## **CONCEPT:** ACETALS AS PROTECTING GROUPS

There is a huge difference in reactivity between a carbonyl and an acetal. Which do you think is more reactive?

Acetals are used to protect sensitive aldehydes and ketones from reaction with other reagents, since they are *reversible*.

**EXAMPLE:** Propose a reagent to perform the following transformation. More than one reagent *may* be required.

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