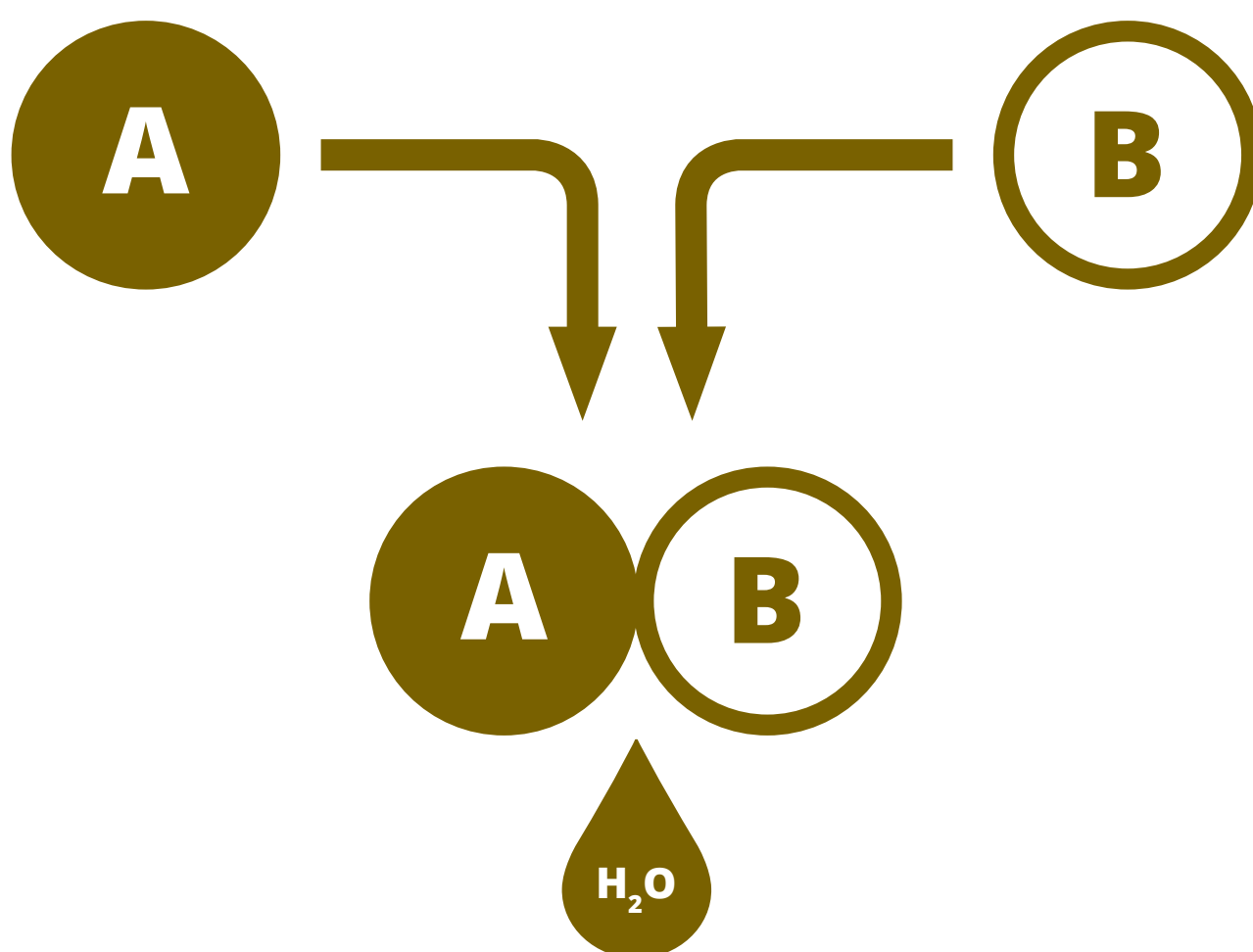


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# CONDENSATION

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A CONDENSATION REACTION IS ONE IN WHICH TWO MOLECULES COMBINE TO FORM A LARGER MOLECULE, WITH THE LOSS OF A SMALL MOLECULE. THE SMALL MOLECULE LOST IS USUALLY WATER, BUT NOT ALWAYS. IT CAN BE CONSIDERED TO BE THE OPPOSITE OF HYDROLYSIS REACTIONS. IT IS AN IMPORTANT REACTION IN THE MANUFACTURE OF MANY POLYMERS.

