

Chapter 5: The Structure and Function of Large Biological Molecules***Concept 5.1 Macromolecules are polymers, built from monomers***

1. The large molecules of all living things fall into just four main classes. Name them.
2. Circle the three classes that are called *macromolecules*. Define *macromolecule*.
3. What is a *polymer*? a
monomer?
4. Monomers are connected in what type of reaction? What occurs in this reaction?
5. Large molecules (polymers) are converted to monomers in what type of reaction?
6. The root words of *hydrolysis* will be used many times to form other words you will learn this year. What does each root word mean?

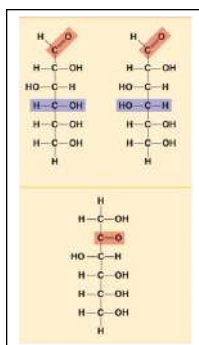
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7. Consider the following reaction:
 - a. The equation is not balanced; it is missing a molecule of water. Write it in on the correct side of the equation.
 - b. So, what kind of reaction is this?
 - c. Is $C_6H_{12}O_6$ (glucose) a monomer, or a polymer?
 - d. To summarize, when two monomers are joined, a molecule of _____ is always removed.

Concept 5.2 Carbohydrates serve as fuel and building material

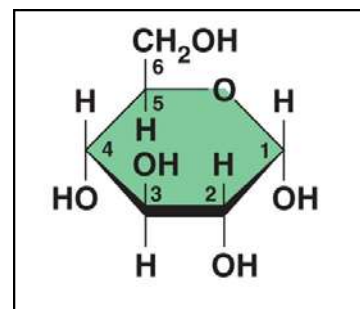
8. Let's look at carbohydrates, which include sugars and starches. First, what are the monomers of all carbohydrates?
9. Most monosaccharides are some multiple of (CH_2O) . For example, ribose is a 5-carbon sugar with the formula $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_5$. It is a pentose sugar. (From the root *penta-*, meaning 5.) What is the formula of a hexose sugar?
10. Here are the three hexose sugars. Label each of them. Notice that all sugars have the same two functional groups. Name them:

$\text{C}=\text{O}$ _____
 $-\text{OH}$ _____



11. What is the difference between an *aldehyde sugar* and a *ketone sugar*?
12. So, as a quick review, all of these sugars have the same chemical formula: $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6$. What term did you learn in Chapter 3 for compounds that have the same molecular formulas but different structural formulas?

13. Here is the abbreviated ring structure of glucose. Where are all carbons?



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Pay attention to the numbering system. This will be important as we progress in our study. Circle the number 3 carbon. Put a square around the number 5 carbon.

14. Let's look at our reaction in question 7 again: $C_6H_{12}O_6 + C_6H_{12}O_6 \rightarrow C_{12}H_{22}O_{11} + H_2O$

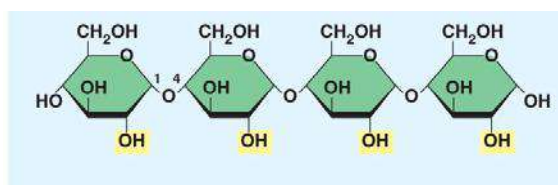
Notice that two monomers are joined to make a polymer. Since the monomers are monosaccharides, the polymer is a *disaccharide*. Three disaccharides are important to us with the formula $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$. Name them below and fill out the chart.

Disaccharide	Formed from which two monosaccharides?	Found where?

15. Have you noticed that all the sugars end in *-ose*? This root word means _____.

16. What is a *glycosidic linkage*?

17. Here is a molecule of starch, which shows 1–4 glycosidic linkages. Translate and explain this terminology in terms of carbon numbering.



