

# Do it now:

What is a catalyst?

A substance that **speeds up a reaction** by providing an alternative reaction pathway with a **lower activation energy**.

Describe the effect of increasing temperature on the rate of reaction.

At higher temperatures particles have **more kinetic energy**, so there are **more frequent successful collisions** and a **faster rate of reaction**.

What is the symbol for a reversible reaction? How do reversible reactions reach equilibrium?

Reversible reactions reach equilibrium when the **rate of the forward reaction** equals the **rate of the backwards reaction**.



If a reversible reaction gives out 50J of energy in the forward reaction, describe the energy transfer in the backward direction.

In the backward direction, it would **TAKE IN 50J**.

What are the effects of nitrogen oxides and sulphur dioxide on human health and on the environment?

Both pollutants cause **global dimming** (less sunlight can reach the Earth's surface) and **respiratory problems**.

What is the difference between complete and incomplete combustion?

**Complete combustion:**  
- Occurs when there is a lot of oxygen, forms **carbon dioxide**  
**Incomplete combustion:**  
- Occurs when there is **not** a lot of oxygen, forms **carbon monoxide**

# Crude oil

**Crude oil** is a dark, smelly liquid formed from the remains of **plants** and **animals** that have decayed over **millions** of years.



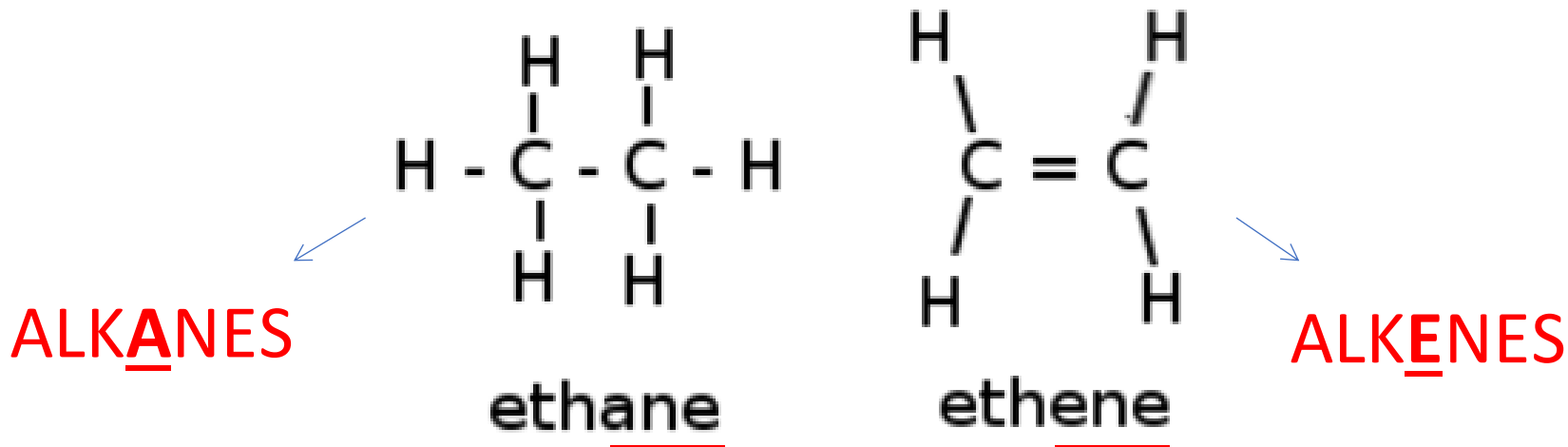
## Key definition:



**Crude oil** is made up of a mixture of lots of hydrocarbons. It is extracted from the ground and refined to produce fuels that can be burned to release energy.

