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1. Draw one repeating unit of poly(ethene).
2. Suggest an advantage of the new fabric.
3. Describe the differences between an addition and a condensation polymer.