Chapter X - Guided Notes Answer Key

Three Most Important Concepts

Concept 1: Physical science studies matter and energy, which are present in nearly everything around you.
Concept 2: Scientific inquiry is a repeating process of asking questions, testing ideas, and adjusting conclusions based on evidence.
Concept 3: Physical science is organized into three connected domains : chemistry, physics, and Earth science : that often work together in real-world technology.

Main Concept Overview

1. Matter
2. Energy
3. Force
4. Friction
5. Acceleration

Matching

1. Physical Science → D
2. Chemistry → E
3. Physics → A
4. Earth Science → B
5. Scientific Inquiry → C

True or False

1. F : Energy is not a force; it is the ability to do work or cause change.
2. T : Matter is anything that has mass and takes up space.
3. F : Braking converts kinetic energy into thermal energy through friction, not into more force.
4. T : Galileo rolled balls down ramps to slow their motion enough to measure it accurately.
5. T : This course organizes physical science into chemistry, physics, and Earth science.

Fill in the Table

Domain	Focus From the Article
Chemistry	**How matter is built and how substances combine or break apart**
Physics	**Motion, forces, and energy**
Earth Science	**Weather patterns, rock formation, and planetary-scale systems**

Application Questions

1. Scientific inquiry is a repeating cycle because scientists constantly refine their models as new evidence comes in, rather than stopping after one test. The article explains that this ongoing process is exactly how understanding of the physical world keeps improving over time.

2. A wind turbine relies on physics for its spinning motion, chemistry for the materials in its blades, and Earth science for predicting wind patterns at its location, showing how the three domains work together in one piece of technology.

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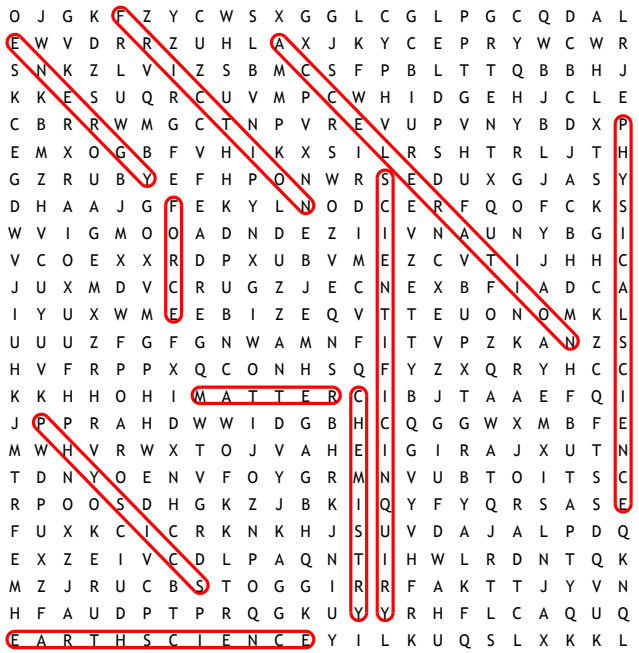

Scientific Inquiry
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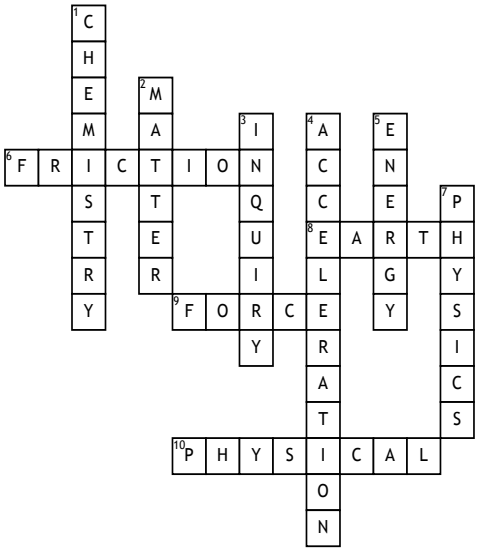

Across

6. A force created when two surfaces rub against each other, often producing heat.
8. The study of weather patterns, rock formation, and other systems that shape the planet. ___ Science
9. A push or pull that can change an object's motion.
10. The study of how matter and energy behave in the world around you. ____ Science

Down

1. The study of how matter is built and how substances combine or break apart.
2. Anything that has mass and takes up space.
3. The process of asking questions, testing ideas, and adjusting conclusions based on evidence. Scientific ____
4. The rate at which an object's speed changes over time.
5. The ability to do work or cause change.
7. The study of motion, forces, and energy.

