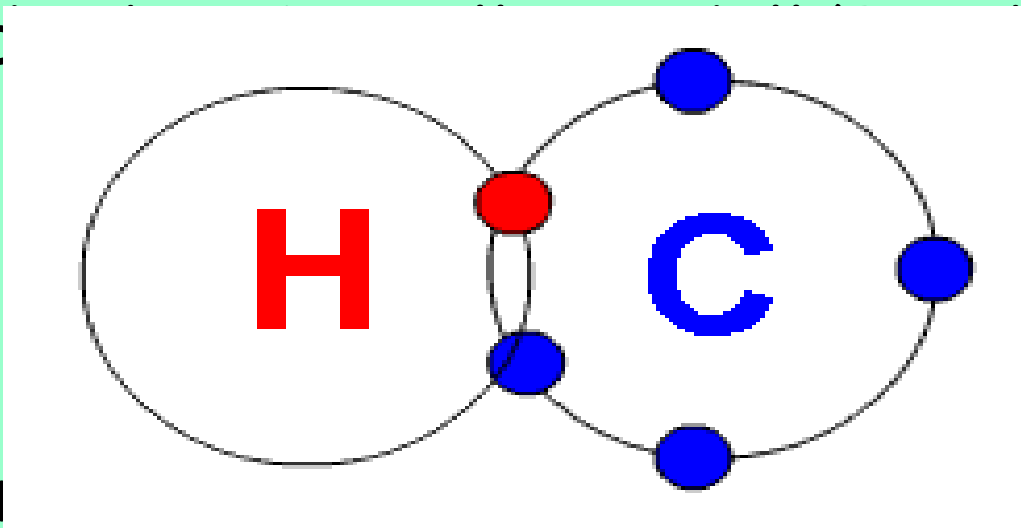


# The Chemical Context of Life

## Chapter 2-1 & 2-2

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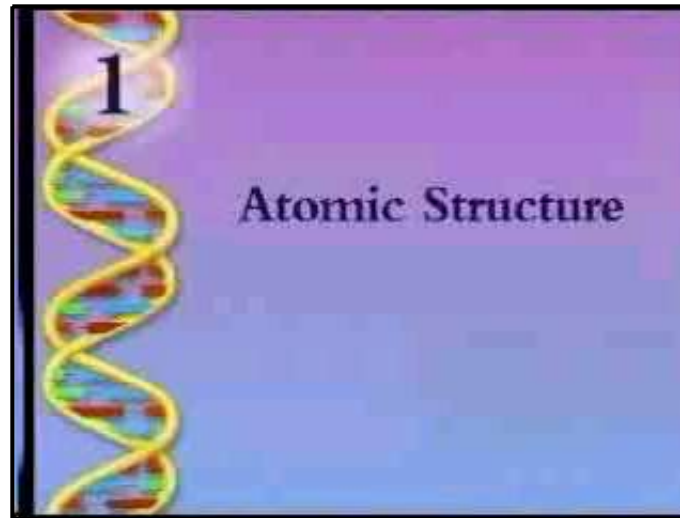
### KEY CONCEPTS

- 2.1 Matter consists of chemical elements in pure form and in combinations called compounds.
- 2.2 An element's properties depend on the structure of its atoms.
- 2.3 The formation and function of molecules depend on chemical bonding between atoms.
- 2.4 Chemical reactions make and break chemical bonds.

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## Video 1

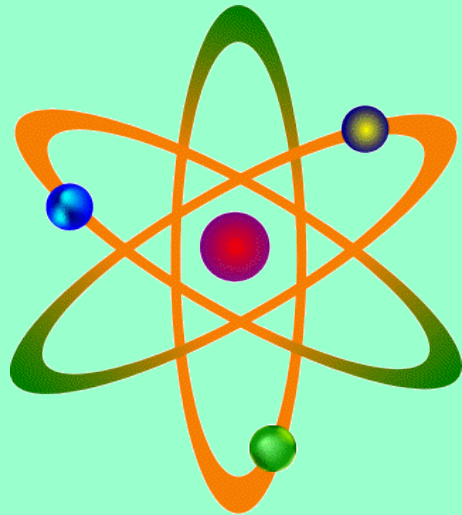
### Atomic Structure 2A



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Atoms are  
the basic unit of MATTER:



PROTONS (+)

NEUTRONS

are found in NUCLEUS

ELECTRONS (-)

orbit outside nucleus in  
energy levels

# Atoms differ in NUMBERS of PROTONS, NEUTRONS, & ELECTRONS

Periodic Table of the Elements

1A																	0					
1	1 H															2 He						
	IIA															IIIA	IVA	VA	VIA	VIIA		
2	3 Li	4 Be															5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne
3	11 Na	12 Mg	III B	IV B	V B	VI B	VII B	— VII —			IB	IB	13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar				
4	19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr				
5	37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe				
6	55 Cs	56 Ba	*La	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn				
7	87 Fr	88 Ra	+Ac	104 Rf	105 Ha	106	107	108	109	110	111	112										

Naming conventions of new elements

\* Lanthanide Series

58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu
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+ Actinide Series

90 Th	91 Pa	92 U	93 Np	94 Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No	103 Lr
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Atoms that have  
gained or lost electrons

