

# Enzymes

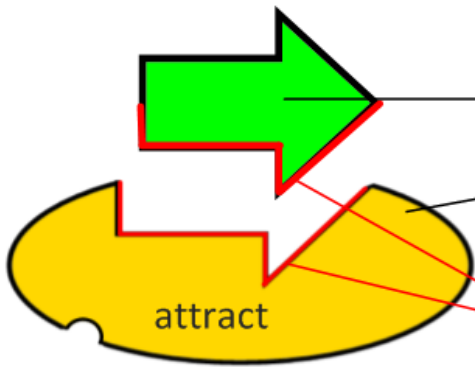
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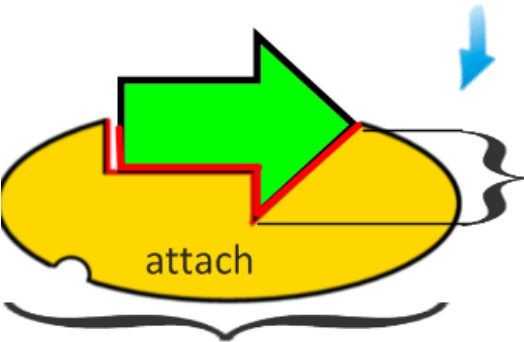
# Enzymes, substrates and active sites



**Substrate:** reactant in a biochemical reaction.

**Enzyme:** globular protein which acts as a catalyst for biochemical reactions.

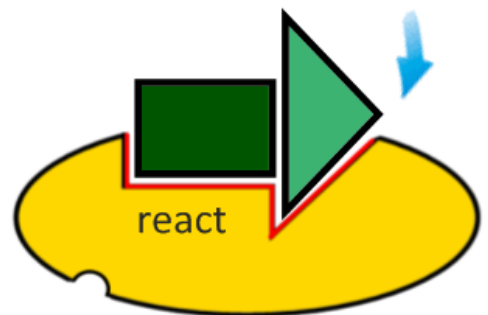
Polar regions of amino acids attract substrate and active site of the enzyme



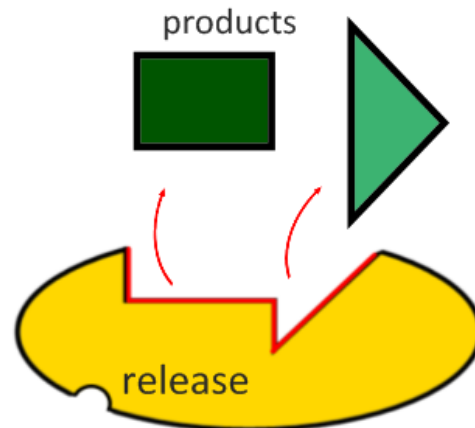
**Active Site:** region on the surface of an enzyme to which substrates bind and which catalyses the reaction.

enzyme-substrate complex

Once a substrate has been locked into the active site, the reaction is catalysed.

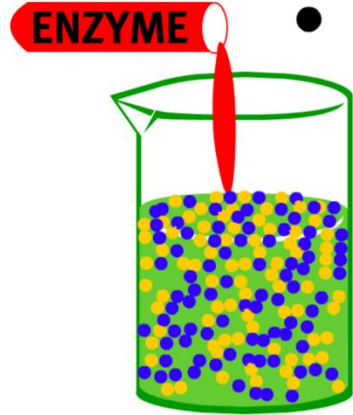


The products are released and the enzyme is used again.



What is an enzyme?

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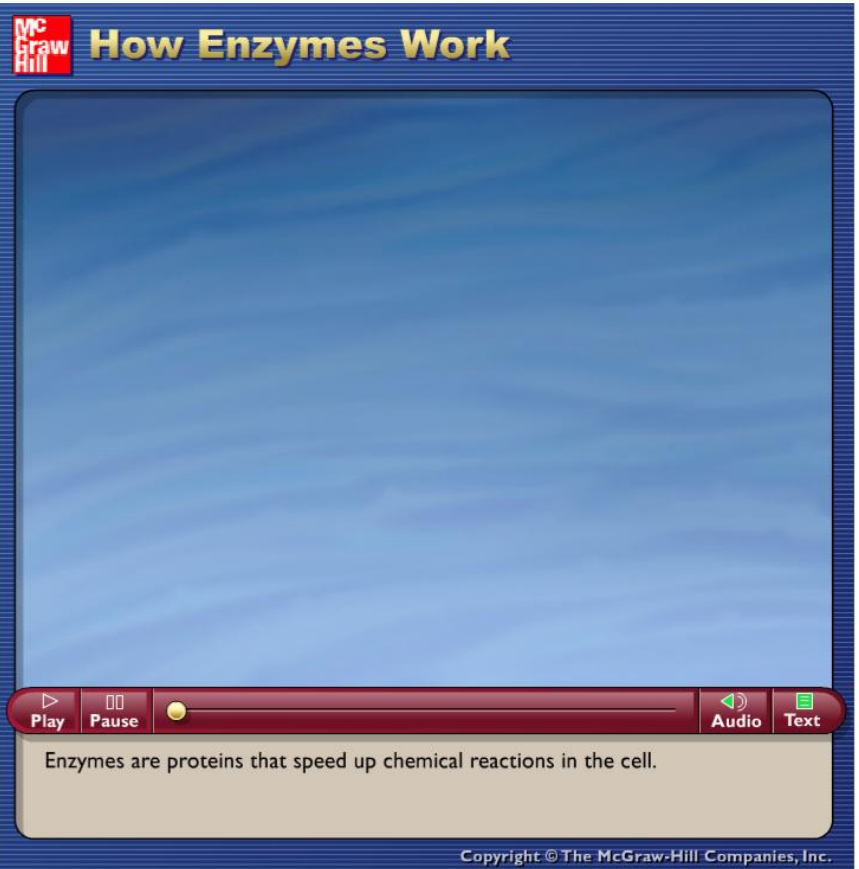
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▶ ENZYME INHIBITORS

▶ ALLOSTERIC ENZYMES

▶ FEEDBACK INHIBITION

<http://www.northland.cc.mn.us/biology/biology1111/animations/enzyme.swf>



**McGraw Hill** **How Enzymes Work**

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Enzymes are proteins that speed up chemical reactions in the cell.

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# Enzymes are specific to their substrates

## The Lock-and-Key hypothesis:

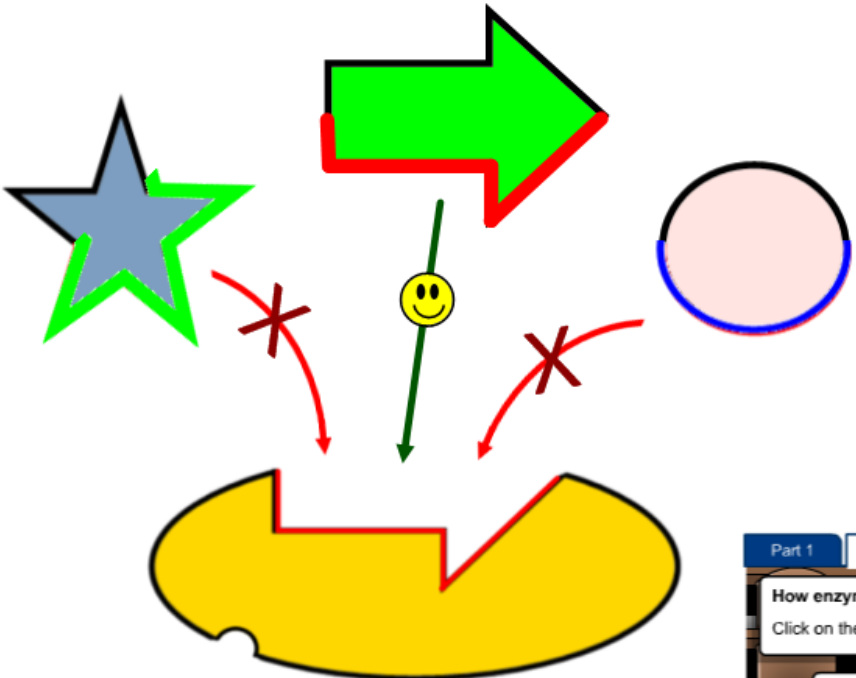
The substrate and the active site match each other in two ways:

### Structurally

The 3D structure of the active site is specific to the substrate. Substrates that don't fit, won't react.

### Chemically

Substrates that are not chemically attracted to the active site won't be able to react.



