



## HOW IMPORTANT ARE ENZYMES?

- Enzymes are organic catalysts.
- They catalyze chemical reactions by changing the rates at which these reactions occur.
- All chemical reactions in living organisms require enzymes in order to work properly.





### **ENZYME FACTS**

- A Enzymes are examples of proteins
- ☆ Usually end in 'ASE'
- Specific in their actions only work on one specific molecule
- Enzymes catalyze (change the rates) of chemical reactions, they are NOT changed during the process
- Enzymes are recycled they are used over and over to catalyze their specific reactions
  - Co-enzymes: some enzymes need non-protein substances such as VITAMINS in order to catalyze their specific reactions.

## ENZYMES FACTS (CONT'P)

Enzymes are generally named for their reactions they catalyze.

- sucrase catalyzes sucrose reactions
- maltase catalyzes maltose reactions
- proteases catalyzes protein reactions
- lipases catalyzes lipids
- DNA polymerase synthesizes DNA
- Examples of exceptions:
  - Amylase breaks down starches into disaccharides (found in saliva)
  - Pepsin breaks down proteins into peptides in the stomach

Oh, I get it! They end in -*ase* 

# **KEY TERMS**

- Substrate: the substance that is catalyzed by the enzyme
- Active Site: the part of the enzyme that joins with the substrate





### KEY TERMS (CONT'P)

# Enzyme-Substrate Complex: when the enzyme and substrate temporarily join together.



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How is the lock-and-key model a good analogy for	How is the lock-and-key model not a good analogy
enzyme action?	for enzyme action?
<ul> <li>Like most locks and keys, most enzymes are specific to one substrate. In most cases, one key fits one specific lock.</li> <li>The lock (enzyme) has an "active site" where the key (substrate) fits.</li> <li>The lock (enzyme) can be used over and over again.</li> <li>The lock (enzyme) is generally larger than the key (substrate).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Unlike enzymes and substrates, the lock and key donot change with temperature, pH or other environmental factors.</li> <li>The key does not change when opening the lock, but the substrate does change (react) when acted upon by the enzyme.</li> <li>Unlike a lock and key, enzymes and substrates often change shape when they bind to each other.</li> <li>Unlike locks, enzymes often require cofactors, coenzymes and effectors to function. Enzyme activity also can be decreased by inhibitors.</li> </ul>



FACTORS THAT AFFECT ENZYME ACTION

Temperature affects the rate of enzyme activity.

- As temperature increases, heat energy causes more collision between enzymes and their substrates.
- Enzymes increase activity until they reach optimum temperature.
- Denaturation: Once the temperature exceeds optimum temperature for that enzyme, the active site is permanently altered and the enzyme CANNOT join with its substrate.

## **TEMPERATURE & ENZYME ACTION**

- Our enzymes work best at optimum body temperature of 37°C.
- If the temperature exceeds 37°C, our enzymes begin to denature.





☆Enzymes only work in specific ranges of pH.



Enzyme concentration is held constant. Once substrate saturation is reached, all enzymes are at maximum level of activity. More substrate cannot increase enzyme activity.

### **INCREASING ENZYME CONCENTRATION**



Substrate concentration is held constant. Once all substrate is acted on, enzymes are at maximum level of activity. Without additional substrate, enzyme activity does not increase.