18. There are two categories of *polysaccharides*. Name them and give examples.

Type of Polysaccharide	Examples

19. Why can you not digest cellulose? What organisms can?

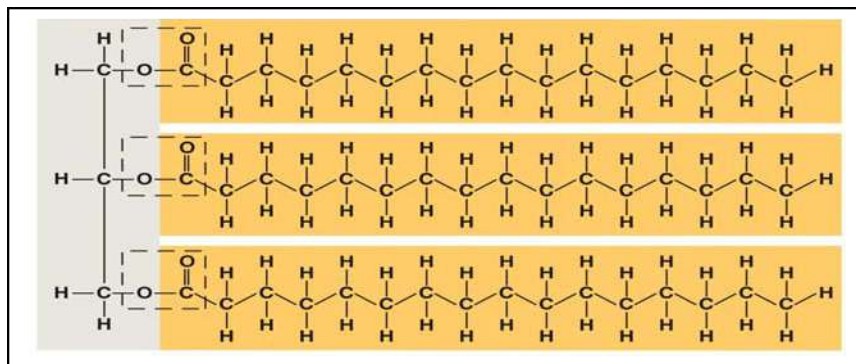
20. Let's review some key points about the carbohydrates. Each prompt below describes a unique carbohydrate. Name the correct carbohydrate for each.

- Has 1–4 B glucose linkages
- Is a storage polysaccharide produced by vertebrates; stored in your liver
- Two monomers of this form maltose
- Glucose + _____ form sucrose
- Monosaccharide commonly called “fruit sugar”
- “Milk sugar”
- Structural polysaccharide that gives cockroaches their crunch
- Malt sugar; used to brew beer
- Structural polysaccharide that comprises plant cell walls

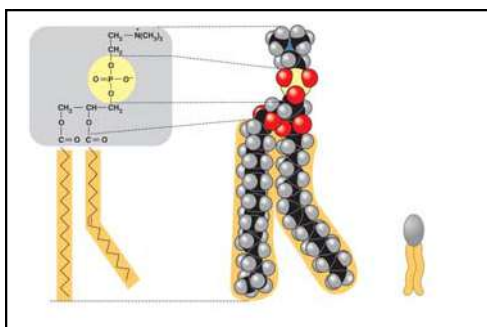
Concept 5.3 Lipids are a diverse group of hydrophobic molecules

21. Lipids include fats, waxes, oils, phospholipids, and steroids. What characteristic do all lipids share?

22. What are the building blocks of *fats*? Label them on this figure.

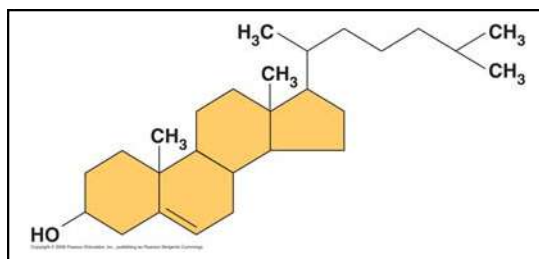


23. If a fat is composed of 3 fatty acids and 1 glycerol molecule, how many water molecules will be removed to form it? Again, what is this process called?
24. On the figure with question 22, label the ester linkages.
25. Draw a fatty acid chain that is 8 carbons long and is *unsaturated*. Circle the element in your chain that makes it unsaturated, and explain what this means.
26. Name two saturated fats.
27. Name two unsaturated fats.
28. Why are many unsaturated fats liquid at room temperature?
29. What is a *trans fat*? Why should you limit them in your diet?
30. List four important functions of fats.
31. Here is a figure that shows the structure of a phospholipid. Label the sketch to show the phosphate group, the glycerol, and the fatty acid chains. Also indicate the region that is *hydrophobic* and the region that is *hydrophilic*.



32. Why is the “tail” hydrophobic?

33. Which of the two fatty acid chains in the figure with question 31 is unsaturated? Label it. How do you know it is unsaturated?
34. To summarize, a phospholipid has a glycerol attached to a phosphate group and two fatty acid chains. The head is hydrophilic, and the tail is hydrophobic. Now, sketch the phospholipid bilayer structure of a plasma membrane. Label the hydrophilic heads, hydrophobic tails, and location of water.
35. Study your sketch. Why are the tails all located in the interior?
36. Some people refer to this structure as three hexagons and a doghouse. What is it?



