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Follow the directions:

- 1. Pick a partner with whom you will be successful. However, don't sit with that partner.
- 2. Pick one choice from each category below to make a DN A-lien for yourself.

Hair Color: blue vellow brown purple Code for that hair: AGTC **AAGC TGGT TGAA** Number of Eyes: one eye three eyes six eyes eight eyes Code for # of eyes: **TGG CTG** CGC TAT humanoid Body Shape: blob bowling pin snake Code for body: CCC **TCA TCG AGA** Tail (or No Tail) short tail no tail long tail Code for tail: CCCTA **CACTG GGAGA** Eve Color: yellow blue red brown Code for eye color: GTAC TTAG CATG TTTT giant hands Hands/Arms are: claws tentacles/suckers Code for Hand/Arm GGG TAA CTT

3. Write out your DN A-lien's genetic code. Be sure to start and end the code with a 'nonsense code' and put one of the 'nonsense codes' in between each piece of real code.

The three "Nonsense" codes you can use are: UGA or UAG or UAA

Your piece of genetic code could look something like this:

Ex. UGAAGTCUAATGGUAGCCCUAGCACTGUAGGTACUAGTAAUAG

(That's a DN A-lien with blue hair, 1 eye, a blob body, etc.)

- 4. Give your DN A-lien's code to your partner, and take their code.
- On a new piece of paper, draw and color a picture of your DN A-lien.DO NOT SHOW YOUR PARTNER YOUR PICTURE! (YET...)
- 6. Figure out what your partner's DN A-lien looks like from their genetic code.
- 7. On the back of the paper you drew your DN A-lien on, draw a picture of their DN A-lien.
- 8. Get together with your partner and compare pictures. Did you break the code correctly? If you didn't figure out where the mistakes were made.

