

The Chemistry of Biology



Life depends on chemistry. Living things are composed of chemical compounds. In order to understand biology, one must first understand the chemistry of life.

I. The Nature of Matter

A. The Atom

1. An atom is the:
2. The atom is the:
3. Atoms are composed of subatomic particles:
4. Protons and neutrons have about the same mass and together form the nucleus of the atom.
5. Electrons have a mass of about $1/1840^{\text{th}}$ the mass of a proton and are in constant motion in the space surrounding the nucleus.
6. The subatomic particles have charges:

B. Elements

1. An element is:
2. There are more than 100 known elements, but only about 20-24 are commonly found in living organisms.

C. Compounds

1. A compound is:
2. For example: The formula of water is H_2O . There are 2 hydrogen atoms bonded to one oxygen. This definite ratio is always present in water.

II. Chemical Bonds

- A. The atoms that compose compounds are held together by _____.
- B. Bond formation always involves the _____ that surround the nucleus of each atom.
- C. There are two main types of bonds:
- D. Ionic Bonds
 1. An ionic bond is formed when one or more electrons are:

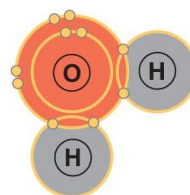
- When electrons are gained or lost, _____ are formed. Ions are atoms that have either:
- If an atom loses electrons, it will then have a _____ charge. If an atom gains electrons, it will then have a _____ charge.
- An ionic bond is formed when:
- For example: Sodium tends to lose an electron and becomes a Na^+ ion. Chlorine tends to gain one electron and becomes a Cl^- ion. These two ions are then attracted to one another because they have opposite charges. The compound NaCl is formed.
- The attraction between _____ is an ionic bond.

E. Covalent Bonds

- Sometimes electrons are _____ between atoms instead of being transferred.
- When electrons are shared between two atoms, the shared electron spends time traveling around the nuclei of both atoms.
- A covalent bond is formed when:
- For example: In a water molecule, each hydrogen atom shares electrons with the oxygen atom.

The shared electrons spend part of the time traveling around the _____ nucleus and part of the time traveling around the _____ nucleus.

When atoms are joined together by covalent bonds, _____ are formed. A molecule is the smallest unit of a compound.



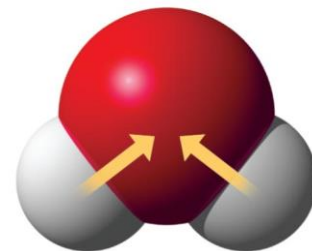
F. Polar Molecules

- When covalent bonds are formed between atoms of different elements, there are different degrees of:
- In covalent bonds formed between atoms of different elements, the electrons are not:
- Some atoms have a _____ for electrons than do other atoms. As a result, the electrons are not _____.
- The atom around which the electrons spend the most time will have a _____ charge, and the atom around which the electrons spend the least time will have a _____ charge.
- Polar Covalent Bonds:

6. For example: In a water molecule, oxygen has a _____ for the shared electrons. The shared electrons spend more time around the _____ atom, so the oxygen atom has a _____ charge.

The shared electrons spend less time around the _____ atom, so the hydrogen atom has a _____ charge.

A water molecule is:



7. Nonpolar Covalent Bond: The electrons are shared _____. These bonds exist between identical atoms such as H_2 , Cl_2 , O_2 , and N_2 .

III. Water – Can't Have Life Without It!!

A. The Polarity of Water

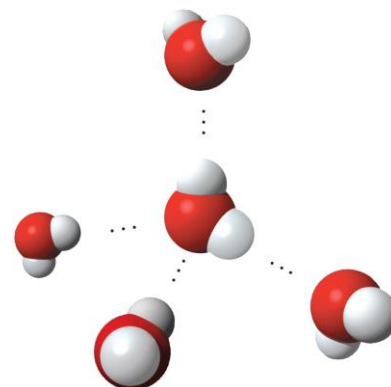
1. In a water molecule, an oxygen atom has a much _____ for electrons than does the hydrogen atom. At any given time, there is a greater probability of finding the shared electrons near the _____ atom than near the _____ atom.
2. As a result, the oxygen end of the molecule has a slight _____ charge and the hydrogen end of the molecule has a slight _____ charge.
3. A molecule that is positive at one end and negative at the other end is called a _____.
4. A water molecule is polar because there is an uneven distribution of electrons between the oxygen and hydrogen atoms.

B. Hydrogen Bonding

1. Water molecules stick together because:

This force of attraction forms _____.

2. In the picture to the right, the attraction between:



3. At this point we are only interested in the attraction of hydrogen bonding between water molecules, but hydrogen bonds can form in other places, as we will see throughout this year.

