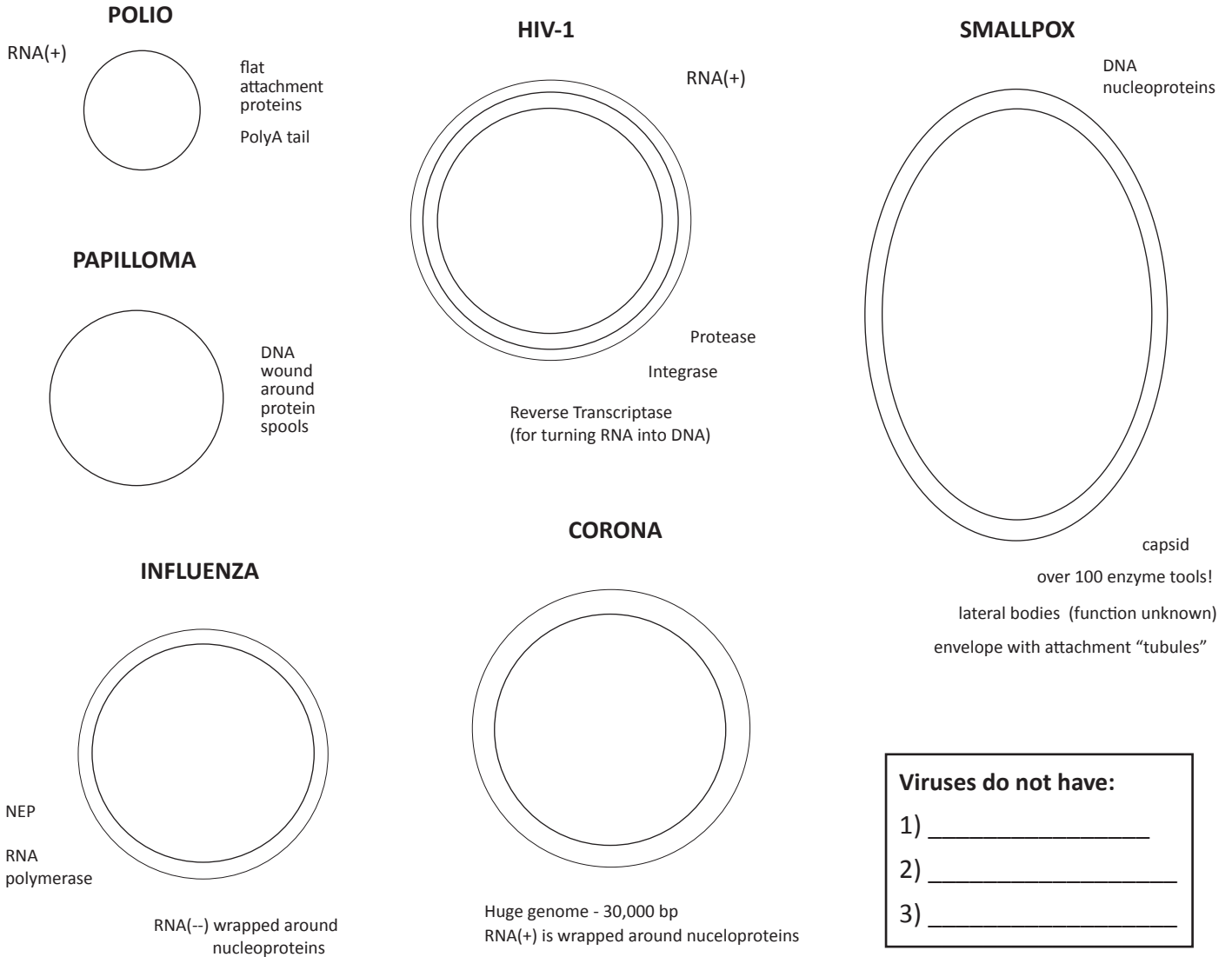


7(a): INSIDE A CAPSID

All viruses have a genome, which can be either DNA or RNA.

Many viruses also have one or more protein “tools” inside the capsid (tools it will need immediately after entry).



Virologists draw viral genomes as a straight line when they want to show where information is located. Each segment represents the instructions for one thing, sort of like a chapter in a book.

Both RNA and DNA are directional. One end is called 5-prime and the other is 3-prime.

As a general rule, the genome is read and used in this direction.



how to make viral structures

when to use tools

how to make tools

NOTE: Viruses don't have spell checkers or editors.

UTR =
untranslated region
(not read by ribosomes)

7(b): CLASSIFYING VIRUSES

THE VIRUS'S STRATEGY WILL DEPEND ON WHAT TYPE OF GENOME IT HAS.

KEY: ds = double-stranded (+) = "positive sense" RNA that is ready to be read by ribosomes
 ss = single-stranded (-) = "negative sense" RNA that is "backwards" [So a (+) copy will need to be made.]

1) _____	Herpes family Papilloma (warts) Pox family	Adenovirus Polyoma
2) _____	<u>Animals</u> Parvo Circo Anello	<u>Plants</u> Gemini Nanoviruses Microvisuses
3) _____	Reoviruses (Ex: Rotavirus-- "the stomach flu")	
4) _____	Calici Corona Flavi (yellow fever)	"Picorna" family: polio, rhino Coxsackie B
5) _____	Arena Rabies Ebola	Influenzas Measles Mumps
6) _____	HIV (AIDS) cancer-causing viruses, esp. leukemias	
7) _____	Hep B fish viruses feline leukemia	

THIS CHART REPRESENTS THE "BALTIMORE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM" invented by David Baltimore.

David Baltimore won a Nobel Prize in 1975 for discovering _____.

Recently (and quite surprisingly) RT has been found in the human genome. It allows sections of the genome to be moved to a new location, and also seems to be used in restoring the length of chromosomes as they shrink over time