Part 1 | Part 2 | Objectives

**How enzymes work**  
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Enzyme molecule	
Substrate molecule	
Product molecule	

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Enzymes - actions of and affects on

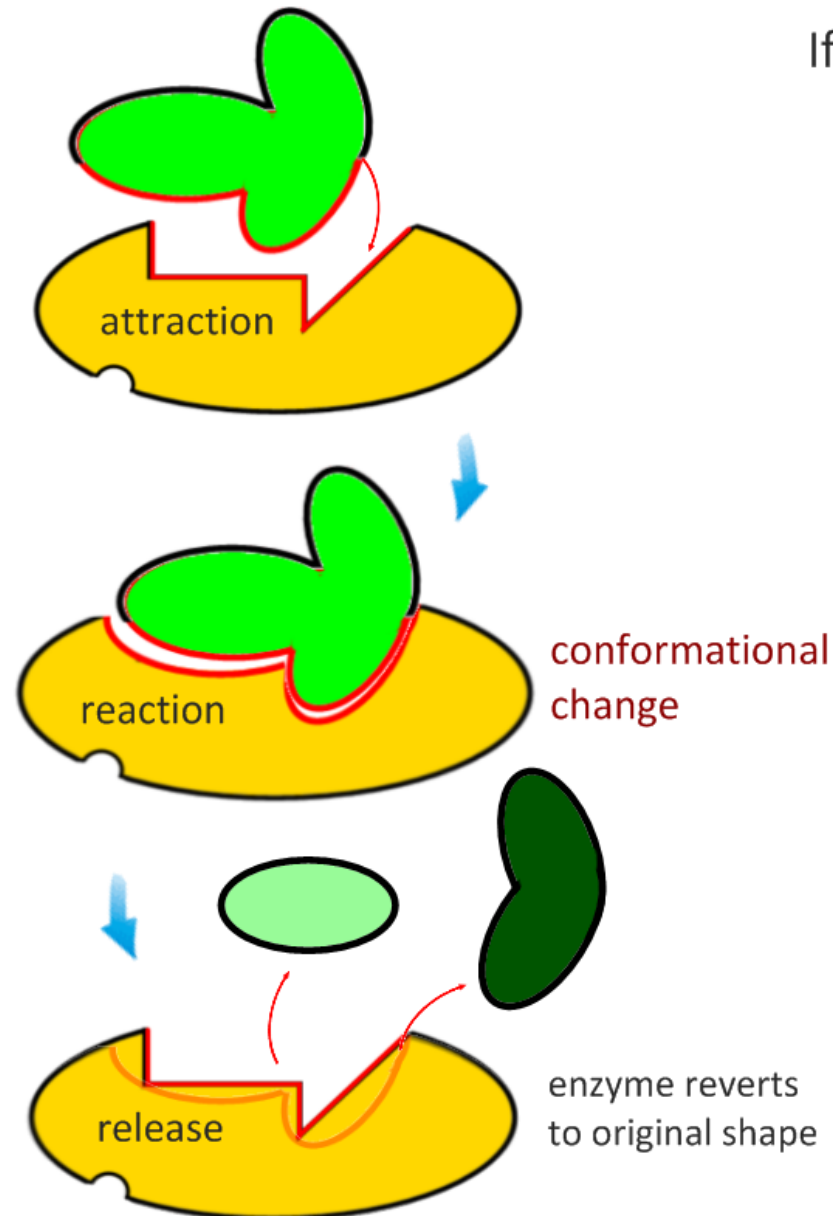
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# The induced-fit model better explains enzyme activity

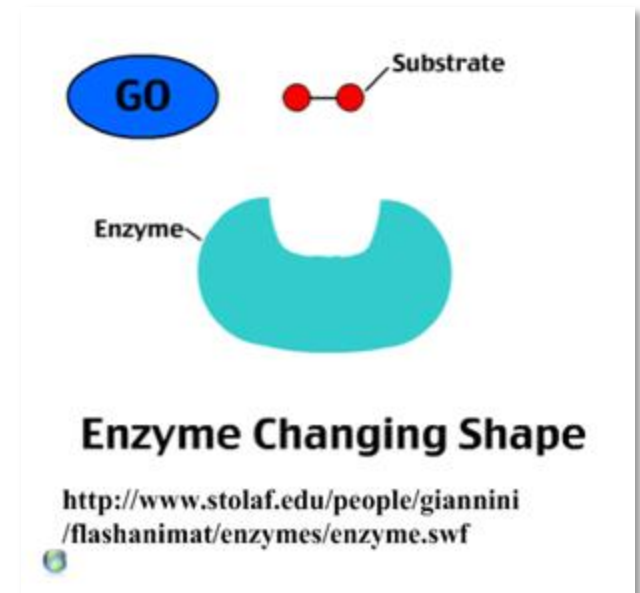
If the **lock-and-key model** were true, one enzyme would only catalyse one reaction. In actuality, some enzymes can catalyse multiple reactions.

As the substrate approaches the enzyme, it induces a **conformational change in the active site** - it changes shape to fit the substrate.

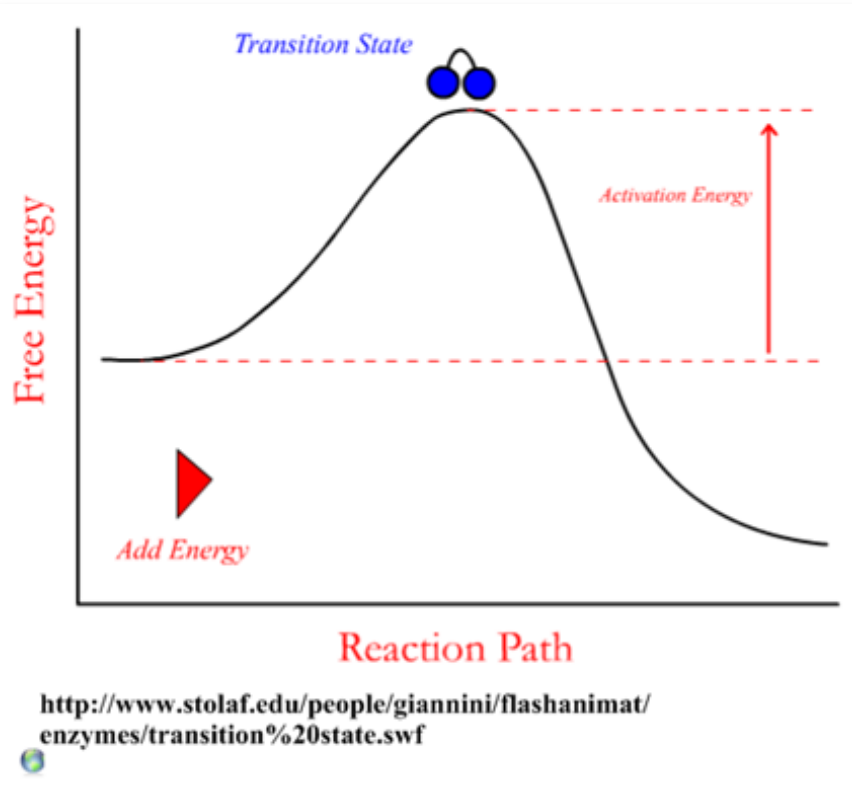
This stresses the substrate, reducing the **activation energy** of the reaction.



3d-inducedfit.mov

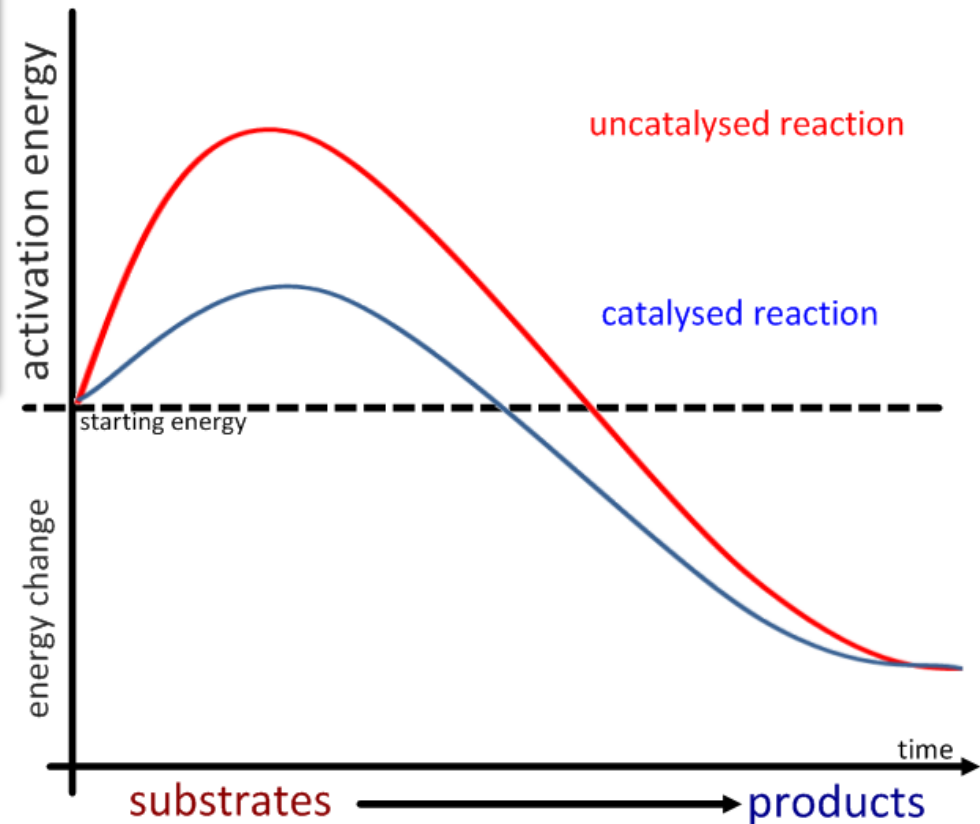


# Enzymes lower the activation energy of a reaction.



**Activation energy** is the amount of energy that must be **put into a reaction** to make it occur.

An enzyme **stresses the bonds** in the substrate(s), reducing the **activation energy** required for a reaction to occur.

