

Comparing DNA Replication and Transcription

DNA replication is the process by which a cell copies its DNA. During replication, both strands of the double helix are used as templates to make complementary, or matching, strands of DNA. DNA transcription is the process by which a single strand of DNA is used as a template to generate a strand of mRNA.

Fill in the missing information. One row has been completed for you.

Template DNA	Complementary DNA	Messenger RNA (mRNA)
TTACG	AATGC	AAUGC
	GCCGG	
		ACGUAGC
AGACTC	GATAAGA	
		CUGGCUAC

Use the table to answer the question.

1. Give another example of a template DNA code that is at least four base pairs long. Then, give its matching complementary DNA and mRNA codes.
