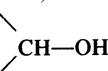
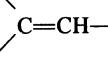
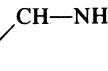
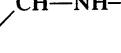
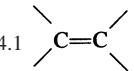
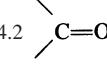
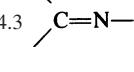


**TABLE 3.1** International Classification of Enzymes: Class Names, Code Numbers, and Types of Reactions Catalyzed

1. Oxidoreductases (oxidation-reduction reactions)	3. Hydrolases (hydrolysis reactions)
1.1 Acting on 	3.1 Esters
1.2 Acting on 	3.2 Glycosidic bonds
1.3 Acting on 	3.4 Peptide bonds
1.4 Acting on 	3.5 Other C—N bonds
1.5 Acting on 	3.6 Acid anhydrides
1.6 Acting on NADH; NADPH	4. Lyases (addition to double bonds)
2. Transferases (transfer of functional groups)	4.1 
2.1 One-carbon groups	4.2 
2.2 Aldehydic or ketonic groups	4.3 
2.3 Acyl groups	5. Isomerases (isomerization reactions)
2.4 Glycosyl groups	5.1 Racemases
2.7 Phosphate groups	6. Ligases (formation of bonds with ATP cleavage)
2.8 S-containing groups	6.1 C—O
	6.2 C—S
	6.3 C—N
	6.4 C—C

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## 3.2. HOW ENZYMES WORK

Enzymes lower the activation energy of the reaction catalyzed by binding the substrate and forming an enzyme–substrate complex. Enzymes do not affect the free-energy change or the equilibrium constant. Figure 3.1 illustrates the action of an enzyme from the activation-energy point of view. For example, the activation energy for the decomposition of hydrogen peroxide varies depending on the type of catalysis. The activation energy of the uncatalyzed reaction at 20°C is 18 kilocalories per mole (kcal/mol), whereas the  $\Delta E$  values for chemically catalyzed (by colloidal platinum) and enzymatically catalyzed (catalase) decomposition are 13 and 7 kcal/mol, respectively. That is, catalase accelerates the rate of reaction by a factor of about  $10^8$ . The reader should note that this large change in rate for a relatively small change in activation energy is due to the exponential dependence of rate on activation energy. In this case, the ratio of the rates is  $\exp(-7000/2 \cdot 293) \div \exp(-18,000/2 \cdot 293)$ .