Biotechnology is using living

- organisms, parts of living organisms
- or their products to solve problems.

• Cells

- Genes
- Proteins





Biotechnology is a tool in solving problems

- Hunger / improved crop production
- Food safety
- Medicine / health / pharmaceuticals
- Environment
- Crime / forensics
- Paternity
- Climate change / petroleum alternatives

Ellyn Daugherty (textbook author) says:

- DNA is the flash
- Proteins are the cash

Why are proteins important?

- Structure (collagen, keratin, elastin)
- Enzymes (lactase, pectinase, cellulase)
- Hormones (insulin)
- Antibodies
- Transport (hemoglobin)
- Receptors
- Motor/contractile (actin, myosin)



DNA the Molecule of Life



cell



A

gene







DNA nucleotide

NITROGEN BASE



Nitrogenous Base (A, T, G, C)



O 5' $O - P - O - CH_2$ 0 3'

DNA nucleotide





complementary base pairing

F

P







Minor groove

Major groove