

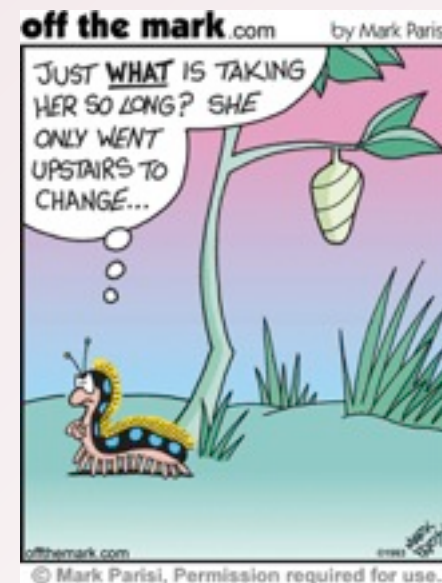
# **RATE THEORIES**

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## 1. Collision Theory



## 2. Transition State Theory



## 3. Catalysts

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## COLLISION THEORY:

The rate of rxn is proportional to the number of **effective/successful collisions** per second between reactant molecules.

What factors determine whether reactants could form a molecule?

(e.g. is bumping into each other enough?)

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COLLISION THEORY:

Not all collisions are effective.

Effective collision:

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In a game of pool, what are the two conditions that are required for an effective collision?

