

34.3 Amides

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Objective

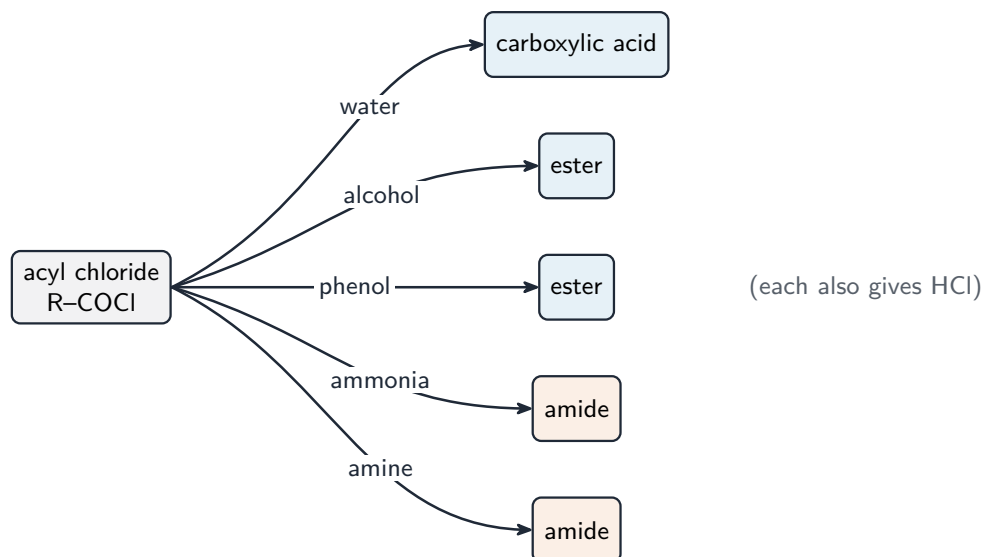
Build the skills to answer exam questions on **amides** – making them, their **hydrolysis** and reduction, and why an amide is a very weak base.

You must be able to:

- make an amide from an acyl chloride and ammonia/an amine
- give the products of acid and alkaline hydrolysis of an amide
- explain why an amide is a much weaker base than an amine

1 Key knowledge and worked examples

■ Reactions of amides



An amide is made from an acyl chloride with ammonia or an amine (+ HCl)



the **peptide bond** (an amide link)

Amides include the peptide bond

- **make it:** acyl chloride + NH_3 (or amine) $\rightarrow$ amide + HCl .
- **acid hydrolysis:** amide + H^+ /water $\rightarrow$ carboxylic acid + ammonium salt.
- **alkaline hydrolysis:** amide + OH^- $\rightarrow$ carboxylate salt + ammonia.
- **reduction:** LiAlH_4 reduces the $\text{C}=\text{O}$ to give an amine.
- an amide is a **very weak base** – its N lone pair is delocalised onto the $\text{C}=\text{O}$, so it cannot accept an H^+ .

2 Practice

2.1 Give the two reagents used to make ethanamide. [2]

2.2 Name the organic product of reducing ethanamide with LiAlH_4 . [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Acid hydrolysis of ethanamide gives ethanoic acid and: [1]

- ☐ A ethylamine
☐ B an ammonium salt
☐ C ethanol
☐ D ethene

3.2 An amide is a much weaker base than an amine because the nitrogen lone pair is: [1]

- ☐ A removed completely
☐ B delocalised onto the adjacent $\text{C}=\text{O}$ group
☐ C used in a $\text{C}-\text{H}$ bond
☐ D more available

3.3 Ethanamide is hydrolysed by hot aqueous NaOH.

(a) Name the two products. [2]

(b) Write the equation. [2]

3.4 Explain why ethanamide is a far weaker base than ethylamine. [2]

3.5 *N*-methylethanamide, $\text{CH}_3\text{CONHCH}_3$, is a secondary amide.

(a) Name the two compounds that react together to make it, and state why an acyl chloride is preferred to the carboxylic acid. [3]

(b) The amide is refluxed with (i) dilute hydrochloric acid and (ii) aqueous sodium hydroxide. Give the organic products in each case. [4]

(c) The amide is reduced with LiAlH_4 in dry ether. Name the product and give the equation using [H]. [2]

(d) Explain why an amide is a far weaker base than an amine.

[3]
