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## Glycogen Hydrolysis Activity

### Sugar Storage: Breaking Down Glycogen!

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#### Phase 1: ENGAGE (5 minutes)

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**Getting Started:** Open [peebedu.com](http://peebedu.com) and navigate to Glycogen Hydrolysis Lab

Watch the tutorial - it's like a video game for molecules!

**The Big Idea:** Your body stores extra sugar (glucose) as glycogen - like a savings account for energy!

**First Look:** What shape do you see? \_\_\_\_\_ Count the yellow hexagons (glucose): \_\_\_\_\_ What connects them? \_\_\_\_\_ Where do you see branches? \_\_\_\_\_

**Fun Fact:** One glycogen molecule can have 30,000 glucose units! That's a lot of energy!

## Phase 2: EXPLORE (18 minutes)

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### Activity 1: Breaking It Down!

Use the Hydrolyze tool (water drop) to break 5 bonds.

**What Happens?**

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**Cool Challenge:** Use the simulation to show what happens when you: Eat a big meal: ——— Run a race: ——— Skip breakfast: ———

## Phase 5: EVALUATE (7 minutes)

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### Show What You Know!

**Vocabulary Match:** Draw lines to connect:

Glycogen • • Using water to break Glucose • • Stored sugar chains Hydrolysis • • Making bonds  
Dehydration • • Single sugar unit

**True or False** (circle):

- T / F: Breaking bonds uses water
- T / F: Glycogen = many glucose
- T / F: Branches make breakdown slower
- T / F: Your muscles store glycogen

**Problem Solving:** You have 30 water molecules.

- Maximum bonds you can break: -----

- Show your work: -----

**Big Picture:** Why doesn't your body store pure glucose?

Think about:

- A jar of sugar cubes vs. a sugar sculpture

**Design Challenge:**

Draw the BEST glycogen for:

- A sprinter (fast energy): -----

Explain your designs: -----

**Super Science Question:** If you ate only candy (pure glucose), what would happen? -----

- Good things: -----

- Why glycogen is better: -----

**Exit Ticket:** Rate this lab!

- Fun factor:
- Learned new things:

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**Molecule Meanings:**

- **Glycogen:** Your body's energy savings account
- **Glucose:** Quick energy money
- **Hydrolysis:** Breaking with water
- **Bond:** Molecular connection
- **Enzyme:** Molecular scissors (mentioned in challenges)

#### Key Vocabulary

See activity for vocabulary specific to this topic.