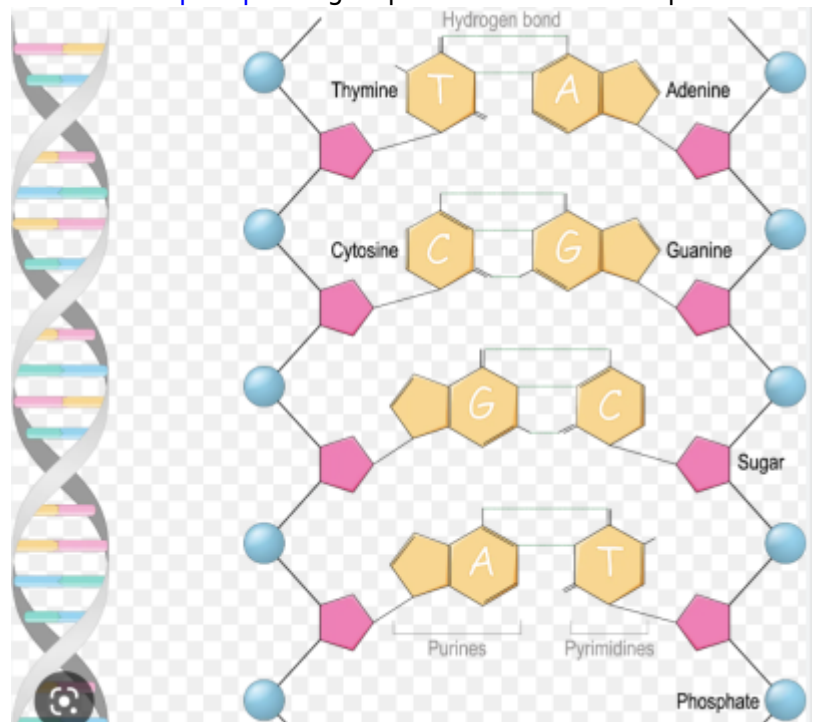


Nucleotides are **organic molecules** that serve as the monomers, or subunits, of **nucleic acids** like **DNA** and **RNA**. The building blocks of **nucleic acids**, nucleotides are composed of a nitrogenous base, a five-carbon sugar (**ribose** or **deoxyribose**), and at least one **phosphate** group. Thus a **nucleoside** plus a phosphate group yields a nucleotide.



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