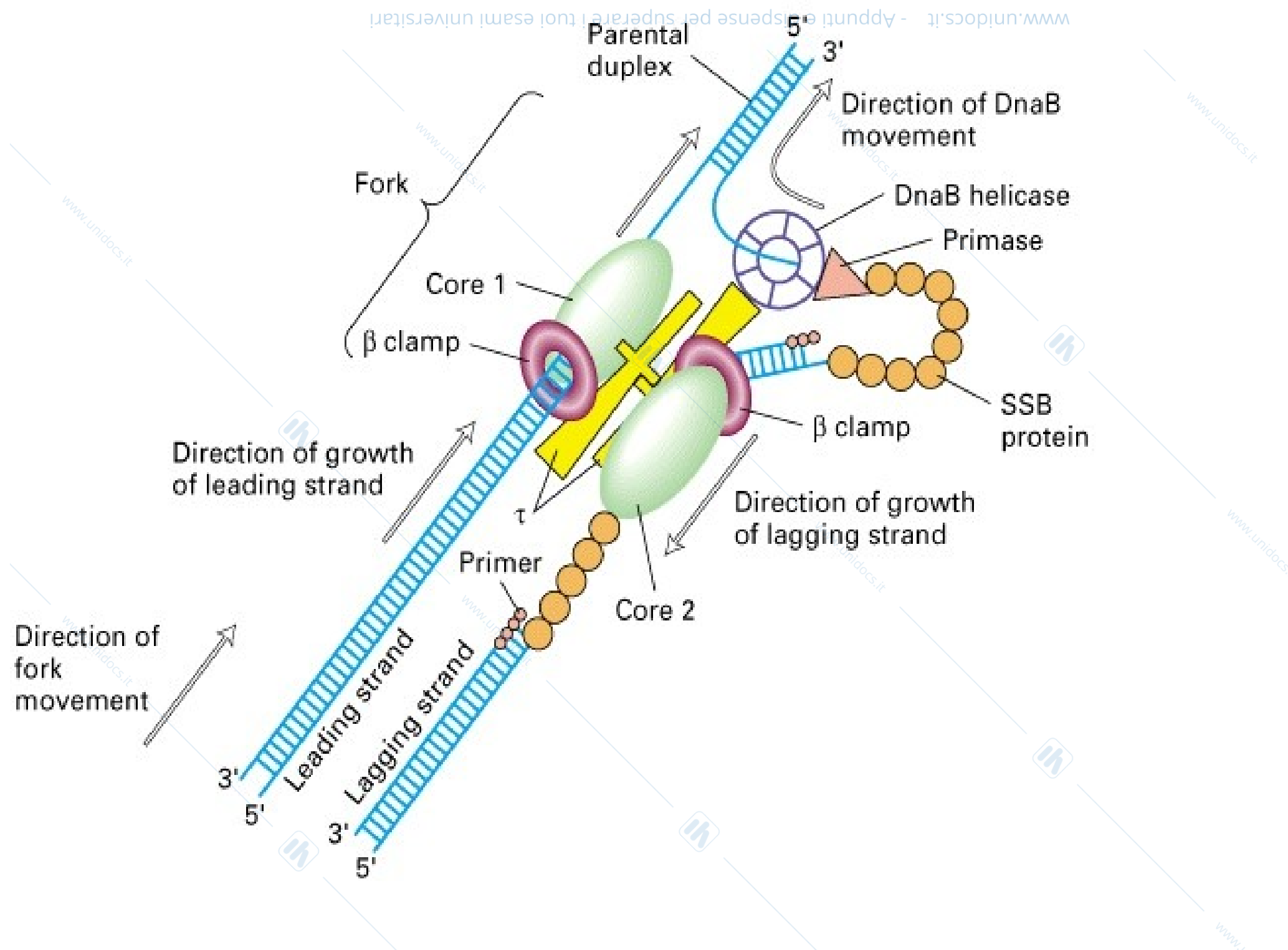
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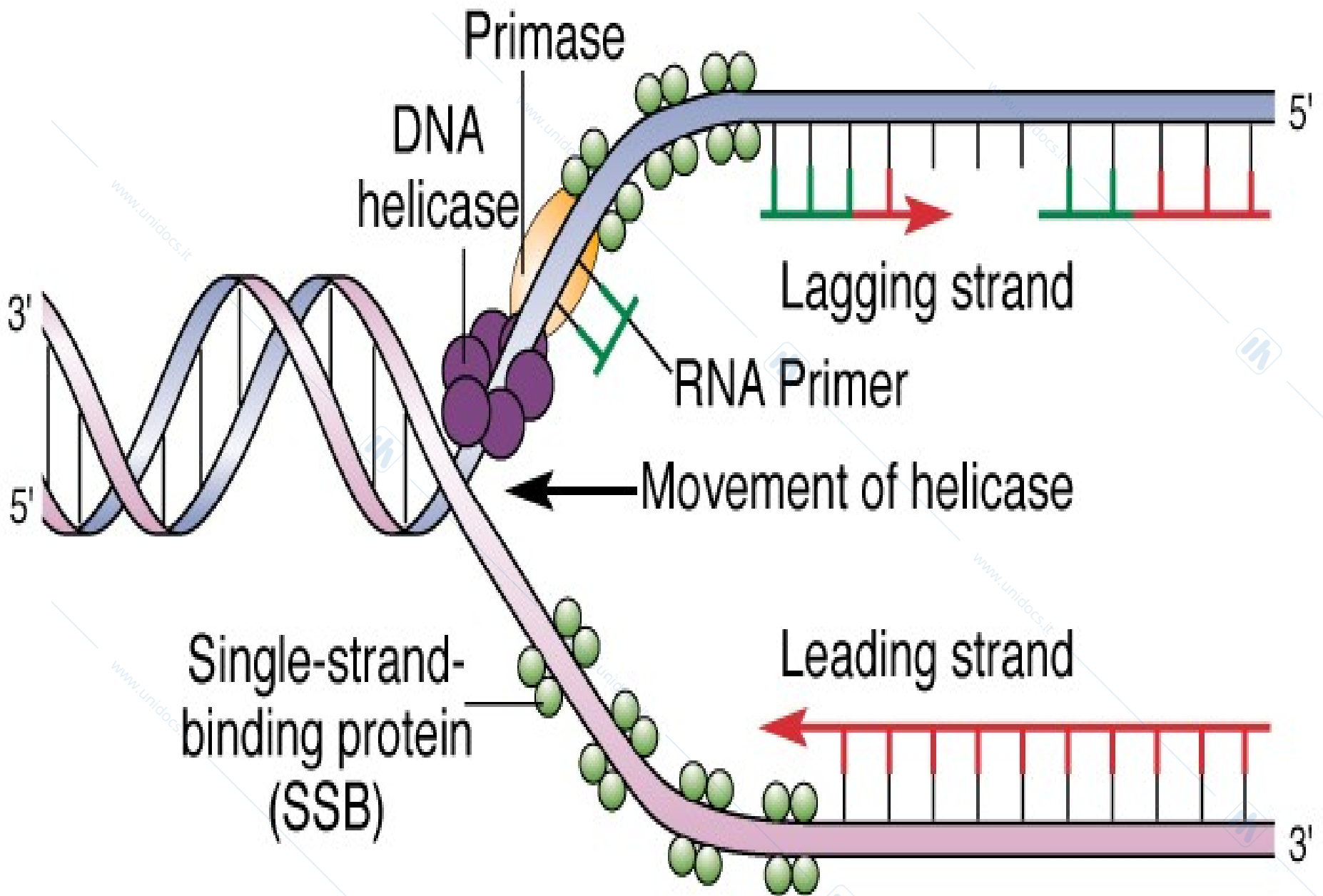






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