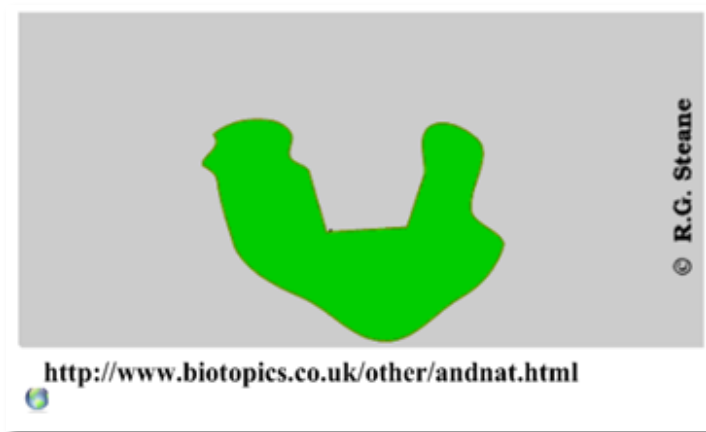


# Denaturation

Enzymes are globular proteins.

Their structure can be altered by **changes in pH or temperature** - if the shape of the active site is changed considerably, they will not function.

*Denaturation is changing the structure of a protein (enzyme) so that it cannot carry out its function.*



**McGraw Hill Protein Denaturation**

The assembly of irreversibly denatured protein molecules results in formation of a solid gel. The gel entraps water molecules inside the white into a semi-solid structure, which holds its shape under normal conditions.

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**High temperatures cause denaturation** as the extra energy leads to increased vibration, breaking intra-molecular bonds.

**Changes in pH cause denaturation** as hydrogen bonds are broken.

Both methods result in an altered 3D structure of the active site, and **this change is irreversible.**

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# Factors affecting enzyme activity:

Use this animation to the following factors affect enzyme activity:

temperature

pH

substrate concentration

When you have finished this, complete the notes on *enzyme activity*.

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Substrates: 20

Inhibitors: 0


temperature: 50


container: 400


pH: 7


setup

start stop

Enzymes: 

Substrates: 

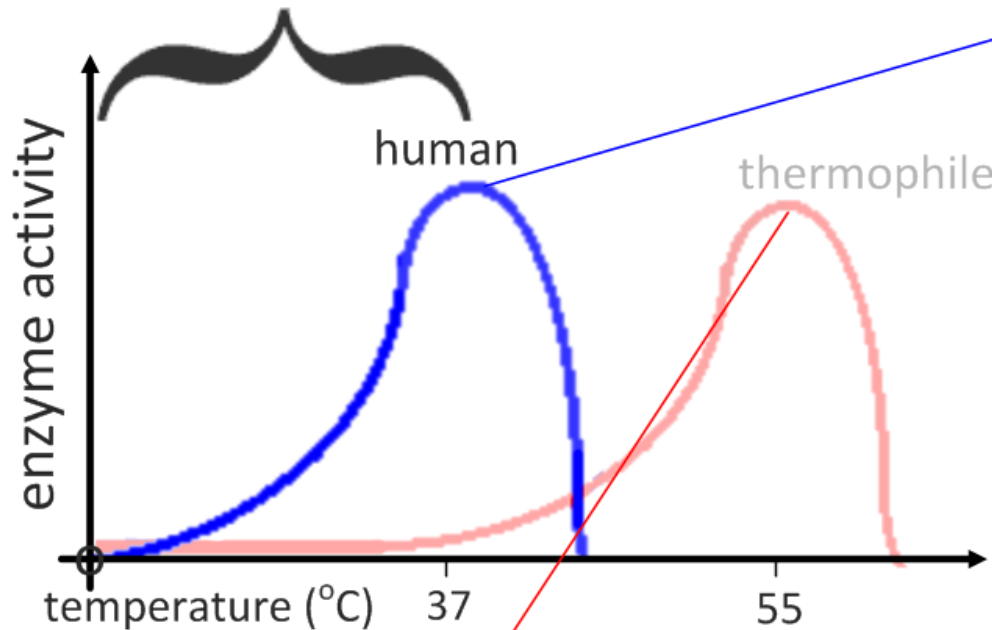
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# The Effect of Temperature on Enzyme Activity

As **temperature increases**, **rate of reaction increases** as molecules have more energy, move faster and therefore collide and react more frequently.



Above the optimum temperature, further increase in temperature leads to **denaturation of the enzyme**. The active site is changed and so loses function.

A **thermophile**, such as bacteria at deep-sea vents, is an organism that is able to withstand much higher temperatures before its enzymes denature.

## Try this virtual lab:

Obtain four clean tubes.  
Add 3 ml. of Hydrogen Peroxide ( $H_2O_2$ ) to each



$H_2O_2$

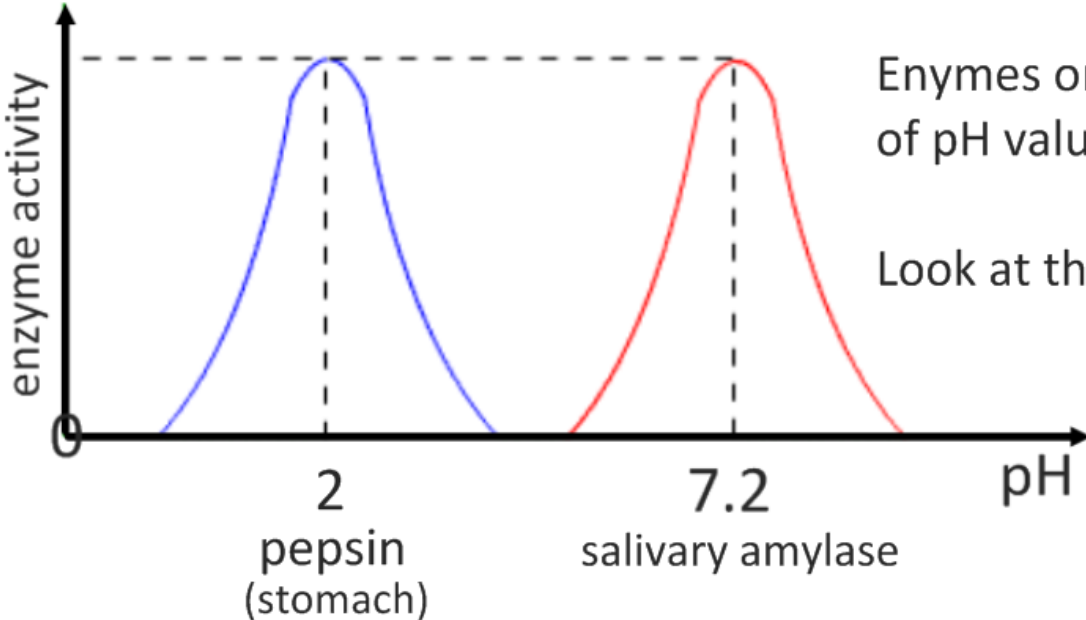


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# The Effect of pH on Enzyme Activity.



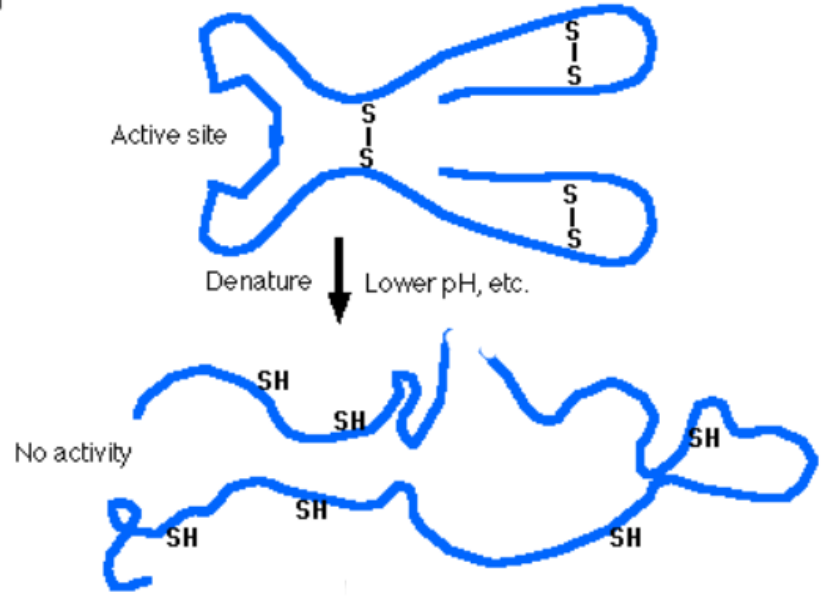
Enzymes only operate within a narrow range of pH values. This is called an **optimum pH**.

Look at this example of two digestive enzymes.

If there is a deviation from the optimum pH, the hydrogen bonds between amino acids in the structure of the enzyme are broken.

This results in the **loss of the shape of the active site of the enzyme**, so it does not function.

This is usually a permanent change.