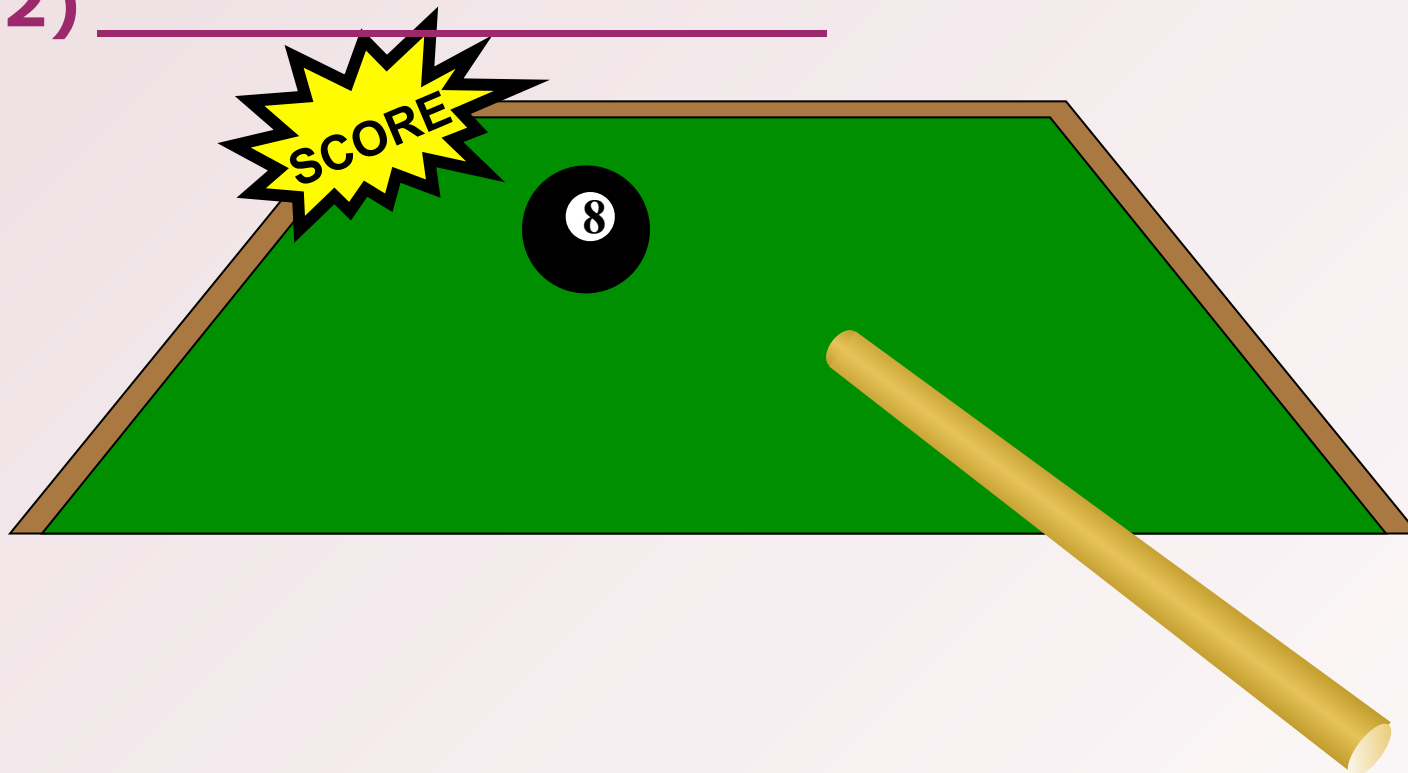


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## COLLISION THEORY:

For a collision to be effective, the molecules must collide with the proper:

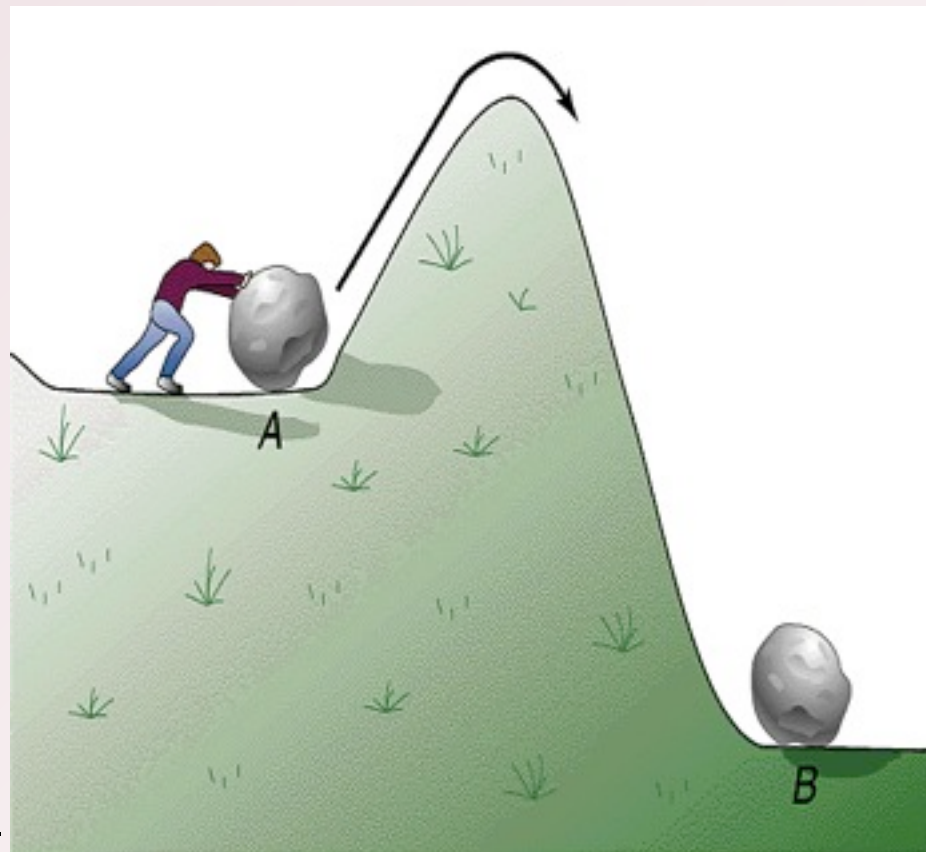
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## COLLISION THEORY:

- **Kinetic energy:** A minimum kinetic energy, called **activation energy** ( $E_a$ ), is required between reactants for a reaction to proceed.