# Crude oil

Two 'families' of hydrocarbons are **alkanes** and **alkenes**. Both contain covalent bonds between carbon and hydrogen atoms:



- Contain ONLY *single C-H bonds = saturated*
- Name ends in 'ane'

- Contain *double C-H bonds = unsaturated*
- Name ends in 'ene'

# Alkanes

**Rule 1:** Alkanes will ALWAYS end in -ane.

**Rule 2:** The start of the name depends on how many carbon atoms the molecule has...



Number of carbon atoms	Beginning of the word	Remember!!
1	Meth-	<b>Monkeys</b>
2	Eth-	<b>Eat</b>
3	Prop-	<b>Peanut</b>
4	But-	<b>Butter</b>

The general formula for alkanes is:



This 'family' of hydrocarbons is known as a **homologous series**

# Alkanes

**Task:** Complete the table...

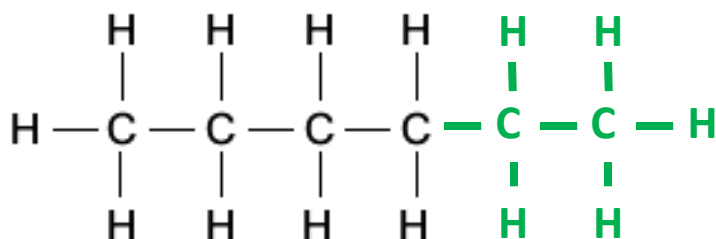
No. of carbon atoms	Name	Molecular formula	Structure
1	Methane	CH <sub>4</sub>	<pre>  H     H - C - H       H</pre>
2	Ethane	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	<pre>  H H       H - C - C - H         H H</pre>
3	Propane	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	<pre>  H H H         H - C - C - C - H           H H H</pre>
4	Butane	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	<pre>  H H H H           H - C - C - C - C - H             H H H H</pre>

# Exam practice

1. Crude oil is a mixture of hydrocarbons. Most of these hydrocarbons are alkanes.

(a) The general formula of an alkane is  $C_nH_{2n+2}$

Complete the structural formula for the alkane that has **six** carbon atoms in its molecules.



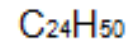
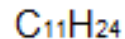
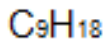
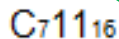
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(b) Give the formula of propane.



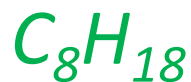
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(c) Circle which of the following is **not** an alkane.



(1)

(d) What is the formula of octane?

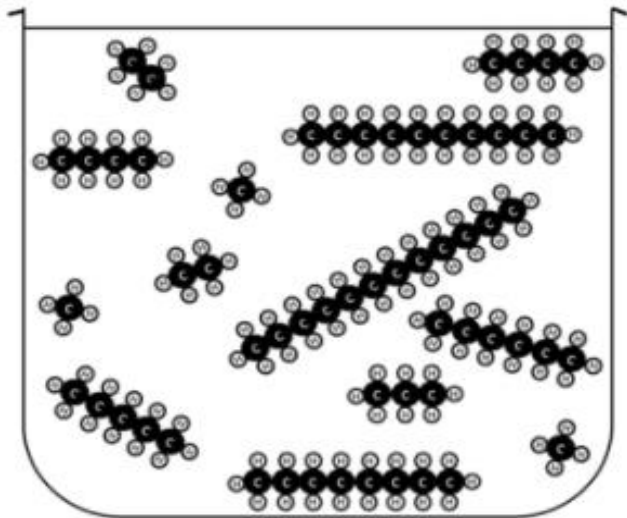


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# Fractional distillation

## BEFORE (crude oil)

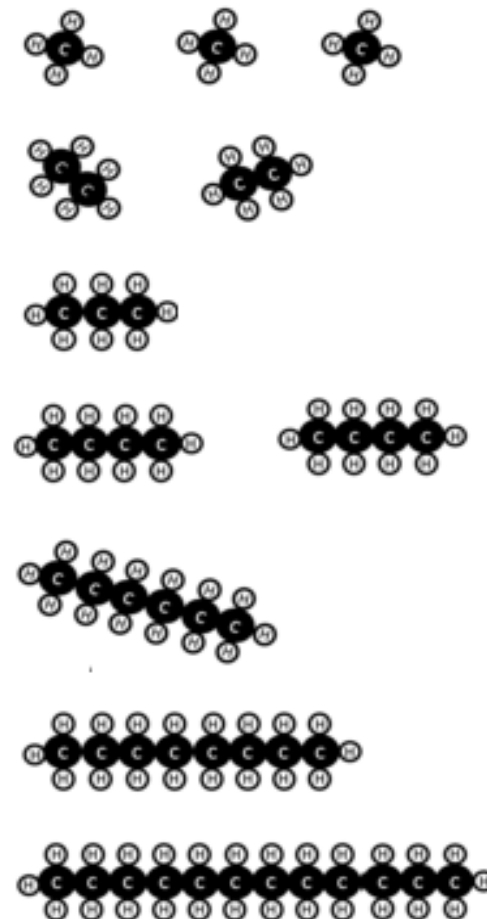
- Mixture of hydrocarbons
- Not useful as a fuel



Fractional distillation

## AFTER (fractions)

- Hydrocarbons are separated
- Useful as fuels!



