

# The Nature of Science

## SECTION 1.1 *Earth Science*

*In your textbook, read about the scope of Earth science.*

Use the terms below to identify of the major area of Earth science that studies each subject. Each term can be used more than once.

astronomy

meteorology

geology

oceanography

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Physical and chemical properties of the oceans
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Objects beyond Earth's atmosphere
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Materials that make up Earth
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Forces and processes that produce weather
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Earth's neighbors, distant stars, and other cosmic bodies
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Rocks, glacial movements, and clues to Earth's history
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Creatures that inhabit salty water
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Blanket of air that surrounds Earth

Circle the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

9. What subspecialty of Earth science studies patterns of weather over a long period of time?  
 a. geochemistry      b. climatology      c. tectonics      d. paleontology
10. Hydrology is the study of which of the following?  
 a. habitats of organisms  
 b. effects of internal processes on Earth's surface  
 c. water flow on and below Earth's surface  
 d. how the moon and stars affect people's lives
11. What subspecialty of Earth science studies ancient environments?  
 a. paleontology      b. ecology      c. tectonics      d. hydrology
12. Which of the following might an ecologist study?  
 a. earthquakes and mountain building  
 b. the remains of organisms that once lived on Earth  
 c. the kinds of matter in the universe  
 d. how organisms interact with each other and their environments
13. In what field do scientists study the processes that change Earth's composition?  
 a. climatology      b. hydrology      c. geochemistry      d. paleontology

**SECTION 1.1** *Earth Science, continued*

In your textbook, read about Earth's systems and Earth science in your everyday life.

For each statement below, write *true* or *false*.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Earth's lithosphere is the rigid outer shell of the planet.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. The water in Earth's oceans, seas, lakes, rivers, and glaciers makes up the atmosphere.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. The blanket of gases that surround Earth is the atmosphere.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. The asthenosphere is the partially molten layer of Earth's core.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. The atmosphere contains about 78 percent oxygen.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. About three-fourths of all freshwater on Earth is contained in glaciers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. The biosphere includes all organisms on Earth as well as the environments in which they live.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. The atmosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and lithosphere are interdependent systems.

Answer the following questions.

22. How does continental crust differ from oceanic crust?

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23. Describe three ways the atmosphere helps support life on Earth.

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24. What is technology?

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25. Name three products first developed for use in space that people now use in their everyday lives.

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**SECTION 1.2** *Methods of Scientists*

*In your textbook, read about the nature of scientific investigations.*

For each item in Column A, write the letter of the matching item in Column B.

## Column A

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Suggested explanation for an observation
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Organized procedure that involves making measurements and observations
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Factor in an experiment that can be manipulated by the experimenter
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Factor in an experiment that can change if other factors are changed
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Factor that does not change during an experiment
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Standard for comparison that shows that the results of an experiment are actually due to the condition being tested

## Column B

- a. independent variable
- b. constant
- c. hypothesis
- d. dependent variable
- e. control
- f. experiment

Use each of the terms below just once to complete the passage.

fire extinguisher

laboratory glassware

loose clothing

safety goggles

spill

Wear **(7)** \_\_\_\_\_ and a safety apron during any activity or experiment in a science lab. Tie back long hair and **(8)** \_\_\_\_\_ before you begin any investigation. Never use **(9)** \_\_\_\_\_ as food or drink containers. Know the location and proper use of the **(10)** \_\_\_\_\_, safety shower, fire blanket, first aid kit, and fire alarm. Report any **(11)** \_\_\_\_\_, accident, or injury to your teacher immediately.

## Chapter 1

## STUDY GUIDE

## ● Solving Problems

*In the blank, write the letter of the term or phrase that best completes each statement.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The first step in any problem-solving strategy is to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. collect information about the problem      b. identify the problem
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The method used by scientists for solving problems is known as the \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. control      b. scientific method
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. A prediction about a problem that can be tested is a \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. hypothesis      b. conclusion
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a standard for comparison in an experiment.  
a. variable      b. control
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. An explanation backed by results obtained from repeated tests or experiments is a \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. theory      b. variable
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. A process that uses certain skills to solve problems is called \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. theory      b. critical thinking
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a changeable factor in an experiment.  
a. variable      b. control
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. The best experiments test only one \_\_\_\_\_ at a time.  
a. variable      b. control
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. If a conclusion does not support a hypothesis, the \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. experiment did not work properly      b. hypothesis should be revised
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. If a hypothesis is supported by new data gathered over a period of time, it may become a \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. control      b. theory
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Making lists, drawing graphs, making a model, and eliminating possibilities are all \_\_\_\_\_ for solving problems.  
a. strategies      b. variables
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. If a hypothesis has been backed by results from repeated tests or experiments, it becomes a \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. variable      b. theory