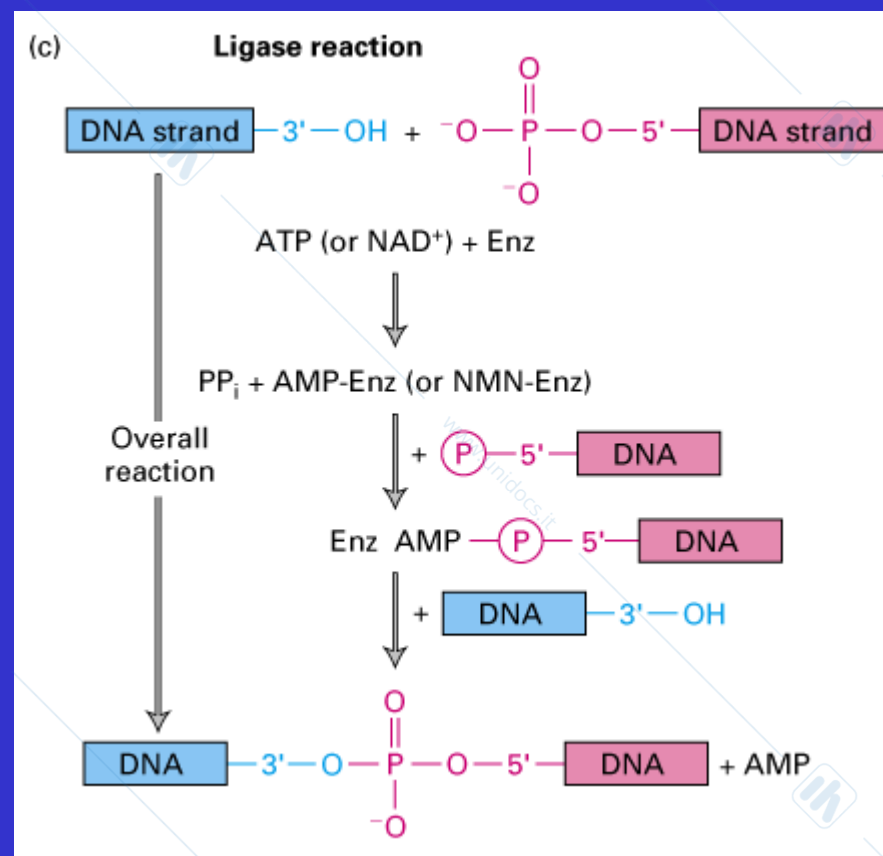
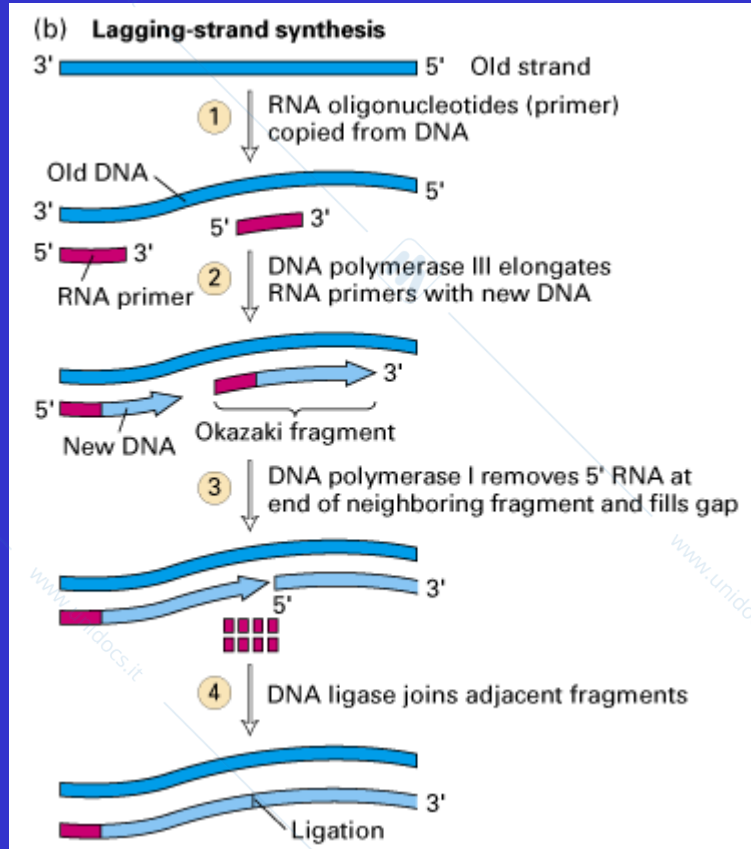
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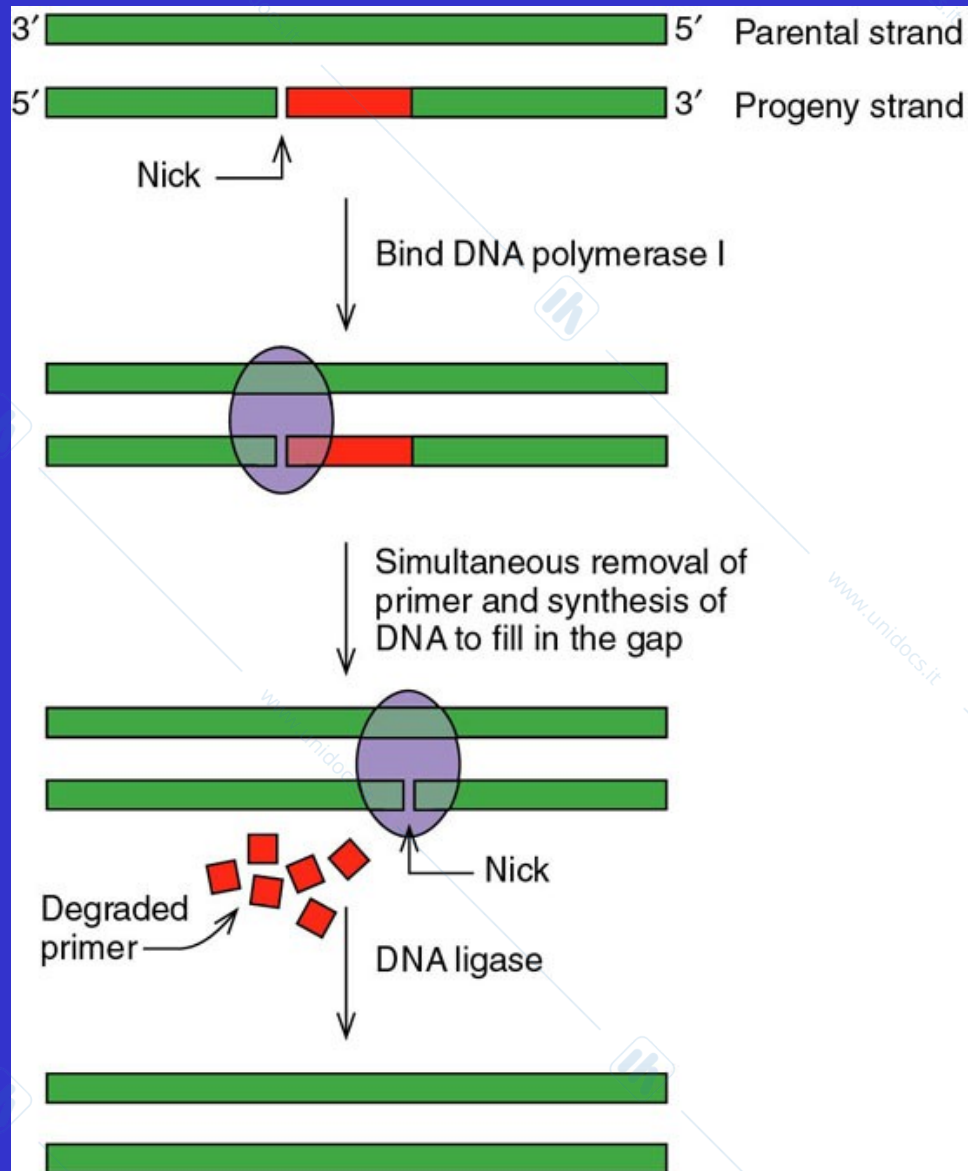