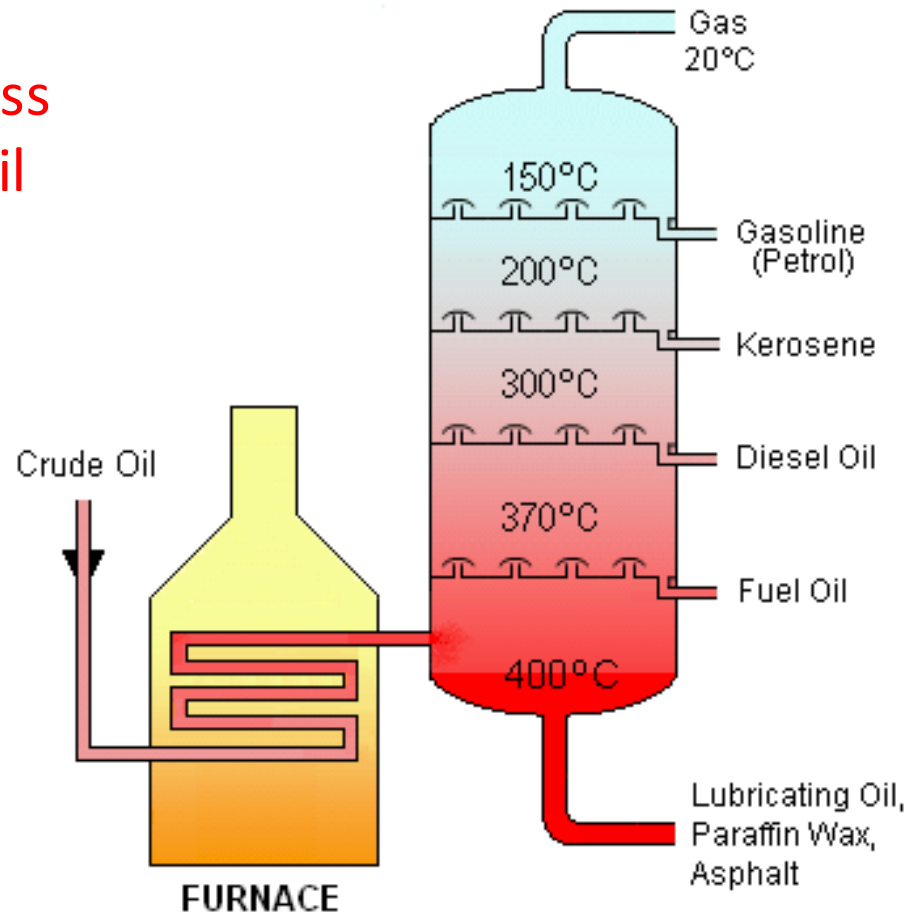
**Key definition:**



A **fraction** is a set of hydrocarbon molecules of similar size and similar boiling points.

**Fractional distillation** is a process that is used to separate crude oil into its fractions depending on their boiling points.

Fractional distillation occurs in a **column** that is hot at the bottom and cold at the top:





The column is **hot at the bottom** and **cooler at the top**



Crude oil is **heated** at the bottom of the column




The crude oil turns into vapour which **rises** up the column



The vapours **condense at their boiling points** and become liquid



Different fractions have different boiling points so they condense at different levels



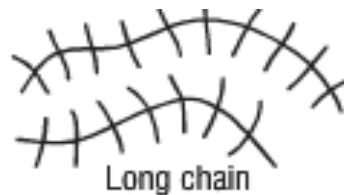
**Longer** hydrocarbons have **higher boiling points** so they condense at the **bottom**