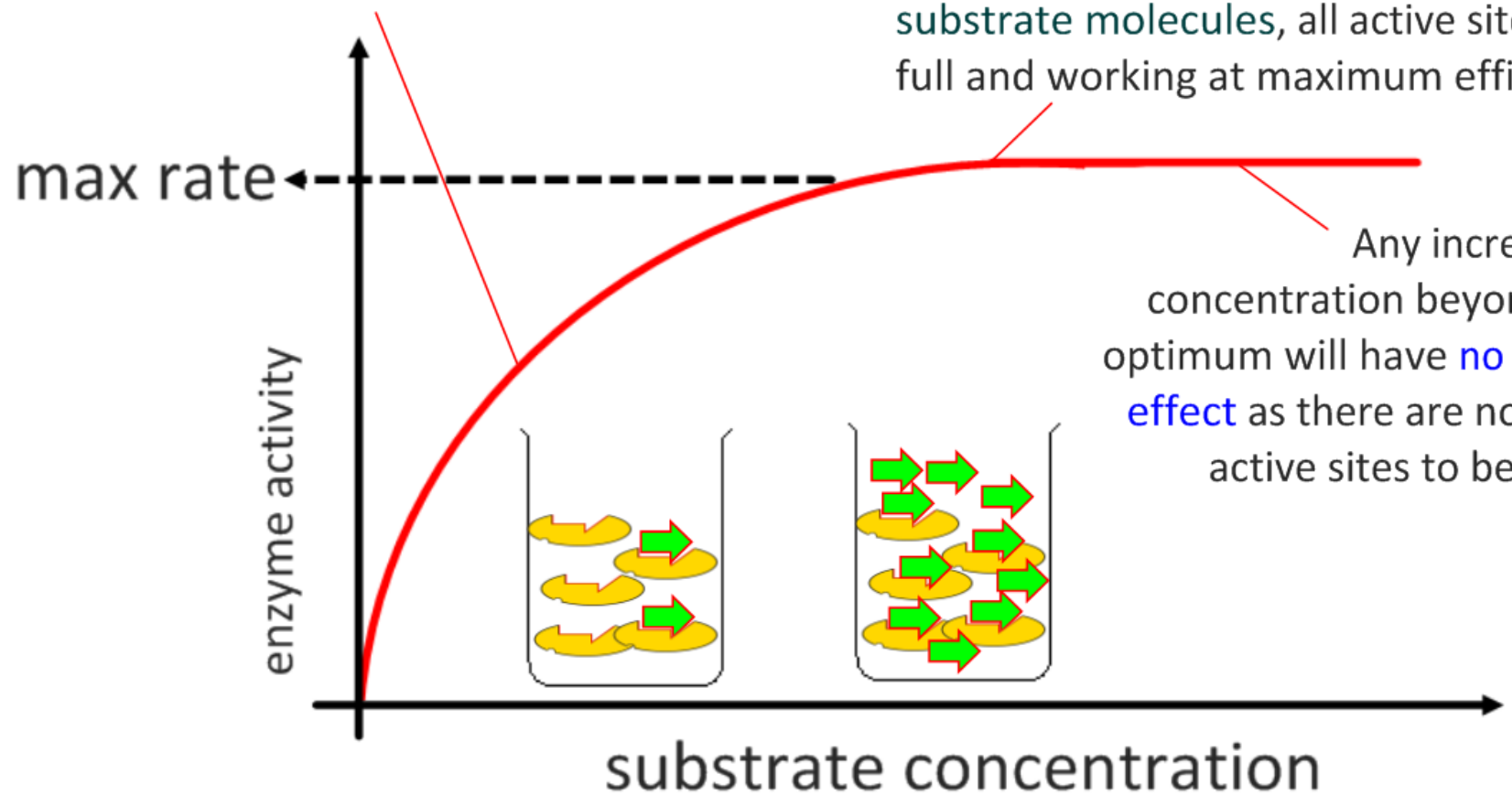


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# The Effect of Substrate Concentration on Enzyme Activity

Increasing substrate concentration increases the rate of reaction.

At the optimum concentration of substrate molecules, all active sites are full and working at maximum efficiency.

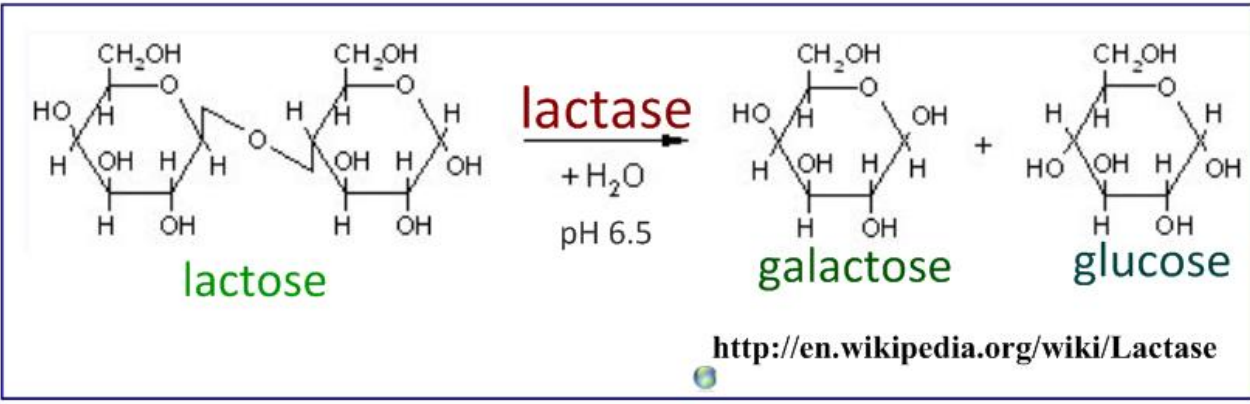


Any increase in concentration beyond the optimum will have no added effect as there are no extra active sites to be used.

# Lactose Intolerance

Lactose (milk sugar) can cause allergies in some people.

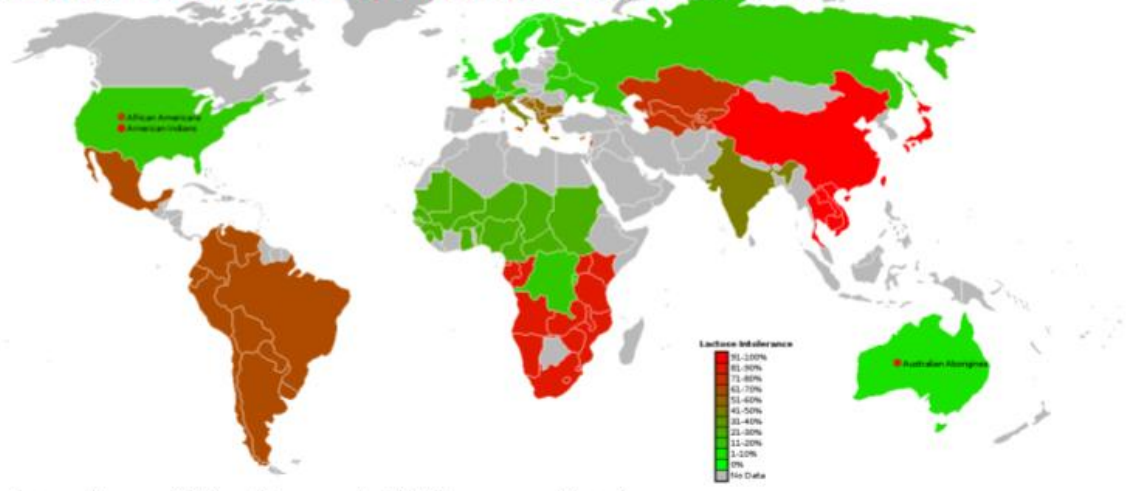
This is often because they are unable to produce the enzyme **lactase** in sufficient quantities.



<http://www.superlaugh.com/dan/lactose.htm>

Most people produce less lactase as they get older - after all, we don't live off milk once we have been weaned. In some regions, such as Europe, a mutation has allowed lactase production to continue into adulthood. This mutation is not present in people who are lactose intolerant.

## Global estimates of lactose intolerance:



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lactose\\_intolerance](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lactose_intolerance)

# How can we cope with lactose intolerance?

## 1. Take a lactase supplement

These are produced industrially using the *Aspergillus niger* fungus (also used to make other enzymes).

## 2. Drink lactose-free milk

Milk is treated with lactase (produced by *A. niger*) and essentially 'pre-digested' before being packaged.

Lactose-free milk is made by different methods:

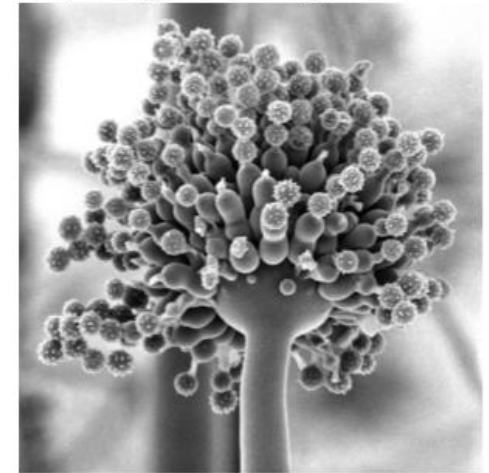
### a. Add lactase to milk

(lower quality and wasteful of lactase)

