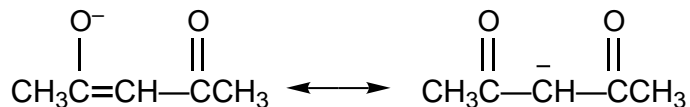


## carbanion

Generic name for anions containing an even number of electrons and having an unshared pair of electrons on a tervalent carbon atom (e.g.  $\text{Cl}_3\text{C}^-$  or  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{C}^-$ ) or — if the ion is mesomeric (see *mesomerism*) — having at least one significant *contributing structure* with an unshared pair of electrons on a tervalent carbon atom, for example:



See also *radical ion*.

1994, 66, 1092; see also 1995, 67, 1324