4. A single water molecule can form up to _____ hydrogen bonds with other water molecules at the same time. This is responsible for many of the unusual properties found in water.

5. Cohesion is:

Water molecules stick to one another because of _____.

6. Adhesion is:

When water sticks to other substances beside itself, it does so because of _____.

C. Solutions and Suspensions

1. Mixture:

2. There are two kinds of mixtures. Mixtures may be either:

a) Homogeneous:

b) Heterogeneous:

3. Solution: A solution is a _____ mixture. The parts of the solution are evenly mixed.

4. The two parts of a solution are:

a) Solute:

b) Solvent:

c) For example: Salt crystals will dissolve when placed in water. Salt is the _____ and water is the _____.

5. Because water is so polar, it makes it the greatest solvent on Earth. Many substances will dissolve into water.

6. Suspensions

a) Suspension:

b) Some materials do not dissolve in water, but separate into pieces so small that they do not _____. These small pieces remain _____ and are “_____” in the solution.

c) Example: Your blood is a suspension.

E. Water Makes Life on Earth Possible

Without water, life on Earth would not be possible. Here are the reasons why life on Earth is dependent on water.

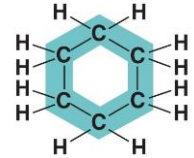
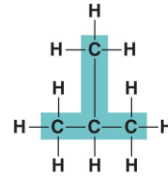
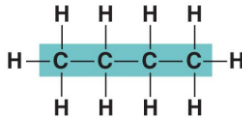
1. Water is _____. This means that water molecules like to _____. At a wide range of temperatures, this sticking together of water molecules makes water _____. If the temperature gets too high, _____ bonds are broken and water molecules will _____.
2. Water _____ temperatures on Earth. Water is a very good "heat bank" because it can _____ a large amount of heat with only a slight change in its own _____. Life could not exist in bodies of water if there were drastic changes in temperature. Temperatures on land are stabilized by bodies of water. Large bodies of water _____ heat from the sun during the day, _____ landmasses. Large bodies of water _____ heat at night _____ the landmasses. This stabilizes temperatures on land as well as in the water.
3. Water is the solvent of life. Water is able to:

F. Acids, Bases, and pH

1. The pH scale
 - a) The pH scale is a measurement system used to indicate the concentration of _____ ions in a solution.
 - b) The pH scales ranges from _____.
 - c) A pH of 7 is a _____ solution. This is neither acidic nor basic. Pure water has a pH of 7.
 - d) Solutions with a pH below 7 are considered _____.
 - e) Solutions with a pH above 7 are considered _____.
2. Acids
 - a) Acid:
 - b) Acidic solutions:
 - c) Acids have a pH of _____.
 - d) Examples include: lemon juice, tomato juice, carbonated drinks, vinegar
3. Bases
 - a) Base:
 - b) Basic solutions:
 - c) Bases have a pH of _____.
 - d) Examples include: ammonia, soaps, bleach, sodium bicarbonate

4. Buffers

- The pH of most human cells should generally be between _____.
- If the pH gets too high or too low, it affects the chemical reactions that take place within cells.
- Cells must be able to control their pH.
- Buffers are substances produced by cells that:



IV. Carbon Compounds

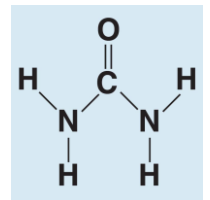
A. Organic Compounds

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2. Characteristics of carbon include:

- Carbon forms:
- Carbon can form bonds with other _____ as well as a variety of _____ such as _____.
- Carbon can form:

Carbon can form _____.



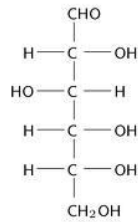
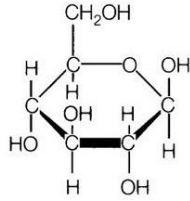
B. Macromolecules

- Many of the molecules in living cells are so _____ that they are known as _____. This means “_____”.
- Macromolecules are made from _____.
- The four groups of organic compounds found in living things are:
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V. Carbohydrates

A. Characteristics of Carbohydrates

1. These compounds are made up of _____ in a ratio of _____.



2. Examples of carbohydrates are:
3. The carbohydrates are known as the “quick energy” foods because:
4. There are two main functions of carbohydrates:
 - a)
 - b)
5. The smaller molecules that make up the carbohydrates are _____.

B. The Sugars

1. Carbohydrates are classified according to:
 2. _____ contain only _____ molecule of sugar.
 3. _____ are composed of _____ molecules of sugar bonded together.
 4. _____ are composed of _____ molecules of sugar bonded together.