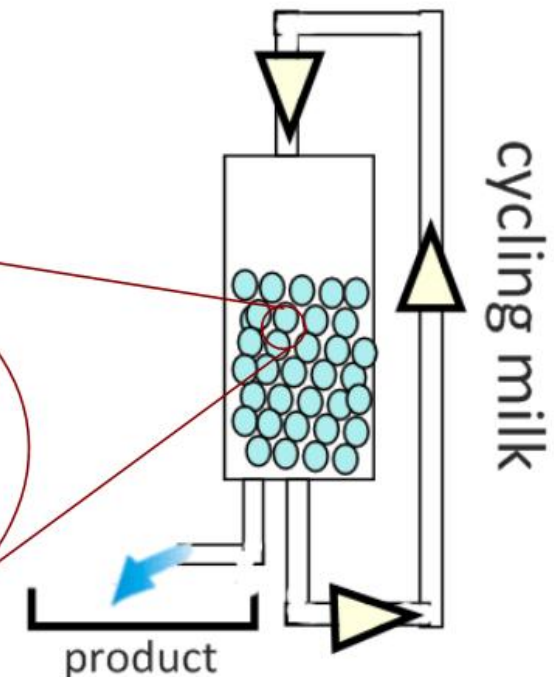
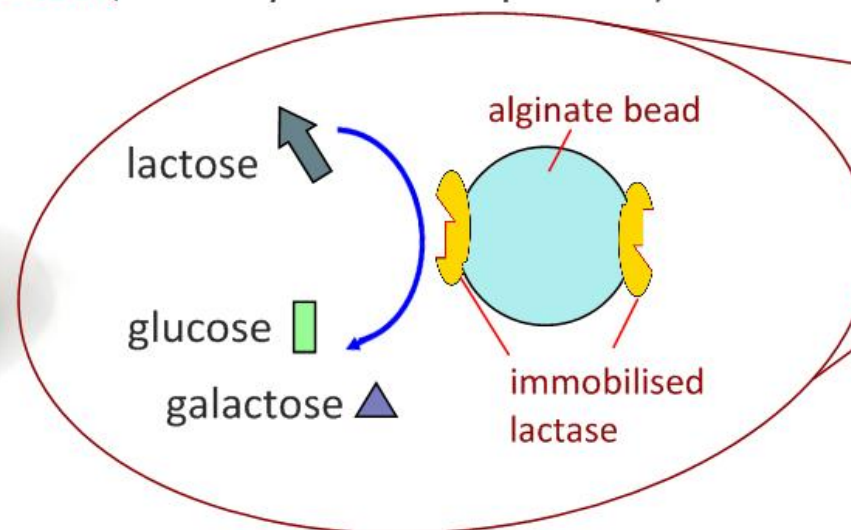
### b. Run milk through apparatus with immobilised lactase

(uses **alginate beads**, no enzyme in final product)

*Aspergillus niger*



<http://129.215.156.68/Images/asexual.htm>



Challenge: by **changing just one letter at a time**, get from 'Tread' to 'Blink'. All intermediates must be real (English) words.

TREAD

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BLINK

Metabolic pathways\* are chains or cycles of enzyme-catalysed reactions. The product of one reaction is a reactant in the next.

\*or biochemical pathways

TREAD initial substrate

BREAD

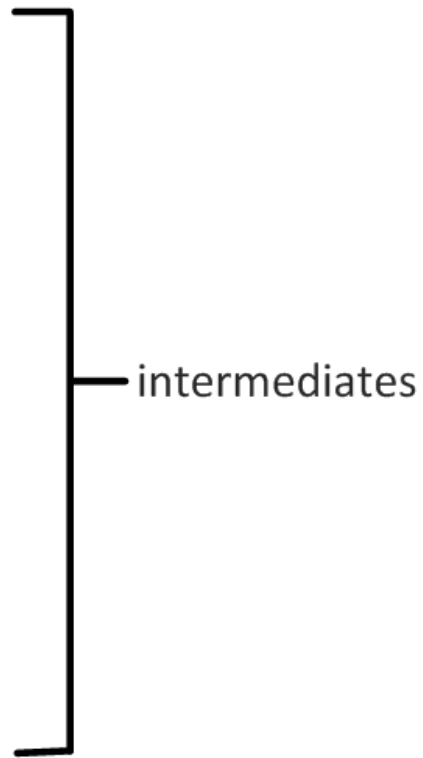
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BLEED

BLEND

BLIND

BLINK end-product



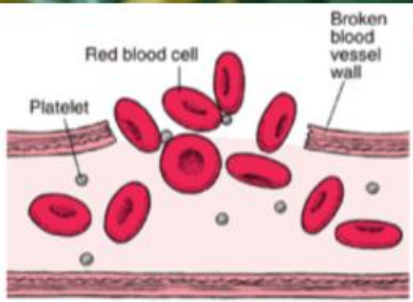
**McGraw Hill A Biochemical Pathway**

The product of the first reaction then becomes the substrate for the second enzyme.

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Platelet/ Cell Damage

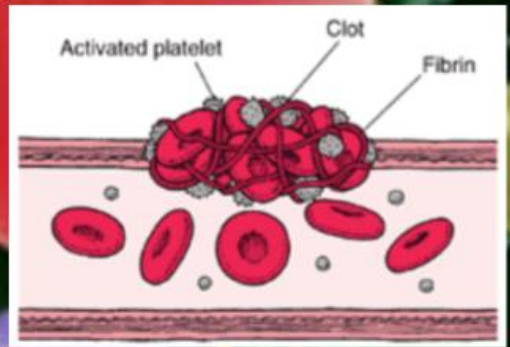
clotting factors

Blood clotting is an example of a metabolic pathway: a chain of biochemical reactions

Thrombin

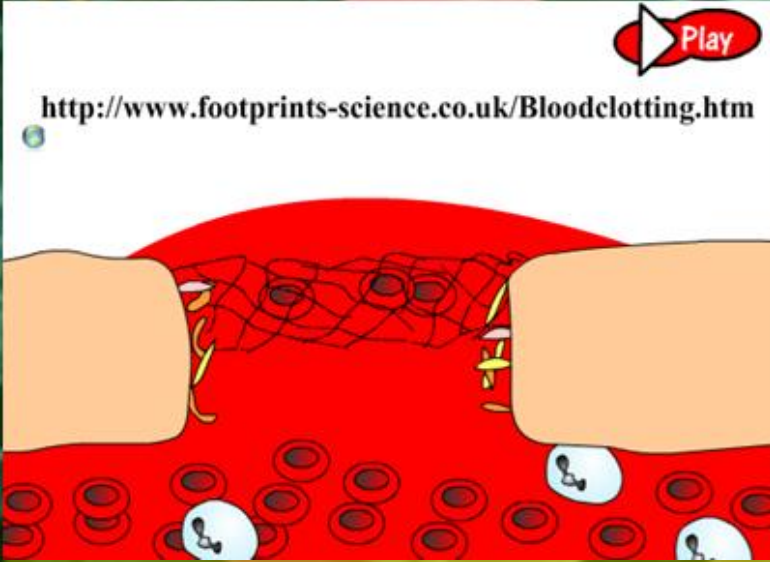
Fibrinogen (soluble)

Fibrin (fibrous)



Captures Erythrocytes

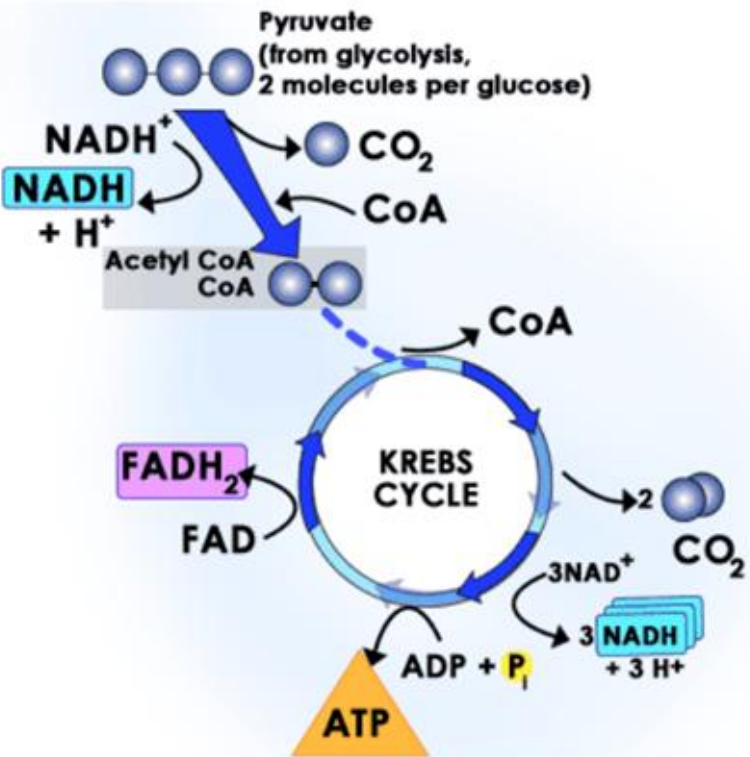
Clot



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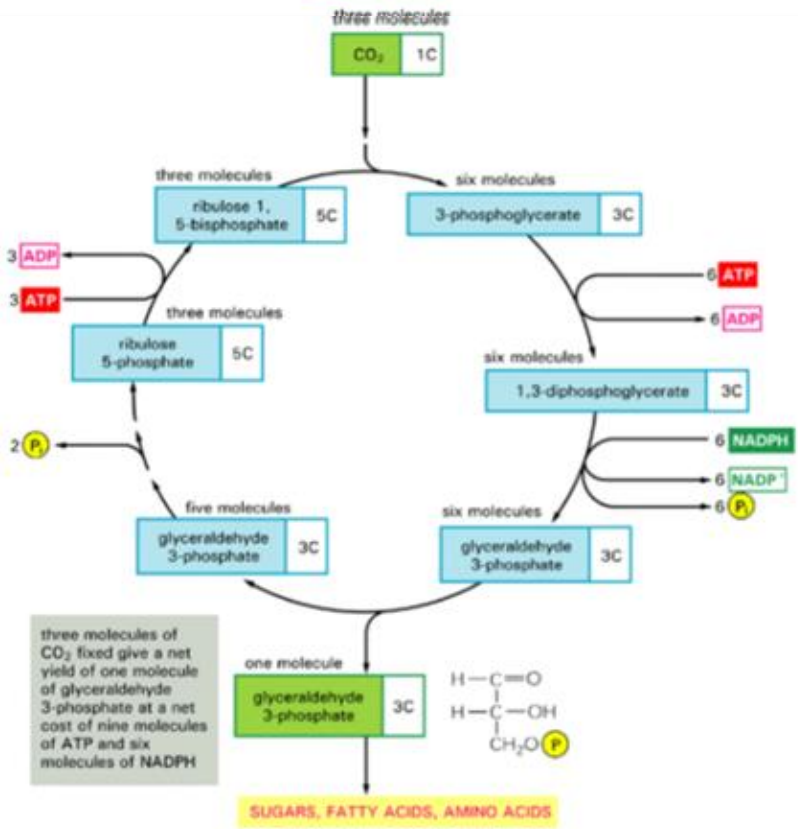
The **Krebs Cycle (cell respiration)** and **Calvin Cycle (photosynthesis)** are examples of enzyme-catalysed, **cyclical** metabolic pathways.

