## Organic compounds derived from carboxylic acids

Esters

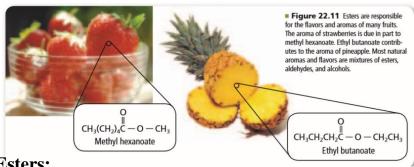
A - Esters: an organic compound containing a carboxyl group, in which the hydrogen atom has been replaced by an alkyl group.

$$R - \overset{O}{\overset{\parallel}{C}} - O - H \xrightarrow{-H} R - \overset{O}{\overset{\parallel}{C}} - O - R$$

General formula : : \*-C-O-R

**Naming**: by writing the name of the **alkyl group** followed by the name of the **acid** with the **-ic** acid ending replaced by **-ate.** 

$$[Alkyl + alkan + oate]$$



Q: Name the following Esters:

| CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> —C-O-CH <sub>3</sub>   | $CH_3$ $-CH_2$ $-CH_2$ $-CH_3$   |
|--|--|
| Methyl hexanoate   | Ethyl butanoate  |
| (Responsible for the taste of fruits)  | (Pineapple taste)  |
| O<br>  <br>  | O<br>  <br>CH <sub>3</sub> C   |
| Methyl methanoate  | Ethyl ethanoate  |
| O<br>  <br> CH <sub>3</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub> | $\begin{array}{c} & \text{O} \\    \\ \text{CH}_{3}\text{CH}_{2}\text{CH}_{2}\text{CH}_{2}\text{CH}_{3} \end{array}$ |
| CH <sub>3</sub> COOCH <sub>3</sub>   | CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> COOCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>                                   |
| CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> COO(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>               | CH <sub>3</sub> -CO <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub>                                  |

| ): Write condensed formulas for: |                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Butyl methanoate                 | Propyl ethanoate |
| Propyl Bubanoate                 | Butyl ethanoate  |
| ethyl methanoate                 | Methyl butanoate |

Note: Most aromatic scents and natural flavors are a mixture of esters, aldehydes and alcohols.

## **Ester properties**:

- 1 *Polar* Molecules  $R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -0 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -0 \end{bmatrix} = R$  2- Many of them are *volatile* and have a *pleasant aroma*.
- 3 There are many of them in the natural scents and flavors of flowers and fruits.
- 4 *Natural flavors such as bananas* and *apples* are caused by a mixture of molecules of organic compounds, including esters
- 5 **Some flavors** may be due to installing one Aster

So esters are used for: flavors, drinks, perfumes, scented candles and other scented items