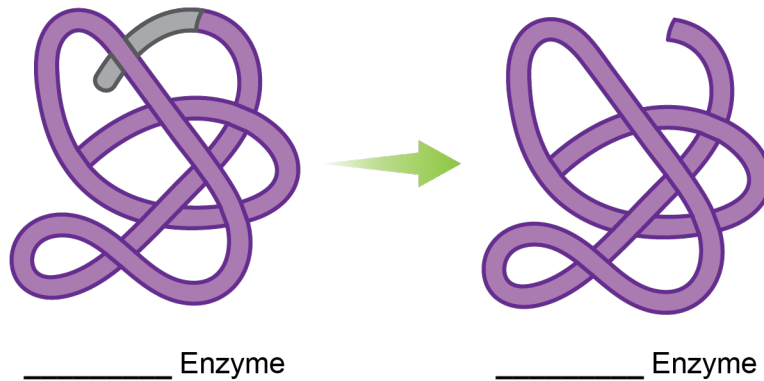


### CONCEPT: ENZYME REGULATION: COVALENT MODIFICATION

- Enzyme activity can be regulated by \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ of groups on the enzyme polypeptide chain.
  - Two types: 1) Zymogens (\_\_\_\_\_) and 2) Phosphorylation/dephosphorylation

### Zymogens

- Zymogens are enzymes produced in \_\_\_\_\_ form with an extra polypeptide segment.
  - Activated by \_\_\_\_\_ of the extra polypeptide segment by hydrolysis.



**EXAMPLE:** Which of the following statements is not relevant to zymogens?

- a) Zymogens are inactive because the excess polypeptide chain alters their overall structure.
- b) Enzyme activation by loss of some part of peptide chain is a type of covalent modification.
- c) Trypsinogen is converted into active trypsin by the hydrolysis of a hexapeptide segment from its backbone.
- d) Citrate can attach to a non-active site of the phosphofructokinase enzyme and decrease its activity.

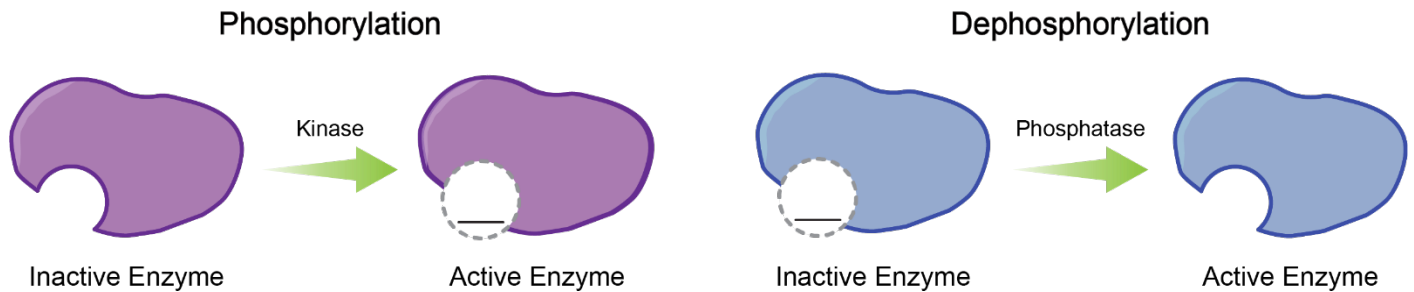
**PRACTICE:** Match the terms (a) allosteric control, (b) feedback control, and (c) zymogen activation with each of the following:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Pepsinogen is converted into its active form (pepsin) by losing 44 amino acids from its primary structure.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A small molecule attaches to the enzyme and makes an active site available to a substrate.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The end-product of a metabolic pathway decreases the activity of the enzyme in the first step.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Alanine binds to pyruvate kinase and reduces active site availability for the enzyme's substrate.

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### Phosphorylation/Dephosphorylation

- Addition or removal of \_\_\_\_\_ groups to the enzyme polypeptide chain alters enzyme activity.



**EXAMPLE:** Which of the following is true about covalent modification?

- a) A zymogen loses its activity when a peptide segment is removed from its primary structure.
- b) Addition or removal of a phosphate group has no effect on enzyme activity.
- c) A zymogen is activated by removal of hydroxy groups from its polypeptide backbone.
- d) Phosphatase removes a phosphate group from an enzyme by breaking a covalent bond.

**PRACTICE:** Match the terms (a) allosteric control, (b) feedback control, (c) zymogen activation, and

(d) phosphorylation/dephosphorylation with each of the following:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Proline inhibits glutamate 5-kinase, the enzyme in the first step of the biosynthesis of proline from glutamate.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Glycogen synthase loses its catalytic activity when it is phosphorylated.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Proelastase is converted to its active form elastase when it loses some part of its polypeptide backbone.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Adenosine monophosphate binds to phosphofructokinase-1 and increases its activity.