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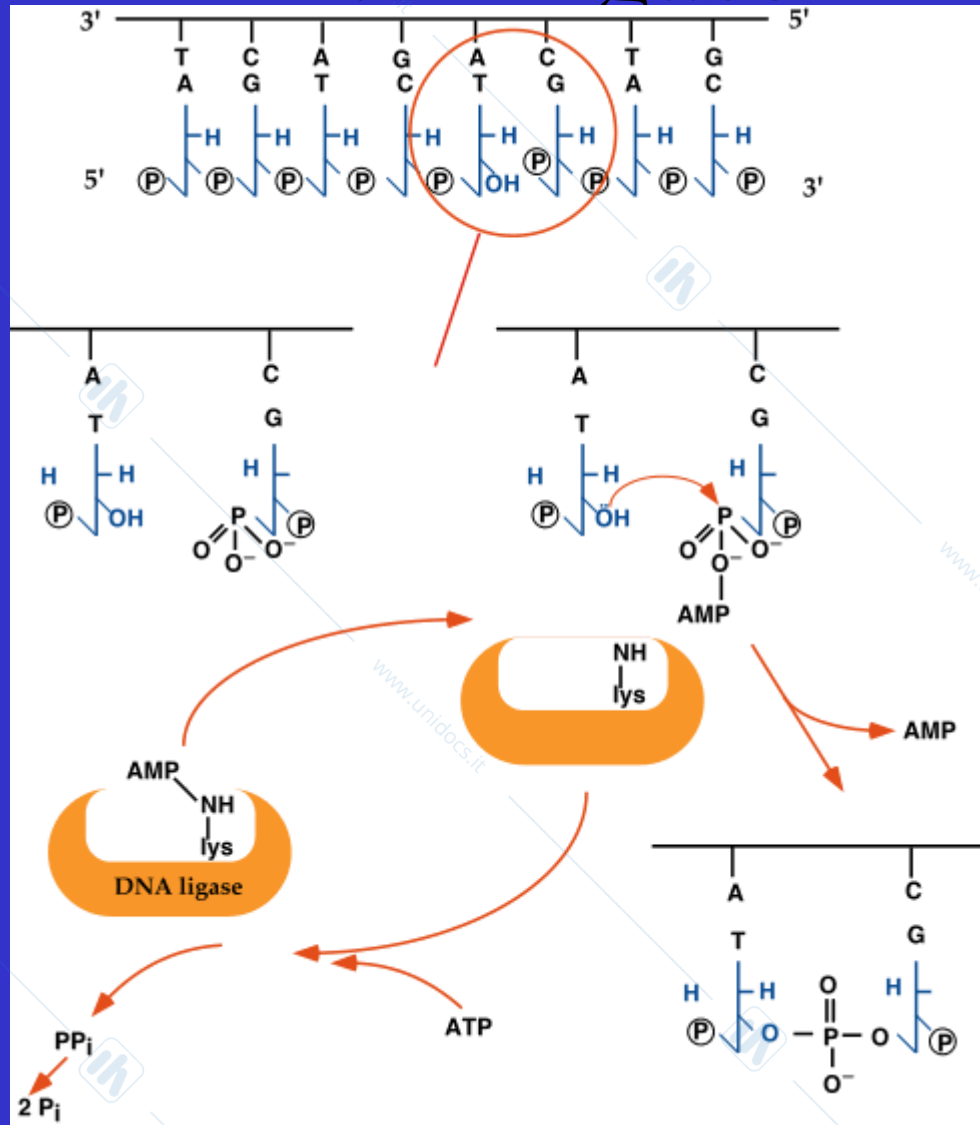


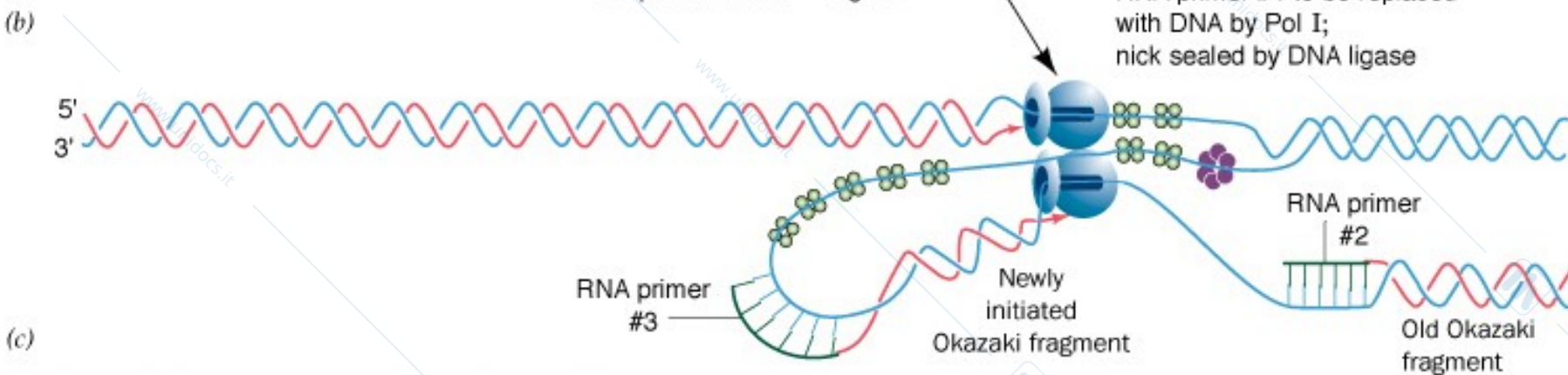
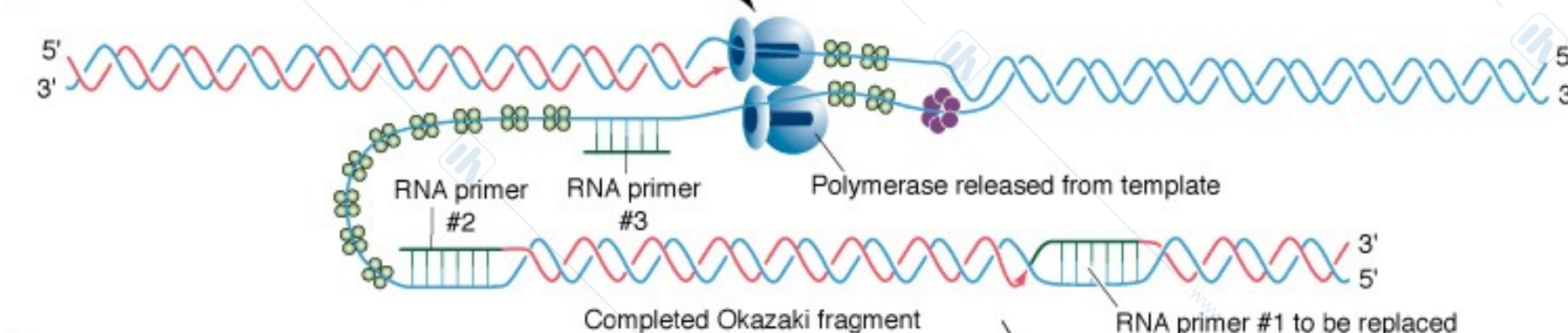
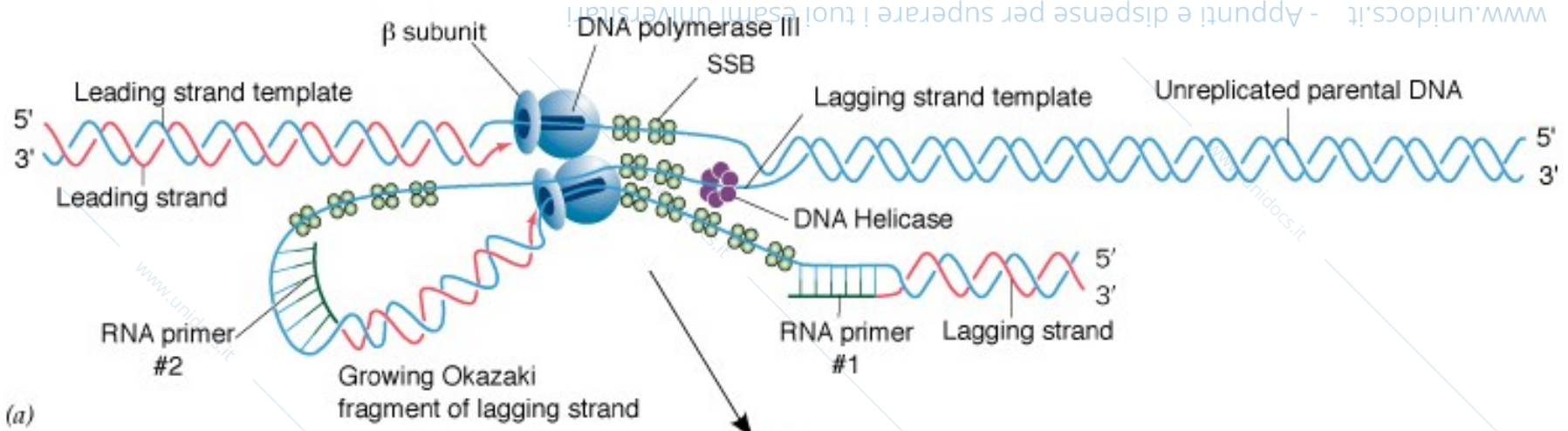