C. Three Common Polysaccharides

1. Starch
 - a) Only found in _____.
 - b) This is the way that plants _____
 - c) Many, many molecules of _____ are bonded together to form _____.

2. Glycogen
 - a) Only found in _____.
 - b) This is the way that animals _____.
 - c) The liver bonds together many, many molecules of _____ to form _____.

3. Cellulose
 - a) Cellulose is the

 - b) It gives _____ to the plant _____.

 - c) Cellulose is the major component of wood and paper.

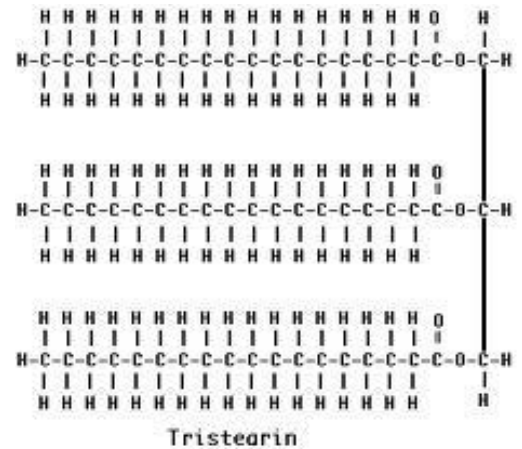
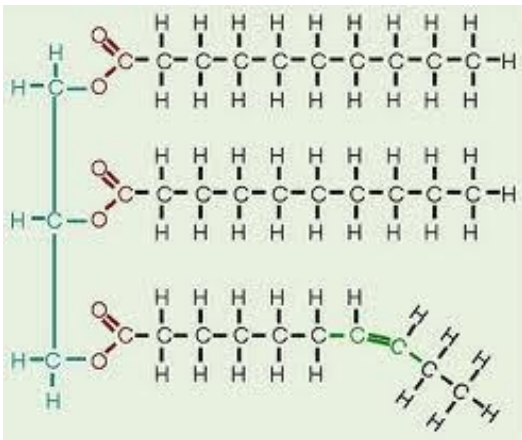
VI. Lipids

- A. Examples of lipids are _____.

- B. These compounds are generally not _____ in water.

- C. Lipids contain the elements _____ but not in the _____ ratio seen in the _____.

- D. There are two building blocks of lipids: _____.



1. A lipid has:

2. Circle and label the glycerol molecule in each of the above drawings.
3. Label the three fatty acid tails in each drawing.

4. If a fatty acid tail has at least one _____, it is said to be an _____ fat.

5. If a fatty acid tail has no _____, it is said to be a _____ fat.

6. Which of these drawings is a saturated fat?

Which is an unsaturated fat?

7. Saturated fats tend to be _____ at room temperature. Examples are:

8. Unsaturated fats tend to be _____ at room temperature. Examples are:

9. Saturated fats clog up your arteries and veins. Please do not eat too many of these!!!!

E. Uses of Lipids

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VII. Nucleic Acids

A. Nucleic acids are macromolecules containing the elements:

B. There are two kinds of nucleic acids: _____.

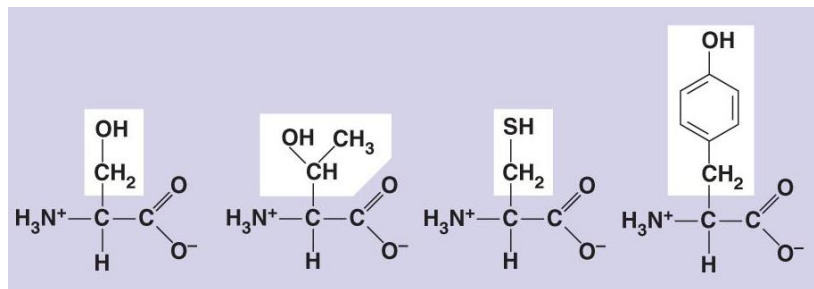
C. The building blocks of the nucleic acids are _____.

D. Nucleic acids _____.

VIII. Proteins

A. Proteins are macromolecules that contain:

B. The building blocks of proteins are _____. There are _____.



C. Each amino acid has four parts. Label these groups on the drawing above.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

D. There are many, many uses for proteins

1. enzymes
2. hormones
3. transport proteins such as hemoglobin
4. contractile proteins such as in muscle tissue
5. antibodies
6. membrane proteins
7. structural proteins such as bones and muscles

IX. Chemical Reactions and Enzymes

A. Life depends upon the _____ that occur within the cell. Living organisms undergo thousands of chemical reactions as part of their life processes.

