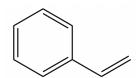
- Benzylic hydrogens are _____ due to stable intermediate anions.
 - □ Ordinary Benzylic carbanion: only stabilized by _____.
 - □ **Pyridine carbanion:** stabilized by _____ and ____ of the electronegative N atom.

Benzylic Carbanion Formation	
Reaction	Relative pKa
H :Base	
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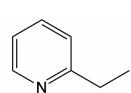
Benzylic position can be deprotonated by strong bases such as ______ or ____.

EXAMPLE: Arrange the following compounds in order of increasing acidity.

a)



b)

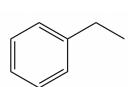


Benzylic Position

c)



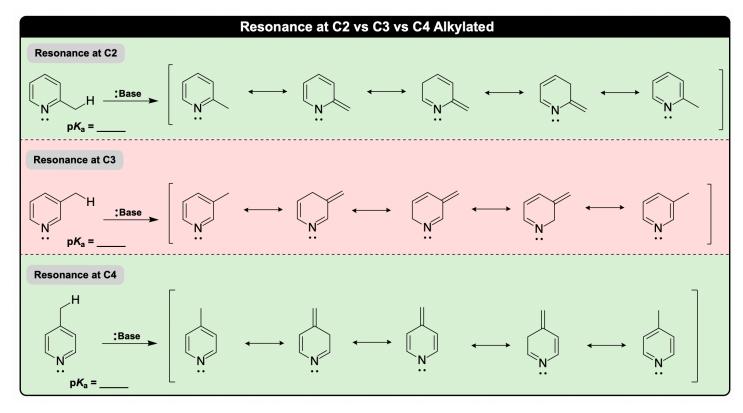
d)



Resonance Structures

• Certain side chain positions of alkylated pyridines are _____ acidic than others.

□ _____ and ____ alkylated pyridines are more acidic because of the ___ charge on the electronegative N atom.



EXAMPLE: Provide all the resonance structures formed when 4-ethylpyridine reacts with sodium amide.

Addition Reaction

- The conjugate base of pyridine reacts in a similar way to the _____ anion of carbonyl chemistry.
 - □ **Recall:** Aldehydes and ketones can react with an enolate anion via an ______

• Benzylic carbon compounds tend to readily form _____, ___ unsaturated products.

EXAMPLE: Using 2-methylpyridine as a starting material, predict the final product based on the list of reagents given?

PRACTICE: Provide the mechanism and final product from the reaction given.

PRACTICE: Starting from pyridine, show the reagents necessary to make the following compound.