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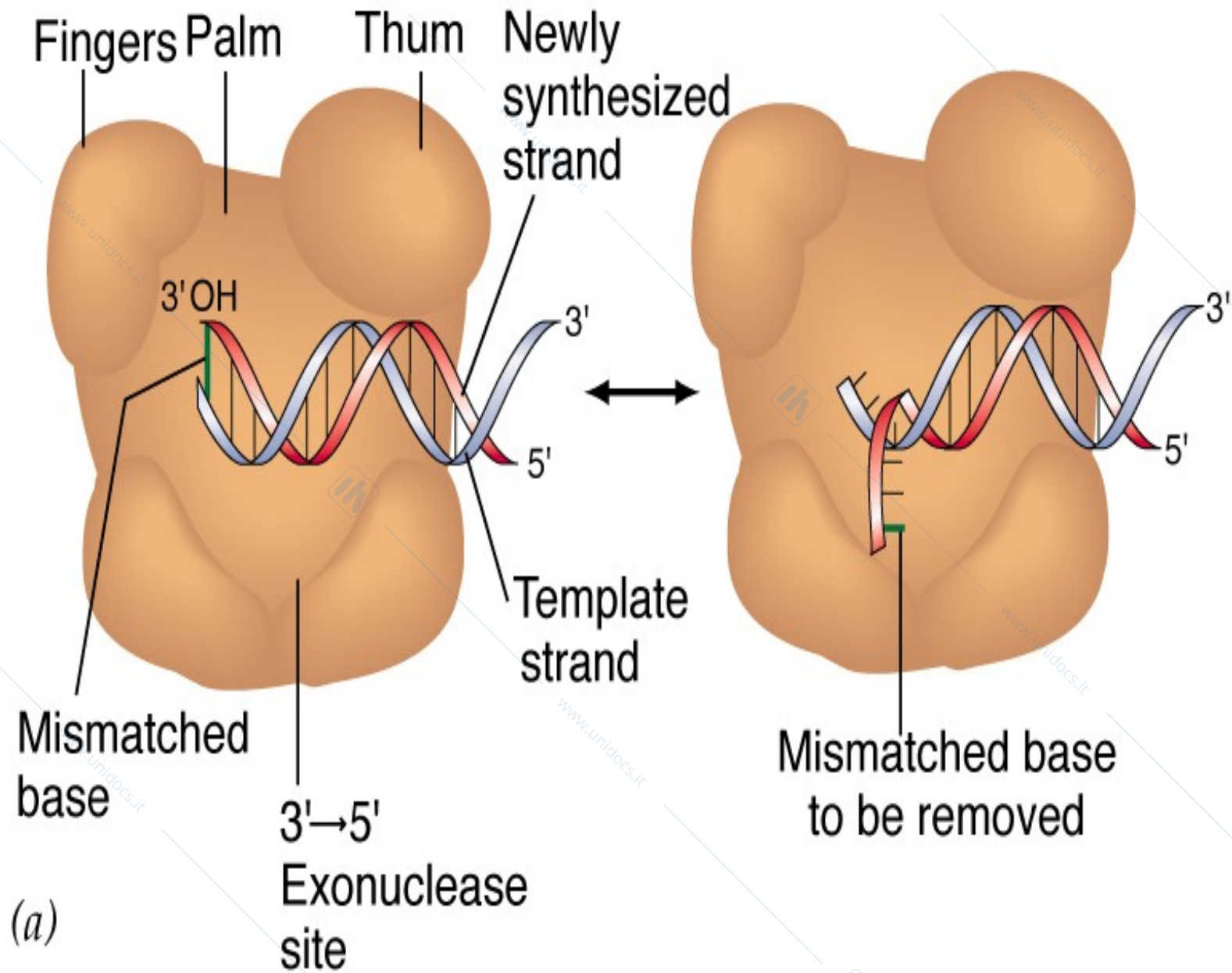




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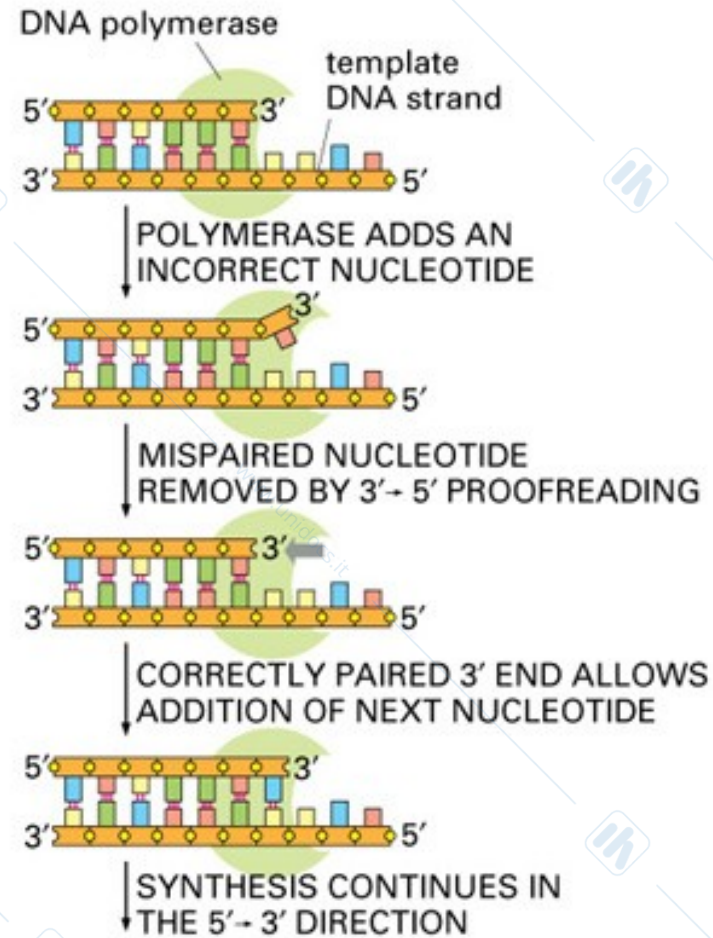