B. These reactions are important to the _____.

C. The reactions of a cell involve both the _____ of molecules, and the _____ of molecules. The role of enzymes is to greatly enhance the _____ of these reactions.

X. Chemical Reactions

A. A chemical reaction is a process that: _____
_____.

A chemical reaction occurs when chemical bonds between atoms are _____ or _____, resulting in the production of _____.

1. Reactants: _____

2. Products: _____

B. Chemical reactions always involve changes in the _____ that join atoms together in compounds.

C. Examples:

1.

2.

XI. Energy in Reactions

A. Whenever chemical bonds form or are broken, energy will be _____. The forming and breaking of bonds involves changes in energy.

B. Some chemical reactions _____ energy. Other chemical reactions _____ energy.

C. Living organisms carry out a great variety of chemical reactions. Many of these reactions release energy, while many others absorb energy.

Regardless of whether energy is released or absorbed by the reaction, starting the chemical reaction

_____.

D. In order for the reaction's _____ to form, existing _____ in the reactants must first be _____. This will require _____.

XII. Activation Energy

A. Activation Energy:

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B. Energy-Absorbing Reactions

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2. The bonds of the _____ molecules will have to be broken. New bonds will be formed during the formation of the _____.

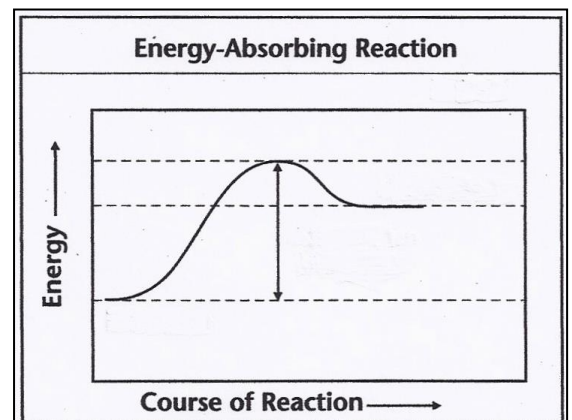
3. The activation energy is: _____

4. An example of an energy absorbing reaction in living cells is the process of _____.

The reactants are

_____. These reactants have _____ energy than the product, which is _____.

The energy that is absorbed by the reactants is stored in the bonds forming the glucose molecules.

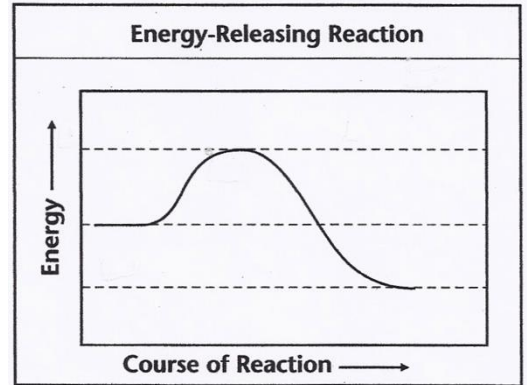


C. Energy-Releasing Reactions

1. _____

2. _____

3. The activation energy is the amount of energy that must be: _____



4. An example of an energy releasing reaction in living cells is the process of _____ . The reactants are _____ .

It will require a small _____ of energy (activation energy) in order to break the bonds of glucose.

However, once the reaction begins, more energy will be released than was required to start the reaction.

D. This activation energy is usually in the form of _____ that the reactant molecules absorb from the _____ .

The bonds of the reactants break only when the molecules have: _____

E. Activation energy is the amount of energy needed to push the reactants over an energy barrier or "hill" so that the "downhill" part of the reaction can begin.

F. Many of the chemical reactions of a cell proceed too _____ to be of use to the cell. The activation energy required for these reactions is simply too _____. The cell must have a way to make these reactions occur _____ and at lower _____ .

How is this done??? _____ !!

XIII. Enzymes – What are they?

A. Enzymes are _____.

1. A catalyst is: _____
_____.
2. Enzymes are _____ that act as _____.
3. Enzymes are essential for the functioning of any cell.

B. Enzymes _____ the chemical _____ that take place inside _____.

1. Many of the reactions inside cells take place: _____.
2. Enzymes: _____.
3. Lowering the activation energy makes the reaction take place much _____ and at a _____.
4. Without enzymes, cells would soon _____. The chemical reactions required in living cells would take place too _____.
5. Example: Sucrose will spontaneously break down into _____ and _____, but it will take _____ to do so. If a small amount of the enzyme _____ is added to the solution, all of the sucrose will be broken down within _____.
6. Enzymes are so _____ for their substrate that they can only catalyze _____. In the above example, sucrase speeds up the breakdown of sucrose, and it can do no other job.
7. Because enzymes are so specific, their name is usually derived from _____.

