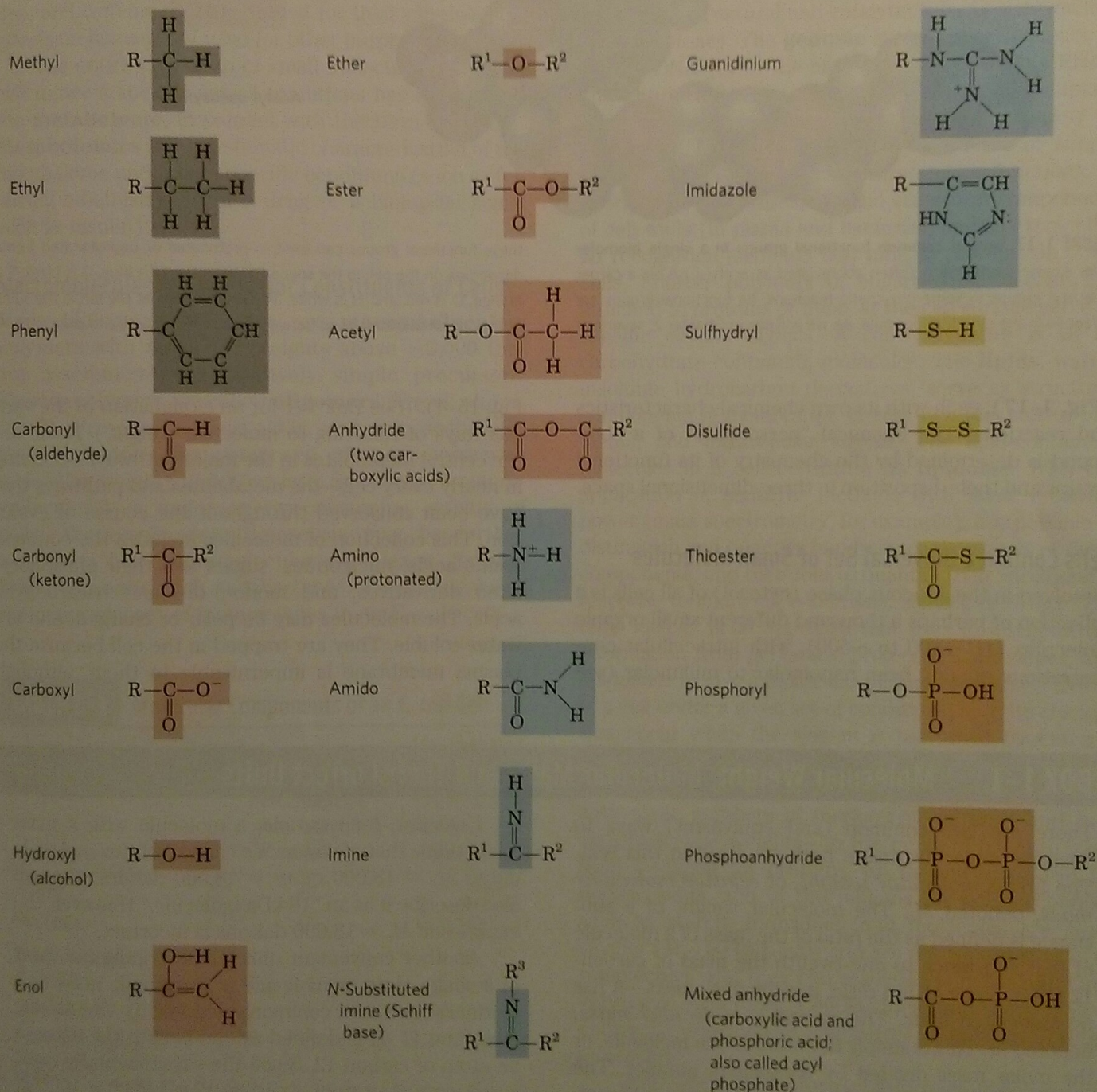


**FIGURE 1-15 Geometry of carbon bonding.** (a) Carbon atoms have a characteristic tetrahedral arrangement of their four single bonds. (b) Carbon-carbon single bonds have freedom of rotation, as shown for

the compound ethane ( $\text{CH}_3\text{—CH}_3$ ). (c) Double bonds are shorter and do not allow free rotation. The two doubly bonded carbons and the atoms designated A, B, X, and Y all lie in the same rigid plane.



**FIGURE 1-16 Some common functional groups of biomolecules.** Functional groups are screened with a color typically used to represent the element that characterizes the group: gray for C, red for O, blue for N, yellow for S, and orange for P. In this figure and throughout the book, we

use R to represent "any substituent." It may be as simple as a hydrogen atom, but typically it is a carbon-containing group. When two or more substituents are shown in a molecule, we designate them  $\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}^2$ , and so forth.