have an  
electric charge and

are called  
IONS

They are written  
with a + or -  
next to their  
symbol



# Atoms/ions important for living things

Used to make bigger molecules

Carbon - C

Oxygen - O

Hydrogen - H

Nitrogen - N

Sulfur - S

Phosphorus - P

Ions = electrically charged atoms

Sodium - Na<sup>+</sup>

Chloride - Cl<sup>-</sup>

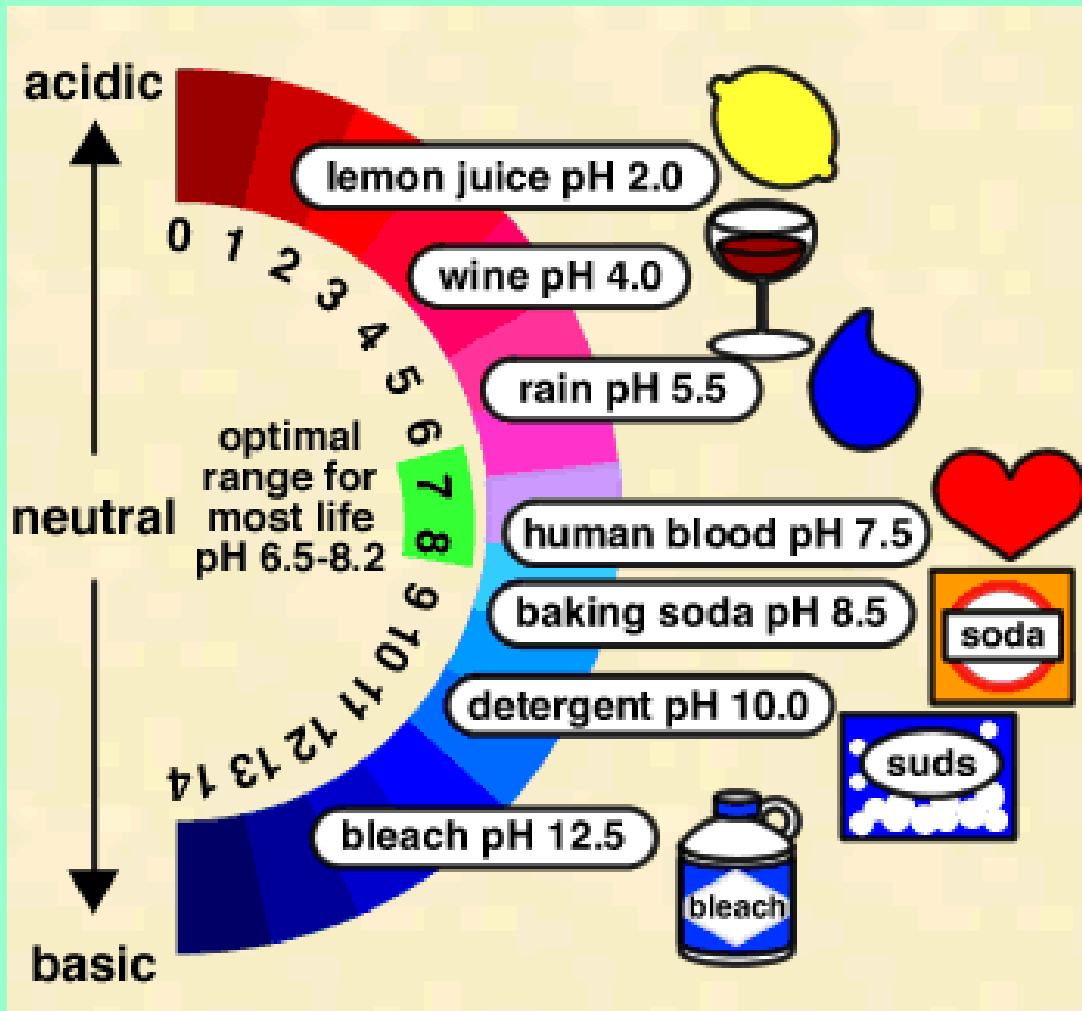
Potassium - K<sup>+</sup>

Calcium - Ca<sup>++</sup>

Hydrogen - H<sup>+</sup>

# Hydrogen Ions ( $H^+$ )

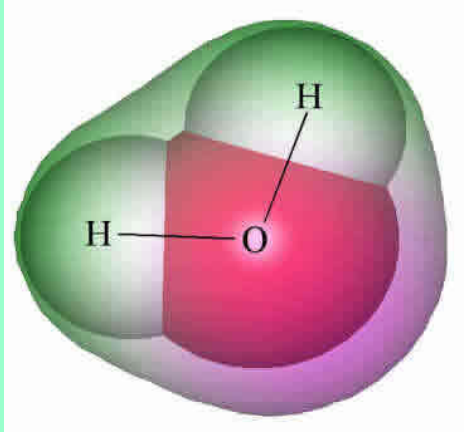
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The number of  $H^+$  ions determines how acidic a solution will be.

More  $H^+$  = more acidic

# ATOMS CAN JOIN TOGETHER TO MAKE MOLECULES



Ex:

Joining 2 HYDROGEN atoms with 1 OXYGEN atom makes one WATER molecule.

A chemical formula tells what kind of and how many atoms are in a molecule

EX:             $H_2O$

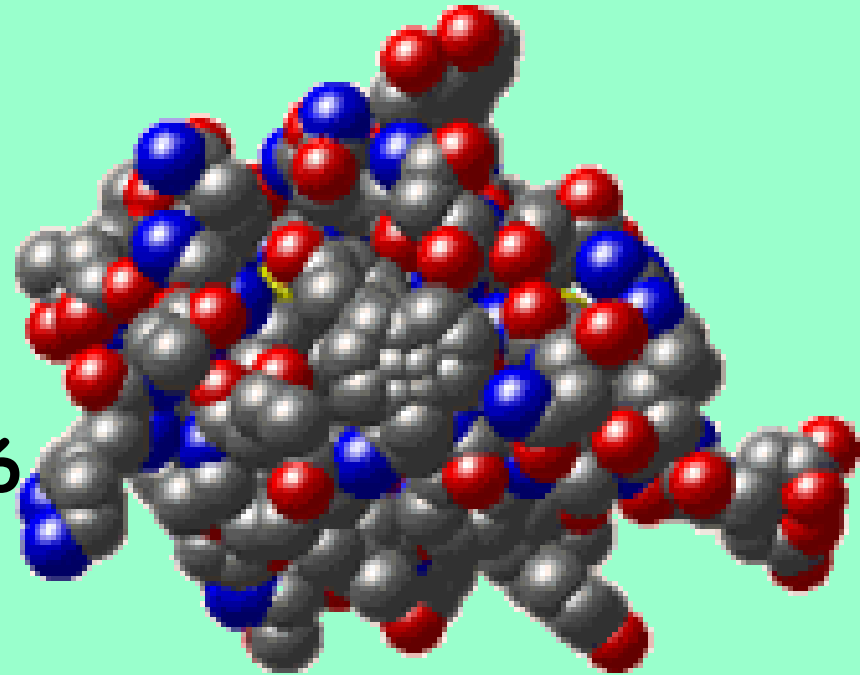


# VERY, VERY LARGE MOLECULES = MACROMOLECULES

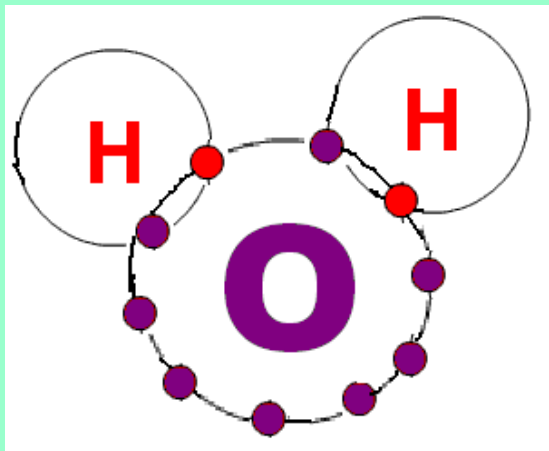
EXAMPLE:

Insulin =

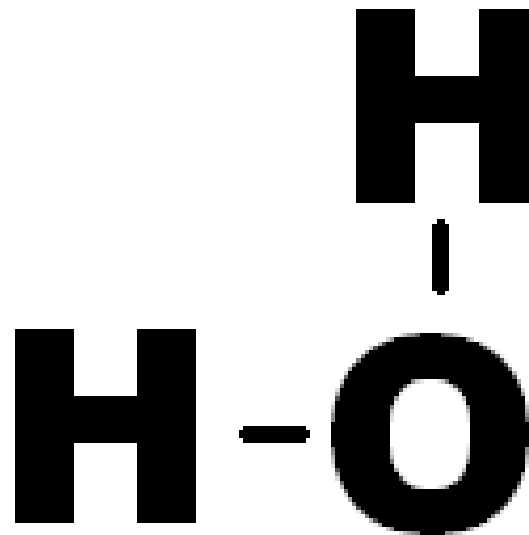
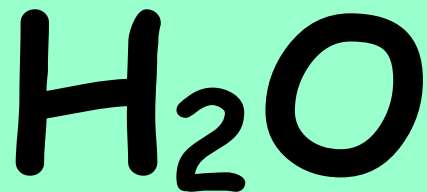
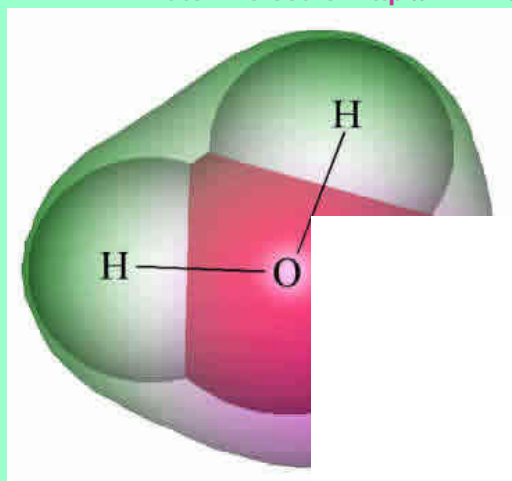
$C_{254} H_{377} N_{65} O_{76} S_6$



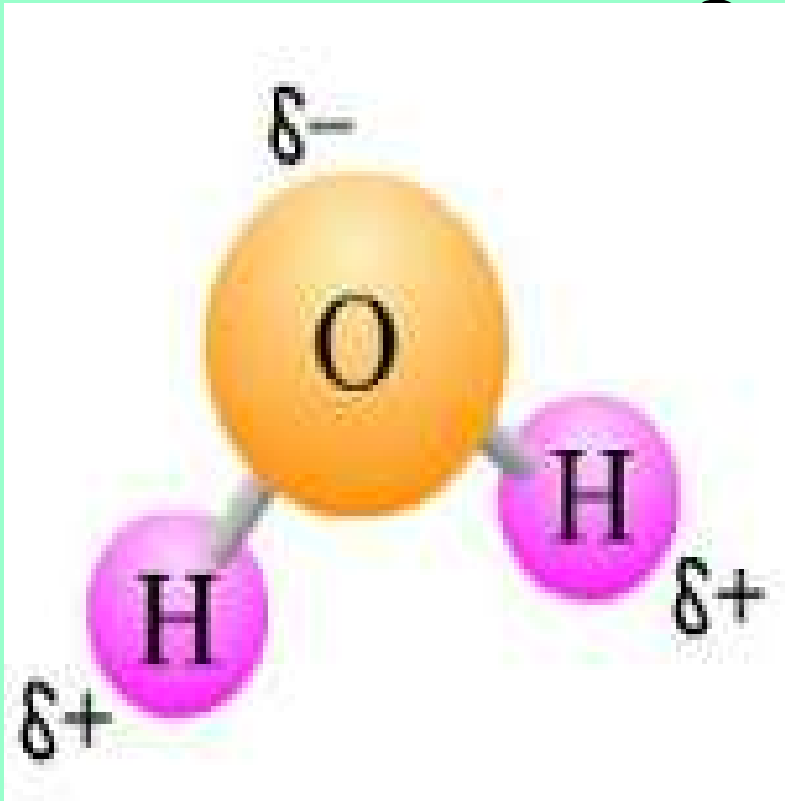
# MOLECULES CAN BE SHOWN IN DIFFERENT WAYS



Water molecule: <http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/water/molecule.html>



# Polar Molecules



Because of the location of electrons in molecules, some molecules have an **UNEVEN** pattern of **electric charge**

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More + on one side;  
More - on the other

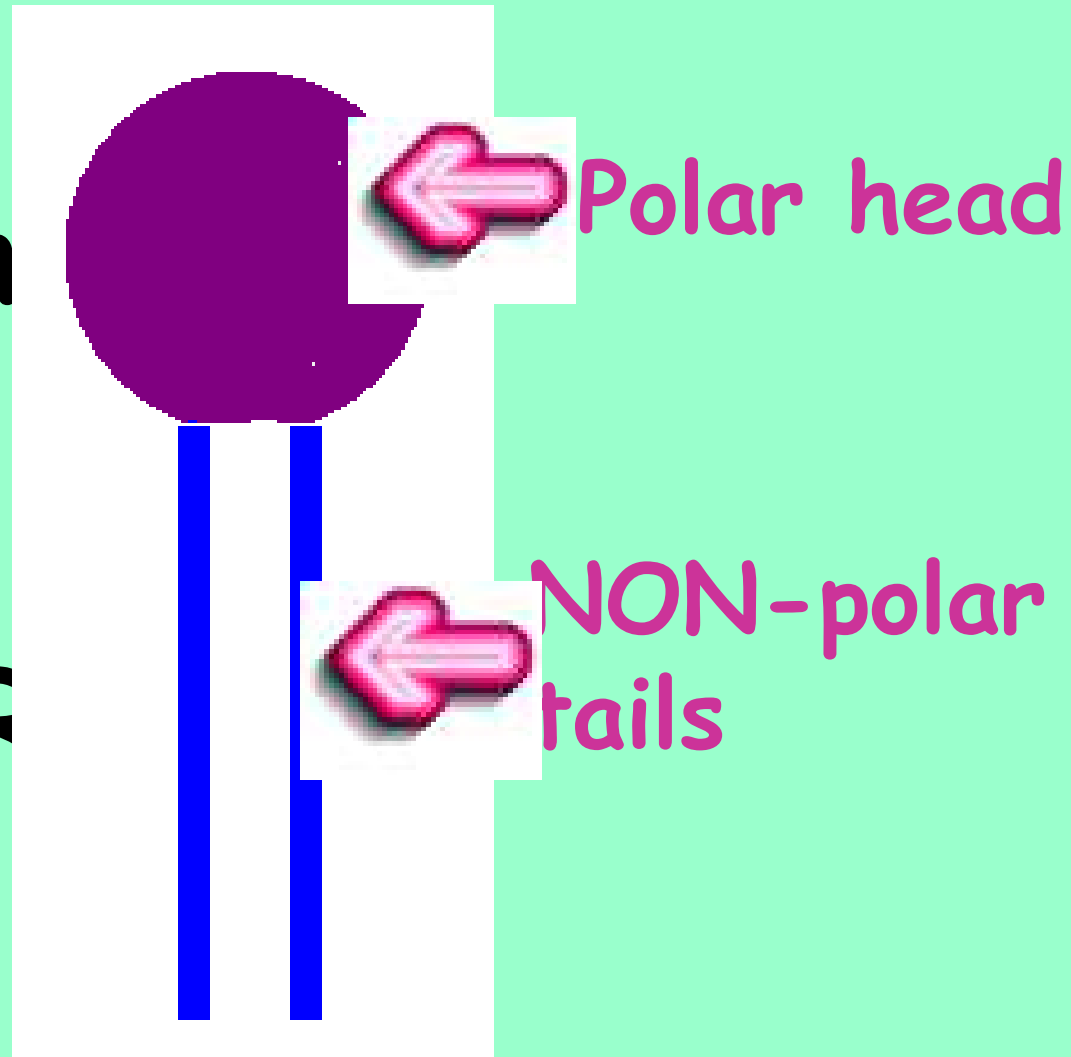
EX: water

More about this in Chapter 7

[Bending water video](#)