### Krebs



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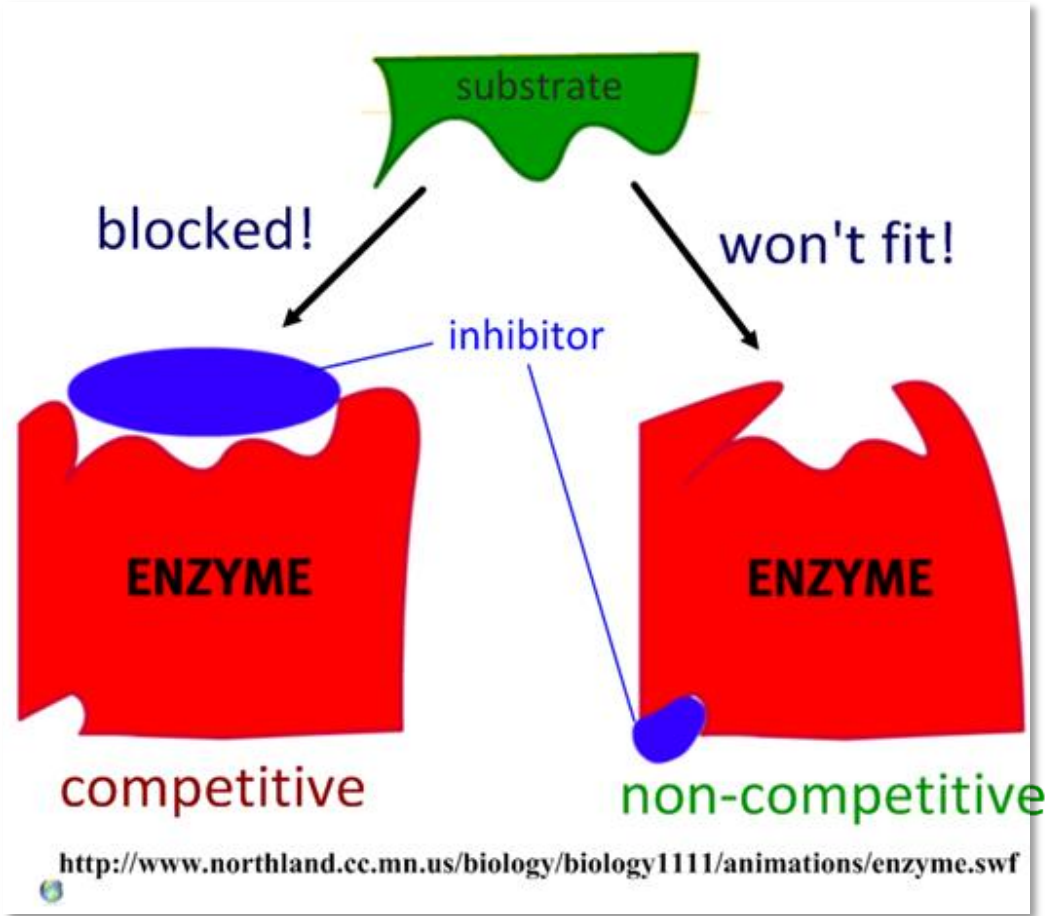
### Calvin



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Enzymes can be inhibited by other molecules.  
Inhibition can be competitive or non-competitive.

inhibitor fits the active site and prevents the substrate from entering

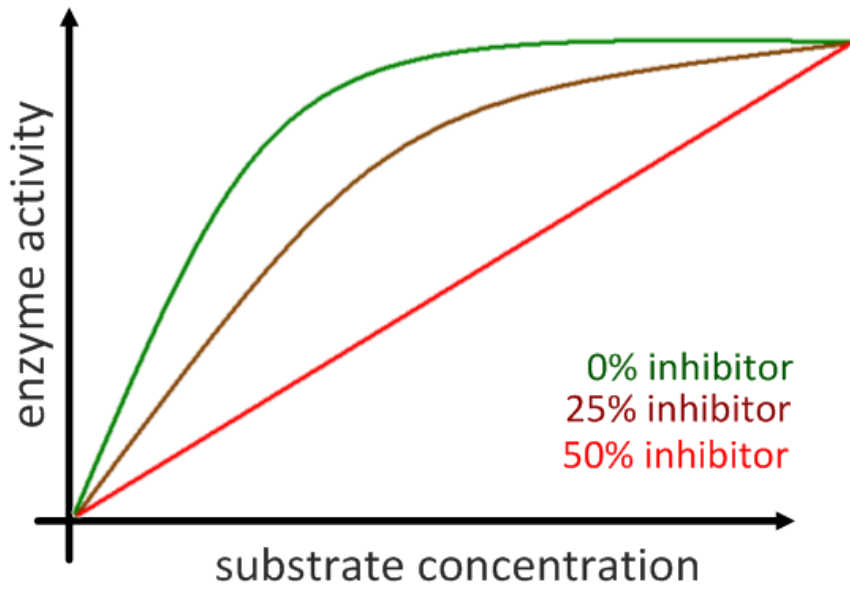


inhibitor fits into an allosteric site\*, causing a conformational change in the active site: the substrate cannot attach to react

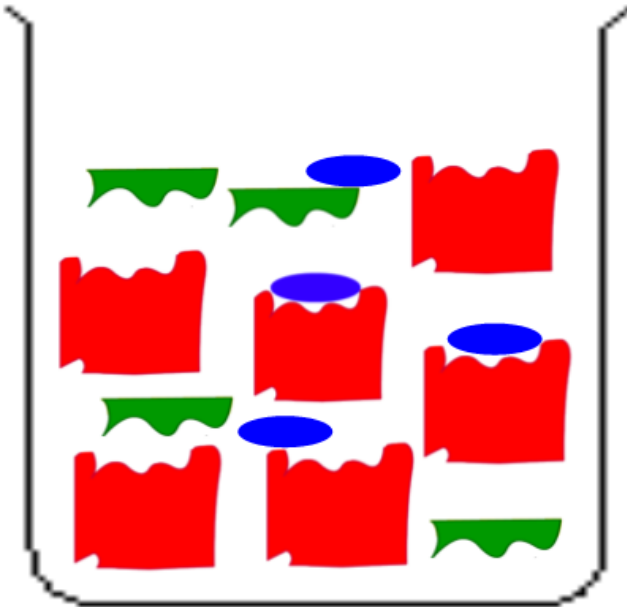
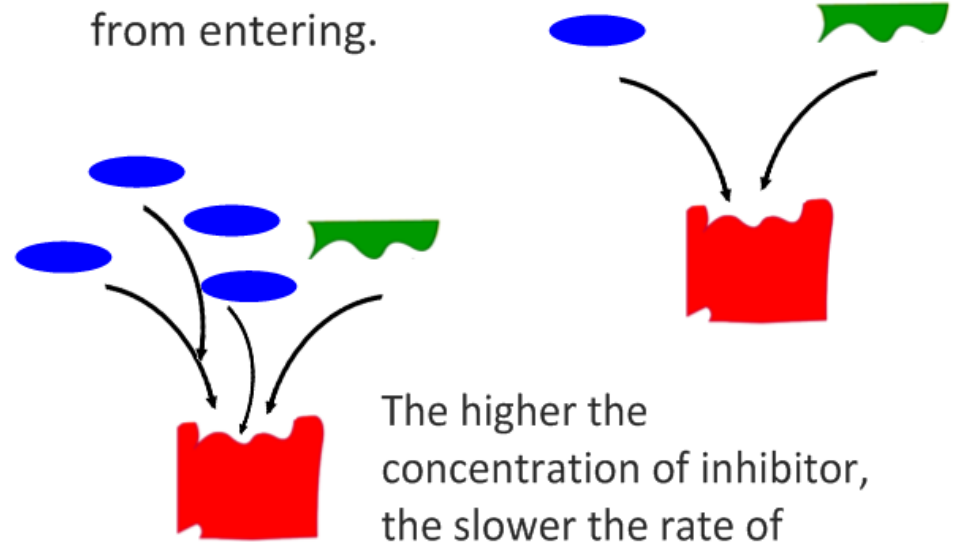
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\*'other' site

# Competitive Inhibition



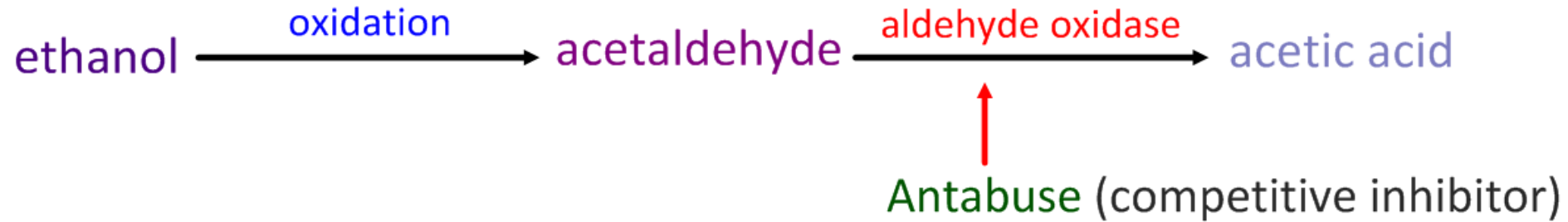
A competitive inhibitor blocks the active site, preventing the substrate from entering.



