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Enzymes are specific, so each reaction in the network of metabolism needs its own enzyme; controlling enzymes controls metabolism.

Enzymes are catalysts that speed up reactions so they happen fast enough at body temperature, without being used up.

The active site is only a few amino acids, held in the right positions by interactions throughout the 3D structure.

Anabolism: building macromolecules by condensation (protein synthesis, glycogen, photosynthesis). Catabolism: hydrolysis in digestion, oxidation in respiration.

Substrate and active site must collide. Sometimes large substrates or membrane-embedded enzymes are immobilised, so only the other moves.

Both substrate and enzyme change shape when the substrate binds to the active site.

More kinetic energy, so more frequent substrate-active site collisions, and more with enough energy to react.

A change to the 3D structure of an enzyme (high temperature or extreme pH) so the active site no longer binds the substrate.

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Why does rate level off at high substrate concentration?

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How do you find the initial rate from a curve?

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Activation energy

Draw a tangent at time zero and calculate its gradient (change in product $\div$ time).

All active sites are occupied; enzyme concentration becomes limiting.

Energy needed to break bonds in the substrate to start a reaction. Enzymes lower it; the overall energy change is unchanged.