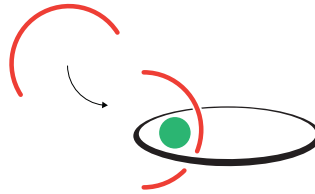


1 The molecules that will form a chain are attracted to a copper ion.



2 The copper ion gathers the molecules.



3 A third molecule is linked to the crescent-shaped molecule.



4 The molecules are linked by a mechanical bond. The copper ion is removed.