benzylic intermediates

Carbanions, carbenium ions or radicals, derived formally by detachment of one hydron, hydride or hydrogen, respectively, from the CH\(_3\) group of toluene or substitution derivatives thereof, e.g. C\(_6\)H\(_5\)CH\(_2\), benzyl radical.

Source:
PAC, 1995, 67, 1307 (Glossary of class names of organic compounds and reactivity intermediates based on structure (IUPAC Recommendations 1995)) on page 1322