Even with competitive inhibition, the **same maximum rate of reaction** will be achieved if more substrate is added - because we **have not changed the number of enzymes available**.

# Overcoming alcoholism: an example of competitive inhibition

Normal metabolism of ethanol (alcohol):



Antabuse (disulfiram) competes with the aldehyde oxidase and prevents the acetaldehyde from being converted to acetic acid.

A build up of acetaldehyde follows, resulting in a strong feeling of nausea and other strong hangover symptoms - a good deterrent from drinking.

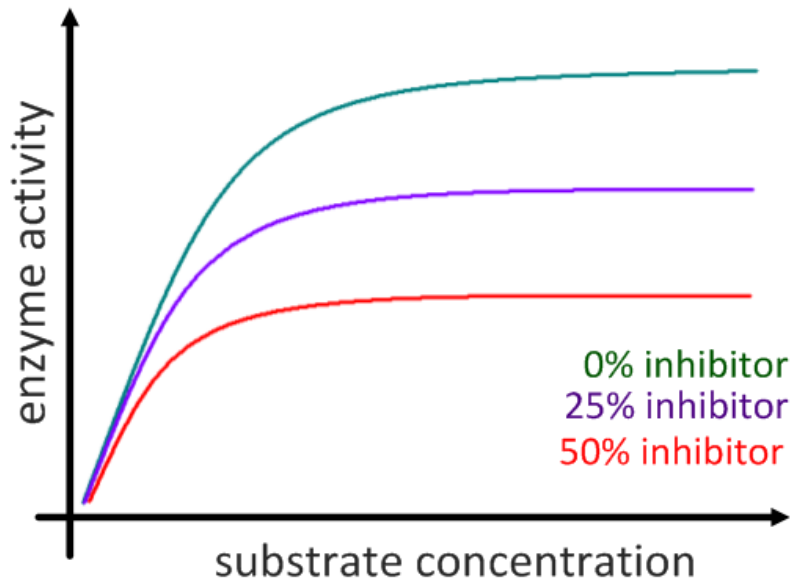
Antabuse is administered as a daily pill, so its efficacy relies on the patient's own motivation - if they stop taking it, they can drink again.



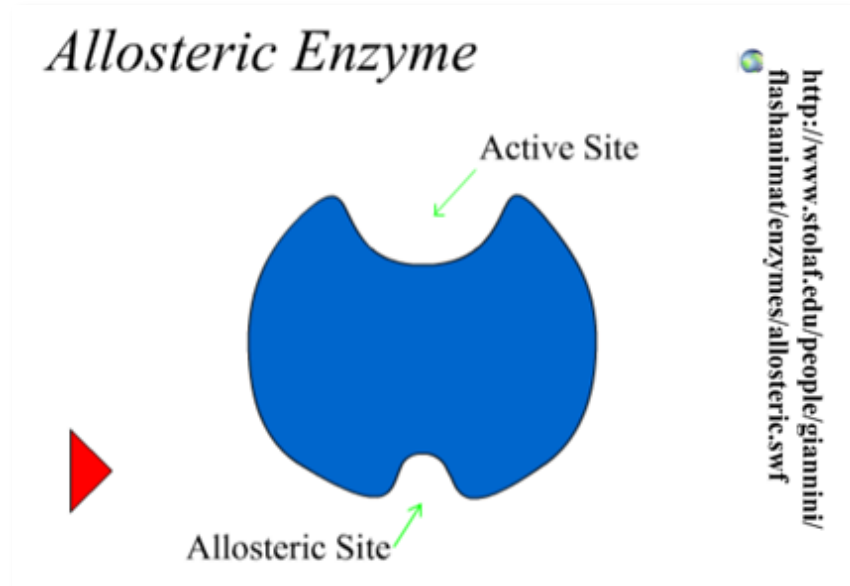
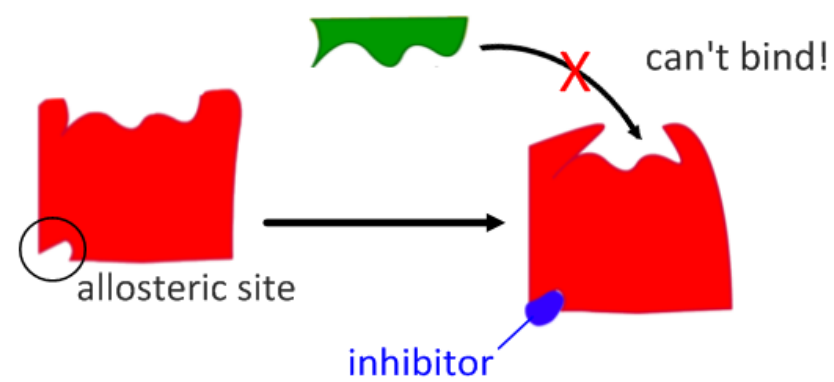
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# Non-Competitive Inhibition

Non-competitive inhibitors bind to an allosteric (other) site on the enzyme. The active site is altered and the substrate cannot attach and react.



As concentration of inhibitor increases, the rate of reaction decreases. This is because there are fewer functional active sites available for reaction.



The maximum rate of reaction is also reduced - with fewer functional active sites, the enzyme has reduced ability to process the substrates, even if substrate concentration is increased.

# ACE Inhibitors: Helping Control Blood Pressure

# The RAA System:

The RAA system causes *vasoconstriction* (tightening of blood vessels) when blood pressure drops (such as after heavy bleeding).

In people with *hypertension* or *heart failure*, the action of *angiotensin II* can make their problem worse.

## Vasoconstriction:

Normal blood flow

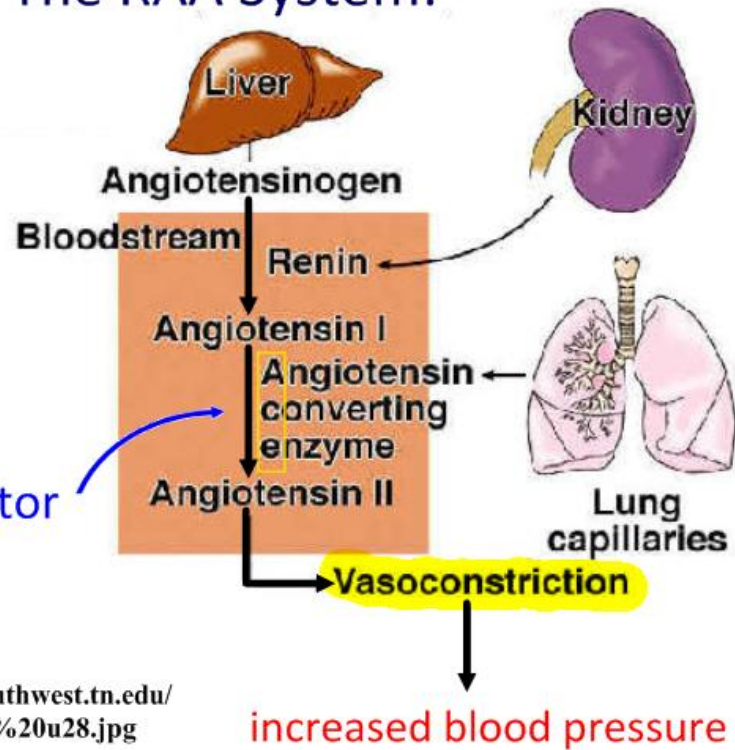


Restricted blood flow



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ADAM.



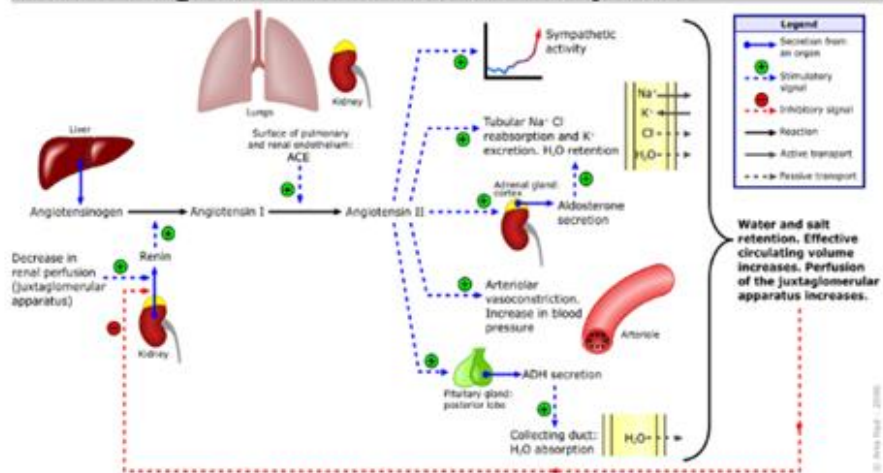
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**ACE Inhibitors** are medications that **inhibit Angiotensin Converting Enzymes** - they prevent increased blood pressure.