# EX: PHOSPHOLIPIDS

The same molecule can have both **POLAR** and **NON-POLAR** parts



More about this in Chapter 7

# WHAT HOLDS MOLECULES TOGETHER?

Molecules are held together by the attraction between oppositely charged

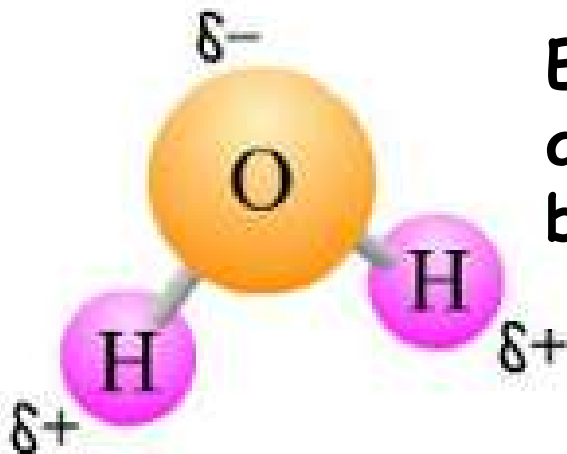
regions of nearby molecules

= van der Waals

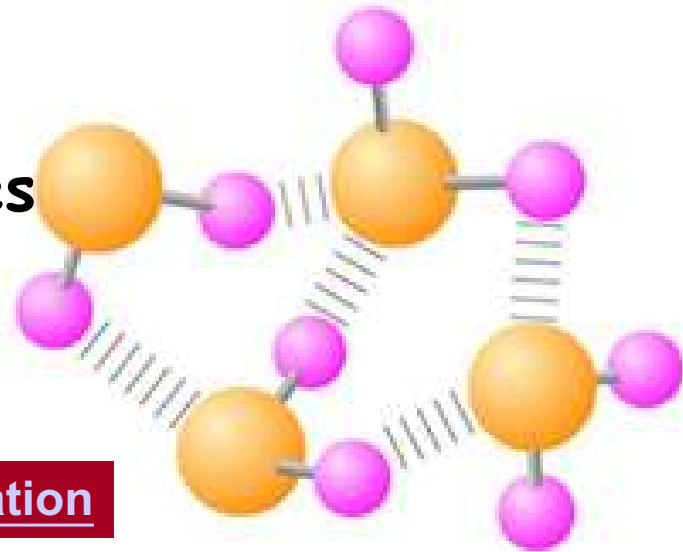


# HYDROGEN BONDS

Bonds that form between the positively charged HYDROGEN atom in one molecule and a negatively charged atom in a nearby molecule are called HYDROGEN BONDS

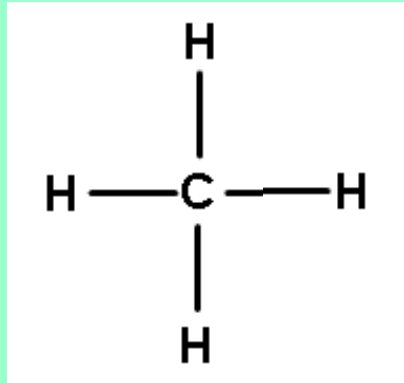


EX: water molecules are held together by Hydrogen bonds



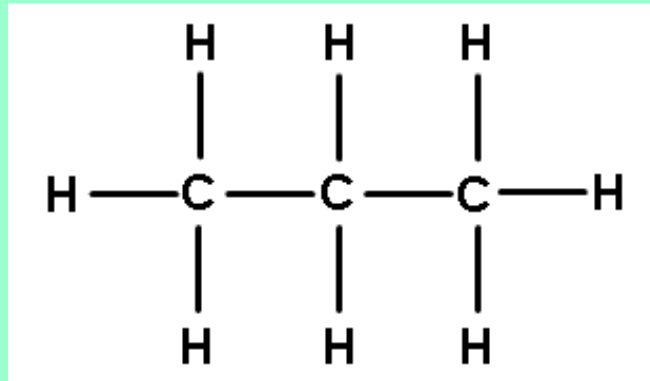
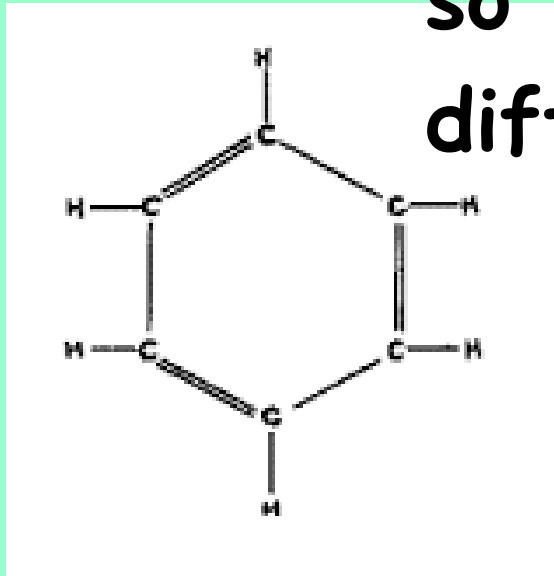
[Hydrogen bond animation](#)

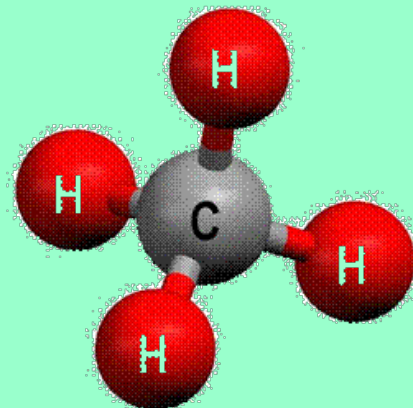
CARBON is the most important atom found in living things



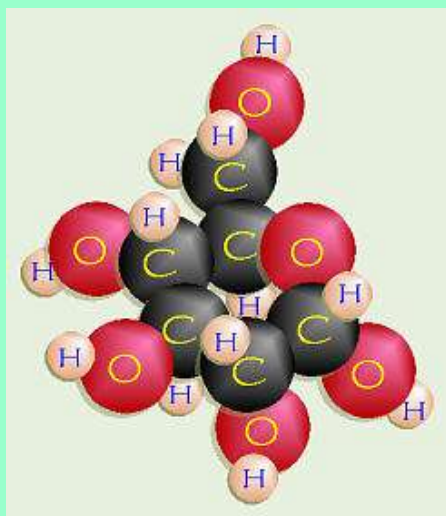
It can join to four other atoms at same time

It can form rings or chains so it can make lots of different kinds of molecules.