**Smaller** hydrocarbons have **lower boiling points** so they condense at the **top**



Size of molecule



**Longer carbon chain:**

- *higher* boiling point
- *higher* viscosity
- *lower* flammability
- *lower* volatility



**Boiling point**  
The temperature at which the liquid boils or the gas condenses



**Volatility**  
The tendency to turn into a gas



**Viscosity**  
How easily it flows

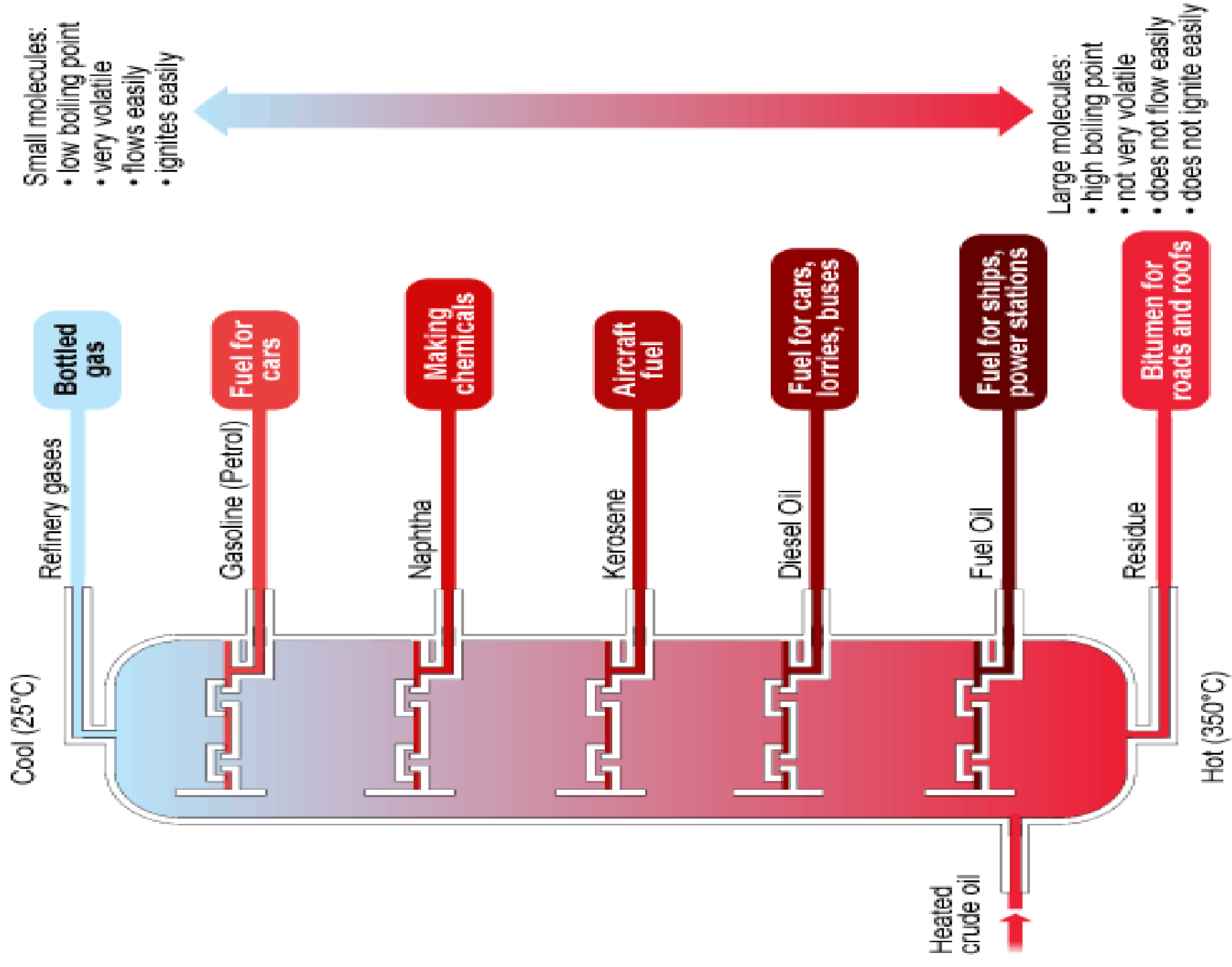


**Flammability**  
How easily it burns

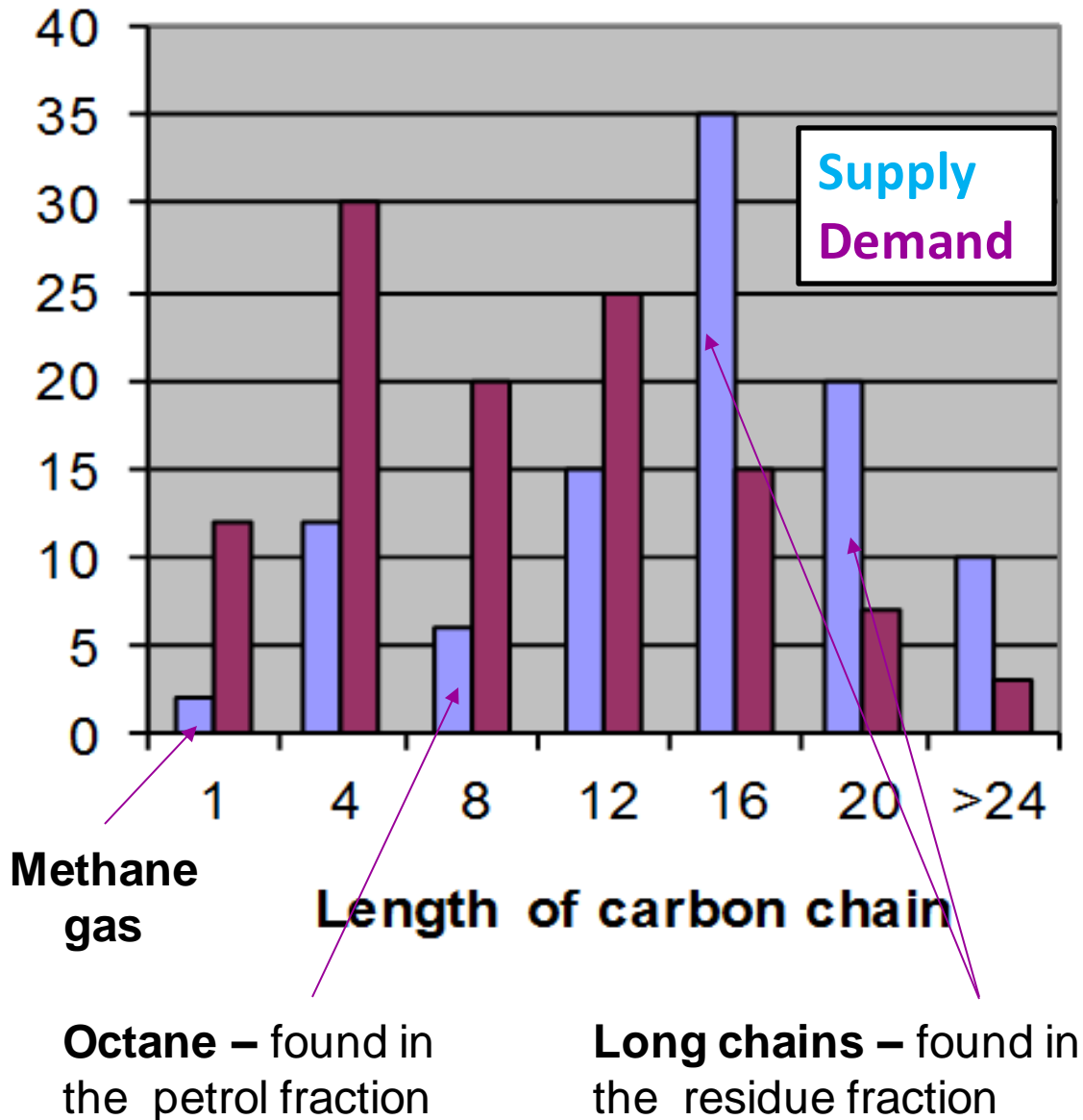


In **larger** molecules, with long chain lengths, there are **more** intermolecular forces.