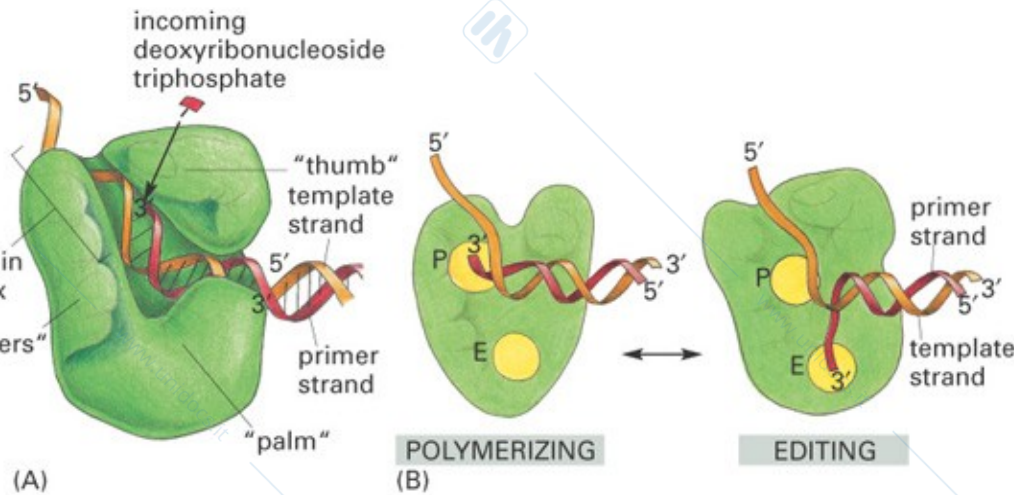


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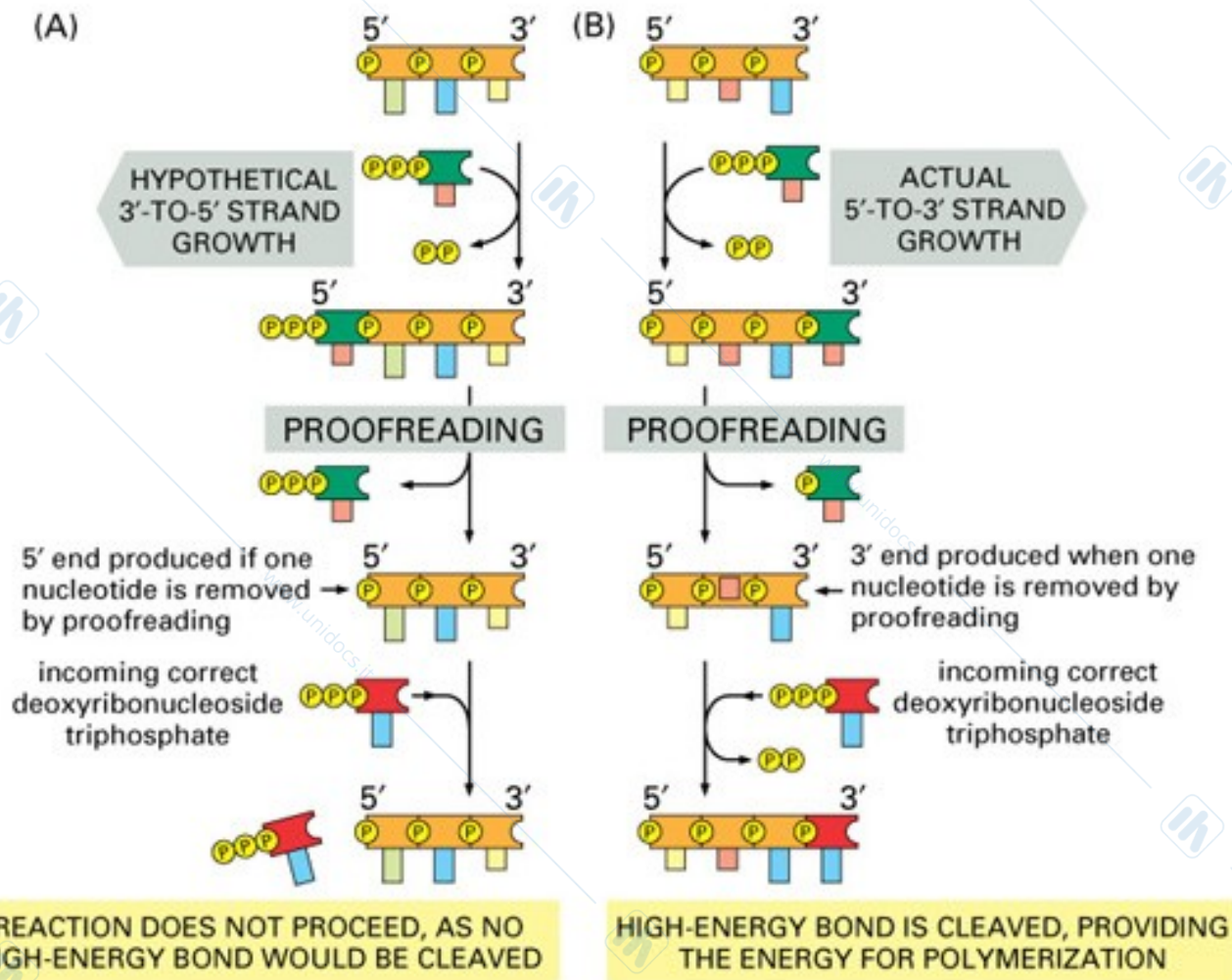
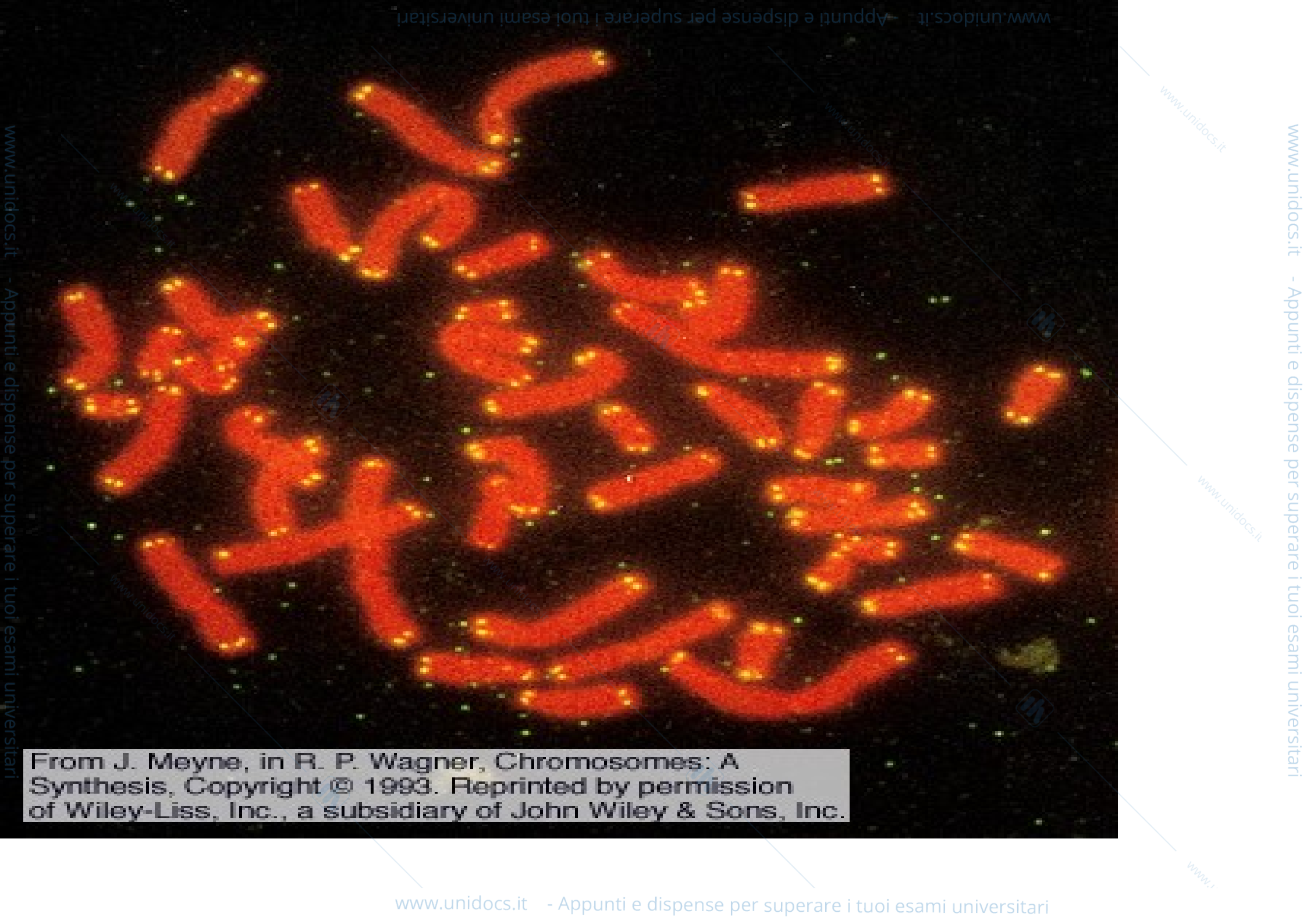