## Chapter 2

## STUDY GUIDE

## ● Atoms

*Circle the term in parentheses that makes each statement correct.*

1. Protons are particles (outside, in) the nucleus of an atom.
2. Electrons are atomic particles with a (positive, negative) charge.
3. An example of matter is (air, heat).
4. The building blocks of matter are (atoms, compounds).
5. (Neutrons, Protons) are particles in the atom's nucleus that have no electric charge.
6. The atomic particles outside of the atom's nucleus are (electrons, protons).
7. Substances made up of only one kind of atom are called (isotopes, elements).
8. Isotopes are atoms of the same element that have different numbers of (neutrons, protons).
9. Negatively charged particles that move around the atom's nucleus are (neutrons, electrons).
10. Two atoms of the same element that have different (mass numbers, atomic numbers) are isotopes of the element.
11. A difference in the (mass number, atomic number) of atoms means the atoms are of different elements.
12. The nucleus of an atom has a (positive, negative) charge.
13. Carbon-14 is an (isotope, element) of carbon.
14. The mass number of an atom with 12 protons and 12 neutrons is (12, 24).
15. The atomic number of an atom is equal to the number of (protons, neutrons) in its nucleus.
16. In atoms with equal numbers of electrons and protons, there is (a positive, no) electric charge.
17. Anything that takes up space and has mass is (matter, an element).
18. A model of an atom is (larger, smaller) than the actual atom.
19. The nucleus of an atom is made up of neutrons and (electrons, protons).
20. Isotopes enable scientists to determine the (age, size) of ancient objects.

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## ● Combinations of Atoms

Use the words in the box to complete the statements. You will use the words more than once.

molecule

compound

chemical properties

ions

mixture

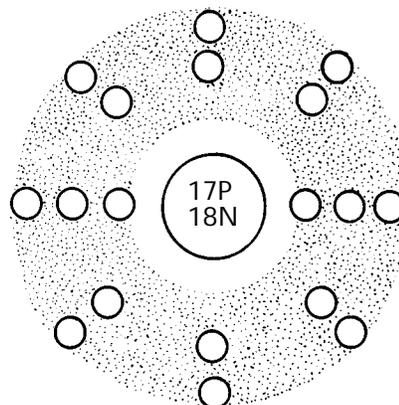
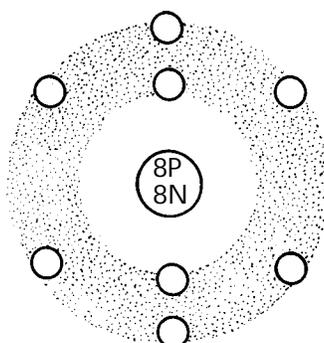
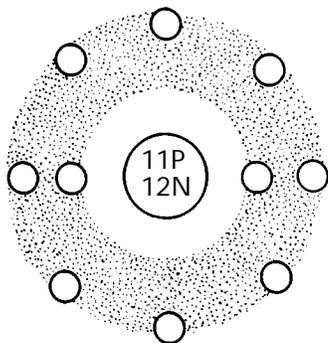
- The components of a \_\_\_\_\_ can be separated by physical means.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of an element determine how the element will change when it reacts with another element.
- A \_\_\_\_\_ is a substance that has different properties from the elements in it.
- Combined atoms form a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Electrically charged atoms are \_\_\_\_\_.
- Table salt is an example of a \_\_\_\_\_.
- An example of a \_\_\_\_\_ is salt water.
- Table salt is formed when the \_\_\_\_\_ of sodium and chlorine combine.
- Iron rusts when it comes in contact with water because of its \_\_\_\_\_.
- The atoms of hydrogen and oxygen combine to form a \_\_\_\_\_ of the compound water.

Identify the two atoms that are ions. Label the negatively charged ion with a minus sign. Label the positively charged ion with a plus sign.

11 protons  
12 neutrons  
10 electrons

8 protons  
8 neutrons  
8 electrons

17 protons  
18 neutrons  
18 electrons



## Chapter 2

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## ● Matter

Change the italicized word in each statement to make the statement correct.

1. The *size* of an object determines whether it will float in water. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Orange juice and milk are both *solids*. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Stars are made up of matter in the *gaseous* state. \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. An object's density is equal to its mass divided by its *length*. \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Matter with atoms in a fixed position in relation to one another is in the *liquid* state. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Density and state of matter are *chemical* properties. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. *Hydrogen* is the only substance that occurs naturally on Earth as a gas, a liquid, and a solid.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. The *physical* properties of a liquid do not change when it becomes a gas. \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. *Liquids* fill their entire container regardless of the container's size or shape. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. On Earth the *solid* state of matter is least common. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_