

# Section 16 - Reactions and Synthesis of Alcohols.

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## \* Nomenclature of Alcohols.

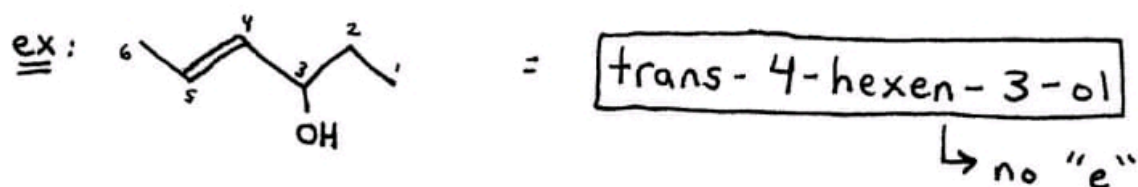
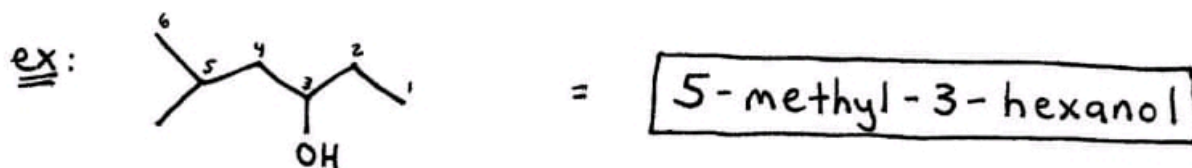
→ [Names → Structures] = most important to know.

→  $-OH$  = principle group

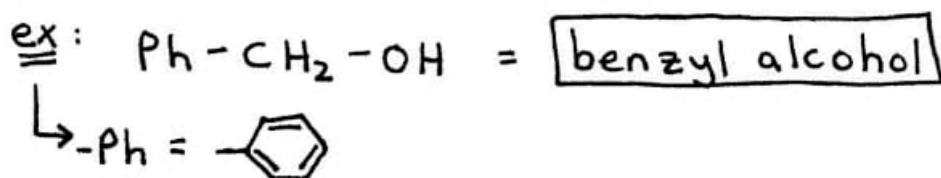
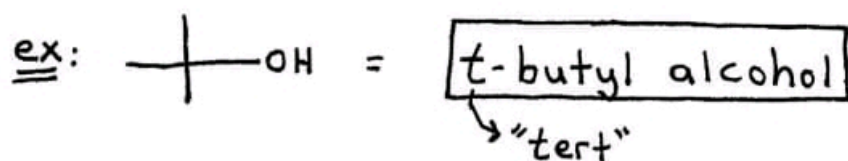
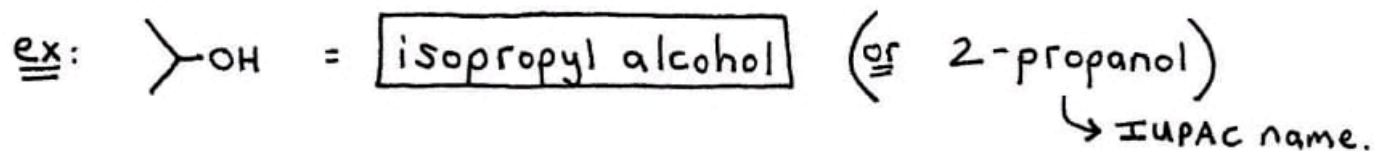
↳ principle chain contains the maximum # of  $-OH$  groups.

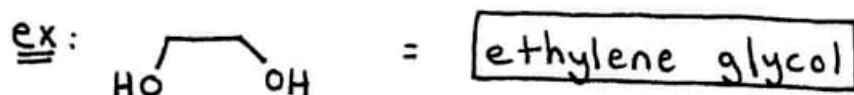
\* alkane → alkanol, alkanediol, etc...

\* when naming,  $-OH$  receives the lowest branch #.



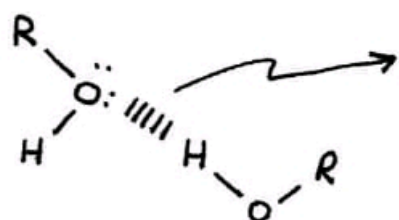
## \* Some Common Names of Alcohols.





### \* Alcohols and Hydrogen Bonding.

↳ Alcohols have relatively high boiling points due to hydrogen bonding.

