Activated complex

- -As the reaction event proceeds, A and B come into contact, distort, and begin to exchange or remove atoms.
- -The **potential energy** rises to a maximum and the <u>cluster of atoms</u> that corresponds to the region close to the maximum is called the *activated complex*.
- -After the maximum, the potential energy falls as the atoms <u>rearrange</u> in the cluster and reaches a value of energy characteristic of the products.

