

# Named Reactions Worksheet



Here is a worksheet consisting of 20 questions based on Named Reactions in Carbonyl Compounds. The key answers will be provided on the next page.

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## Worksheet: Named Reactions in Carbonyl Compounds

1. **Aldol Condensation:** Describe the mechanism of Aldol condensation and state the product formed when acetaldehyde undergoes this reaction.
2. **Cannizzaro Reaction:** Explain the Cannizzaro reaction and provide an example with formaldehyde.
3. **Perkin Reaction:** What is the Perkin reaction? Provide the reaction mechanism for the synthesis of cinnamic acid.
4. **Claisen-Schmidt Condensation:** Describe the Claisen-Schmidt reaction. What are the products when benzaldehyde reacts with acetone?
5. **Reimer-Tiemann Reaction:** Discuss the Reimer-Tiemann reaction and outline its application in the formylation of phenol.
6. **Baeyer-Villiger Oxidation:** What is Baeyer-Villiger oxidation? Explain the migration preference observed during this reaction.
7. **Clemmensen Reduction:** How does Clemmensen reduction reduce a carbonyl group? Write the reaction with acetophenone as the substrate.
8. **Wolff-Kishner Reduction:** Compare Wolff-Kishner reduction with Clemmensen reduction and illustrate the reaction of cyclohexanone with hydrazine.
9. **Friedel-Crafts Acylation:** Write the mechanism of Friedel-Crafts acylation for the synthesis of acetophenone.
10. **Tollens' Test:** Describe the Tollens' test and explain why aldehydes react with Tollens' reagent but ketones do not.
11. **Iodoform Test:** What is the significance of the iodoform test? Give an example of a carbonyl compound that gives a positive iodoform test.
12. **Gattermann-Koch Reaction:** Explain the Gattermann-Koch formylation reaction and its relevance in aromatic aldehyde synthesis.

- 13. Rosenmund Reduction:** Describe the Rosenmund reduction process and state its industrial significance.
  - 14. Oppenauer Oxidation:** What is the Oppenauer oxidation? Provide the reaction mechanism for the oxidation of secondary alcohols to ketones.
  - 15. Pinnick Oxidation:** How does Pinnick oxidation differ from other aldehyde oxidations? Provide the reagents used and the outcome.
  - 16. Hydroboration-Oxidation:** Explain the hydroboration-oxidation of alkenes and describe how it results in an anti-Markovnikov addition of water.
  - 17. Robinson Annulation:** What is the Robinson annulation? Illustrate its application in the synthesis of cyclohexenone.
  - 18. Michael Addition:** Define the Michael addition reaction and provide an example of a 1,4-conjugate addition to an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl compound.
  - 19. Knorr Pyrrole Synthesis:** How is pyrrole synthesized in the Knorr reaction? Outline the mechanism and its key intermediates.
  - 20. Haloform Reaction:** What is the haloform reaction? Show the reaction mechanism for acetone reacting with iodine in basic conditions.
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### Key Answers:

- Aldol condensation results in  $\beta$ -hydroxy aldehyde or ketone, followed by dehydration.
- In Cannizzaro reaction, formaldehyde undergoes disproportionation to form methanol and formic acid.
- Perkin reaction involves the synthesis of cinnamic acid from benzaldehyde and acetic anhydride.
- Claisen-Schmidt condensation produces chalcones when benzaldehyde reacts with acetone.
- Reimer-Tiemann reaction introduces a formyl group (-CHO) onto the ortho position of phenol.
- Baeyer-Villiger oxidation converts ketones to esters, with migration of the more substituted alkyl group.
- Clemmensen reduction converts ketones to alkanes using zinc amalgam in hydrochloric acid.
- Wolff-Kishner reduction also converts carbonyl groups to alkanes, using hydrazine and a base.
- Friedel-Crafts acylation generates acetophenone from benzene and acetyl chloride in the presence of  $\text{AlCl}_3$ .
- Tollens' test is positive for aldehydes but not ketones due to the ease of oxidation of aldehydes.
- The iodoform test is positive for methyl ketones like acetone, producing a yellow precipitate of iodoform.
- Gattermann-Koch reaction is used for introducing a formyl group into aromatic rings.
- Rosenmund reduction reduces acid chlorides to aldehydes using palladium and hydrogen.
- Oppenauer oxidation selectively oxidizes secondary alcohols to ketones using aluminum alkoxides.
- Pinnick oxidation uses sodium chlorite to oxidize aldehydes to carboxylic acids.
- Hydroboration-oxidation results in anti-Markovnikov hydration of alkenes to alcohols.
- Robinson annulation forms six-membered rings, including cyclohexenone derivatives.
- Michael addition involves 1,4-addition of nucleophiles to  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl compounds.

19. Knorr pyrrole synthesis involves the condensation of a 1,4-dicarbonyl compound with ammonia or primary amines.
  20. The haloform reaction produces a carboxylate ion and haloform from methyl ketones.
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This worksheet covers various important named reactions involving carbonyl compounds, allowing students to practice their understanding of reaction mechanisms and outcomes.