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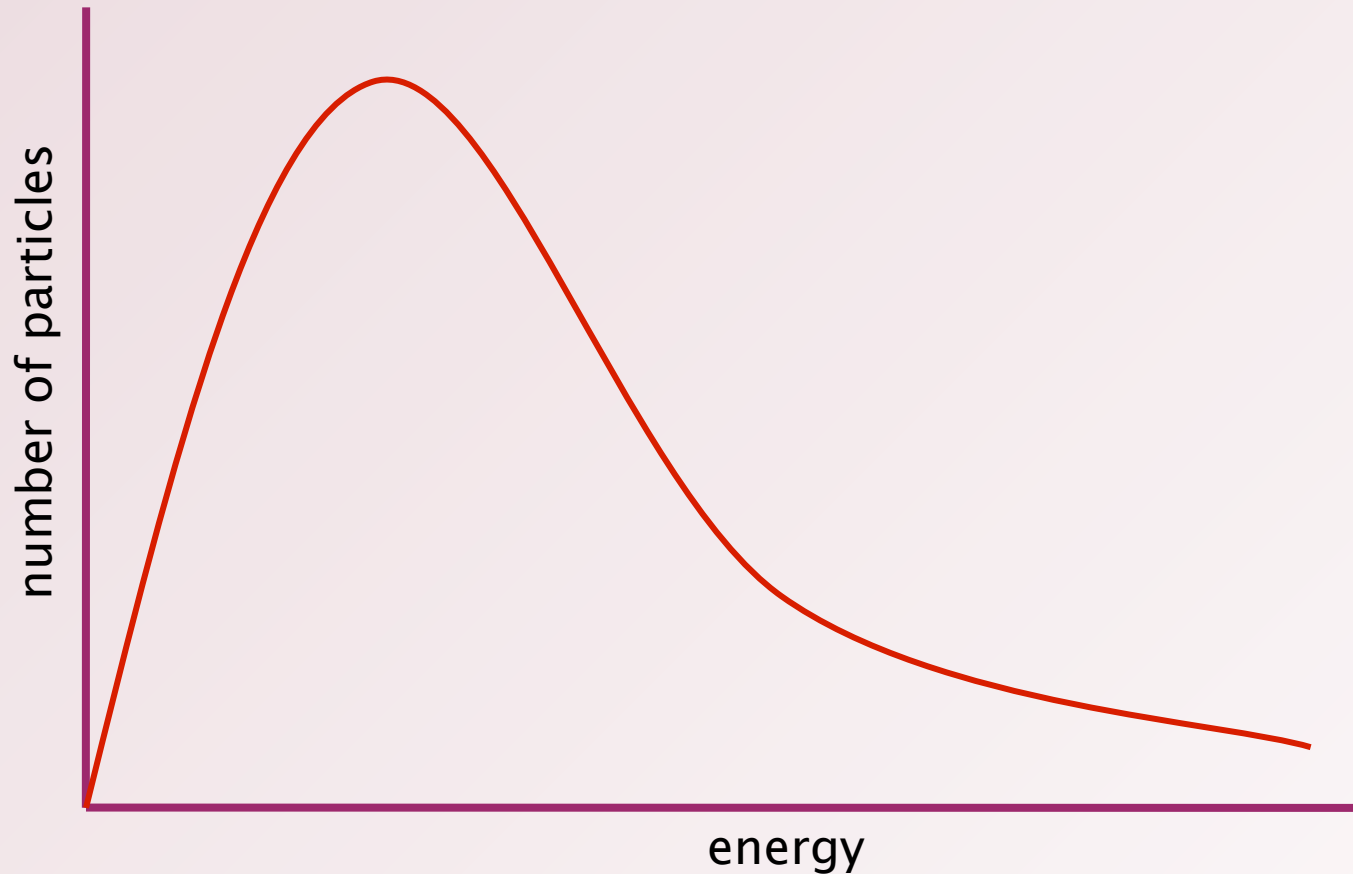
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COLLISION THEORY:

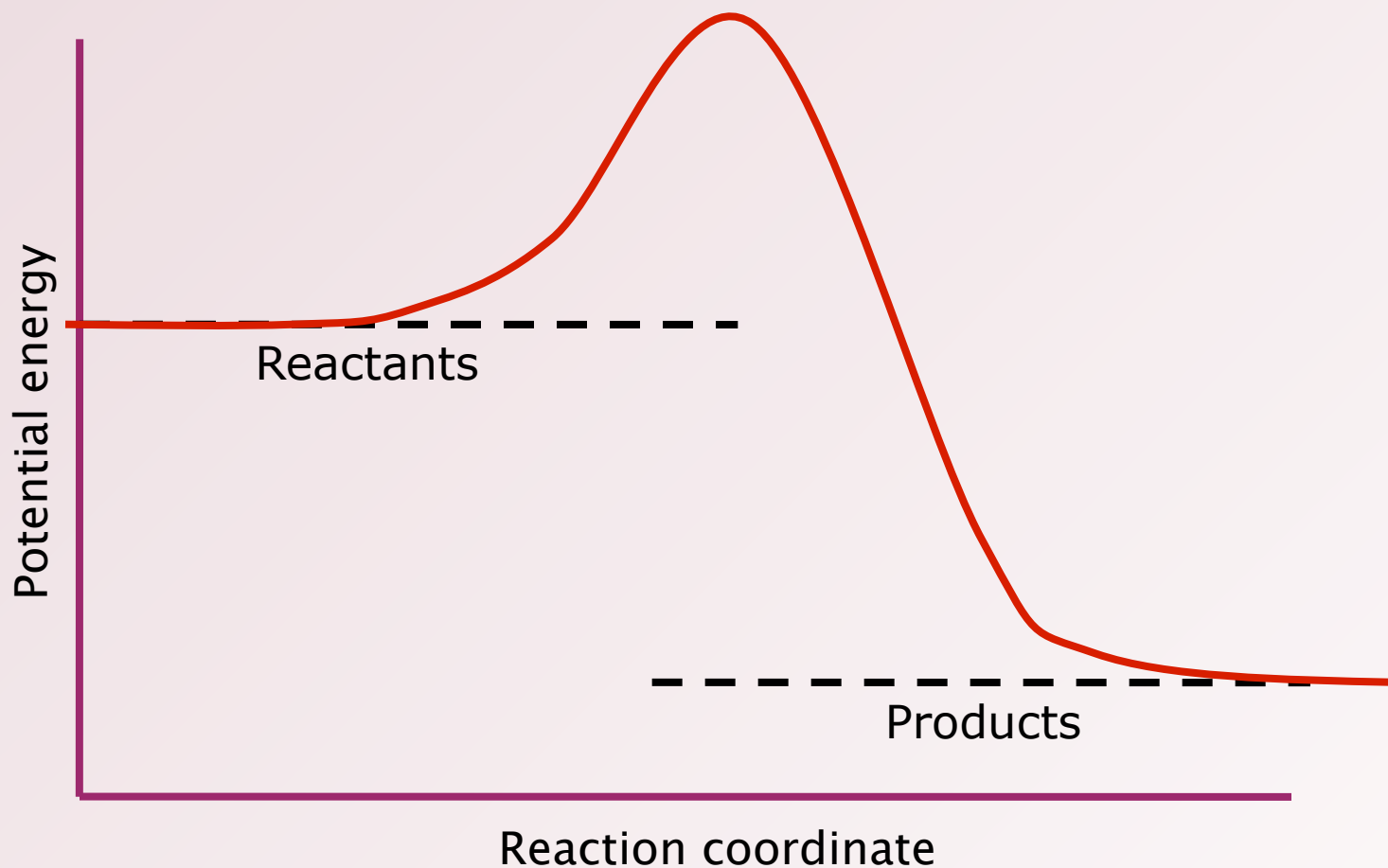
- **Kinetic energy:**



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## TRANSITION STATE THEORY:

### Potential energy diagrams

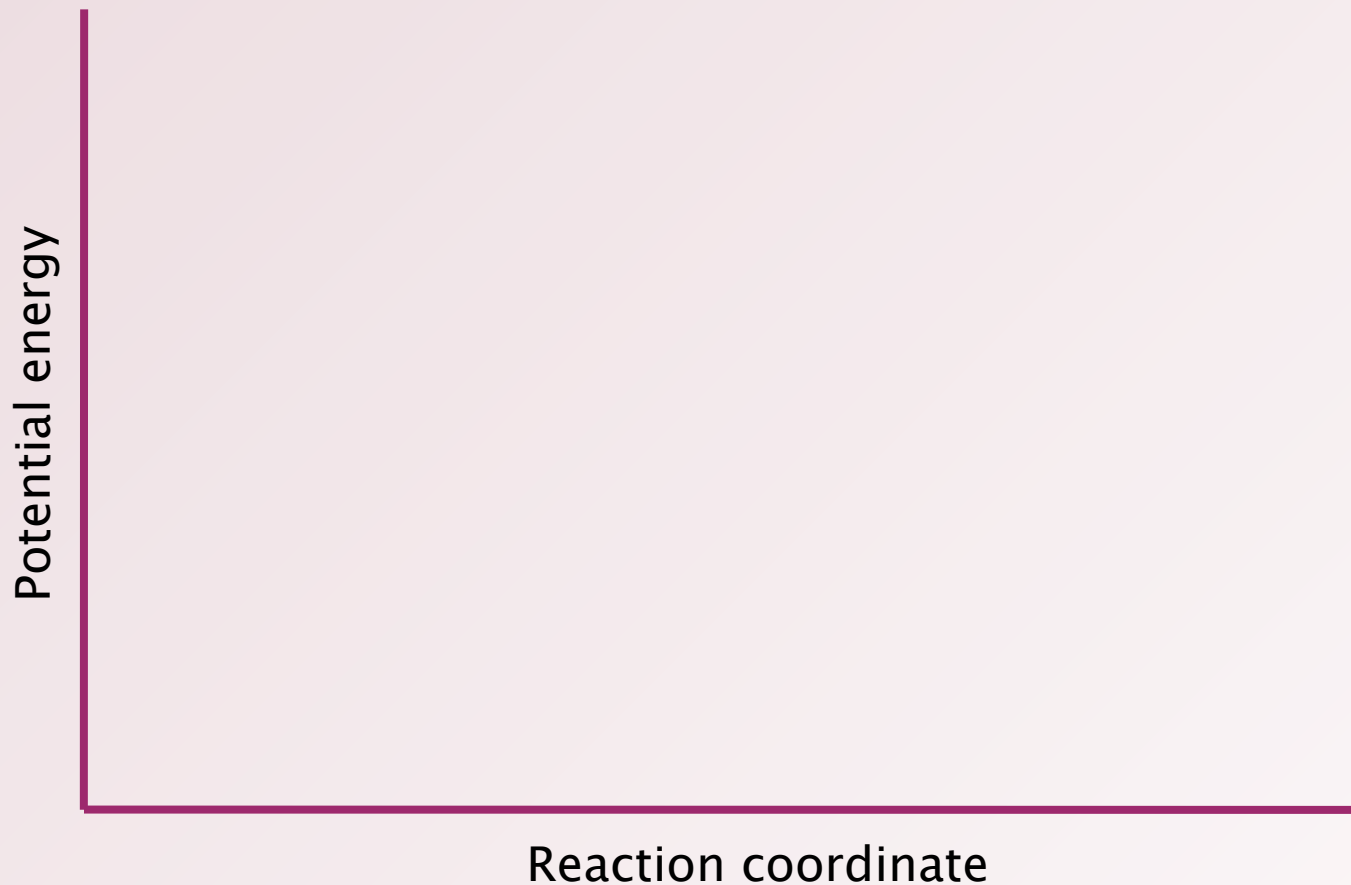




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TRANSITION STATE THEORY:

Draw the potential energy diagram for the reverse reaction



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## TRANSITION STATE THEORY:

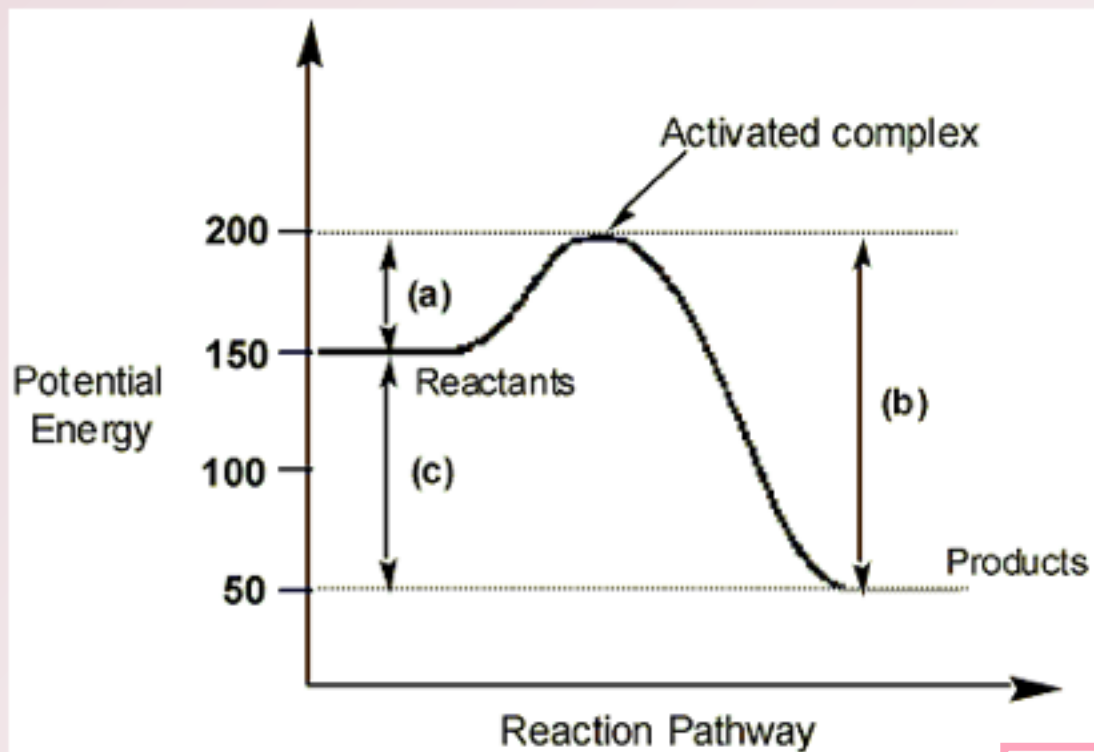
Examine the  $E_a$  for both reactions. What does that suggest?

$E_a$  is different between the forward and reverse directions of a given reaction.

Generally, endothermic reactions are slower than exothermic reactions due to a higher  $E_a$ .

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## TRANSITION STATE THEORY:



1. Identify  $E_a$ ,  $\Delta H$  and transition state.
2. What are the values of  $E_a$  and  $\Delta H$ ?
3. Endothermic or exothermic?
4. What are  $E_a$  and  $\Delta H$  for the reverse rxn?


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## CATALYST:

**catalyst** - a substance that increases the rate of a chemical reaction without being consumed

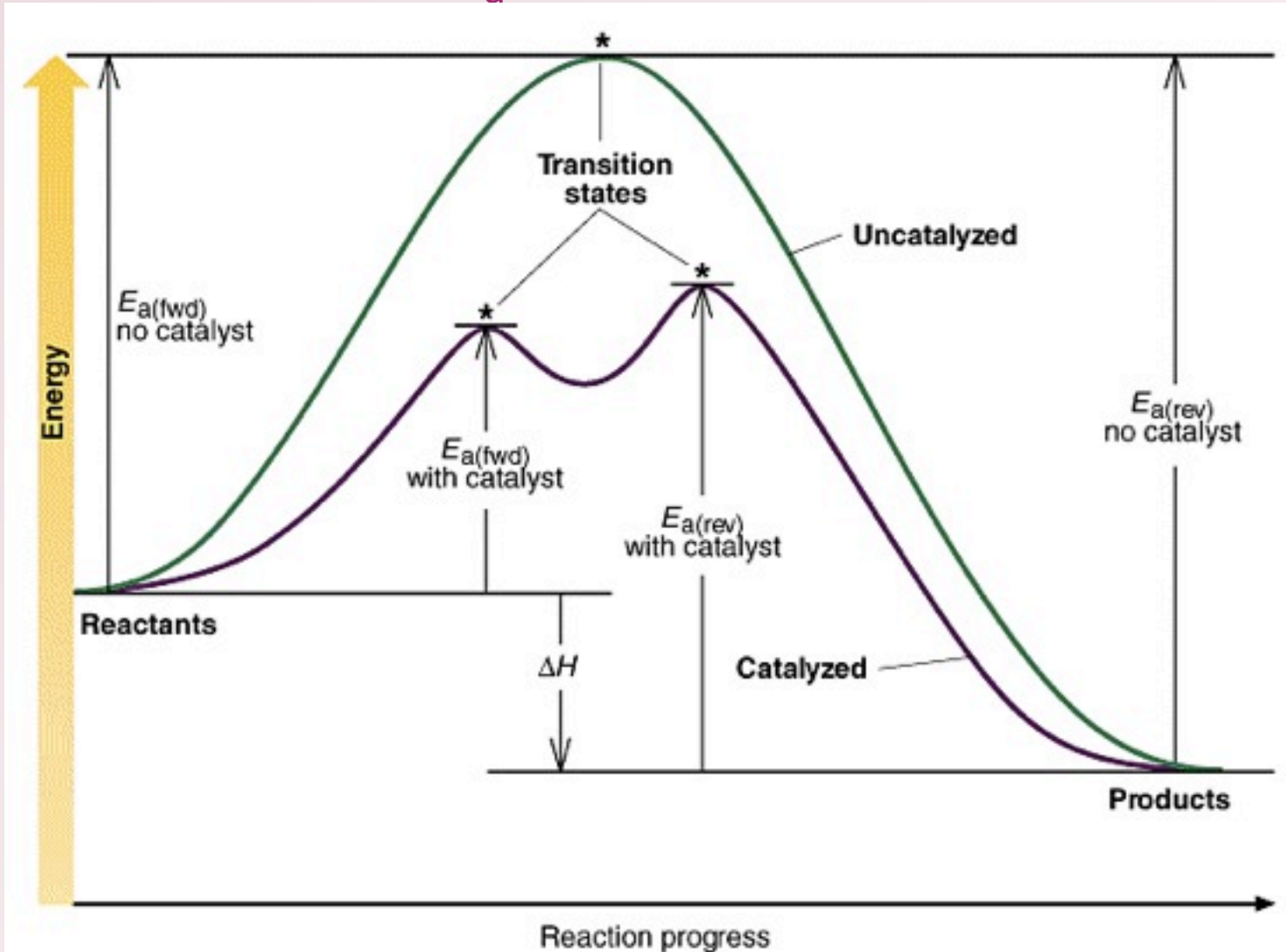
**homogeneous catalyst** - exist in the same phase as the reactants

