

Making Scents

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Date	Period

Purpose

To analyze the results of the ester synthesis lab.

Analysis

- **I.** In the ester synthesis lab, how did the smell of the mixtures before heating compare to the smell of the mixtures after heating?
- **2.** Based on the smell of the mixtures after heating, what functional group must be present in the final molecules that were produced? Draw it.
- **3.** Using these two structural formulas, build a new molecule that contains the functional group you identified in Question 2. This is a chemical reaction, so you are allowed to break bonds and make new ones.



- **4.** Are there any atoms that were not used to make the sweet-smelling molecule in Question 3? If so, what molecule do these pieces make?
- Complete this chemical equation. Make sure that the equation is balanced (the same number of carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen atoms on both sides of the arrow).
 C₂H₄O₂ + C₄H₁₀O
- 6. What evidence do you have that this reaction took place in your test tube?

7. The reaction between acetic acid and isopentanol produces a sweet smell. Draw the structural formulas of the products, water and isopentyl acetate.



8. The reaction between butyric acid $(C_4H_8O_2)$ and ethanol (C_2H_6O) produces a sweet smell. Draw the structural formulas of the products, water and ethyl butyrate.

$$\begin{array}{cccc} H & H & H & O & H & H \\ | & | & | & | \\ H - C - C - C - C - C - O - H & H - O - C - C - H \longrightarrow \\ | & | & | \\ H & H & H & H \end{array}$$
Butyric acid Ethanol

9. Imagine that you used the following acid and alcohol in the lab to create a sweetsmelling molecule. Draw the structural formulas of the products, water and octyl formate.

$$\begin{array}{c} O\\ \parallel\\ H-C-O-H + H-O-C-C-C-C-C-C-C-C-C-H \\ \mid\\ H + H + H + H + H \\ \end{array}$$

10. What are the molecular formulas of the sweet-smelling products in Questions 5 and 8? Draw the structural formulas of these two molecules next to each other. Why do you think the molecules in Questions 5 and 8 smell different?

- **II. Making Sense** Use your own words to describe what happens on a *molecular* level when an acid and an alcohol react.
- **12. If You Finish Early** See if you can figure out how the products of these reactions are named. What would be the name of the product in Question 3?