

DNA MUTATIONS NOTES

SUMMARY: DNA of the body's 100 trillion cells are repaired by polymerase enzymes.

1 in a billion base pairings has an error. Some mutations like better camouflaged moth color, are beneficial.

Each cell in body damaged 10,000 X / day

100T cells

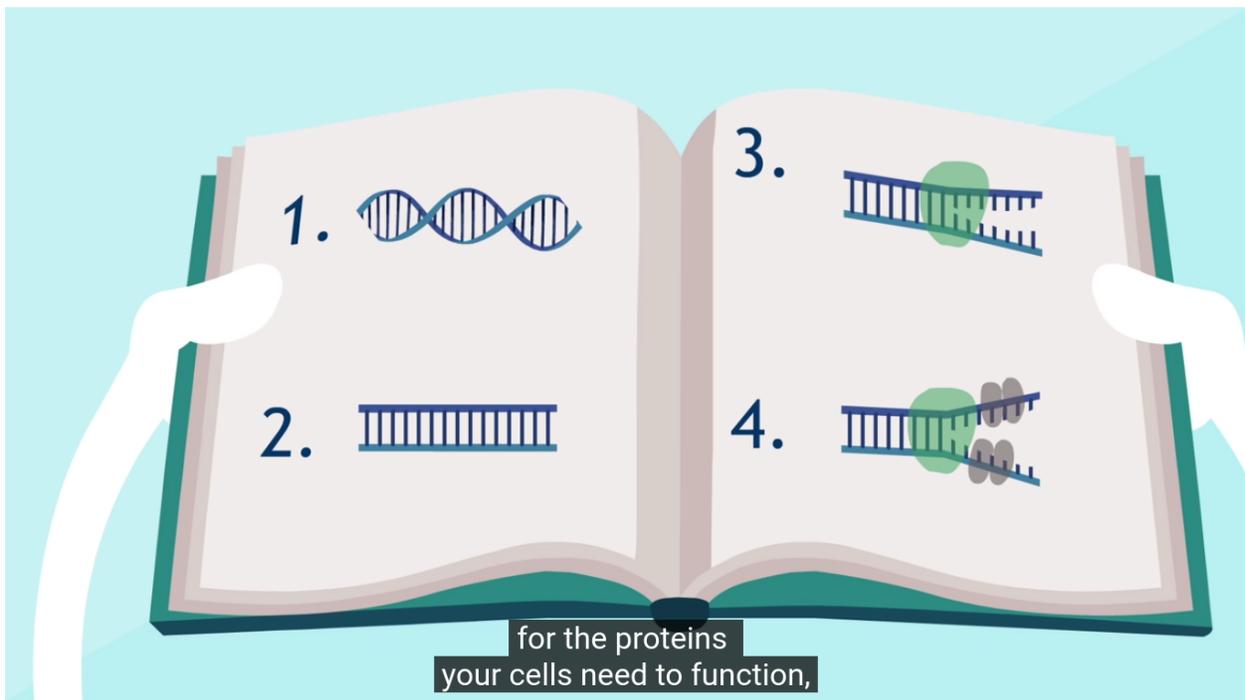
Body has 100 trillion cells

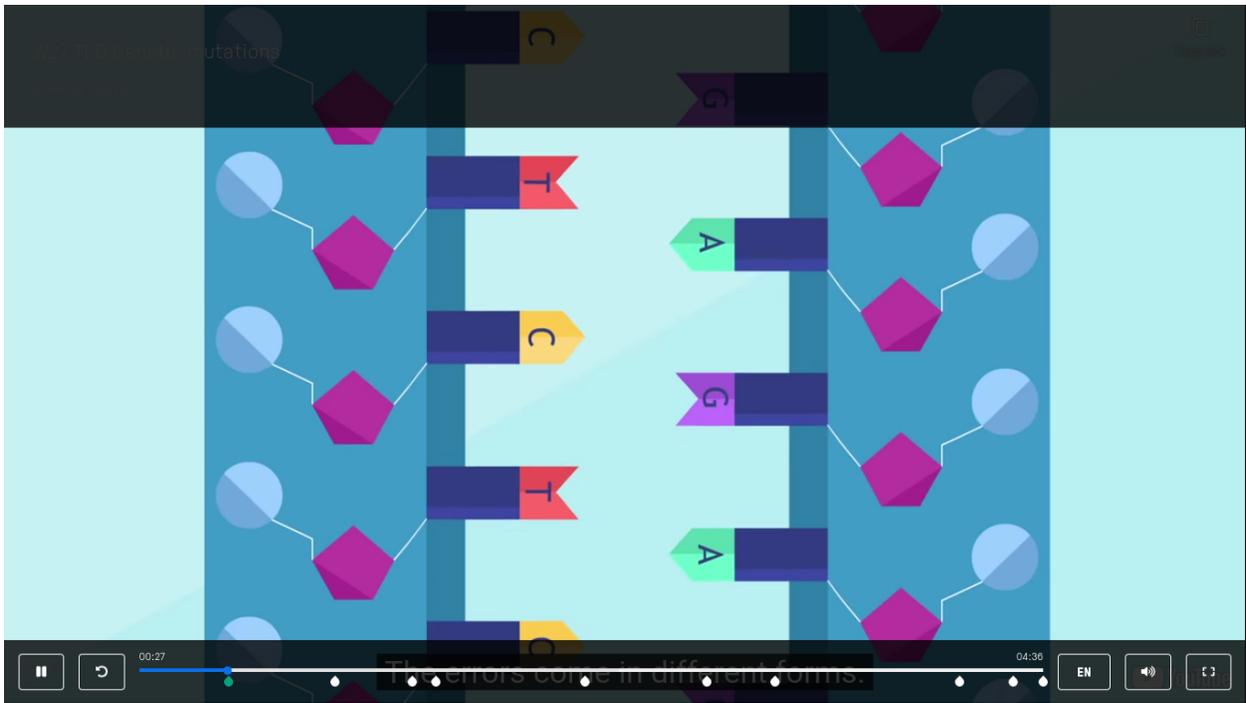
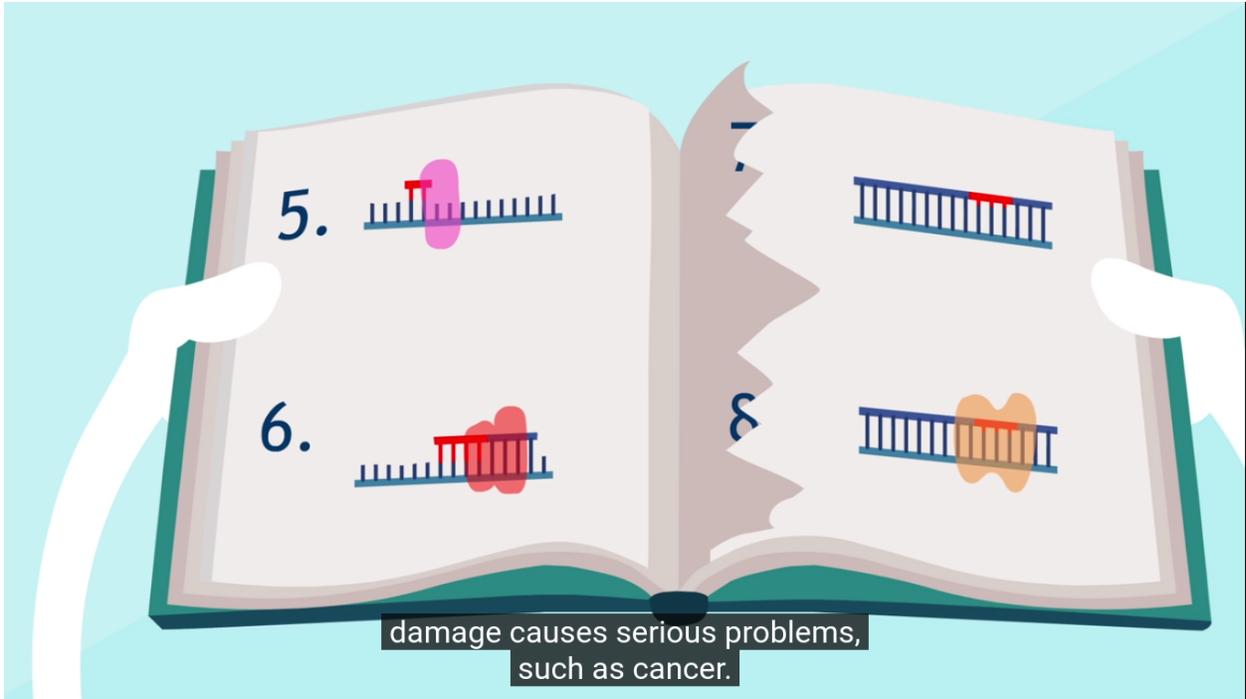
Quintillion DNA errors / day 10^{18}

