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690 CHAPTER 15 Reactions of Carboxylic Acids and Carboxylic Acid Derivatives

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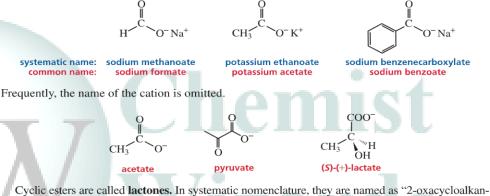
a benzyl group

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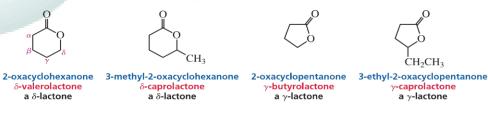
common names of these esters? (Also see Problem 57.) iasmine banana apple

Salts of carboxylic acids are named similarly to the way esters are named. That is, the cation is named first, followed by the name of the acid, again with "ic acid" replaced by "ate."

The aromas of many flowers and fruits are due to esters such as those shown in this problem. What are the



ones" ("oxa" designates the oxygen atom; "one" designates the doubly bonded oxygen). For their common names, the length of the carbon chain is indicated by the common name of the carboxylic acid, and a Greek letter specifies the carbon to which the oxygen is attached. Thus, six-membered ring lactones are δ -lactones (the carboxyl oxygen is on the δ -carbon), five-membered ring lactones are γ -lactones, and four-membered ring lactones are β -lactones.



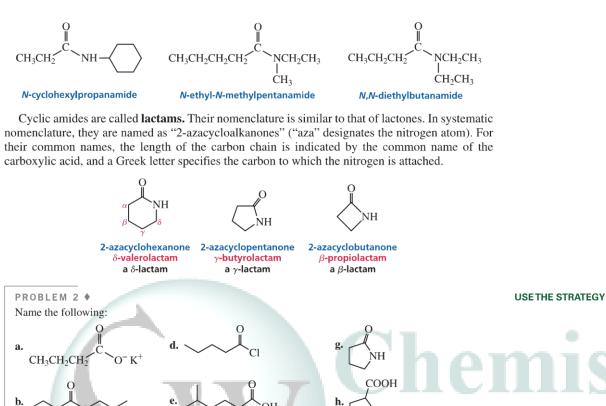
Naming Amides

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An amide has an NH2, NHR, or NR2 group in place of the OH group of a carboxylic acid. Amides are named by replacing "oic acid," "ic acid," or "ylic acid" of the acid name with "amide."



If a substituent is bonded to the nitrogen, the name of the substituent is stated first (if there is more than one substituent bonded to the nitrogen, they are stated alphabetically), followed by the name of the amide. The name of each substituent is preceded by an N to indicate that the substituent is bonded to a nitrogen.





- d. N-benzylethanamide
- **b.** γ-caprolactam **c.** sodium formate

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- e. γ -methylcaproic acid
- **f.** β -bromobutyramide

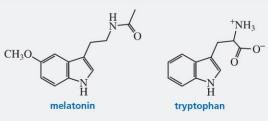
CH₃CH₂

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- g. ethyl 2-chloropentanoate
- h. cyclohexanecarbonyl chloride
- i. α -chlorovaleric acid

Nature's Sleeping Pill

Melatonin, a naturally occurring amide, is a hormone synthesized by the pineal gland from the amino acid tryptophan. (An amino acid is an α -aminocarboxylic acid.) Melatonin regulates the dark-light clock in our brains that governs such things as the sleep-wake cycle, body temperature, and hormone production.



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Melatonin levels increase from evening to night and then decrease as morning approaches. People with high levels of melatonin sleep longer and more soundly than those with low levels. The concentration of the hormone in our bodies varies with age—6-year-olds have more than five times the concentration that 80-year-olds have—which is one of the reasons young people have less trouble sleeping than older people. Melatonin supplements are used to treat insomnia, jet lag, and seasonal affective disorder.

