





# The Discovery of the DNA structure



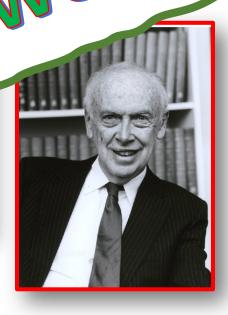
# A GROUP WORK





**Maurice Wilkins** Pongaroa, 1916 London, 2004

**London**, 1920 **London, 1958** 



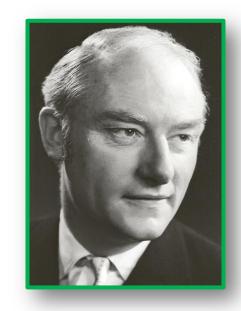
**James Watson** Chicago, 1928



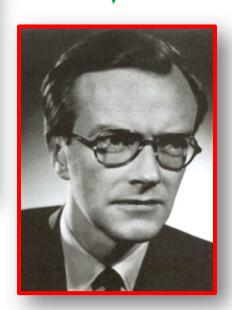
# "THE GREAT RACE"

And Section 1997

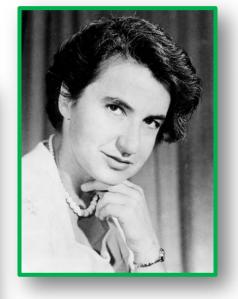
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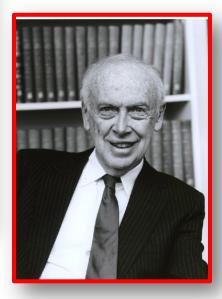
Francis Crick Northampton, 1916 San Diego, 2004



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Rosalind Franklin London, 1920 London, 1958



James Watson Chicago, 1928



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# Nobel Prize in 1962

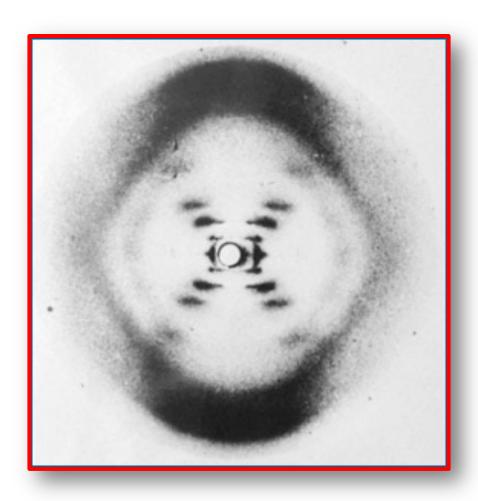






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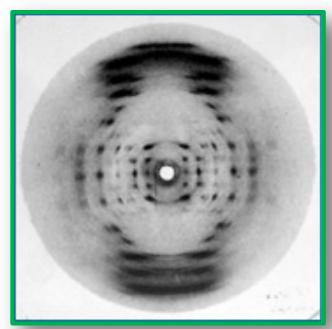


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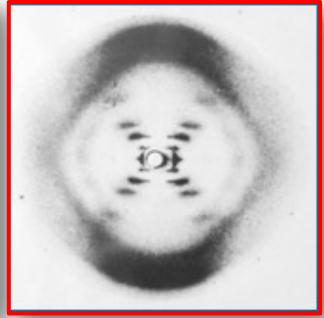


# **EUREKA!!!**





The <u>dry A form</u> held less water



In the wet B form
water molecules
cling to the DNA,
causing it to stretch out



# Nature n. 4356 April 25, 1953



#### **READING ACTIVITY – INTERSEMIOTIC TRANSLATION**

- Read what Watson & Crick published on Nature
- Divide the text in Introduction Development Conclusions
- Find out the main key-points for each of them



# Inside Microlanguage 1



- Chromosome /'krəʊməsəʊm/ = Cromosoma
- Crystalline /'krɪstəlaɪn/ = Cristallino
- Deoxyribonucleic acid /dipksi razbəʊnju klezk 'æszd/ = Acido desossiribonucleico
- Gene /dziːn/= Gene
- Helix /'hiːlɪks/ = Elica; Helices /'hɛlɪˌsiːz/ = Eliche
- Heredity /hɪ'redɪtɪ/ = Ereditarietà
- □ Hydrogen /'haɪdrədʒən/ = Idrogeno
- Magnesium /mæg'niːzɪəm/ = Magnesio
- Molecule /'mplxkjuːl/ = Molecola



# Inside Microlanguage 2



- Nitrogenous /nai'trodzinəs/ = Azotato
- Oxygen /'pksid3[/ə]n/ = Ossigeno
- Pattern /'pætən/ = Schema
- Phosphate /'fpsfert/ = Fosfato
- Phosphorus /'fpsfərəs/ = Fosforo
- Protein /'prəʊtiːn/ = Proteina
- Ratio /'reɪʃɪəʊ/ = Proporzione
- ™ X-ray /'eks'reɪ/ = Raggi X





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It's made of chains of four smaller molecules called nucleotides



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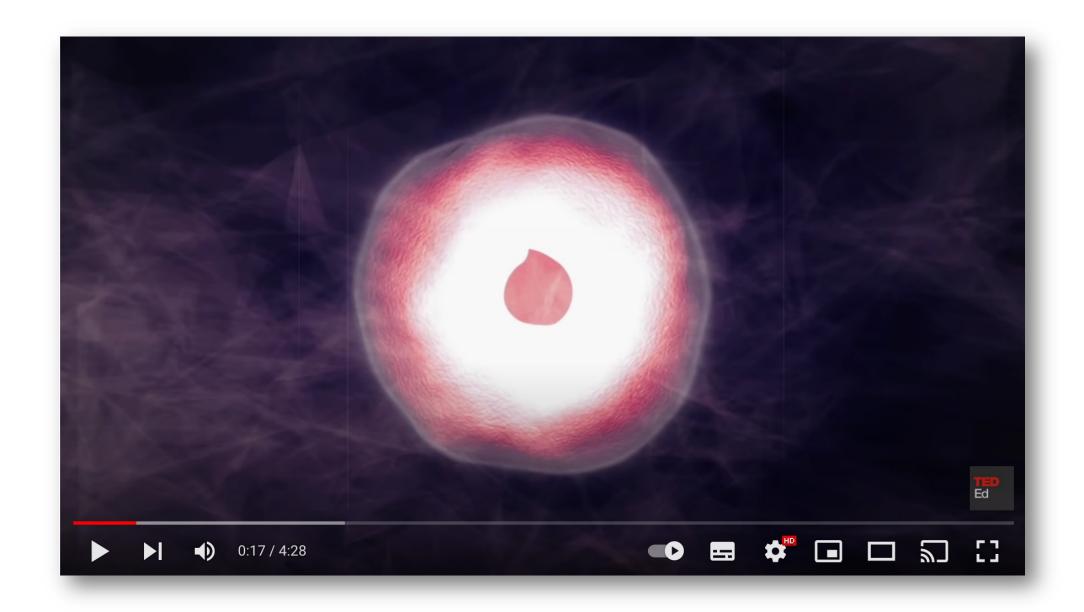
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The sequence of these nucleotides in the long DNA chain



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#### THE FANTASTIC METAPHOR GAME GOES ON...

DNA is a great library of information and each DNA segment, a gene, is a book in that library