

AQA Chemistry A-level

Topic 3.1 - Organic Chemistry Introduction

Flashcards



Define empirical formula.



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Simplest whole number ratio of atoms in a molecule



Define molecular formula.



Define molecular formula.

Gives the actual number of atoms of different elements in a molecule



Define displayed formula



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Shows every atom and every bond in a molecule



Define structural formula



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Shows arrangement of atoms in a molecule without showing every bond



Define skeletal formula



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Drawn as lines with each vertex being a carbon atom. Carbon atoms not drawn, assumed each C atom has all unspecified bonds as C-H



Give the suffixes for:

- a) No double bonds
- b) At least one double bond
- c) An alcohol
- d) An aldehyde
- e) A ketone
- f) A carboxylic acid



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- a) No double bonds **-ane**
- b) At least one double bond **-ene**
- c) An alcohol **-ol**
- d) An aldehyde **-al**
- e) A ketone **-one**
- f) A carboxylic acid **-oic acid**



Give the prefixes for:

- a) CH_3 group
- b) C_2H_5 group
- c) C_3H_7 group
- d) C_4H_9 group
- e) Cl group
- f) Br group
- g) I group



Give the prefixes for:

- a) CH_3 group methyl-
- b) C_2H_5 group ethyl-
- c) C_3H_7 group propyl-
- d) C_4H_9 group butyl-
- e) Cl group chloro-
- f) Br group bromo-
- g) I group iodo-



Define structural isomerism



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When molecules have the same molecular formula but different structural formula



What is positional isomerism?



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Functional group is attached to the main chain at a different place



What is functional group isomerism?



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Same atoms but a different functional group due to a different arrangement of atoms



What is chain isomerism?



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Hydrocarbon chain organised differently e.g.
branched chains



Define stereoisomerism.



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When molecules have the same structural and molecular formula, but have a different arrangement of atoms in space



What is E-Z isomerism and
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E-Z isomerism is caused by the limited rotation about C=C double bonds

If the two substituents with the highest atomic number are on the same side of the double bond, it is the Z (zusammen) isomer

If they are on different sides, it is the E (entgegen) isomer

