

36 A map of A-Level reactions – Part 2

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Vocabulary

Write each word three times.

English	Write it 3 times (English)
arene	_____
electrophilic substitution	_____
reduce	_____
ester	_____

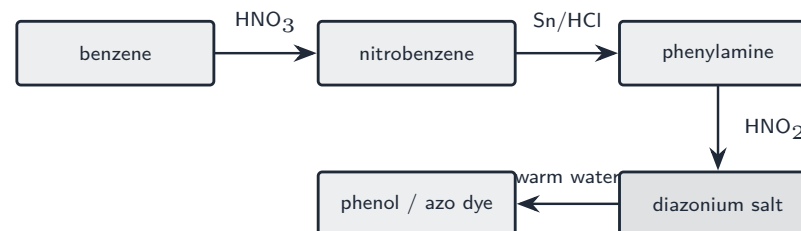
Recall

Knowing the A-Level reactions as a *map* lets you plan a route from one molecule to another.

New ideas

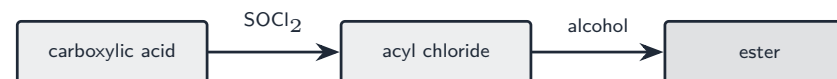
Read these first, then do the Practice.

1 The aromatic route



From an **arene** : nitrate (**electrophilic substitution**) → **reduce** to phenylamine → make a diazonium salt → phenol or an azo dye.

2 The acyl route



A carboxylic acid → an acyl chloride (with SOCl_2) → an **ester** (with an alcohol).

Watch out: learn the two main routes – *aromatic*: benzene → nitrobenzene → phenylamine → diazonium salt → phenol/azo dye; *acyl*: acid → acyl chloride → ester. Each arrow is one reaction with its own reagent.

Practice

Try these in order.

36.6 What does nitrating benzene give? [1]

36.7 What does *reducing* nitrobenzene give? [1]

36.8 A carboxylic acid reacts with SOCl_2 to give what? [1]

36.9 An acyl chloride plus an alcohol gives what? [1]

36.10 What kind of mechanism is the nitration step? [1]

36.11 Challenge. Outline how to make phenylamine from benzene, naming the reagent for each of the two steps. [2]