**More energy** is required to overcome these forces which is why the **boiling point increases** with chain length.



# Cracking



## Key definition:

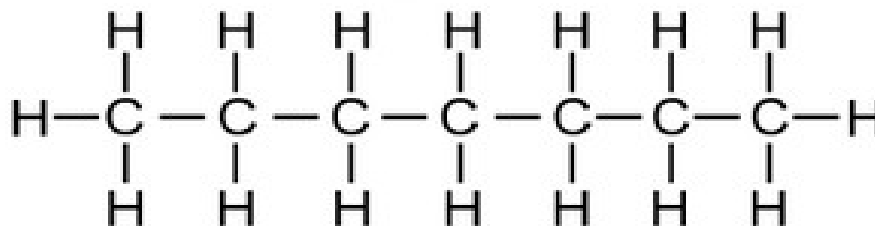
Cracking is a process in which long chain hydrocarbons can be broken down into **shorter (and more useful) hydrocarbons.**

Cracking always produces **shorter alkanes** (which can be used for fuel) and **shorter alkenes** (which are used to make **polymers**).

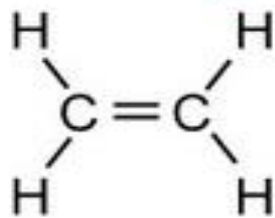
Smaller **alkanes** and **alkenes** are always formed during cracking. The alkane is used for fuels like petrol and the alkenes are used to make polymers.

*Note, there are the same number of C and H atoms before and after!*

**Heptane, C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>16</sub>**

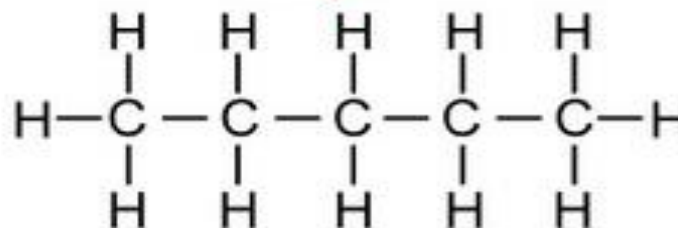


**Ethene**  
**C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>**



**ALKENE**

**Used for fuels**



**Pentane**  
**C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>12</sub>**

**ALKANE**

**Used to make polymers**

# There are **two types** of cracking

## 1. **CATALYTIC CRACKING**

= temperature of approximately 550°C and a catalyst.

## 2. **STEAM CRACKING**

= higher temperature of approximately 800°C, no catalyst.

Catalytic cracking is usually used in industry because it can happen at **lower temperatures** which **saves energy** and therefore **saves money!**

**Alkenes** will react with **orange-brown bromine water** to turn it **colourless (NOT CLEAR!)**.

**Alkanes** will not react and will remain orange/brown.



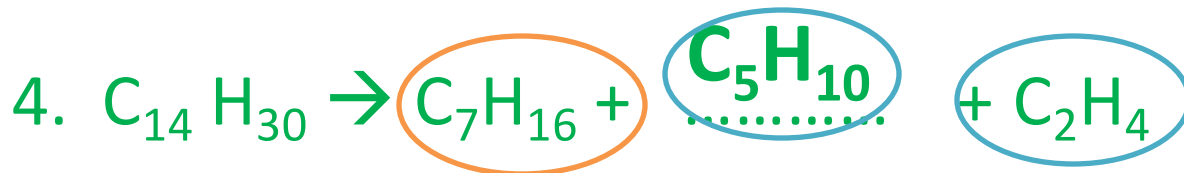
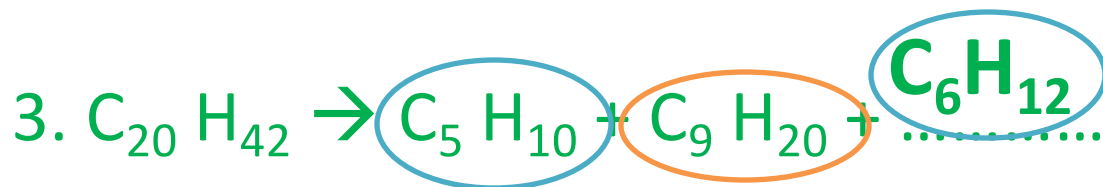
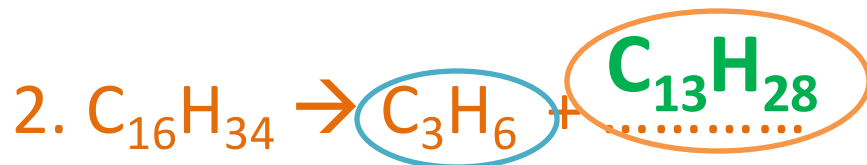
Orange/brown bromine water



