

Analysis of Diastereomer Statements

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Response: Let's analyze both the first statement and the second statement step-by-step.

1. Analysis of the First Statement

First Statement: *"The compounds $\text{CH}_3(\text{Br})\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{Cl})\text{H}$ and $\text{CH}_3(\text{Cl})\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{Br})\text{H}$ are diastereomers."*

- **Structure 1:** $\text{CH}_3 - \text{C}(\text{Br}) = \text{C}(\text{Cl}) - \text{H}$
 - On C1 (left alkene carbon): attached to $-\text{CH}_3$ and $-\text{Br}$.
 - On C2 (right alkene carbon): attached to $-\text{Cl}$ and $-\text{H}$.
 - **IUPAC Name:** 2-bromo-1-chloroprop-1-ene (specifically the (1*E*, 2*E*) or (1*Z*, 2*E*) stereoisomer).
- **Structure 2:** $\text{CH}_3 - \text{C}(\text{Cl}) = \text{C}(\text{Br}) - \text{H}$
 - On C1 (left alkene carbon): attached to $-\text{CH}_3$ and $-\text{Cl}$.
 - On C2 (right alkene carbon): attached to $-\text{Br}$ and $-\text{H}$.
 - **IUPAC Name:** 1-bromo-2-chloroprop-1-ene.

Since the connectivity of atoms is fundamentally different (in the first compound, **Br** is attached to C2 and **Cl** is attached to C1; in the second compound, **Cl** is attached to C2 and **Br** is attached to C1), these two molecules are **constitutional isomers** (structural isomers), not stereoisomers.

Therefore, they cannot be diastereomers.

- **First Statement Value: False**

2. Analysis of the Second Statement

Second Statement: *"Any two compounds which are not mirror images of each other are diastereoisomers."*

- By definition, **diastereomers** are stereoisomers that are **non-superimposable non-mirror images** of each other.
- However, for two compounds to be diastereomers, they must first be **stereoisomers** (i.e., they must have the same molecular formula AND the same atom connectivity).

- Two completely unrelated molecules (e.g., water and methane) or constitutional isomers (e.g., ethanol and dimethyl ether) are **not mirror images** of each other, but they are certainly **not diastereomers**.

Therefore, the blanket statement that *"any two compounds which are not mirror images... are diastereoisomers"* is incorrect.

- **Second Statement Value: False**

Conclusion

- **Statement 1: False**
 - **Statement 2: False**
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