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[Colleagues talking]

- A. I just came from a most interesting colloquium on sequencing DNA and the equipment they use. The big question is speed. And that requires adequate funding for research. So part of the colloquium helped us get acquainted with *funding sources.
- B. Building faster sequencers is a prerequisite for advancing the research in this area. So what are they doing?
- A. They've developed some eloquent solutions that can automate the analysis of a stretch of DNA with unqualified accuracy and do so 100s of times faster than before.
- B. That's good for those private companies wanting to acquire the requisite capabilities. Requests for their services by private and governmental agencies are so frequent that slower equipment can't cope with the demand. Companies must provide roughly equivalent services or they'll be squeezed out of the market.

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