Million = m number of the LION?

DNA = instructions in the cell

Error cause problems like cancer





Nucleotides get damaged
Sometimes nucleotides matched incorrectly
Nicks DNA strands INTERFERE with DNA replication
Cause whole sections to get MISMATCHED

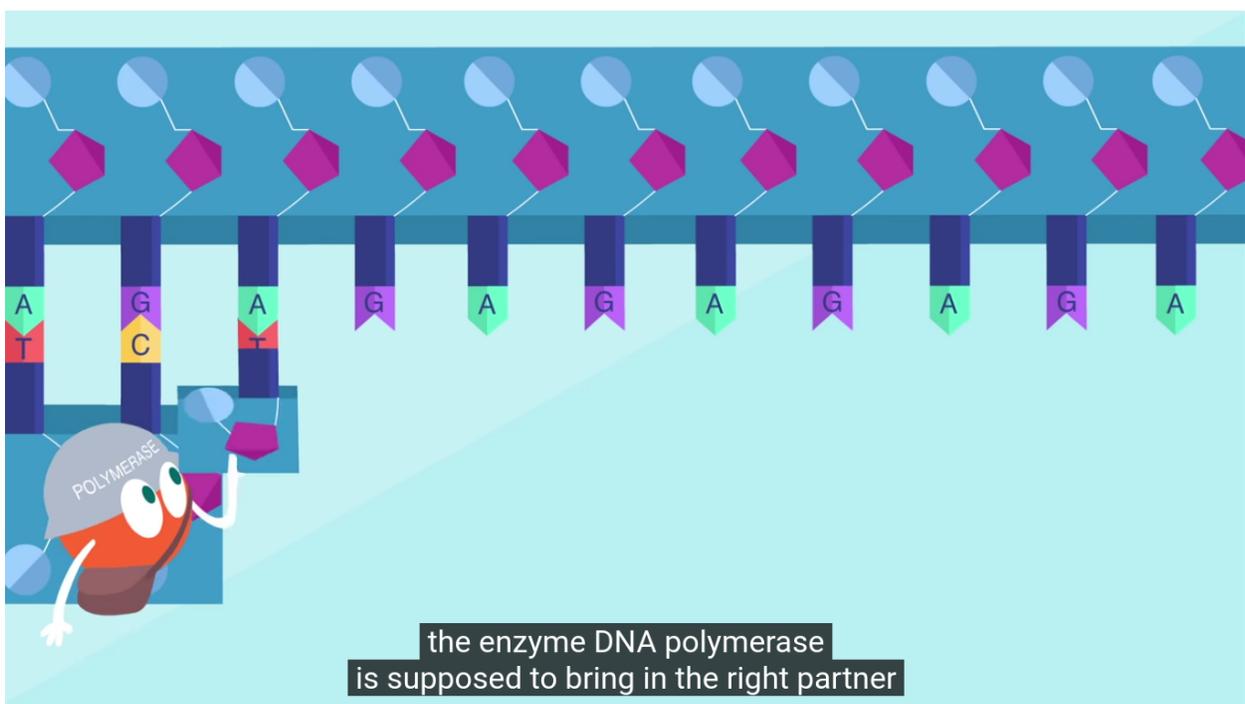
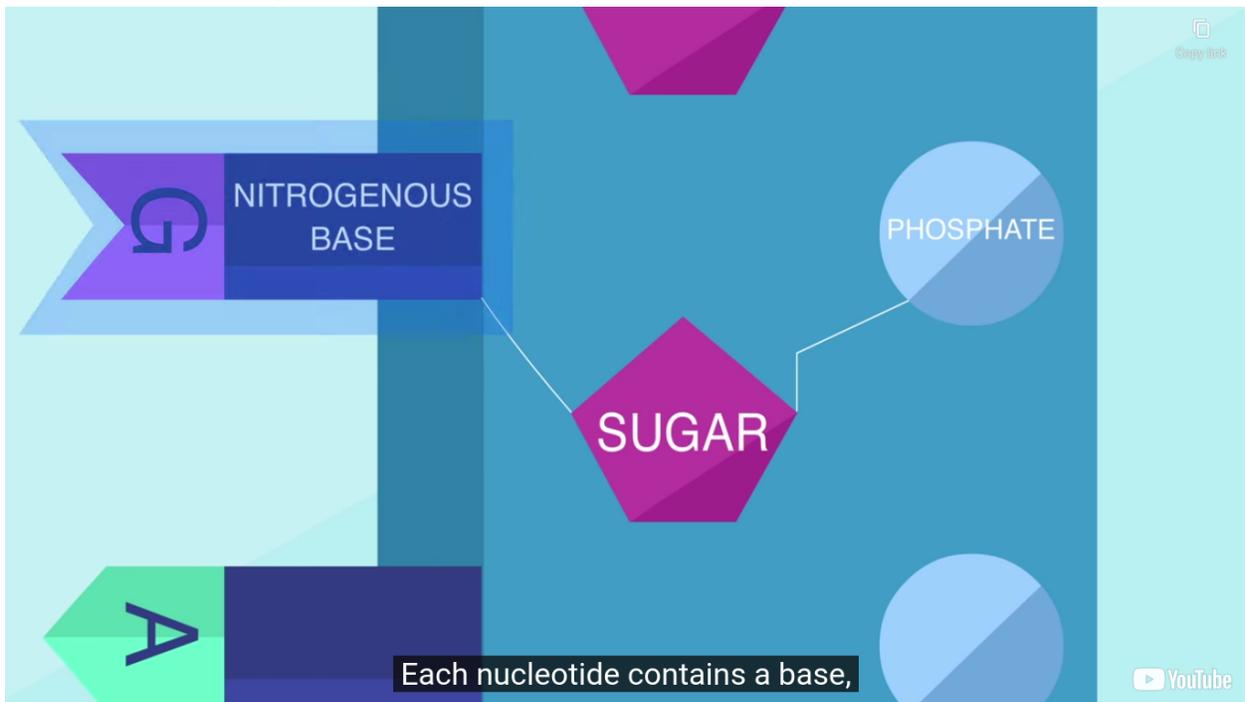
damage 4

