

## GENETIC CODE WORKSHEET

**Procedure A: Using the first table (identify the protein coded for by the DNA in your flask)**

1. Record the flask # \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Record the DNA bases from your flask in ascending numerical order.
3. *Transcribe* the DNA triplets into the corresponding mRNA codons.
4. *Translate* the mRNA codons into amino acids using a Codon Table (from text).
5. Choose your protein from the list (bottom of page) by comparing the 3 amino acids.

DNA triplets	_____ - _____ - _____
mRNA codons	_____ - _____ - _____
amino acids	_____ (aa1) - _____ (aa2) - _____ (aa3)
name of protein	_____

**Procedure B: Using the other tables**

1. Use one table for each of the remaining proteins. Write the name of the protein on the bottom line of a table then work backwards (from bottom to top of table). Note: there may be more than one mRNA codon and DNA triplet that fits; just choose any one that works.

DNA triplets	_____ - _____ - _____
mRNA codons	_____ - _____ - _____
amino acids	_____ (aa1) - _____ (aa2) - _____ (aa3)
name of protein	_____

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mRNA codons	_____ - _____ - _____
amino acids	_____ (aa1) - _____ (aa2) - _____ (aa3)
name of protein	_____

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mRNA codons	_____ - _____ - _____
amino acids	_____ (aa1) - _____ (aa2) - _____ (aa3)
name of protein	_____

**insulin**  
**myoglobin**  
**ribonuclease**  
**hemoglobin**

... alanine - serine - valine ...  
 ... arginine - leucine - phenylalanine ...  
 ... serine - glutamine - lysine ...  
 ... leucine - histidine - cysteine ...