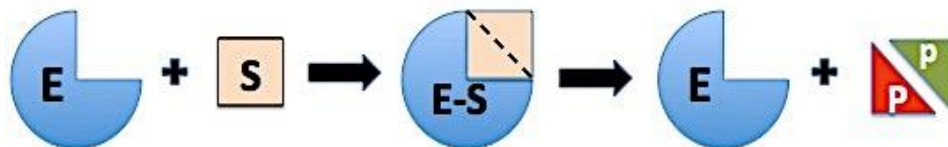
Example: What does the enzyme lactase do? _____

C. Comparison of Enzymes and Catalysts

Enzymes	Catalysts

XIV. How Enzymes Work

A. This is a simple equation illustrating how an enzyme works:



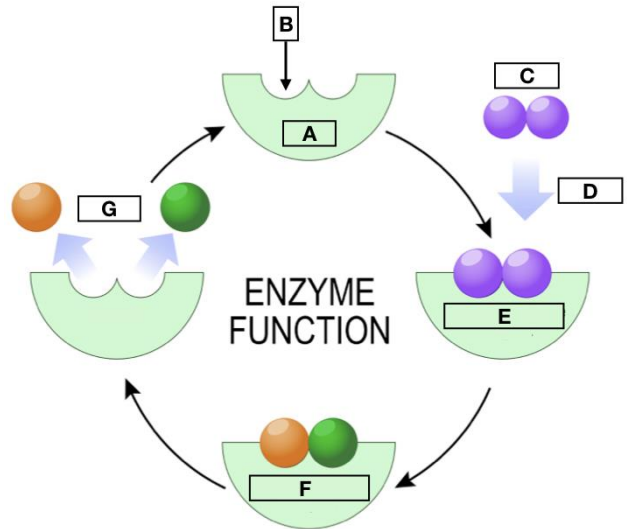
1. Substrate:

2. Enzymes have

3. The pocket or indentation is called the _____.

4. For the enzyme to speed up the reaction, there must be a _____ between the enzyme and its _____ molecule. The fit is so precise that the active site and substrates are often compared to a "_____."

5. Intermolecular forces bind the enzyme and substrate together to form the _____ . They remain bound together until the reaction reaches completion.
6. During the enzyme-substrate complex, the bonds _____ .
7. At the end of the reaction, the _____ are released.
8. The enzyme is free to start the process again.
9. Diagram of an enzyme-catalyzed reaction.



- A: _____
- B: _____
- C: _____
- D: _____
- E: _____
- F: _____
- G: _____

10. The joining together of the enzyme and the substrate causes a slight change in the enzyme's _____. This shape change allows the enzyme to conform to the shape of the substrate and probably _____ in the substrate, which is one way that enzymes reduce _____.

B. Let's summarize the facts about enzymes:

1. Enzymes are _____ that speed up the _____ of the cell. An enzyme may accelerate a reaction by making it happen 10,000,000,000 times faster! This means that a reaction that would take 1,500 years to complete without the enzyme can be completed in just 5 seconds with the enzyme.

2. Enzymes do not _____. They simply speed up the reactions that _____.
3. Enzymes make reactions take place _____ and at _____.
4. Without enzymes the reactions of the cell would proceed _____ that the cell would _____.
5. Enzymes are very _____. They can only carry out _____, but they do that one job extremely well.
6. Enzymes are never _____ in the reaction. They can be used _____ again.
7. 2000 enzymes are now known. Each is responsible for a specific chemical reaction.
8. The shape of the enzyme is so _____ that only one shaped _____ can fit.
9. A specific enzyme is required for each reaction in a cell.
10. Enzymes catalyze both the _____ of the same reaction.

C. Factors that affect enzyme functioning

1. Anything that changes the _____ of the enzyme will affect _____.
2. One factor that affects enzyme functioning is _____.
3. Every enzyme has an _____ at which it will function the _____.
4. For most enzymes, the optimum temperature is _____ Celsius.
5. If the temperature exceeds the optimum, the enzyme may become _____. The bonds that determine the shape of the enzyme are altered, changing _____.
6. A _____ enzyme has lost its particular shape. It no longer has a _____ to its _____. When an enzyme is denatured, it cannot _____ in the chemical reaction.
7. Another factor that affects enzyme activity is _____. Every enzyme has an optimum pH at which it functions the best. A pH value outside of this range can cause _____.
8. As you might expect, most enzymes function best in a pH range of _____. Exceptions to this are the enzymes found in the _____. These enzymes function best at a pH level of around _____. At a neutral pH, these stomach enzymes would be denatured.