Chemical Reactions and Enzymes

chapter 2-4

Chemical Reactions

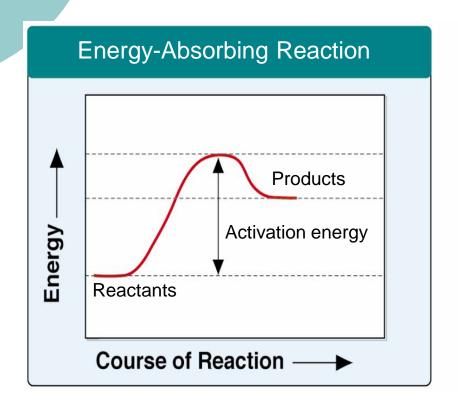
- A process where one substance is changed into something totally different
- Iron turning into rust
- Wood turning into ash
- Cake batter becoming a cake

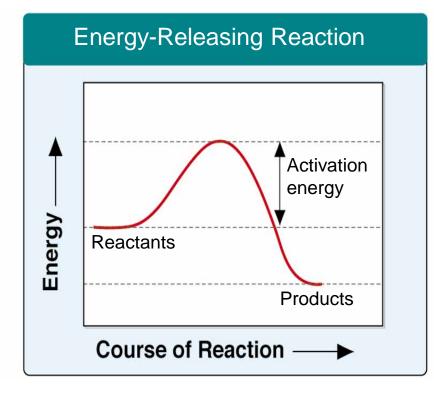
Chemical equation

- Reactant ——— Product
- Bonds are broken and reformed
- $\circ CO_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow H_2CO_3$
- Some chemical reactions absorb energy

Activation Energy

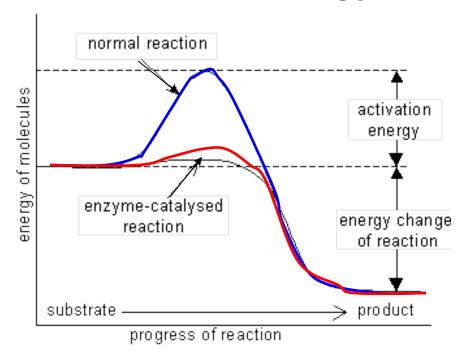
 Amount of energy required to get a chemical reaction started





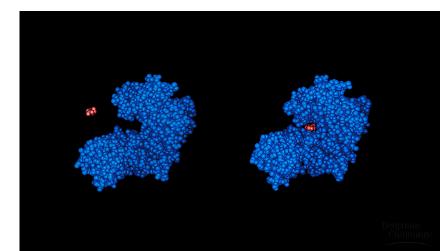
Enzymes

- Catalysts speed up reactions
- Enzymes are catalysts in cells
- Lower activation energy



Enzyme Structure

- Made of protein
- Specific shape
- Substrate fits into enzyme
 - Lock and key
- Changing the pH or temperature of the enzyme will denature it.
 - It will not work



Watch this video about enzymes

