

Globular Protein

Haemoglobin: It's a **transport** protein. It's an example of a **globular** protein with a **prosthetic** group. It carries **oxygen** from the **lungs** to the tissues. Each haemoglobin molecule can bind with up to **4** oxygen molecules. Consists of **4 subunits (2 called alpha chains and 2 beta chains)** and an **inorganic** haem group (Fe^{2+}) and a **prosthetic** group. Consists of many **different** amino acids.

Insulin: A **hormone** involved in the **regulation** of blood glucose concentration. Released into the **bloodstream** and transported by the blood. Fit into specific **receptor** on the cell surface **membrane** to have their effect, therefore require a **specific** shape.

Conjugated proteins: This contains a non-protein group called **prosthetic** group. This groups can contain **lipids, carbohydrates, metal ions** and **molecules** derived from **vitamins**. When combined with lipids or a carbohydrate they form **lipoproteins** or **glycoproteins**. When **metal ions** and **molecules** derived from vitamins are needed for the proteins to carry out their functions they are called **cofactors**.

Catalase: A **quaternary protein** containing **4 haem** groups. Speeds up the breakdown of **hydrogen peroxide** due to the presence of **iron II in the prosthetic group**. Hydrogen peroxide is a common by-product of metabolism, which can accumulate will damage cells and cell components

Ca^{2+} : Need for **nerve** impulse transmission and **muscle** contraction.

Na^+ : Needed for **nerve** impulse transmission and **kidney** function.

NH_4^+ : Needed for production of **nitrate** ions

K^+ : needed for **nerve** impulse transmission

H^+ : Needed for **catalysis** of reactions and **pH** determination



cation



anion

NO_3^- : Needed for **nitrogen** supply to **plants** for amino acid and protein formation

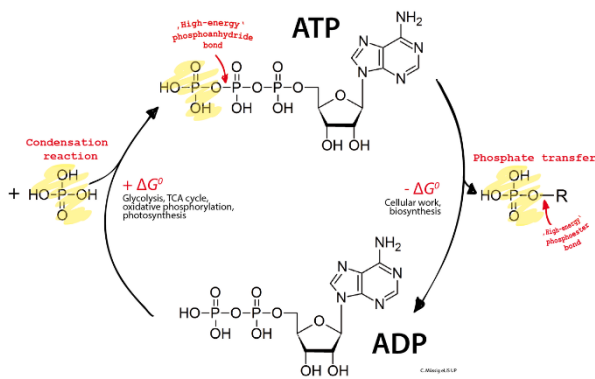
HCO_3^- : Needed for maintenance of **blood pH**

OH^- : Needed for **catalysis** of reactions , **acids** and **protein** formation

Cl^- : Needed to **balance** charge of sodium and potassium formation

PO_4^{3-} : Needed for cell membrane formation , **nucleic** acid and ATP formation and bone formation.

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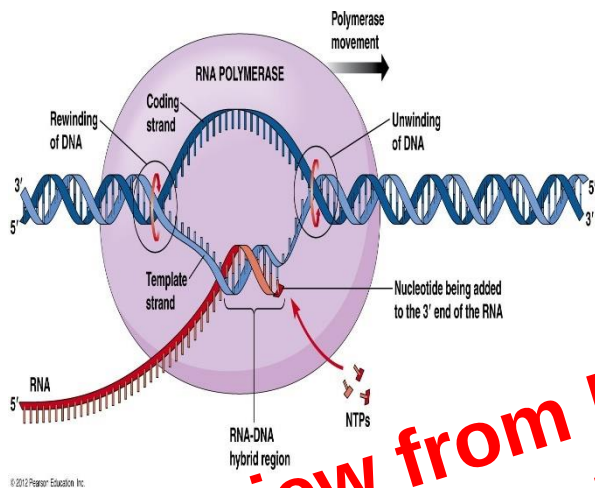


Adenosine triphosphate can supply a **usable** form of energy. Energy is required in cells for synthesis of large molecules, transport, movement.

The structure is a **ribose sugar, adenine, 3 phosphates – ATP** 2 phosphate – ADP

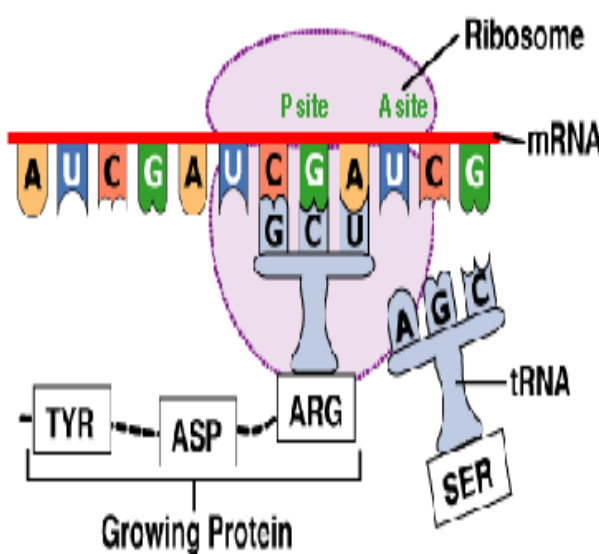
Energy is released approx. 30.6 kJ mol^{-1} . Water is involved in the removal of the phosphate group – hydrolysis reaction. ATP is **unstable** so is not good in long term energy store. Energy released from

breakdown of fats and carbohydrates are used to create ATP. ADP is **rapidly** converted to ATP which means large stores are not needed as it is an immediate store of energy. It's small, soluble in water, contains bonds with intermediate energy between **phosphates**, releases small quantities of energy and is **easily regenerated**.



There are **2** processes during protein synthesis the first one is **transcription**. The gene **unwinds** and **unzips**. The enzyme DNA **helicase** catalyses this. The **hydrogen bonds** between the complementary bases are broken. RNA polymerase catalyses the formation of temporary hydrogen bonds between free nucleotides of RNA found in the **nucleolus** and the unpaired DNA bases. C-G, G-C, U-A, A-T. As the RNA nucleotides join together they form **bonds** via condensation reactions and complementary length of mRNA is formed. The length of RNA is complementary to the template strand of DNA

which means it's a copy of the coding strand of DNA. When the end of the gene is reached the mRNA then passes out of the **nucleus**, through the **nuclear envelope** and attaches to a **ribosome**.



During **translation** a molecule of RNA **binds** to the **ribosome**. Two codons are attached to the **subunit** and exposed to the larger subunit. The first exposed subunit is always **AUG**. Using **ATP** and an **enzyme**, tRNA with **anticodon UAC** and the amino acid methionine forms hydrogen bonds with the codon. A second tRNA with a **different** amino acid binds to the second codon with its **complementary anticodon**. A peptide bond forms between the two adjacent amino acids. An enzyme present in the small **ribosomal** subunit catalyses the reaction.