ORGANIC molecules  
are found in living things and  
contain CARBON atoms





# "Like dissolves like"

## HYDROPHILIC

means "water loving"

POLAR groups/molecules try to  
be near and touch water or  
other polar molecules

Water makes a great solvent in living things because so many molecules found in living things are polar or have a charge.



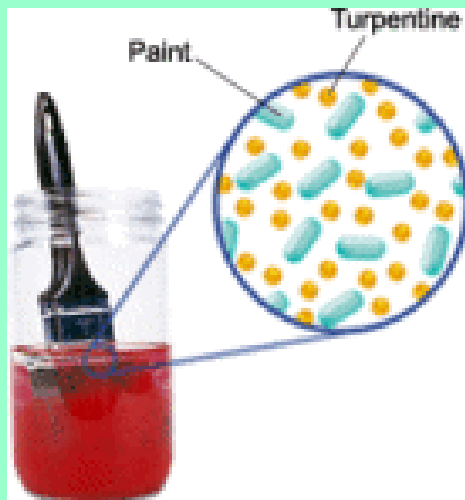
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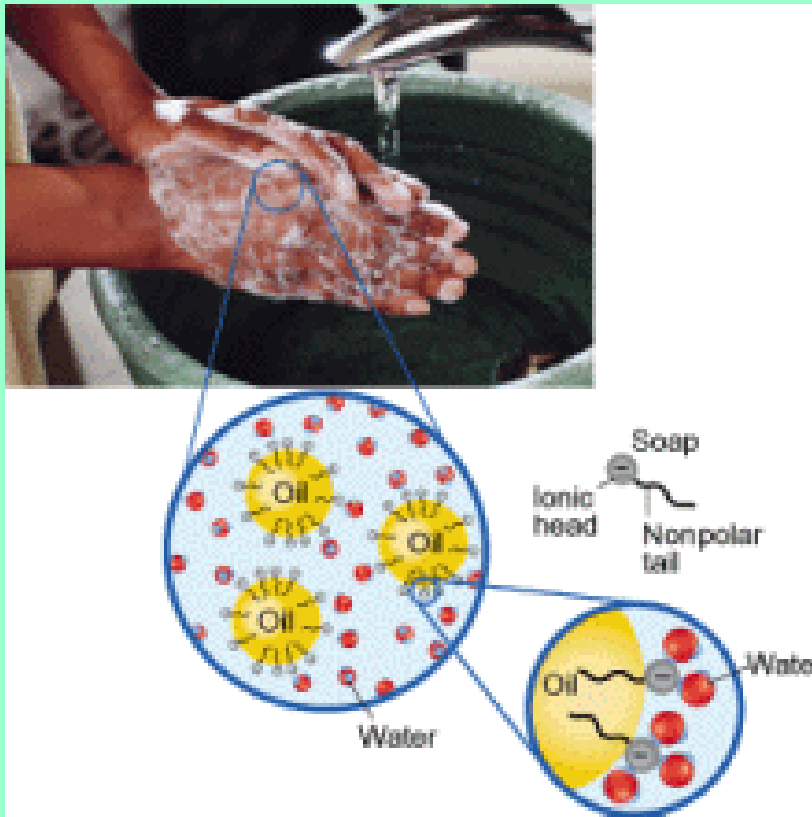


NON-polar groups/molecules try to  
be near other NON-polar molecules  
and away from polar molecules



Oil based paints dissolve  
in solvents such as  
turpentine

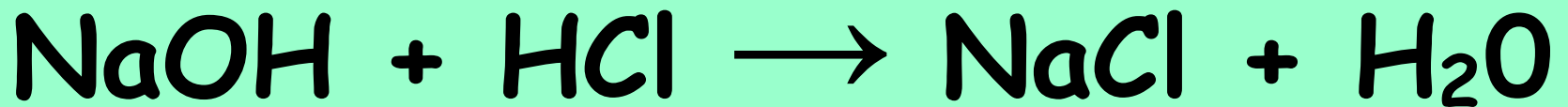
. . . not water.



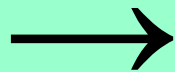
“Like  
dissolves  
like”

SOAP works because it has a NON-polar end that dissolves grease and a Polar end that dissolves in water to wash away oily dirt.

A chemical equation tells what happens in a chemical reaction when molecules interact.



REACTANTS



PRODUCTS

Molecules that react  
produced

Molecules that are



**REMEMBER:**

**ALL** the chemical reactions  
that happen in cells =

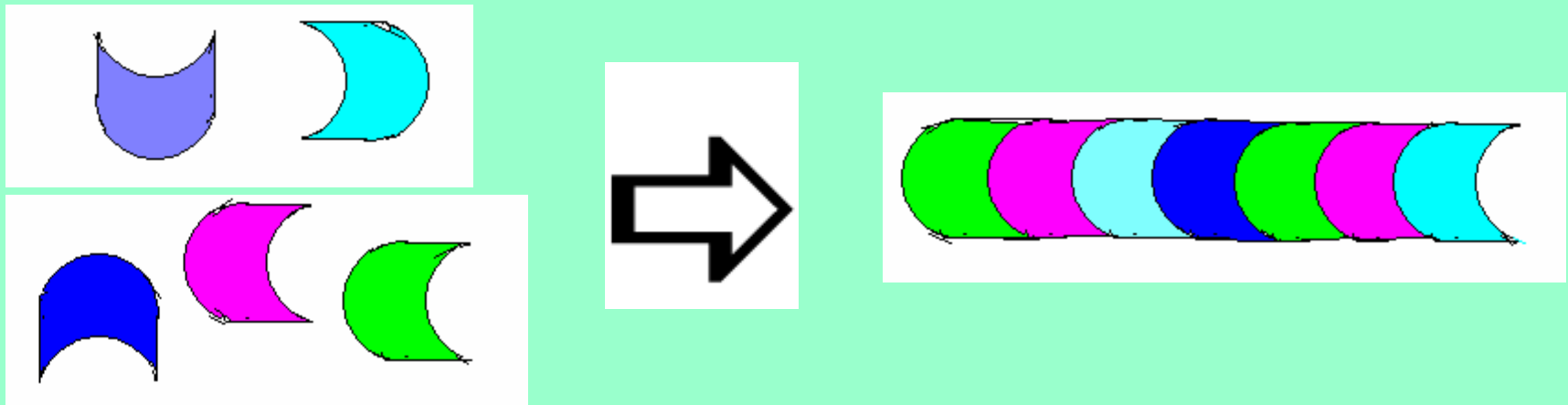
**METABOLISM**

Chemical reactions can **join**  
molecules together.

Chemical reactions can **break**  
molecules apart.

One way to join molecules to make a bigger molecule is by removing a WATER molecule to make a bond.