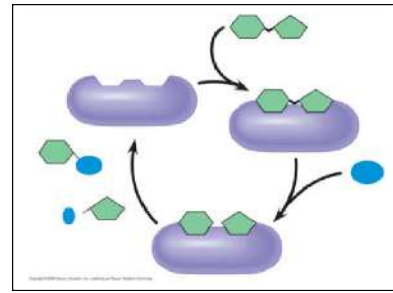
37. What are other examples of steroids?

Concept 5.4 Proteins have many structures, resulting in a wide range of functions

38. Table 5.1 is loaded with important information. Select any five types of proteins and summarize each type here.

Type of Protein	Function	Example

39. *Enzymes* are an important type of protein. They will be in Chapter 8. For now, use this sketch to review what you about enzymes. Label the *active site*, the *substrate*, and the *products*. Show what happens to water.

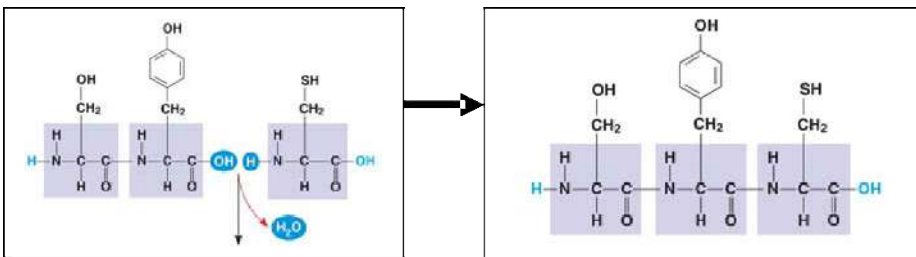


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40. Is this reaction dehydration synthesis or hydrolysis?

41. The monomers of proteins are *amino acids*. Sketch an amino acid here. Label the *alpha* or *central carbon*, *amino group*, *carboxyl group*, and *R group*.

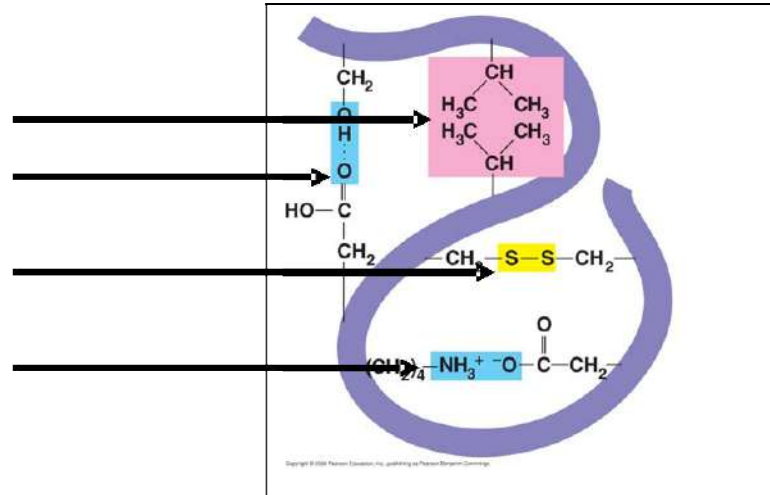
42. What is represented by *R*? How many are there?



45. There are four levels of protein structure. Refer to Figure 5.21, and summarize each level in the following table.

Level of Protein Structure	Explanation	Example
Primary (I ^o)		
Secondary (II ^o) <i>Alpha helix</i> <i>Beta pleated sheet</i>		
Tertiary (III ^o)		
Quaternary (IV ^o)		

47. Enzymes are globular proteins that exhibit at least tertiary structure. On this figure, identify and explain each interaction that folds this portion.