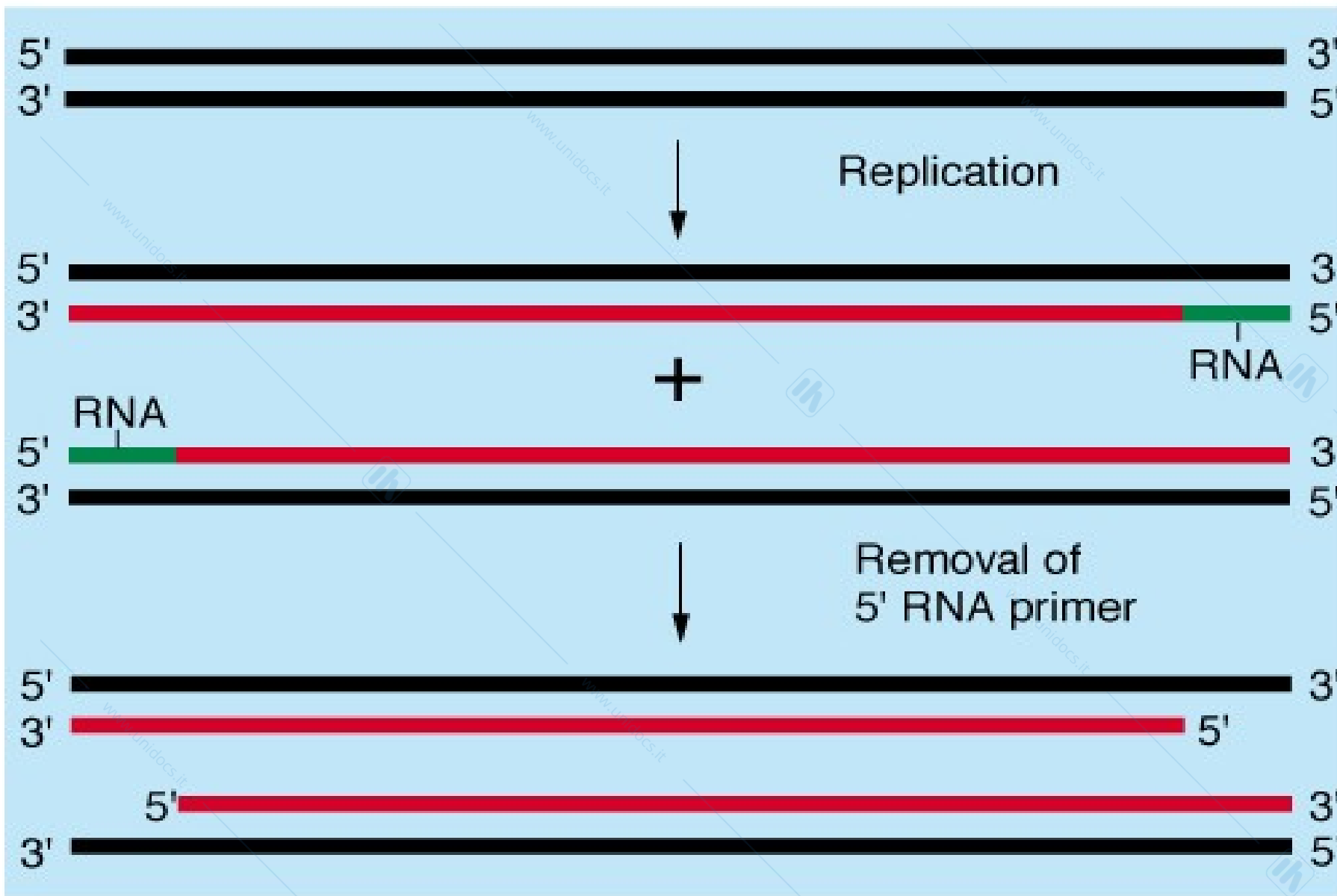


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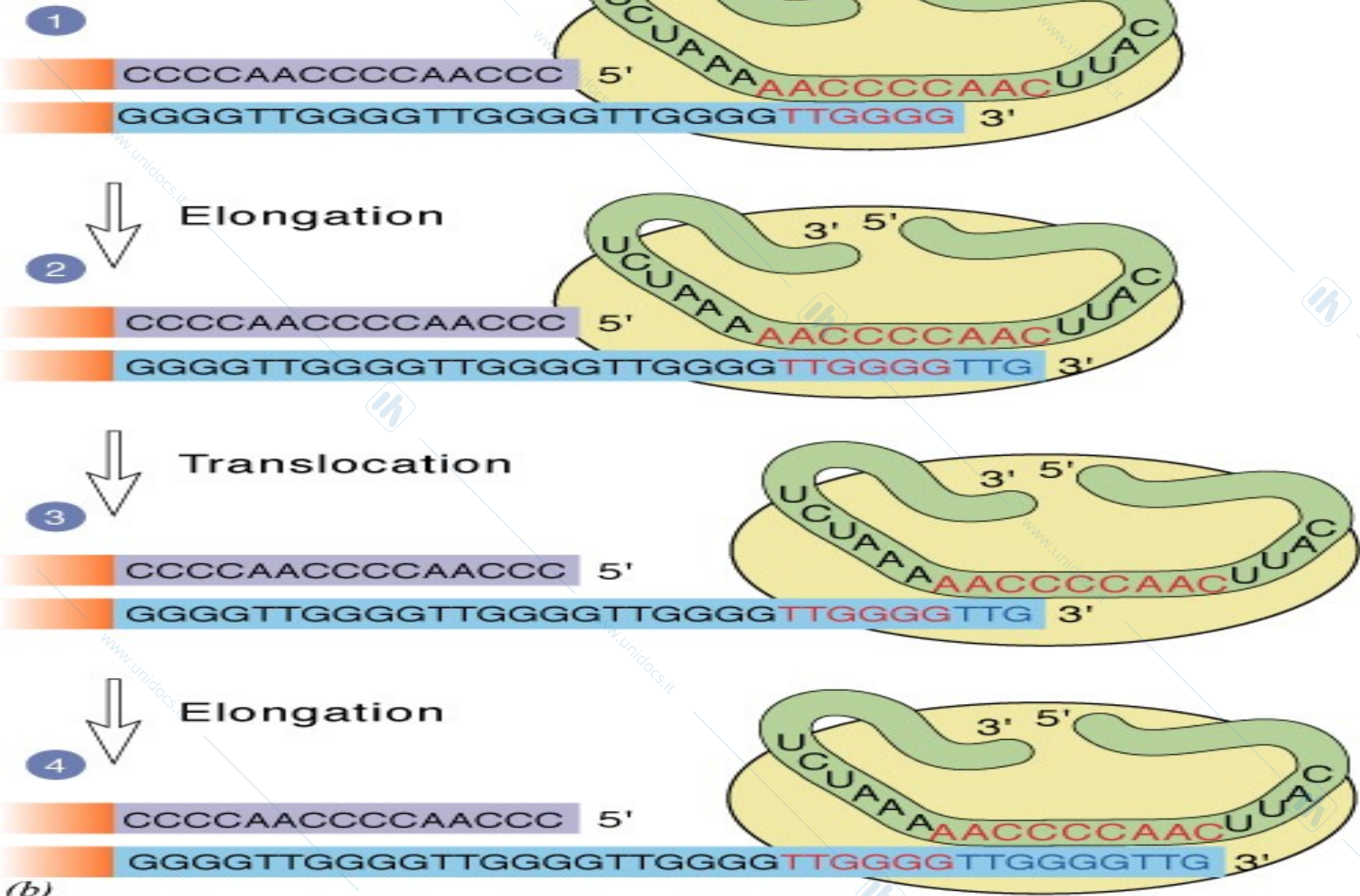


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