Paper Enzyme Activity

Background

Enzymes are proteins that help chemical reactions occur faster by lowering the energy that is needed for the reaction to occur. The enzymes react with a substrate to form an enzyme-substrate complex. Once this complex is formed, the enzyme will break the bonds in the substrate and a product will be formed. The enzyme is then able to react with more of the substrates. The enzyme is shaped so that it will only react with a specific substrate. The substrate must fit into the enzyme for the reaction to occur.

Purpose

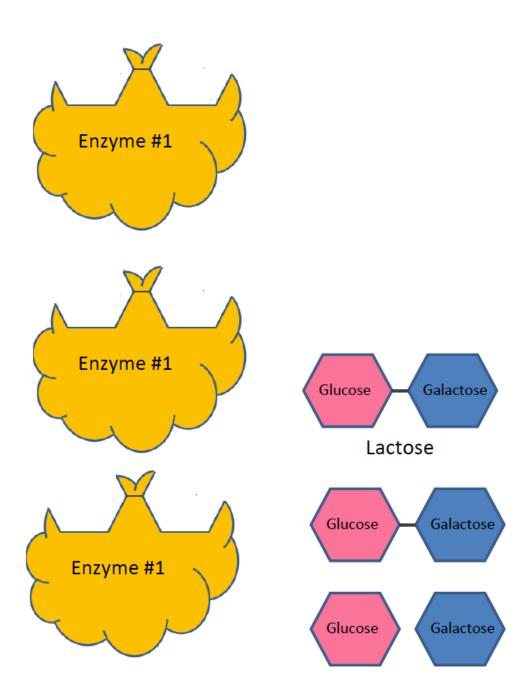
Your job will be to cut out, manipulate, glue and explain the reactions that are occurring with the pieces provided.

Procedure

- 1. Cut out all enzymes, products, and substrates.
- 2. Organize the cutouts so that all the pieces demonstrate the equation below.

Enzyme + substrate à enzyme-substrate complex à enzyme + product 1 + product 2

- 3. Glue the cutouts in the appropriate places.
- 4. Label the cutouts.
 - a. Enzyme= Lactase
 - b. Substrate= Lactose
 - c. Products= glucose and galactose
- 5. With the above terms explain the reaction and what happened.





EnzymeSubstrate Product Product
Enzyme Substrate Complex Enzyme 1 2