SN1	E1
Substrate (R) 3° fast, 2° slow 1° impossible	Substrate (R) 3° fast, 2° slow 1° impossible
Nucleophile/Base Does not matterdoes not effect rate	Nucleophile/Base Base Does not matter does not effect rate
Leaving group (X) Must be stable once left-must be weak base (stable anion)	Leaving group (X) Must be stable once left-must be weak base (stable anion)
Solvent Polar protic works best, polar aprotic also works.	Solvent Polar protic works best, polar aprotic also works.
Temperature competes better with E1 at low temp	Temperature . Competes with SN1 Better at high temp (above 50 °C)
SN2	E2
Substrate (R) 1 ° best (fast) 2 ° slow but possible, 3° impossible too much steric crowding	Substrate (R) Not much effect 1°, 2°, 3° all possibly can react.
Nucleophile/Base Important, must be strong nucleophile; large atom with a – charge and /or strong base (Br ⁻ SH ⁻ CN ⁻ I ⁻ , RO ⁻) Bad if nucleophile is too large such as $(CH_3)_3C$ -O ⁻	Nucleophile/Base . Must be strong Base, (e.g R-0 ^{$-$}). Strong bulky base is best (CH ₃) ₃ C-O ^{$-$} (will not undergo SN2)
Leaving group (X) Important: Must be stable once left-must be weak base (stable anion)	Leaving group (X) Important: Must be stable once left-must be weak base (stable anion)
	Solvent Polar aprotic is the best (e.g. acetone).
Solvent Polar aprotic is the best (e.g. acetone) Temperature Not important	Temperature Competes with SN2 Better at high temp (above 50 C)
Steric effect Incoming nucleophiles must be small molecules (large <u>atoms</u> ok)	Note: to compete with SN2 for 2° substrates must have bulky base