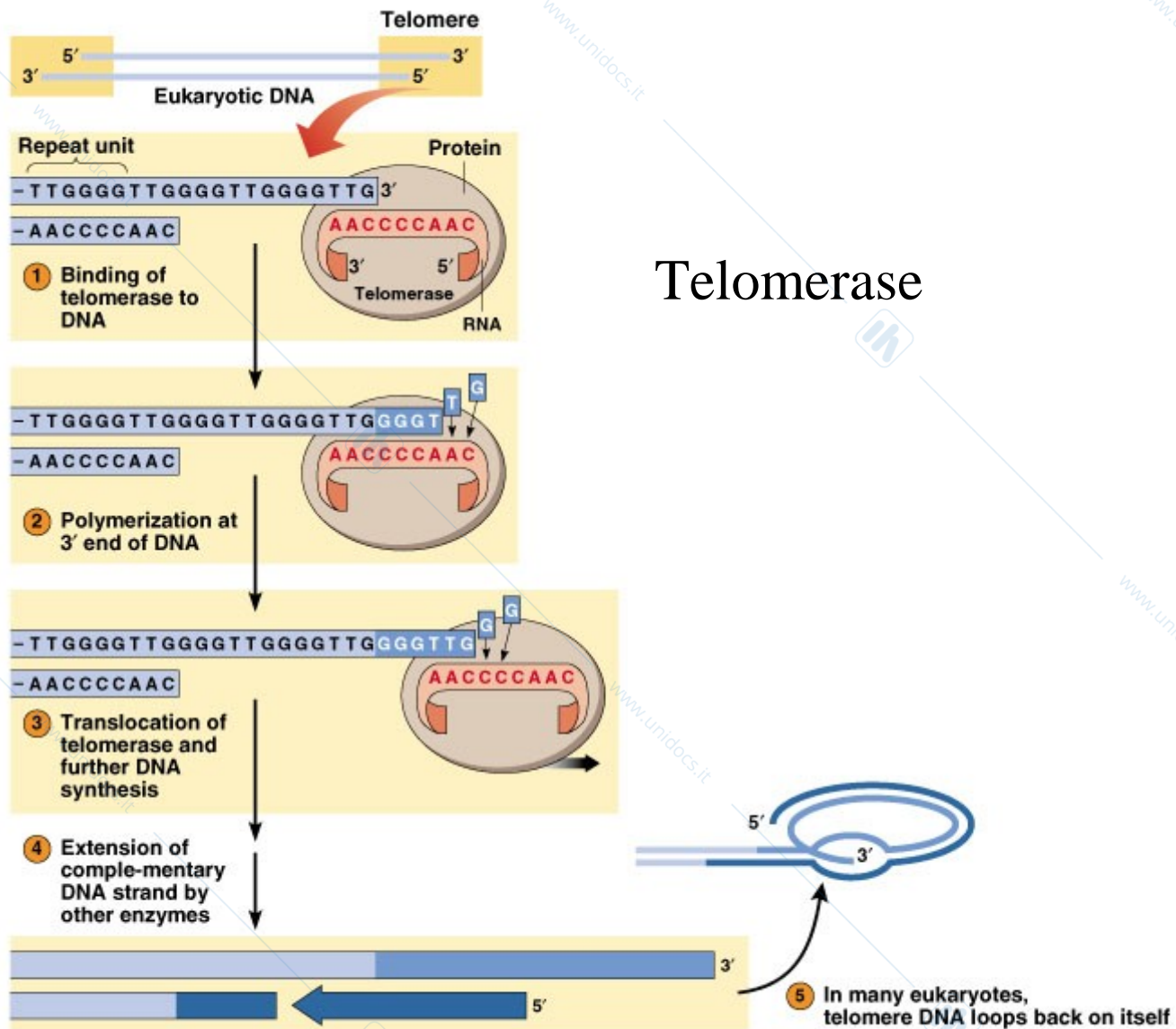
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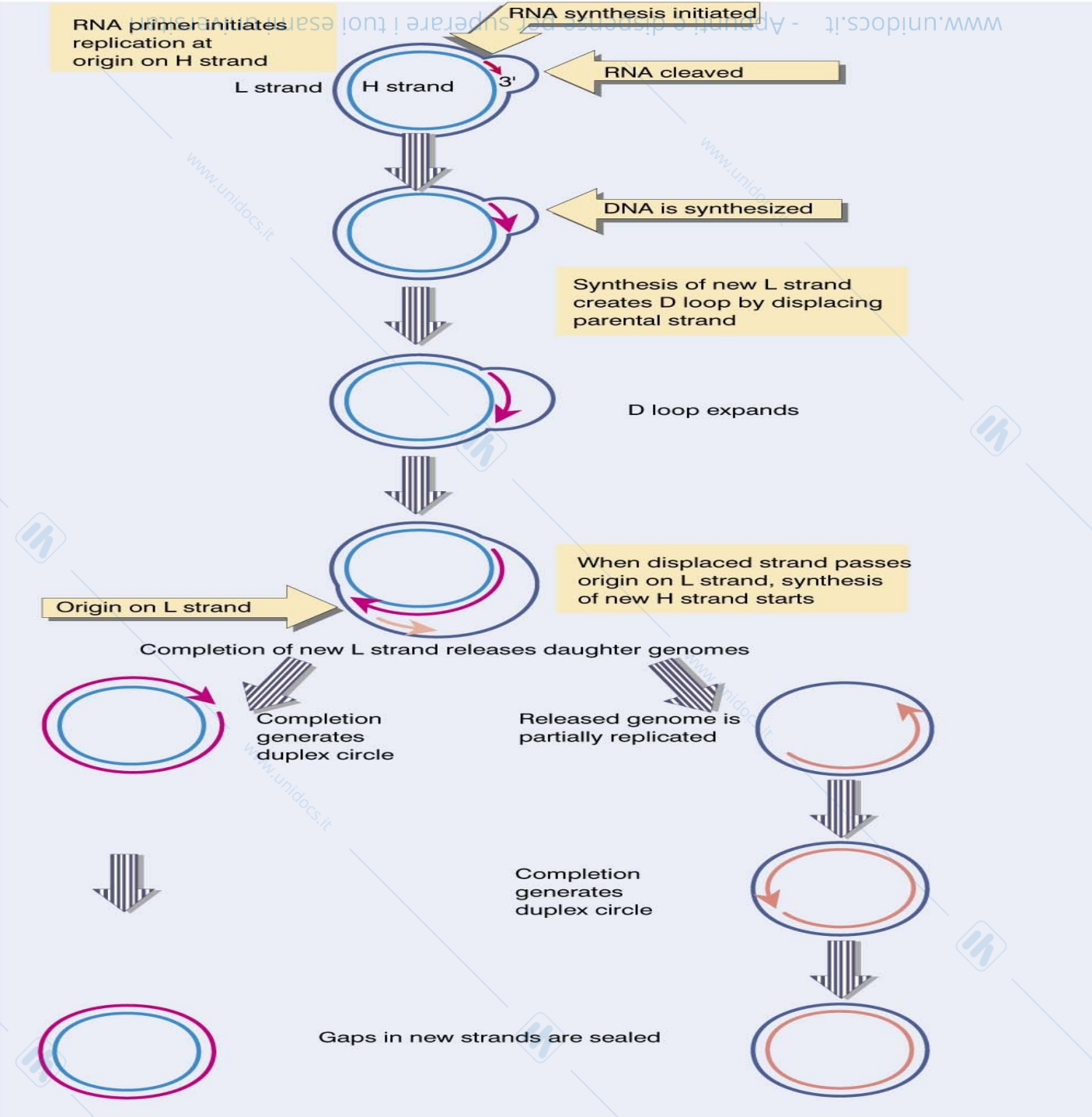
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Figure 12.11 The D loop maintains an opening in mammalian mitochondrial DNA, which has separate origins for the replication of each strand.



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