Turns **colourless** when **alkene** is added

**Remember! The number of carbons and hydrogens is the same on both sides of the arrow.**

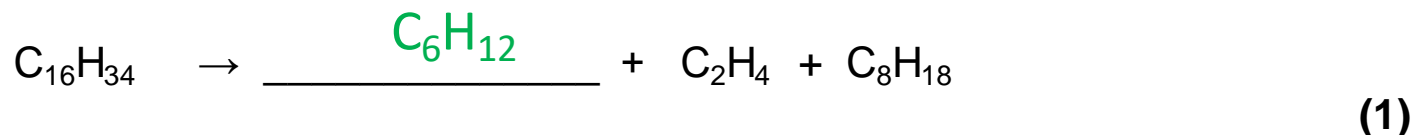
Complete the following equations:



*Challenge – Identify which products are alkanes and which products are alkenes!*

# Exam practice

Q1. (a) The hydrocarbon  $C_{16}H_{34}$  can be cracked. Balance the equation below:



(b) Describe the differences between cracking and fractional distillation.

Cracking uses a catalyst, distillation doesn't. Cracking is a chemical process that breaks up molecules, distillation is a physical process that separates molecules. (2)

(c) What type of reaction is cracking?

Combustion

Decomposition

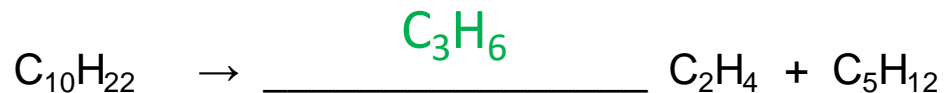
Neutralisation

Precipitation

(1)

Q2. This question is about hydrocarbons. Most of the hydrocarbons in crude oil are alkanes. Large alkane molecules can be cracked to produce more useful molecules.

The equation shows the cracking of dodecane.



(a) Complete the equation above. (1)

(b) Give two conditions used to crack large alkane molecules. High temperature, catalyst. (2)



# 1. Complete combustion

**Complete combustion** occurs when there is lots of oxygen available to burn the fuel in:



**Task:** Write a **word equation** to represent the two reactions below. Identify the reactants and products.

1. Complete combustion of methane ( $\text{CH}_4$ ):

2. Complete combustion of ethane ( $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$ ):

**Challenge!:** Write a **balanced** symbol equation for the two reactions.

## 2. Incomplete Combustion

Incomplete combustion occurs when there is not very much oxygen available to burn the fuel in.

There are two products that can be made in incomplete combustion:

'fuel' + oxygen → carbon monoxide + water  
(CO)

= a poisonous gas that stops oxygen bonding to red blood cells

'fuel' + oxygen → carbon + water  
(C)

↓  
= soot



### 5.7.1.1 Crude oil, hydrocarbons and alkanes

#### Content

Crude oil is a finite resource found in rocks. Crude oil is the remains of an ancient biomass consisting mainly of plankton that was buried in mud.

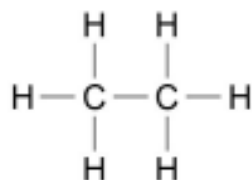
Crude oil is a mixture of a very large number of compounds. Most of the compounds in crude oil are hydrocarbons, which are molecules made up of hydrogen and carbon atoms only.

Most of the hydrocarbons in crude oil are hydrocarbons called alkanes. The general formula for the homologous series of alkanes is  $C_nH_{2n+2}$

The first four members of the alkanes are methane, ethane, propane and butane.

Alkane molecules can be represented in the following forms:

$C_2H_6$  or



Students should be able to recognise substances as alkanes given their formulae in these forms.

