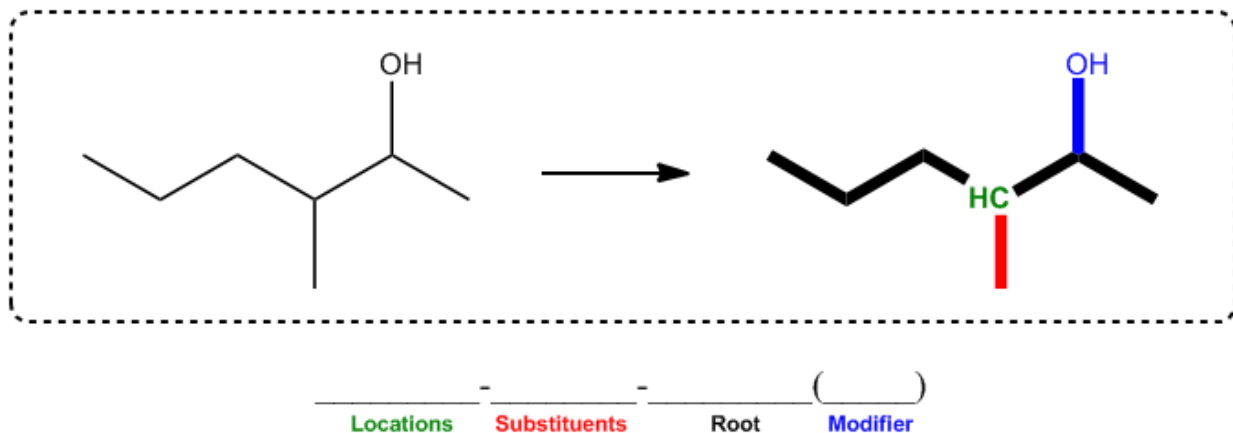


## CONCEPT: ALKANE NOMENCLATURE

- Before 1919, chemists literally had to memorize thousands of random (common) chemical names.
- IUPAC naming provides a systematic method to give every chemical structure a unique, unambiguous chemical name .



## CONCEPT: ALKANE PREFIXES

We will use the following set of rules to systemically name alkanes:

Rule #1. Number the **longest carbon chain** and assign a root name accordingly.

- If there is a tie between longest chains, choose the chain that gives \_\_\_\_\_ substituents.

### Alkane Prefixes

|   |  |    |  |
|---|--|----|--|
| 1 |  | 7  |  |
| 2 |  | 8  |  |
| 3 |  | 9  |  |
| 4 |  | 10 |  |
| 5 |  | 11 |  |
| 6 |  | 12 |  |

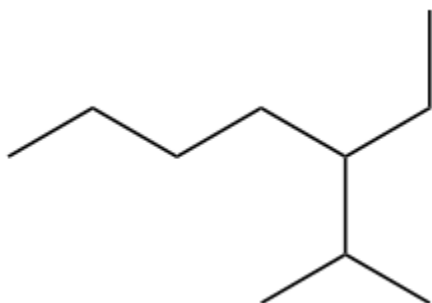
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Rule #2: **Decide the direction** of the root chain starting from the closest substituent

- If there is a tie between substituents, compare the \_\_\_\_\_ substituents
- If there is STILL a tie, determine direction using \_\_\_\_\_.

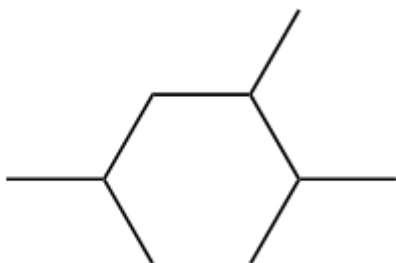
**EXAMPLE:** Name the longest carbon chain and determine the direction of the root chain

a.



**EXAMPLE:** Name the longest carbon chain and determine the direction of the root chain

b.



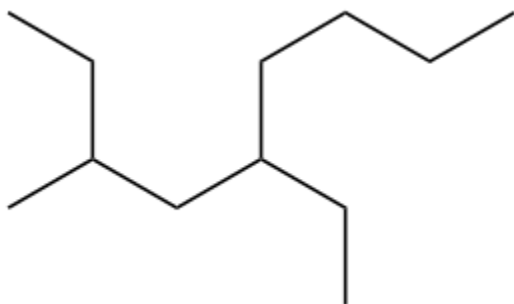
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Rule #3: Designate numerical **locations** of substituents

- When one or more substituents are identical, use the prefixes \_\_\_\_\_ (2), \_\_\_\_\_ (3), \_\_\_\_\_ (4).
- Represent substituents using **-yl** suffix on alkane groups. (alkanes become alkyls)

**EXAMPLE:** Name the **root** chain, determine the **direction** of the root chain and then **identify & locate** all substituents

c.



Rule #4: Name substituents in alphabetical order (prefixes don't count toward this!)

Rule #5: Use \_\_\_\_\_ to separate numbers from numbers, \_\_\_\_\_ to separate letters from numbers.

**EXAMPLE:** Provide the IUPAC name for the following alkane:

d.