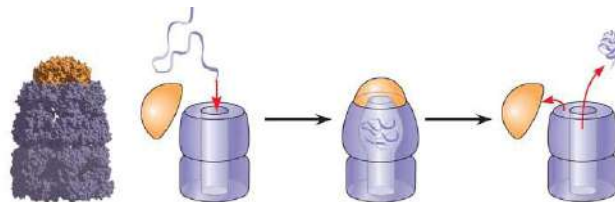


48. Do you remember when, in Chapter 4, we said, “Change the structure, change the function”? Explain how that principle applies to sickle-cell disease. Why is the structure changed?



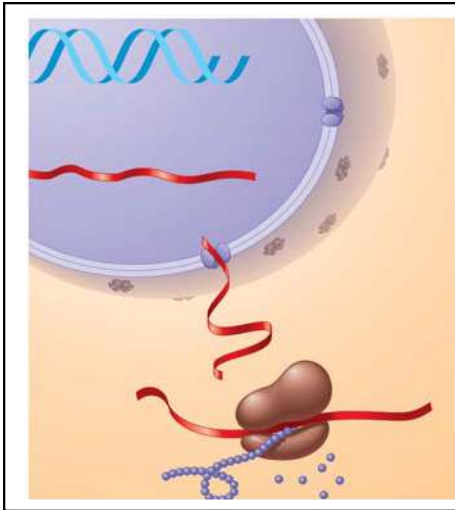
49. Besides mutation, which changes the primary structure of a protein, protein structure can be changed by denaturation. Define *denaturation*, and give at least three ways a protein may become denatured.

50. *Chaperone proteins* or *chaperonins* assist in the proper folding of proteins. Annotate this figure to explain the process.



Concept 5.5 Nucleic acids store and transmit hereditary information

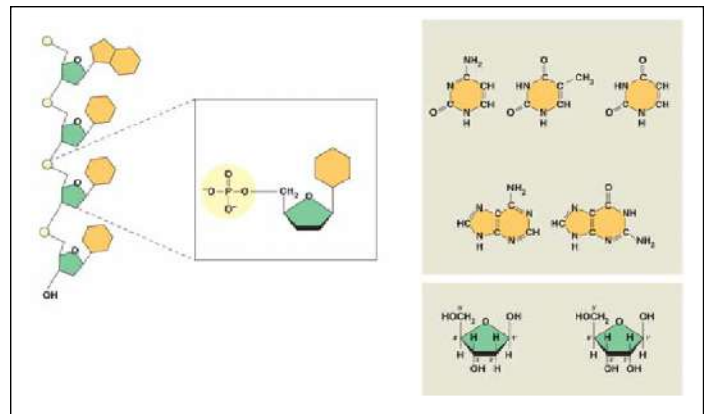
DNA and RNA will be the core topics of Chapter 17. For now, you should just review the general functions and know the components.



51. The flow of genetic information is from DNA \rightleftharpoons RNA \rightleftharpoons protein. Use this figure to explain the process. Label the *nucleus*, *DNA*, *mRNA*, *ribosome*, and *amino acids*.

52. The components of a nucleic acid are a *sugar*, a *nitrogenous base*, and a *phosphate group*. Label each on the figure to the right.

53. You may recall that early in this chapter we looked at the numbering system for the carbons of a sugar. Label the end of the strand on the left side of the figure below that has the number 5' and the other end of the chain 3'.



54. Notice that there are five nitrogen bases. Which four are found in DNA?

55. Which four are found in RNA?

56. How do ribose and deoxyribose sugars differ?

57. To summarize, what are the three components of a nucleotide?

59. What word describes the shape of a DNA molecule? Why are the strands said to be *antiparallel*?

60. What two molecules make up the “uprights”?

61. What molecules make up the rungs?

62. For the two nucleotides of DNA below, provide the complementary base.

A —

C —

63. In a DNA double helix, a region along one DNA strand has this sequence of nitrogenous bases:

5'-T A G G C C T-3'

Write the complementary strand. Indicate the 5' and 3' ends of the new strand.