= dehydration synthesis reaction



See an animation

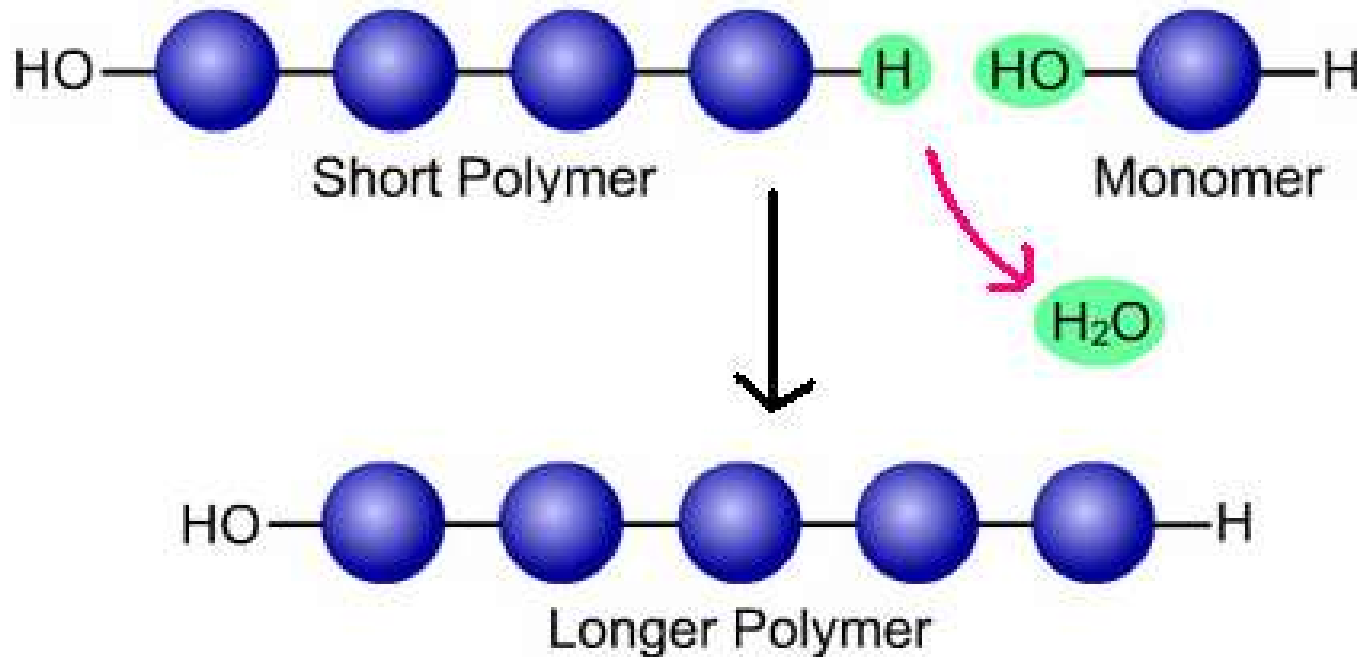
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# DEHYDRATION SYNTHESIS

“dehydration”  
= water loss

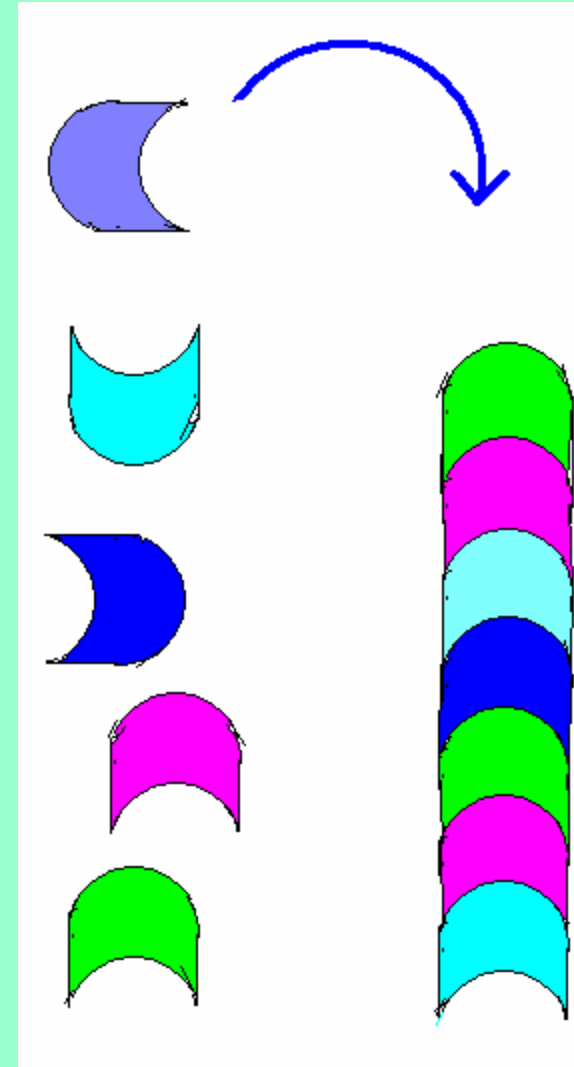
“synthesis”  
put parts together



POLYMERIZATION is a  
kind of synthesis reaction in which  
many small subunits that  
are similar join to make  
a bigger molecule

