

WJEC Wales Biology GCSE

SP1.1B - Enzymes

Flashcards

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Starch → Maltose



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Testing a drop of the enzyme substrate mixture at fixed time intervals with iodine solution to find the time taken for the iodine solution to remain brown.

Calculate rate = $1/\text{time taken}$.



What is indicated by the iodine solution remaining brown when tested?



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All the starch has been hydrolysed by amylase.



Why should the solutions be left in a water bath for a few minutes before mixing together?



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To allow the temperature to equilibrate.



How can the rate be more accurately determined?



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By testing the presence of starch in the mixture at smaller time intervals.



How can the estimate of the optimum temperature be improved?



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Repeat the practical at smaller intervals of temperature around the estimated optimum temperature.



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Amylase solution is an irritant, wear eye protection and wash off immediately if it comes in contact with skin.

