Sucrase: hydrolyses the single glycosidic bond in the sucrose molecules = produces glucose and fructose. Lactase: hydrolyses the single glycosidic bond in the lactose molecule. = produces glucose and galactose from page

Lipids are hydrolysed by enzymes called lipases = enzymes produced in the pancreas that hydrolyse the ester bond found in triglycerides to form fatty acids and monoglycerides.

**Lipid Digestion:** 

A monoglyceride is a glycerol molecule with a single fatty acid molecule attached.

Lipids (fats and oils) are firstly split up into tiny droplets called micelles by bile salts which are produced by the liver. This is called emulsification and increases the surface area of the lipids so that the action of lipases in speeded up.

## **Protein Digestion:**

Proteins are large, complex molecules that are hydrolysed by a group of enzymes called peptidases (proteases) there are different types:

Endopeptidases: hydrolyse the peptitled ands between amino acids in the tentral region of a protein molectes forming a series of peptide mol-

**Exoportion** :: hydrolyse the peptide bonds on the terminal amino acids of the peptide molecules formed by endopeptidases. = progressively release dipeptides and single amino acids.

**Dipeptidases**: hydrolyse the bond between the two amino acids of a dipeptide. Dipeptidases are membrane-bound, being apart of the cell-surface membrane of the epithelial cells lining the ileum.

## Lactose Intolerance:

As milk forms a less significant part of an adults diet, the production of lactase diminishes as children get older. This reduction can be so great that some adults produce little or no lactase at all.

If you produce no lactase you cannot hydrolyse the lactose you consume. When the undigested lactose reaches the large intestines, microorganisms hydrolyse it. This produces a large volume of gas that can result in diarrhoea because the soluble molecules lower the water potential of the material in the colon.