These small units are  
called MONOMERS

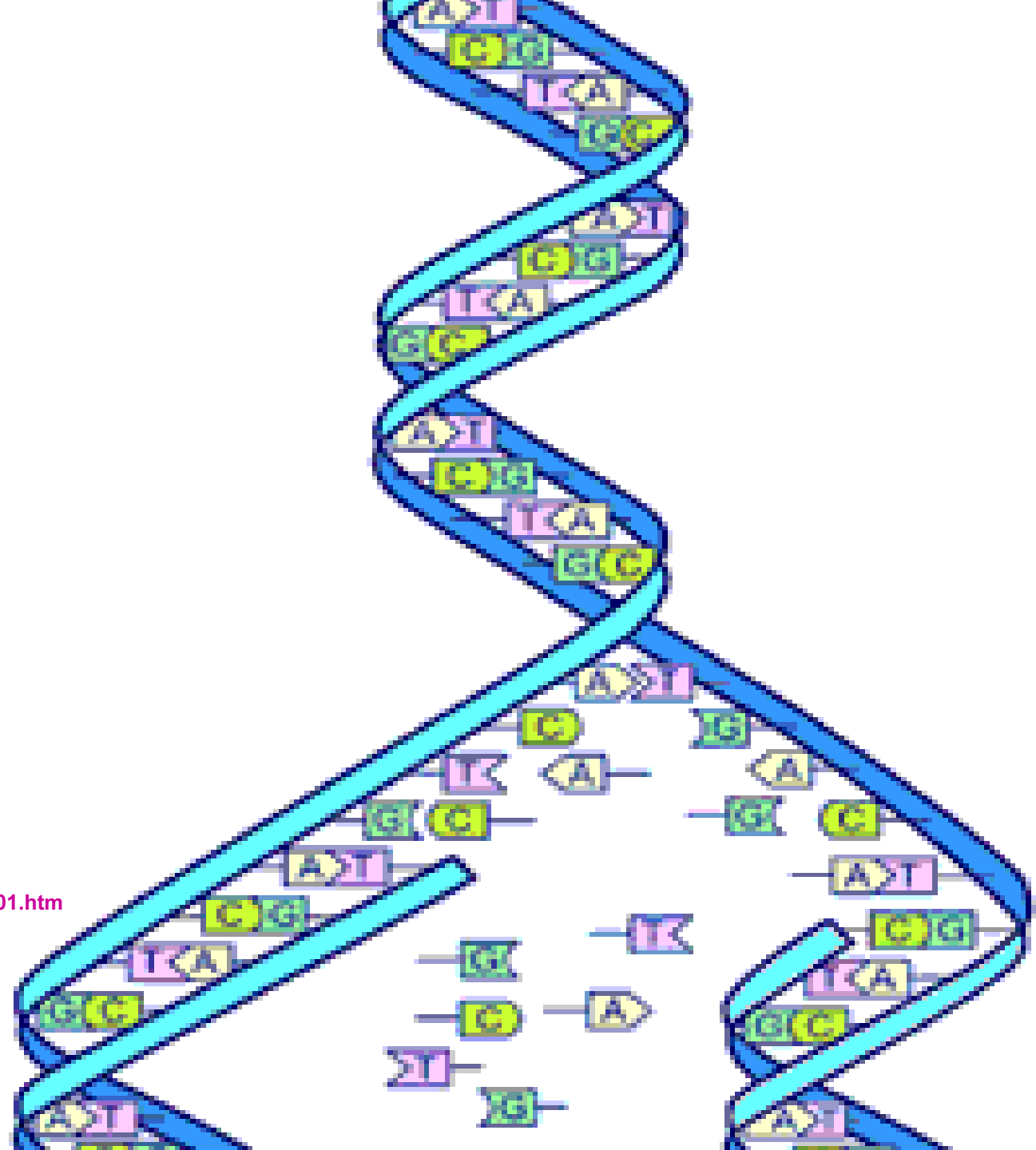
The big molecule they  
make is called a  
POLYMER





EXAMPLE:

Nucleotide s  
(A, T, G, C)  
join together  
to make  
a DNA mo



Chemical reactions can also break molecules apart.

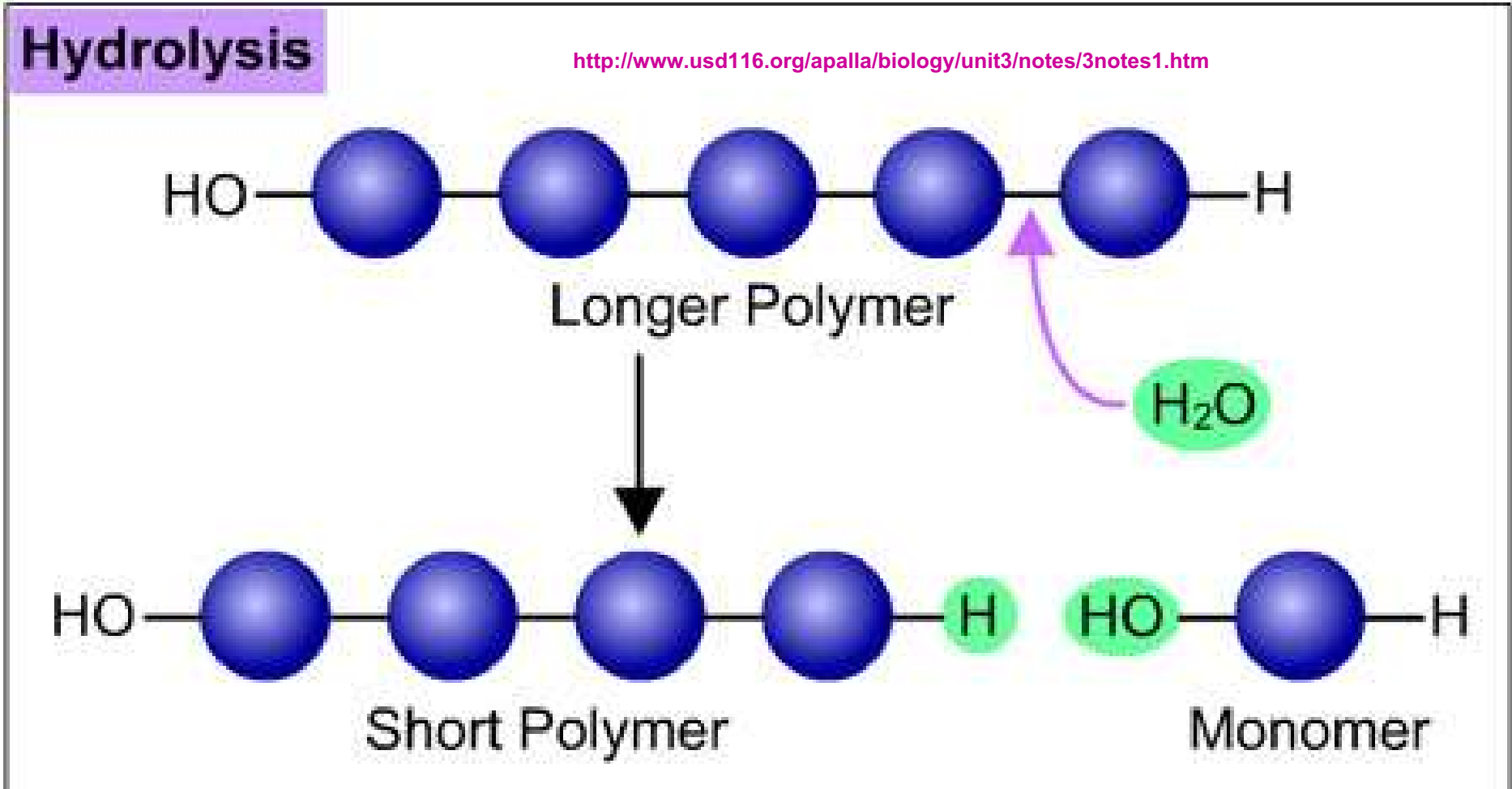
HYDROLYSIS = kind of chemical reaction in which a molecule is broken apart by adding a WATER molecule.

