## **CONCEPT: REACTIONS OF AMINO ACIDS: HYDROGENOLYSIS**

• Benzyl esters and *N*-benzyloxycarbonyl derivatives can be broken down by *hydrogenolysis*.

□ **Hydrogenolysis:** cleavage of \_\_\_\_\_ through catalytic hydrogenation.

## **Hydrogenolysis of Benzyl Esters**

• The bond is cleaved to produce amino acid and toluene.

**EXAMPLE**: Write a reaction of hydrogenolysis of phenylalanine benzyl ester.

## Hydrogenolysis of N-benzyloxycarbonyl

• N-benzyloxycarbonyl (\_\_\_\_\_) is first cleaved into toluene and \_\_\_\_\_ carbamic acid.

□ Carbamic acid is then immediately \_\_\_\_\_carboxylated to produce amino acid.

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**EXAMPLE:** Provide all products, including the intermediate, of hydrogenolysis of N-benzyloxycarbonyl aspartate.