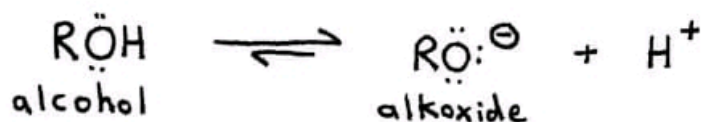
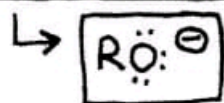


hydrogen bond is worth  
 $\sim$  5 kcal/mol

↳ bond dissociation energy (BDE) = 5 kcal/mol

### \* Acidities of Alcohols.

↳ an alcohol is most acidic when it forms a stable alkoxide anion.



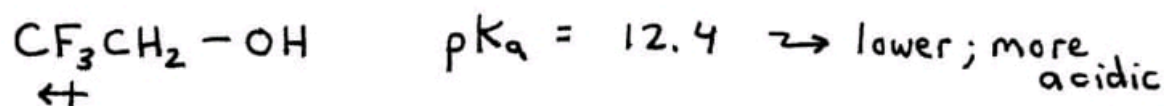
\* pK<sub>a</sub> = depends on the R-group.

measure of acidity.

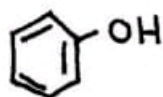
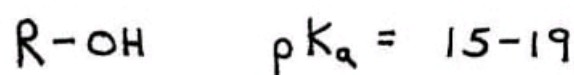
- ↳ factors that stabilize the alkoxide  $\text{RO}^\ominus$
- \* make the reaction more favorable, thereby
  - \* increasing the acidity of ROH and
  - \* decreasing the pK<sub>a</sub> of ROH.

↳ 3 Factors that Stabilize the Alkoxide RO<sup>⊖</sup> 16-3

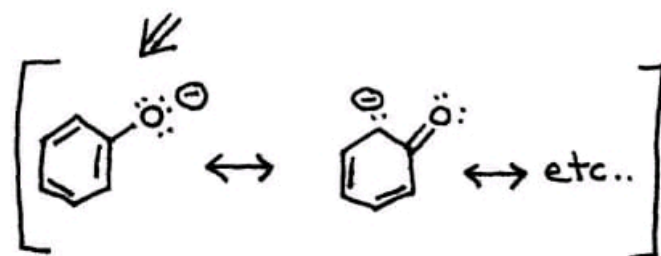
① Inductive Effects - electronegative substituents stabilize RO<sup>⊖</sup> by withdrawing e<sup>-</sup>-density through sigma bonds (σ-bonds).



② Resonance Effects - stabilizing the resulting anion, after "H<sup>+</sup> is donated away, by resonance, increases acidity.

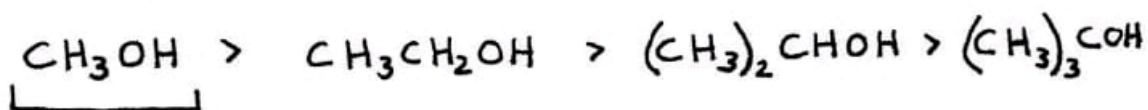


pK<sub>a</sub> = 10      ↗ negative charge of anion is resonance stabilized.



③ Branching.

↳ acidity decreases with increasing branching.  
↳ acid strengths:



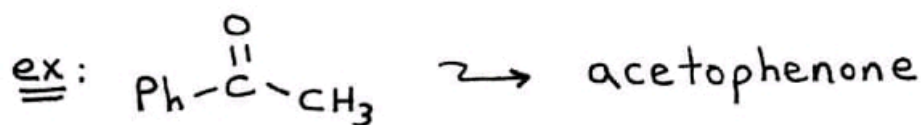
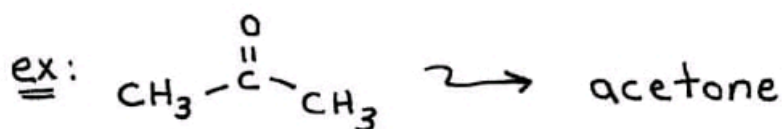
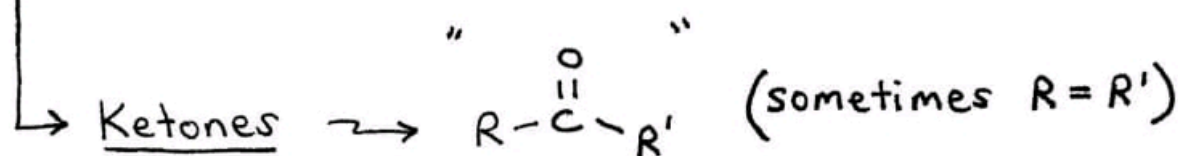
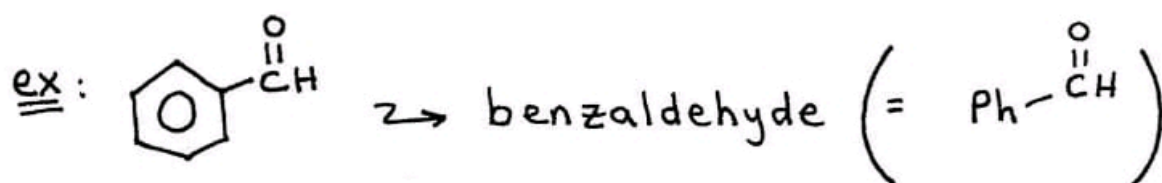
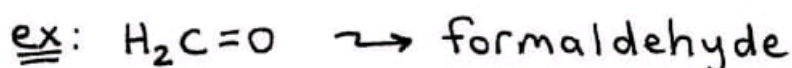
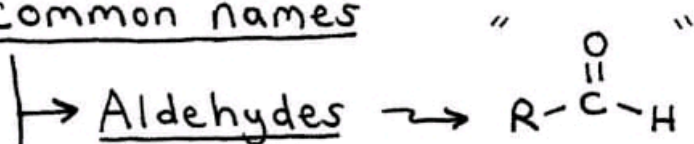
↳ least sterically hindered for hydrogen bonding in protic solvents.

Section 18 = Aldehydes and Ketones: Nucleophilic Addition Reactions.

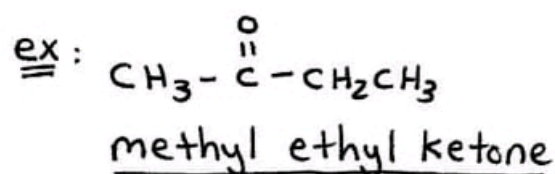
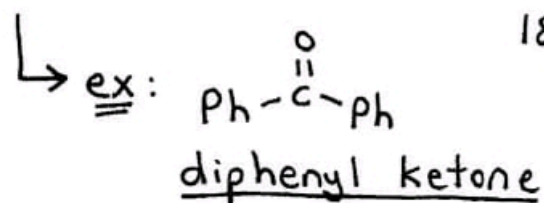
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\* Nomenclature

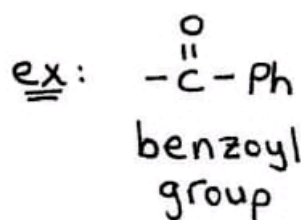
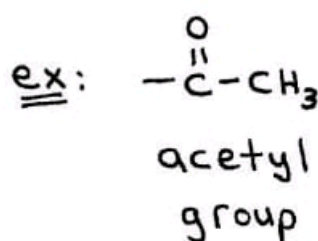
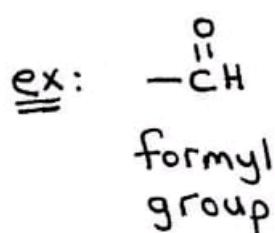
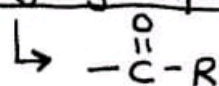
\* Common names



ketones sometimes named according to alkyl groups attached to  $\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{C}$



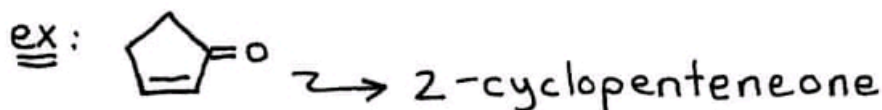
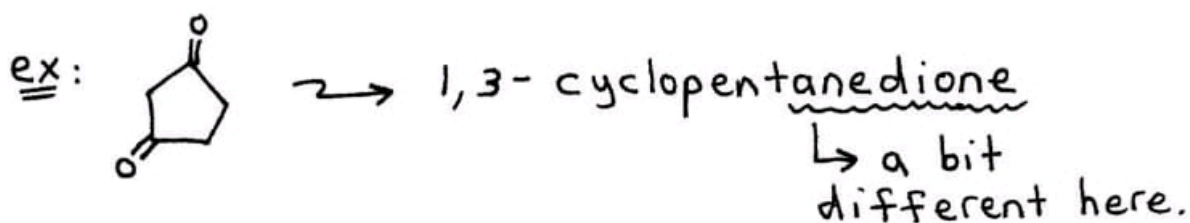
\* substituents or "branches" (acyl groups)



\* systematic (IUPAC) naming of ketones/aldehydes.