“hydro” = water      “lysis” = break apart

See an animation

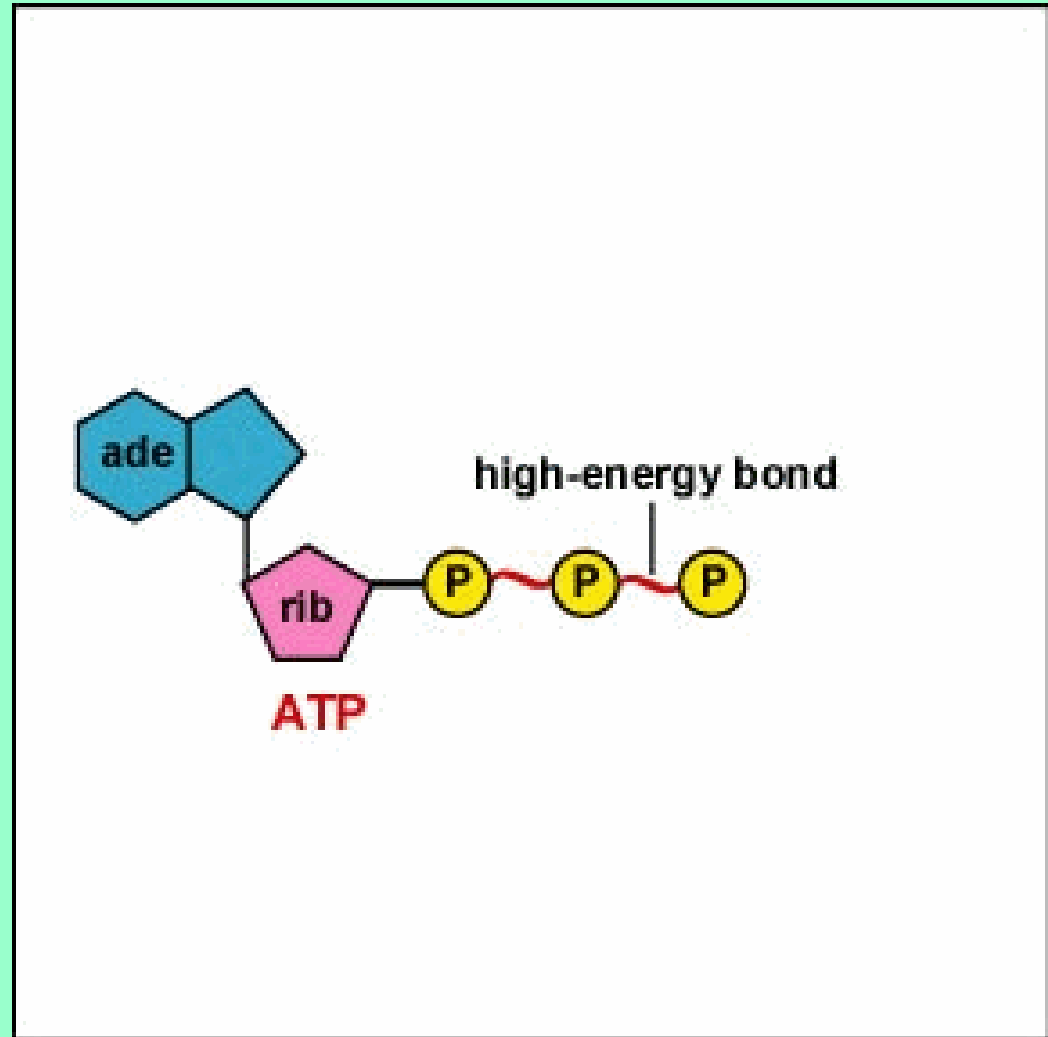
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**HYDROLYSIS** is the opposite of **DEHYDRATION SYNTHESIS**.  
Adding a water molecule breaks the bond.



ATP is the energy molecule used by all cells.

Breaking a bond using hydrolysis is the way ENERGY is released.

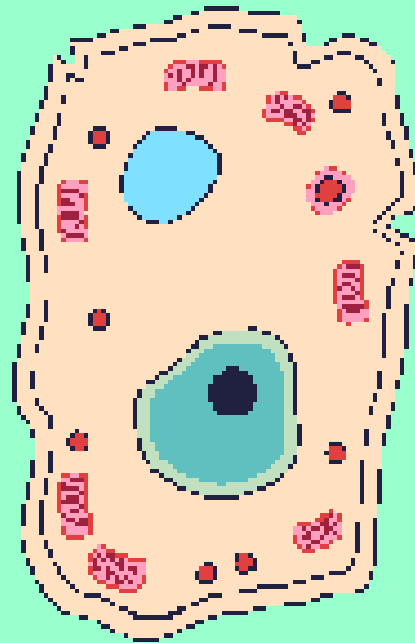


More on this is Chapters 7, 8, & 9

Living things use BOTH of these kinds of reactions (and MORE) to get the materials they need.



<http://www.cibike.org/CartoonEating.gif>



<http://www.animationlibrary.com>

# **WATER is important for all living things**

**Average person ~ 60-70% water**

**Babies ~ 78%**

**Human brain ~ 90%**



# WHY Water is important to cells:

1. It's POLAR so it can DISSOLVE lots of different substances.
2. It can absorb lots of HEAT WITHOUT changing temperature very much.  
(That helps with HOMEOSTASIS)
3. HYDROGEN BONDS form between water molecules so they stick together.
4. Water is an important REACTANT/PRODUCT in many CHEMICAL REACTIONS.

# **SOUTH DAKOTA CORE SCIENCE STANDARDS**

## **LIFE SCIENCE:**

**Indicator 1: Understand the fundamental structures, functions, classifications, and mechanisms found in living things**

**9-12.L.1.1. Students are able to relate cellular functions and processes to specialized structures within cells.**



# **SOUTH DAKOTA ADVANCED STANDARDS**

## **LIFE SCIENCE**

**Indicator 1: Understand the fundamental structures, functions, classifications, and mechanisms found in living things.**

**9-12.L.1.1A. Students are able to explain the physical and chemical processes of photosynthesis and cell respiration and their importance to plant and animal life. (INTRO TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS LATER)**

**9-12.L.1.2A. Describe how living systems use biofeedback mechanisms to maintain homeostasis. (SYNTHESIS)**

**9-12.L.1.4A. Identify factors that change the rates of enzyme catalyzed reactions. (APPLICATION)**

# Core High School Life Science Performance Descriptors

<p>High school students performing at the <b>ADVANCED</b> level:</p>	<p>INTRODUCTION TO BE ABLE TO DO THE FOLLOWING LATER: explain the steps of photophosphorylation and the Calvin Cycle; analyze chemical reaction and chemical processes involved in the Calvin Cycle and Krebs Cycle; predict the function of a given structure; explain how protein production is regulated;</p>
<p>High school students performing at the <b>PROFICIENT</b> level:</p>	<p>describe and give examples of chemical reactions required to sustain life (hydrolysis, dehydration synthesis, photosynthesis, cellular respiration, <i>ADP/ATP</i>, role of enzymes); INTRODUCTION TO BE ABLE TO DO THE FOLLOWING LATER describe the relationship between structure and function (cells, tissues, organs, organ systems, and organisms); tell how DNA determines protein formation; predict how life systems respond to changes in the environment;</p>
<p>High school students performing at the <b>BASIC</b> level</p>	<p>name chemical reactions required to sustain life (hydrolysis, dehydration synthesis, photosynthesis, cellular respiration, <i>ADP/ATP</i>, role of enzymes); INTRODUCTION TO BE ABLE TO DO THE FOLLOWING LATER recognize that different structures perform different functions; identify DNA as the structure that carries the genetic code;</p>