PROKARYOTIC REPLICATION

- Replication in prokaryotes is much better understood than replication in eukaryotes.
- The basic requirements and components of replication are the same for prokaryotes as for eukaryotes.

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SUBSTRATES

The four deoxyribonucleoside triphosphate.



TEMPLATE

Both the strands of DNA double helix serve as template for the synthesis of new daughter DNA strands.



ENZYMES AND PROTEINS

DNA B protein (Helicase)

Unwinds DNA

Primase

Synthesizes RNA primer

DNA topoisomerase I & II

 Relieves torsional strain by cutting & joining single strand or both strands.

ENZYMES AND PROTEINS

DNA polymerase

DNA chain elongation

DNA ligase

Joins Okazaki fragments

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ENZYMES AND PROTEINS

DNA A protein

· Opens duplex at origin of replication

SSB (Single strand binding protein)

 Binds separated single stranded DNA and stabilizes it.

Ter binding protein

 Prevents the helicase from further unwinding and facilitates termination