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1) Enzymes look like Pac-Man in that they are a similar shape. Also, similar to how Pac-Man goes after little pebbles, enzymes go after substrates and have an active site shaped specifically for substrates so that substrates can bind to them. The last similarity is that when a ghost touches Pac-Man, his shape distorts. The shape of enzymes distort and they no longer work correctly when the environment of an enzyme changes its pH or temperature.

2) Lactase breaks down the sugar lactose. Lactose would not be able to break down other sugars because its active site is specifically shaped to bind with lactose and no other sugar would fit into that active site.

3) Another example of an enzyme is Acetylcholinesterase. This enzyme breaks down acetylcholine into acetic acid and choline. This stops the signal between neurotransmitters and allows the pieces of the old neurotransmitter at the synapse to be rebuilt into a new neurotransmitter that is ready to relay the next message.