

CONCEPT: REDOX REACTIONS

● **Oxidation-Reduction** () **Reaction:** *transfers* (e⁻) between molecules.

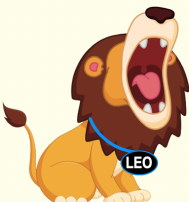
- **Oxidation:** the process of one or more electrons.
- **Reduction:** the process of one or more electrons (overall charge is reduced).
- Oxidation & reduction reactions always occur (at the same time).

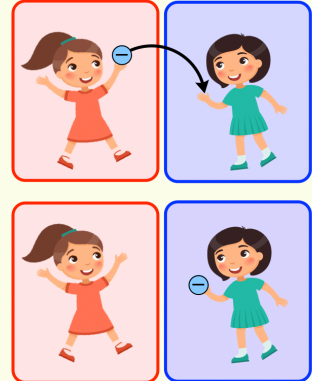
EXAMPLE: Redox Reaction (**LEO** the Lion goes **GER**).

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lose electrons oxidation

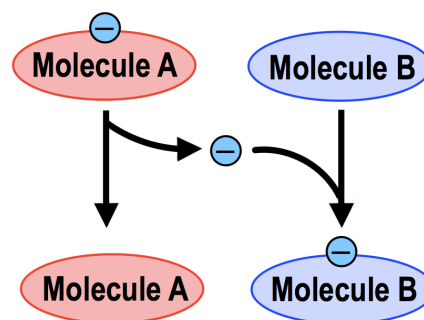
gain electrons reduction





EXAMPLE: Which of the following molecules is oxidized and which is reduced?

- a) Molecule A is oxidized ; Molecule B is reduced.
- b) Molecule A is reduced ; Molecule B is oxidized.
- c) Both Molecule A & Molecule B are reduced.
- d) Both Molecule A & Molecule B are oxidized.



PRACTICE: Oxidation is the _____, and reduction is the _____.

- a) Gain of electrons ; Loss of electrons.
- b) Gain of protons ; Loss of protons.
- c) Loss of electrons ; Gain of electrons.
- d) Gain of oxygen ; Loss of oxygen.

PRACTICE: When glucose donates electrons to NAD⁺ creating NADH, the glucose molecule becomes:

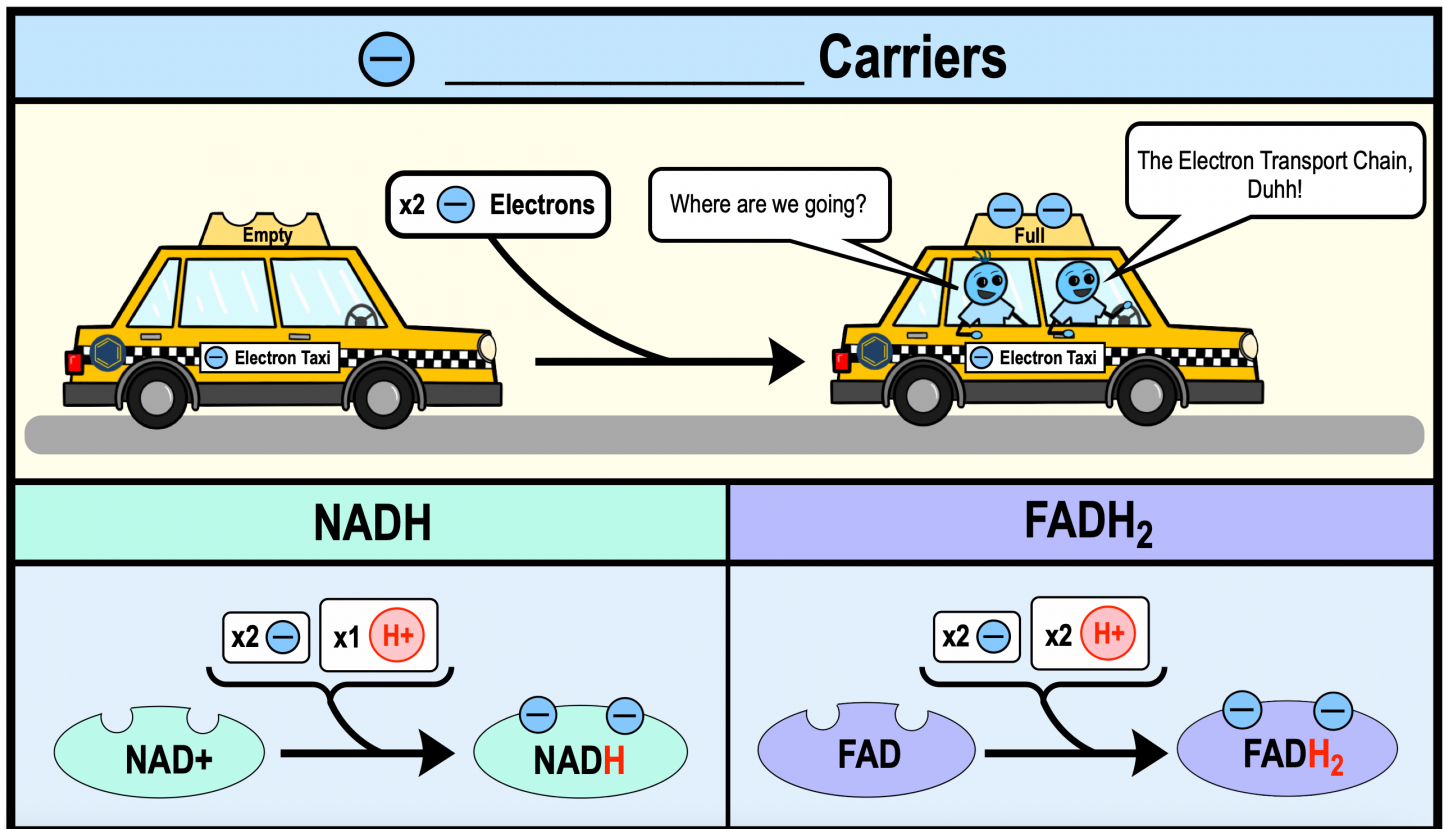
- a) Hydrolyzed.
- b) Oxidized.
- c) Neutral.
- d) Reduced.

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Electron Carriers: NADH & FADH₂

- Many biological processes (including *Cellular Respiration*) conduct redox reactions using *electron* _____.
- Electron carriers such as _____ & _____ each carry/transport _____ electrons.
- NADH & FADH₂ can shuttle electrons to different locations within a cell like an electron “_____” cab.
- NAD⁺ & FAD are the _____ forms of NADH & FADH₂, respectively.

EXAMPLE: Formation of NADH and FADH₂.



- Helpful Memory Tool:* think that NAD____ and FAD____₂ are just a little bit “____eavier.”
- During *Cellular Respiration*, electrons carried by NADH & FADH₂ go to the *Electron Transport Chain*.

PRACTICE: An electron carrier before it harvests energy from glucose molecules in a series of gradual steps is:

- a) Pyruvate. b) AMP. c) ATP. d) NAD⁺. e) NADH.