Students do not need to know the names of specific alkanes other than methane, ethane, propane and butane.

Red	Amber	Green

## 5.7.1.2 Fractional distillation and petrochemicals

### Content

The many hydrocarbons in crude oil may be separated into fractions, each of which contains molecules with a similar number of carbon atoms, by fractional distillation.

The fractions can be processed to produce fuels and feedstock for the petrochemical industry.

Many of the fuels on which we depend for our modern lifestyle, such as petrol, diesel oil, kerosene, heavy fuel oil and liquefied petroleum gases, are produced from crude oil.

Many useful materials on which modern life depends are produced by the petrochemical industry, such as solvents, lubricants, polymers, detergents.

The vast array of natural and synthetic carbon compounds occur due to the ability of carbon atoms to form families of similar compounds.

Students should be able to explain how fractional distillation works in terms of evaporation and condensation.

Knowledge of the names of other specific fractions or fuels is not required.

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### 5.7.1.3 Properties of hydrocarbons

#### Content

Some properties of hydrocarbons depend on the size of their molecules, including boiling point, viscosity and flammability. These properties influence how hydrocarbons are used as fuels.

Students should be able to recall how boiling point, viscosity and flammability change with increasing molecular size.

The combustion of hydrocarbon fuels releases energy. During combustion, the carbon and hydrogen in the fuels are oxidised. The complete combustion of a hydrocarbon produces carbon dioxide and water.

Students should be able to write balanced equations for the complete combustion of hydrocarbons with a given formula.

Knowledge of trends in properties of hydrocarbons is limited to:

- boiling points
- viscosity
- flammability.

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### 5.7.1.4 Cracking and alkenes

#### Content

Hydrocarbons can be broken down (cracked) to produce smaller, more useful molecules.

Cracking can be done by various methods including catalytic cracking and steam cracking.

Students should be able to describe in general terms the conditions used for catalytic cracking and steam cracking.

The products of cracking include alkanes and another type of hydrocarbon called alkenes.

Alkenes are more reactive than alkanes and react with bromine water, which is used as a test for alkenes.

Students should be able to recall the colour change when bromine water reacts with an alkene.

There is a high demand for fuels with small molecules and so some of the products of cracking are useful as fuels.

Alkenes are used to produce polymers and as starting materials for the production of many other chemicals.

Students should be able to balance chemical equations as examples of cracking given the formulae of the reactants and products.

Students should be able to give examples to illustrate the usefulness of cracking. They should also be able to explain how modern life depends on the uses of hydrocarbons.

(Students do not need to know the formulae or names of individual alkenes.)

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# Complete the practice paper questions!

Revision lesson link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CX2IYWggEBc&list=PL9Io uNCPbCxVDcgWiviYYWj0xKMPXTd8s>

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- Google 'BBC Bitesize Organic Chemistry GCSE'.

# 15 Minute ILT Task:

5.7.1.1 Crude oil, hydrocarbons and alkanes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What is a hydrocarbon?</li><li>2. What are alkanes?</li><li>3. Why are alkanes said to be saturated?</li><li>4. List the names of the first 4 alkanes and draw their displayed structures.</li><li>5. What is the general formula of alkanes?</li><li>6. State the chemical formula of an alkane with five carbons.</li><li>7. What is crude oil, what is it made from and how does it form?</li><li>8. Which compounds are crude oils predominantly made from?</li></ol>
5.7.1.2 Fractional distillation and petrochemicals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What is fractional distillation?</li><li>2. Describe how fractional distillation works.</li></ol>
5.7.1.3 Properties of hydrocarbons	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. State four properties of hydrocarbons as the carbon chain length gets shorter.</li><li>2. State the equation for the complete combustion of hydrocarbons.</li><li>3. Write the symbol equation for the complete combustion of propane.</li><li>4. Write the symbol equation for the complete combustion of butane.</li></ol>
5.7.1.4 Cracking and alkenes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What are the fractions of crude oil processed to provide?</li><li>2. What is cracking?</li><li>3. What kind of a reaction is cracking?</li><li>4. Name two methods of cracking.</li><li>5. Describe how catalytic cracking works.</li><li>6. Describe how steam cracking works.</li><li>7. What are the main products of cracking?</li></ol>