**heterogeneous catalyst** - exist in a different phase as the reactants

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CATALYST:

Catalysts lower the  $E_a$  of a reaction

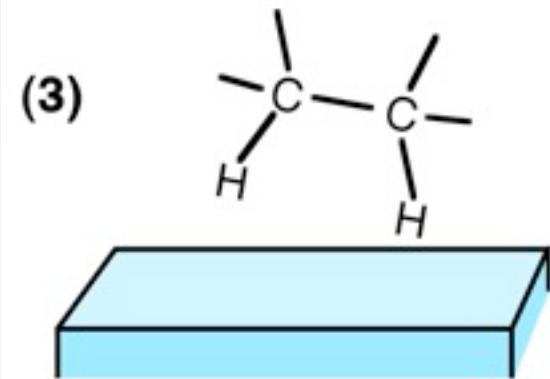
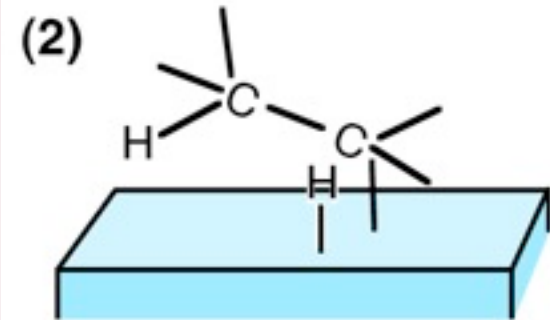
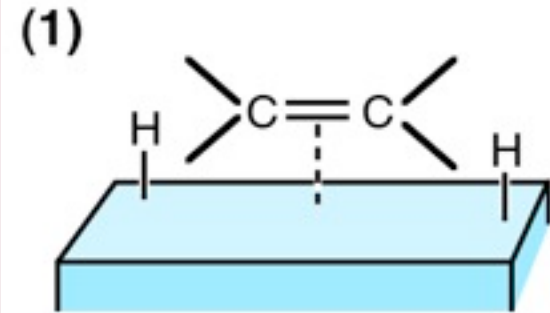


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CATALYST:

Catalysts:

- bend or stretch bonds to make them easier to break / react
- reduce  $E_A$  (make transition state easier)
- bring two reactants close together
- provide a microenvironment for reactions



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CATALYST:

**Inhibitors** - bind with the reactant or the catalyst to prevent the reaction from occurring and reducing reaction rate

