Amino acids are exactly what they say they are! They are compounds containing an amino group, -NH₂, and a carboxylic acid group, -COOH. The biologically important amino acids have the amino group attached to the carbon atom next door to the -COOH group. They are known as 2-amino acids and are also known as alpha-amino acids.

- Nomenclature of Amino acids

- Properties of Amino Acids

- Reactions of Amino Acids

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