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en-zyme [**enzyme enzymes**] *BrE* ['enzaɪm] *NAmE* ['enzaɪm] **noun** (biology) a substance, produced by all living things, which helps a chemical change happen or happen more quickly, without being changed itself

· Enzymes are essential to the body's functioning.

Word Origin:

late 19th cent.: coined in German from modern Greek enzumos 'leavened', from en- 'within' + Greek zumē 'leaven'.

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en zyme /'enzaɪm/ BrE * AmE * noun [countable]

[Date: 1800-1900; Language: German; Origin: enzym, from Greek zyme 'substance that makes a flour-and-water mixture swell] a chemical substance that is produced in a plant or animal, and helps chemical changes to take place in the plant or animal

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