**The Life of a Genetic Mutation (Cri cu chat)**

I am called Cri du chat also known as 5p-(minus) syndrome. I remember when I had all my chromosomes, I was a happy gene. Until one day a piece of my chromosome 5 went missing and to be completely honest I have no idea where it went. Without that piece I have my made my host’s life pretty difficult, my host has trouble speaking, delayed development, low birth weight, weak muscle tone and when my host cries they sound just like a cat (that’s where the name comes from). There is no actual treatment; the only way my host can be treated is by going to counselling classes and getting help at school. It’s a deletion of the short arm on chromosome 5 that makes my host this way.

To write my story I used questions like how common is cri du chat syndrome? What are some of the effects? Are there any treatments? Instead of only using one site to write my story I used a couple so I know what’s true and what’s false. Some of the sites I used were <http://emedicine.medscape.com> <http://ghr.nlm.nih.gov/> <https://www.genome.gov> I found all of these very helpful. This project was simple and straight forward I don’t think I could have done anything differently, the process was pretty easy.