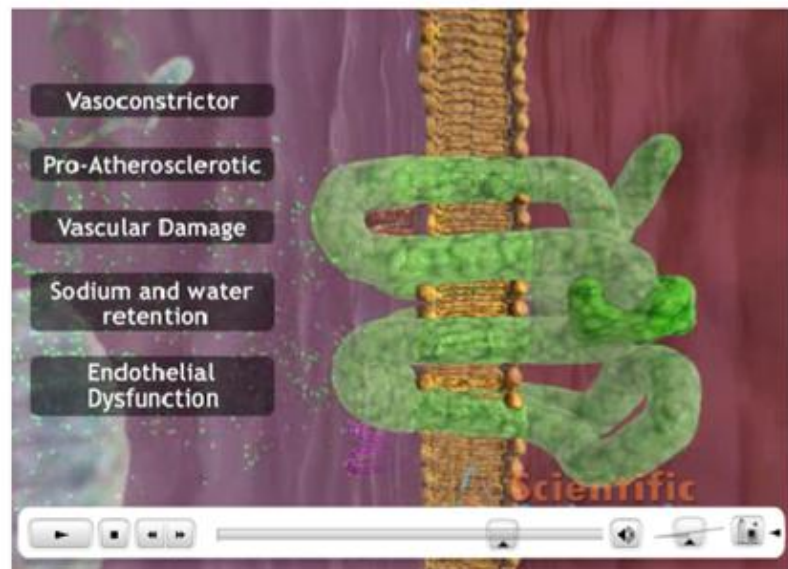
They are **non-competitive** and reversible.

# More ACE-Inhibitor resources:

## Renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Renin-angiotensin\\_system](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Renin-angiotensin_system)



<http://www.scientificanimations.com/cs-pharmacology-moa-video1.html>

### Enzyme Inhibition

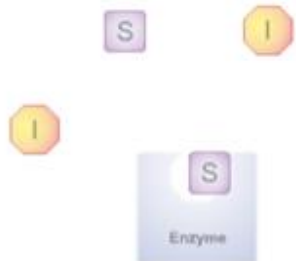
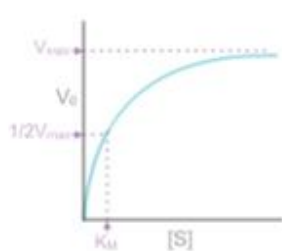
Unit Review

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You have completed this exercise.

If you have trouble with some of the kinetic terms and definitions, please refer to Exercise 10, "Enzyme Kinetics".

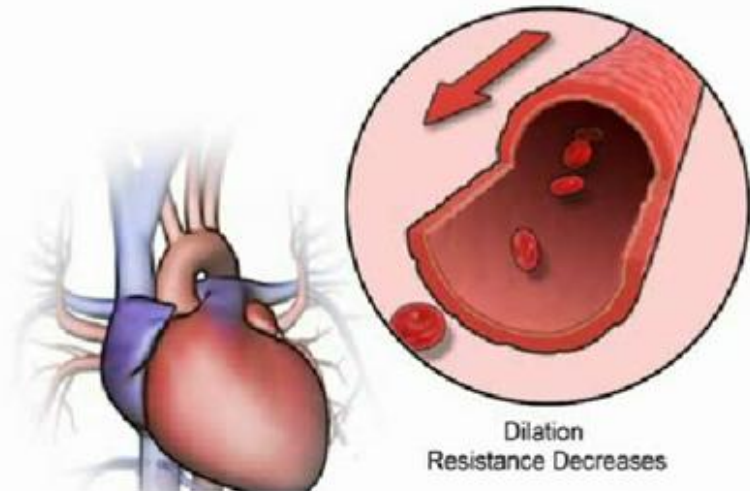
You can also review the concepts discussed in this exercise using the drop down menu above.



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[http://www.heartfailurematters.org/EN/Animation/Pages/animation\\_7.aspx](http://www.heartfailurematters.org/EN/Animation/Pages/animation_7.aspx)



# End-product inhibition prevents a large build-up of products

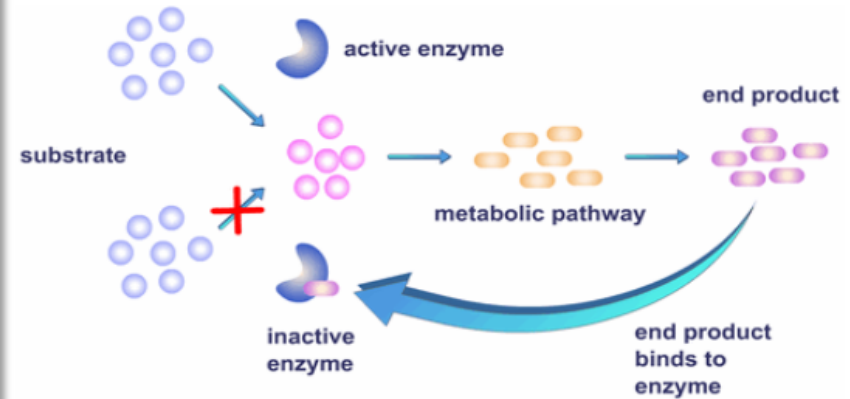
**McGraw Hill** **Feedback Inhibition of Biochemical Pathways**

Enzyme 1      Enzyme 2      Enzyme 3      Enzyme 4

When the product binds to the allosteric site, the enzyme undergoes a conformational change and can no longer react with its substrate.

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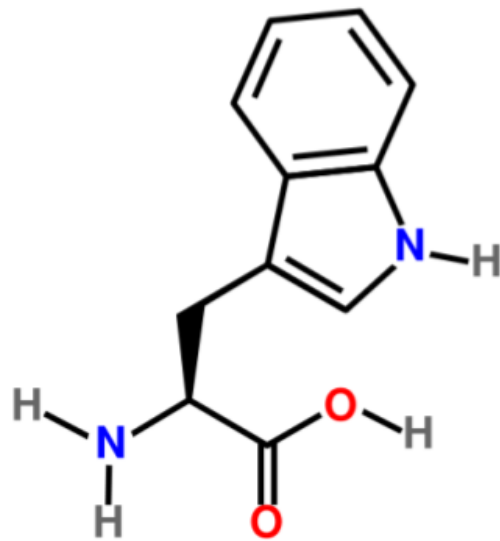


**Allosteric site:** place where end product binds on the enzyme (not active site)

Causes conformational change (locking) of active site - this is temporary.

Example of  
**Negative Feedback Control**

# Tryptophan: an example of end-product (feedback) inhibition



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tryptophan>

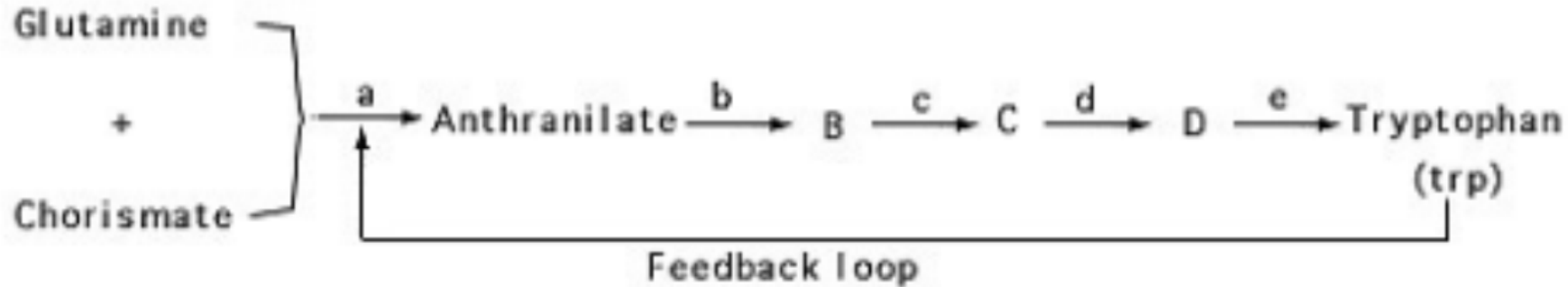
Tryptophan is an essential amino acid (we can't produce it, so have to get it in our diet).

*E. coli* bacteria can produce this enzyme when needed. If they are in a tryptophan-rich medium or have produced a high level of tryptophan, it will act as an end-product inhibitor - preventing further production of itself. This helps the cell conserve energy - it is not wasted on excess production.



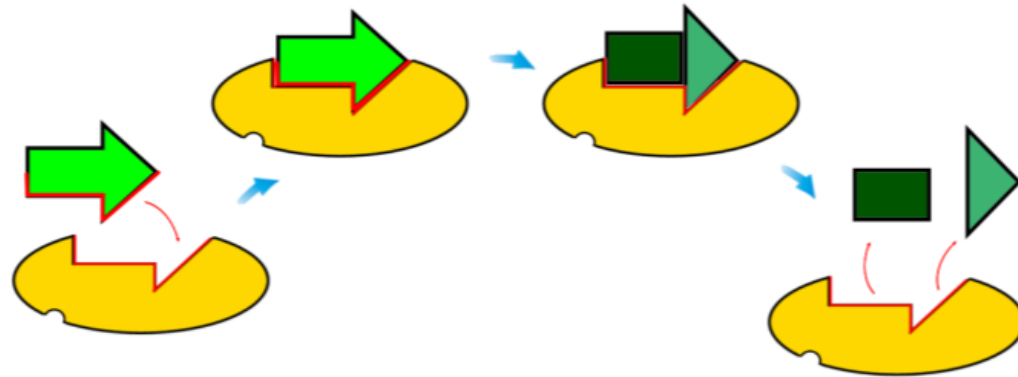
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When tryptophan levels decrease, inhibition ends and the metabolic pathway resumes.



<http://www.textbookofbacteriology.net/regulation.html>

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