nuQ nick match

Specialized enzymes repair damage
Repair pathways rely on specialized enzymes

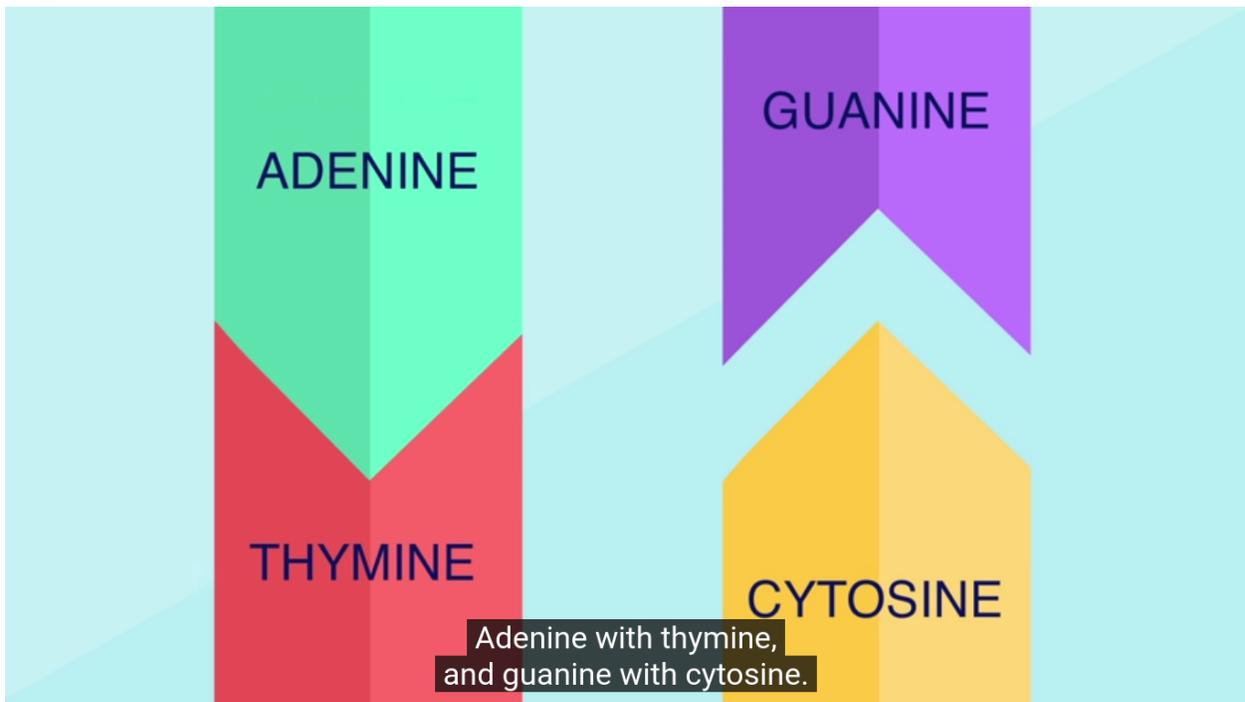
enzymes repair

XYZ reverse order, zip the split

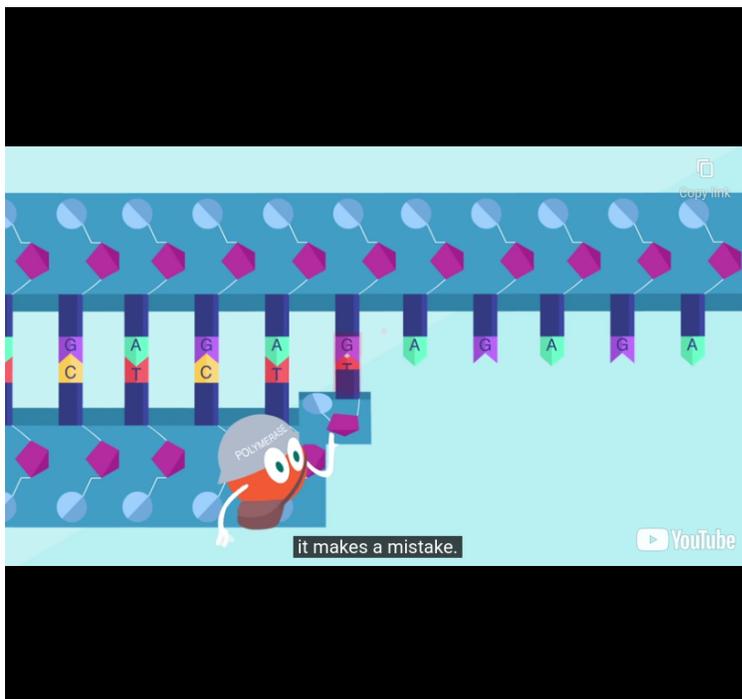


Polymerase ENZYME must Pair

POLYMERASE



each base on the template strand
1/100,000 pairings has error



MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTION 100 out of 100

How often does DNA polymerase make a mistake in base pairing?

- Once every 100 base pairs
- Once every 50,000 base pairs
- Once every 100,00 base pairs

Rewatch Continue

2nd set of enzymes double-checks and fixes errors
Only 1 in billion error



