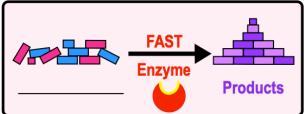
## **CONCEPT: ENZYMES**

•Enzyme: molecule that catalyzes (or "\_\_\_\_\_\_") a chemical reaction \_\_\_\_\_ being consumed.

□ **Substrates**: the reactants of a chemical reaction that is *catalyzed* by an enzyme.

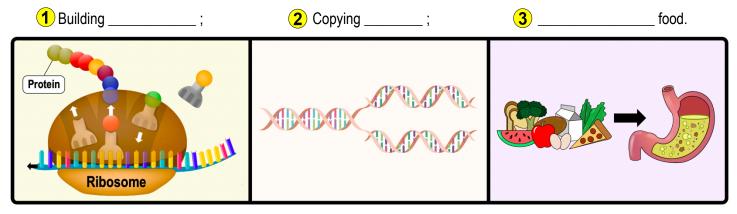
**EXAMPLE:** Non-Enzymatic vs. Enzymatic Reaction.





## **Functions of Enzymes**

• Enzymes have a variety of functions in living cells including:



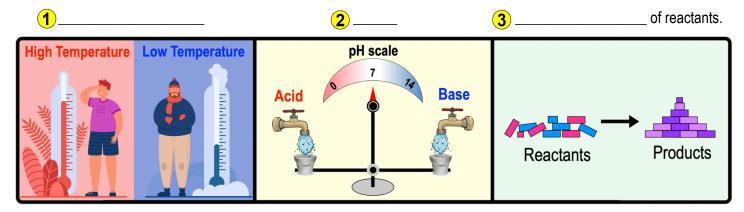
**PRACTICE:** Which of the following are examples of the functions of enzymes?

- a) A lactase enzyme breaking down lactose sugar in the small intestine.
- b) A DNA polymerase enzyme synthesizing new strands of DNA.
- c) A lipase enzyme breaking down fats (lipids) in the small intestine.
- d) A helicase enzyme unraveling DNA so it can be replicated.
- e) All of the above.

## **CONCEPT: ENZYMES**

## **Environmental Factors Affecting Enzyme Activity**

- Enzyme Activity: a *measure* of the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ an enzyme can produce in a certain amount of time.
- Many environmental factors affect an enzyme's activity:



- Recall: Several environmental factors (ex. high temp. or acidity) can cause a protein or enzyme to \_\_\_\_\_\_.
  - □ Denatured enzymes lose their shape & would therefore have \_\_\_\_\_ activity.

**EXAMPLE**: Certain species of bacteria are able to perform metabolic reactions (involving enzymes) in hot springs because:

- a) They are able to maintain a lower internal temperature.
- b) High temperatures make catalysis unnecessary.
- c) Their enzymes have high optimal temperatures.
- d) Their enzymes are completely insensitive to temperature.

**PRACTICE:** Which characteristics are likely associated with an enzyme isolated from a human stomach where conditions are strongly acidic.

- a) An enzyme that functions properly at 70 degrees Fahrenheit and at a neutral pH.
- b) An enzyme that functions properly at 98 degrees Fahrenheit and at an acidic pH.
- c) An enzyme that functions properly at 98 degrees Fahrenheit and at a neutral pH.
- d) An enzyme that functions properly at 70 degrees Fahrenheit and at an acidic pH.