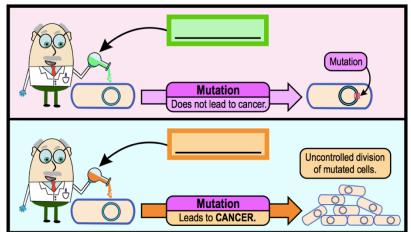
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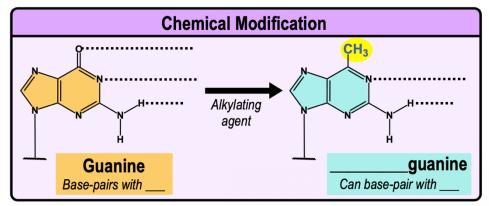
- Recall: \_\_\_\_\_ mutations are controlled, deliberate mutations that occur due to an external source.
- In order to increase the mutation rate in bacteria being studied, scientists typically use *mutagens*.
  - : chemical or physical agents that cause *mutations*.
  - Carcinogens: mutagens that contribute to the development of \_\_\_\_\_\_.

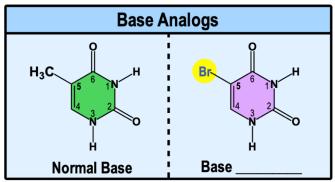


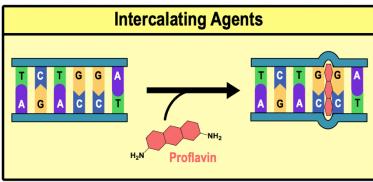


## **Chemical Mutagens**

- Chemical Modification: chemicals that \_\_\_\_\_\_ the *structure* of nitrogenous bases in DNA (ex. alkylating agent).
  - □ Can alter the \_\_\_\_\_\_ability of nucleotides.
- Base Analog: chemicals structurally \_\_\_\_\_ to nitrogenous bases but with *different* base-pairing properties.
- Intercalating Agents: flat molecules that \_\_\_\_\_\_ between 2 base-pairs & increase the chance of *point mutation*.







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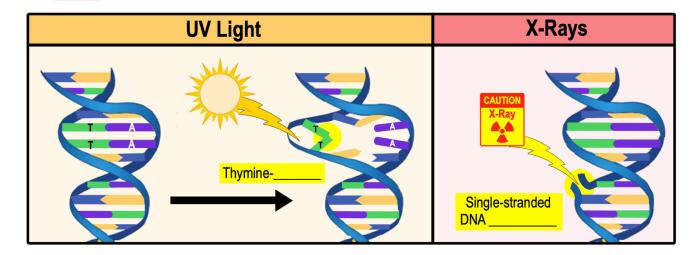
PRACTICE: 5-Bromouracil is structurally similar to a nucleobase and can be inserted into the DNA and perform base-pairing. 5-Bromouracil is a base \_\_\_\_\_\_ for the base thymine.
a) Analog. b) Agent. c) Substitute. d) Modification. e) Replacement.

PRACTICE: Which of the following statements about mutagens and carcinogens is true?

- a) A mutagen is a chemical or physical agent which causes mutations in DNA.
- b) A carcinogen is chemical or physical agent which causes mutations in DNA that lead to the development of cancer.
- c) All carcinogens are mutagens, but not all mutagens are carcinogens.
- d) All of the above statements are true.

## **Radiation Mutagens**

●The exposure to certain types of	can cause mutations to occur.
□ Light: causes formation of nucle	obase dimers that distort DNA structure.
□ Dimers: occur	r when covalent bonds form between adjacent thymine bases in DNA
□ DNA replication & transcription ca	n NOT continue past the distortion & the cell dies.
□ X-Rays: cause single- & double-strand	in DNA.



PRACTICE: Which of the following wavelengths of light cause Thymine dimer mutations?

- a) X-Rays.
- b) Microwaves.
- c) UV light.
- d) Visible light.