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Mutations (changes or mistakes in the DNA) can be caused

- ONLY when polymerase messes up the DNA bases
- ONLY by hydrogen peroxide in our cells
- All of these are ways mutations can happen
- ONLY by smoking

Rewatch Continue

Hydrogen peroxide
Smoking
Polymerase error

3+ mutation CAUSES

UV light causes neighbors to fuse
Distorts helix shape

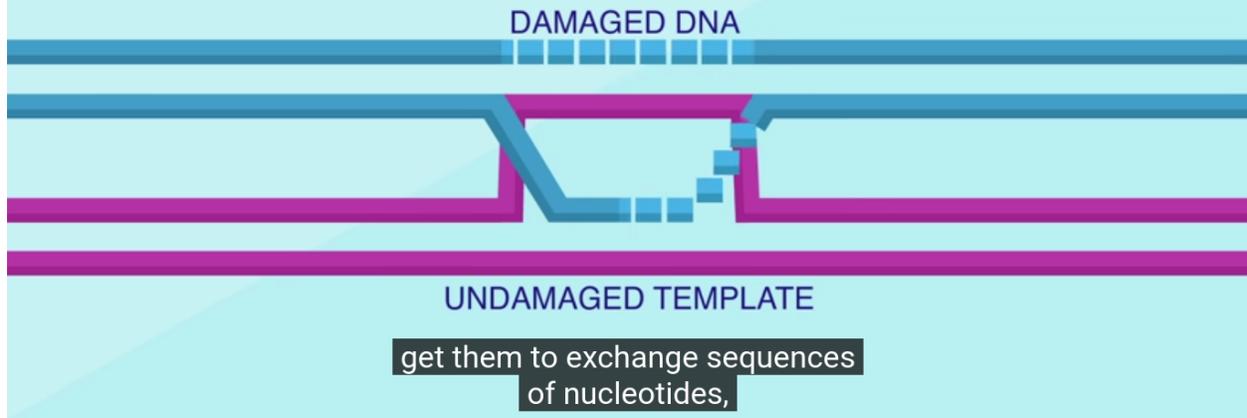
Gamma and X-rays sever backbone
DOUBLE STRAND BREAK > cell death

radiation

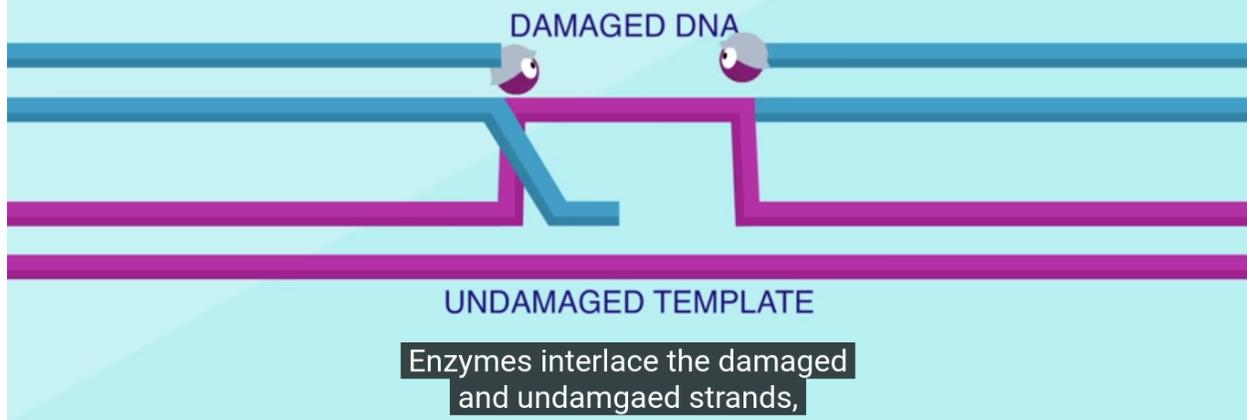
Base excision repair
Nucleotide excision repair
Replaces strand of 24 nucleotides

