

Mutations Worksheet Name _____ Date: _____ Per. _____

There are several types of mutation:

DELETION (a base is lost)

INSERTION (an extra base is inserted)

Deletion and insertion may cause what's called a **FRAMESHIFT**, meaning the reading "frame" changes, changing the amino acid sequence.

SUBSTITUTION (one base is substituted for another)

If a substitution *changes* the amino acid, it's called a **MISSENSE** mutation.

If a substitution *does not change* the amino acid, it's called a **SILENT** mutation.

If a substitution *changes the amino acid to a "stop,"* it's called a **NONSENSE** mutation.



Complete the boxes below. Classify each as either Deletion, Insertion, or Substitution **AND** as either frameshift, missense, silent or nonsense (hint: deletion or insertion will always be frameshift).

Original DNA Sequence: T A C A C C T T G G C G A C G A C T

mRNA Sequence: _____

Amino Acid Sequence: _____

Mutated DNA Sequence #1: T A C A T C T T G G C G A C G A C T

What's the mRNA sequence? _____ (Circle the change)

What will be the amino acid sequence? _____

Will there likely be effects? _____ What kind of mutation is this?

Mutated DNA Sequence #2: T A C G A C C T T G G C G A C G A C T

What's the mRNA sequence? _____ (Circle the change)

What will be the amino acid sequence? _____

Will there likely be effects? _____ What kind of mutation is this?

Mutated DNA Sequence #3: T A C A C C T T A G C G A C G A C T

What's the mRNA sequence? _____ (Circle the change)

What will be the amino acid sequence? _____

Will there likely be effects? _____ What kind of mutation is this?

Mutated DNA Sequence #4: T A C A C C T T G G C G A C T A C T

What's the mRNA sequence? _____ (Circle the change)

What will be the amino acid sequence? _____

Will there likely be effects? _____ What kind of mutation is this?