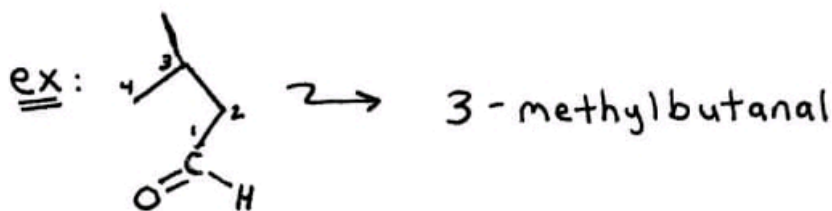
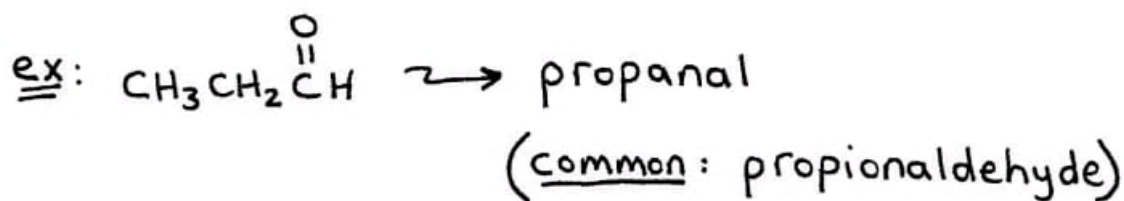
↳ the carbonyl group ( $\text{C}=\text{O}$ ) is the principal group, so it must be part of the principal structure

Ketones: alkane → alkanone

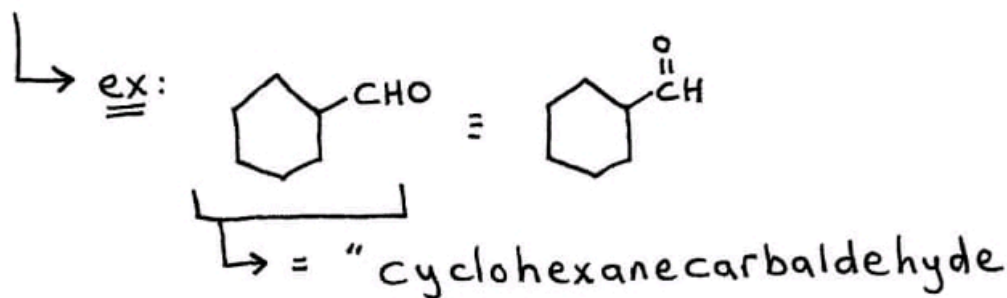


Aldehydes : Alkane  $\rightarrow$  Alkanal

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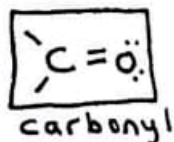
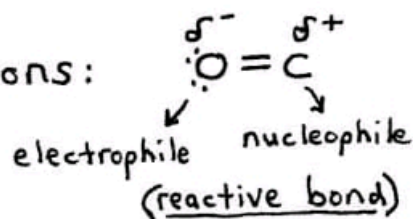
\*\* note: when  $-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CH}$  is attached to a ring, use the suffix -carbaldehyde.



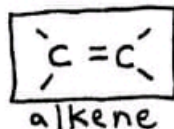
\* Strength.

$\rightarrow$  structure of  $\boxed{\text{C}=\text{O}}$  is both stronger and shorter than  $\boxed{\text{C}=\text{C}}$ .

$\rightarrow$  due to electrostatic reasons:



vs.



length: 1.21 Å

1.34 Å

BDE for both  $\sigma$  and  $\pi$ : 177 kcal/mol

148 kcal/mol

BDE for only  $\pi$ : 89 kcal/mol

65 kcal/mol

BDE = bond dissociation energy