

Elaboration exercises

- 1) The central dogma of molecular biology is:

DNA → RNA → Protein

Explain how a protein can be formed from RNA and where this process takes place. If necessary, search under the term “Translation”.

- 2) After synthesis, some proteins undergo further processing steps. For example, phosphate groups can be attached to proteins. What is the function of a phosphorylated protein in the cell (video minute 7:00)?
- 3) Describe the ubiquitin-proteasome pathway. Watch the presentation by Aaron Ciechanover (approx. 3 min.).

<http://www.mediatheque.lindau-nobel.org/topic-clusters/life-of-proteins#page=7>
“...and Shows an Illustrative Description of Protein Degradation” (00:22:42 - 00:25:30)

- 4) Search the Protein Database (PDB) for a protein (e.g. myoglobin). Identify the representation model options (cartoon, spacefill, backbone...).

<https://www.rcsb.org/pdb/home/home.do>