

35. Polymerisation

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A-Level Chemistry

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1. In condensation polymerisation:

- ☐ monomers join and a small molecule (e.g. water) is lost each time
- ☐ a C=C opens and nothing is lost
- ☐ no bonds form
- ☐ only one monomer is used

2. A monomer with a C=C double bond, where nothing else is lost, undergoes:

- ☐ addition polymerisation
- ☐ condensation polymerisation
- ☐ no polymerisation
- ☐ hydrolysis

3. Poly(alkene)s are hard to biodegrade because they have:

- ☐ only strong, non-polar C-C and C-H bonds
- ☐ ester links
- ☐ amide links
- ☐ ionic bonds

4. A polyester can be made from:

- ☐ a diol and a dicarboxylic acid
- ☐ two alkenes
- ☐ an alkane and a halogen
- ☐ a single C=C monomer

5. Monomers with two functional groups that lose a small molecule give:

- ☐ condensation polymerisation (with ester or amide links)
- ☐ addition polymerisation
- ☐ free-radical substitution
- ☐ no polymer

6. Some polymers are made photodegradable so that light can break them down.

- ☐ True ☐ False

7. Polymers that can be broken down by microbes or hydrolysis are described as _____.

8. Polymers made by joining monomers with loss of a small molecule (e.g. water) form by _____ polymerisation.

9. Addition polymers form from monomers containing C=C double bonds.

- ☐ True ☐ False

10. Condensation polymers such as polyesters can be hydrolysed and so are more easily degraded than addition polymers.

- ☐ True ☐ False

1. monomers join and a small molecule (e.g. water) is lost each time

Each new link releases a small molecule; the monomers need two reactive groups.

2. addition polymerisation

Addition polymerisation opens the C=C and joins monomers with no other product.

3. only strong, non-polar C–C and C–H bonds

With no polar links to attack, microbes cannot easily break poly(alkene)s down.

4. a diol and a dicarboxylic acid

A diol (two –OH) and a dicarboxylic acid (two –COOH) form ester links along the chain.

5. condensation polymerisation (with ester or amide links)

Two-group monomers join with loss of a small molecule, forming ester/amide links — condensation.

6. True

Photodegradable polymers are designed to be broken down by light.

7. degradable

They reduce plastic waste.

8. condensation

Polyesters and polyamides form this way.

9. True

No small molecule is lost.

10. True

The ester/amide links can be broken.