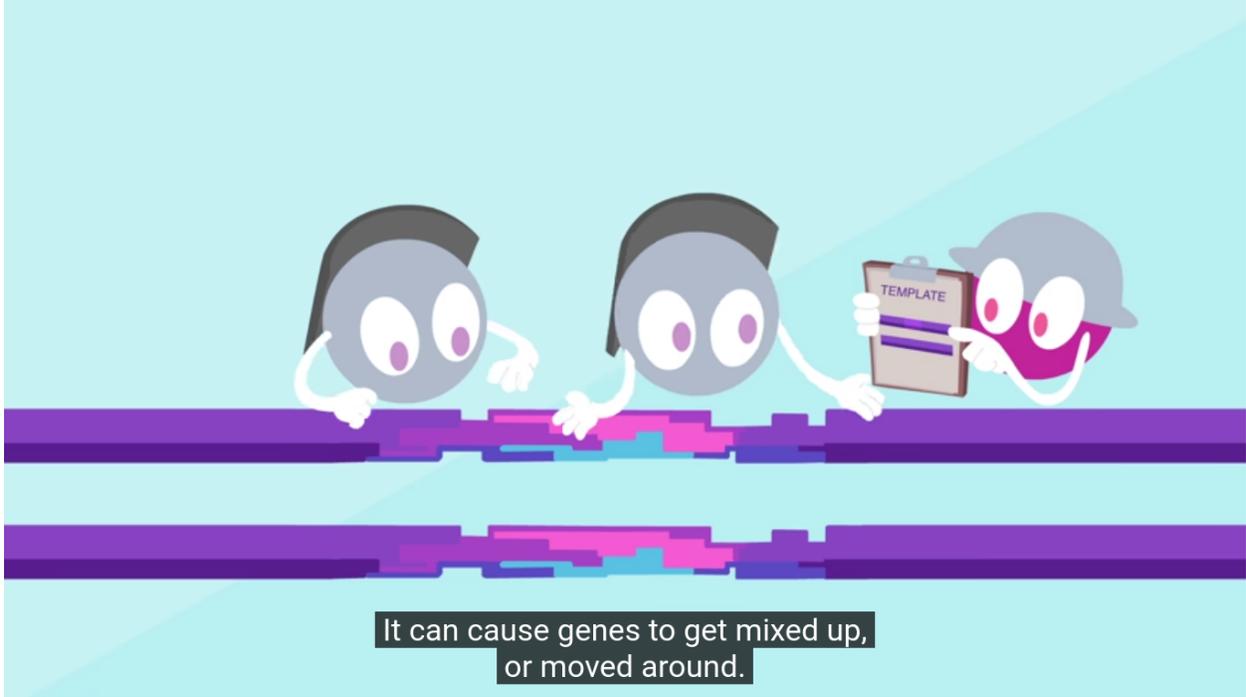
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2 EXCISION REPAIR

HOMOLOGOUS RECOMBINATION



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Non-homologous end joining

Moth color better matches
Camouflage

BENEFICIAL
mutations