

OCR (B) Chemistry A-Level OZ2 - Kinetics

Flashcards

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What is the activation enthalpy of a reaction?







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The activation enthalpy is the minimum kinetic energy required by the molecules in a reaction for successful collisions to occur. Molecules with energies below this will not react.

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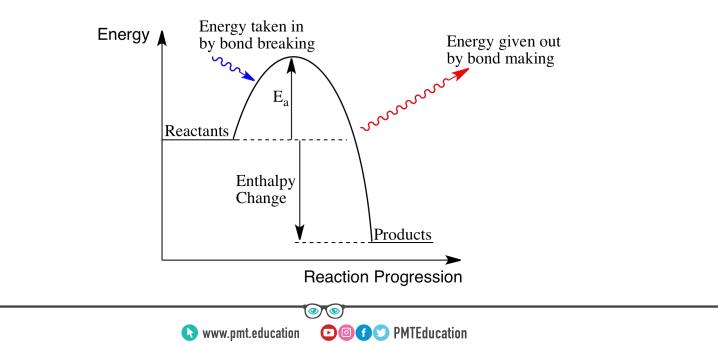
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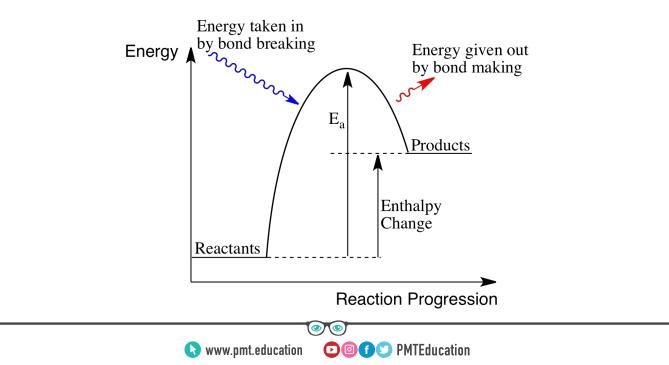
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What effect does increasing the pressure/concentration have on the rate of reaction? Increasing the concentration/pressure increases the frequency of collisions between molecules as there are more molecules per unit volume. This increases the frequency of successful collisions and therefore the rate of reaction increases.





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Increasing the temperature increases the average kinetic energy of the molecules involved in the reaction, therefore a greater proportion of molecules have an energy that is greater than the activation energy, leading to more frequent successful collisions.







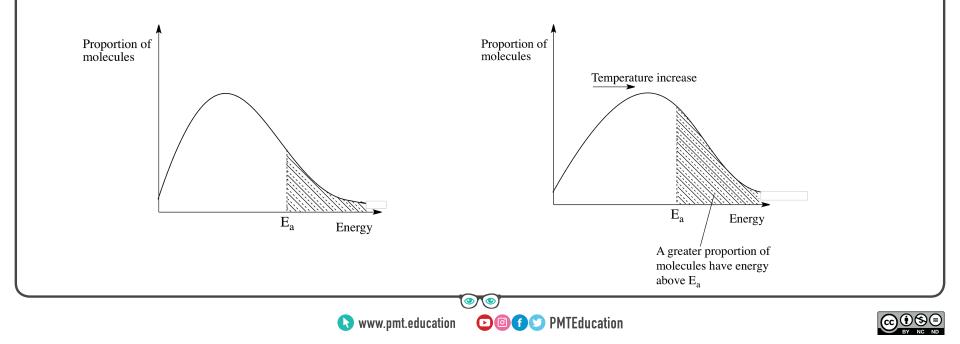
How does the Boltzmann distribution look for a temperature increase?







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How does a catalyst increase the rate of reaction?







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A catalyst provides an alternative reaction route with a lower activation energy, so that a greater proportion of molecules have kinetic energies above the activation energy.

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What is a homogeneous catalyst?







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A homogeneous catalyst is a catalyst that is of the same phase as the reactants and products.







What are the initiation, propagation and termination steps for the free radical breakdown of ozone?







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Initiation:
$$Cl_2 \rightarrow 2Cl$$
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Propagation: CI• + $O_3 \rightarrow CIO$ • + O_2 CIO• + $O_3 \rightarrow 2O_2$ + CI•

Termination: $2CI \bullet \rightarrow CI_2$

$$Or \ 2CIO \bullet \longrightarrow CI_2 + O_2$$

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