Hypotheticals Answer Key

Hypothetical 1: The Skateboard Ramp Test

a) The skateboard's speed should increase as the ramp height increases, since more stored energy converts into motion.
b) Timing the skateboard each second reveals a pattern in how quickly it speeds up.
c) The setup is fair as long as the board, surface, and starting push stay the same, changing only the ramp height.

Hypothetical 2: The Field Day Decision

a) The school relies on physics, chemistry, and Earth science to make this decision.
b) Physics relates to wind, chemistry can relate to air conditions, and Earth science explains ground and weather patterns.
c) Combining data from all three domains gives a more complete picture than guessing based on one factor alone.

IV / DV Activity Answer Key

Accept other reasonable controlled variables and predictions grounded in the article.

Scenario 1: The Bouncing Ball
IV: Drop height
DV: Bounce height
CVs: Same ball, same bouncing surface
Predicted Outcome: The ball bounces higher when dropped from a greater height, since more energy is available at the start of the drop.

Scenario 2: The Growing LED Circuit
IV: Number of batteries
DV: Brightness of the LED
CVs: Same LED bulb, same wire length
Predicted Outcome: The LED grows brighter as more batteries are added, since more energy is available to power it.

Design Your Own Sample Answer
Hypothesis: If sugar is placed in hot water instead of cold water, then it will dissolve faster, because heat energy causes particles to move and mix more quickly.
IV: Water temperature
DV: Time for the sugar to fully dissolve
CVs: Same amount of sugar, same amount of water
Measurement method: Use a stopwatch to time how many seconds pass until no visible sugar remains.

Reflection Questions Answer Key

Reflection 1: Future Orientation

Sample Answer: Physics connects most to a career I might want, since I like how things move and work. Knowing there are three separate but connected domains shows me there are many paths I could take.

Reflection 2: Ethical Considerations

Sample Answer: Engineers need to understand energy transfer because a device that overheats could hurt someone or catch fire. Taking that responsibility seriously feels like part of the job.

Data Analysis Activity Answer Key

Data Table Reference: Skateboard Rolling Down a Ramp. IV: Time (seconds). DV: Total distance (meters/feet).

Question 1: Basic Interpretation

Answer: 12.0 meters (39.4 feet), from the row for Time = 4 seconds.

Question 2: Pattern Identification

Answer: The distance traveled during each one second interval increases steadily, growing from 1.2 meters (3.9 feet) in the first second to 7.2 meters (23.6 feet) in the sixth second. This shows the skateboard keeps speeding up rather than moving at a constant speed.

Question 3: Application

Answer: Since the skateboard travels farther each second, it keeps accelerating rather than moving at one steady speed. Engineers designing ramps and roller coasters must plan for that increasing speed so tracks and safety restraints can handle higher forces near the bottom of a drop.

Teacher Notes

Key insight: An object rolling down a ramp accelerates, so the distance covered each second keeps growing.
Common misconception: Students may assume the skateboard moves the same distance every second. Point to the interval column to show each value is larger than the last.
Connection to article: This activity ties to matter and energy, since stored energy converts into motion, and to physics, one of the article's three domains.

Lecture Notes
What Is Physical Science?

Opening Framing

• Physical science is the study of matter and energy, and it forms the foundation for chemistry, physics, and Earth science.
• Every student has encountered physical science already, even without the label, through phones, sports, cooking, and weather.
• Frame this lesson as building a vocabulary for things students already notice, not introducing an entirely new subject.

Matter

• Matter is defined as anything that has mass and takes up space.
• Common student misconception: air, gas, and invisible substances are not matter. Clarify that all three states of matter, solid, liquid, and gas, count as matter.
• Matter exists in different states depending on temperature and energy, and can change state, such as ice melting into water or water evaporating into steam.
• Real world anchor: point to classroom objects, including desks, air, and water, as tangible examples of matter.

Energy

• Energy is the ability to do work or cause change. It is not a physical object.
• Common misconception: students often confuse energy with force. Emphasize that force is a push or pull, while energy is the capacity to cause change or do work.
• Everyday examples: heating water, launching a ball, powering a device, or digesting food all involve energy transfer.
• Energy transfer connects to state changes in matter, since melting or evaporating requires an input of heat energy.

Scientific Inquiry

• Scientific inquiry is a repeating process: ask a question, form a hypothesis, test the hypothesis, gather evidence, and revise thinking based on results.
• Emphasize that this is a loop, not a single event. Scientists repeat the cycle as new evidence appears.
• Everyday inquiry example: troubleshooting a slow-charging phone by testing a different charger and using the result as evidence.
• Cause and effect example: pedaling a bicycle harder increases force, which increases speed, which increases energy demand from the rider.
• Braking example: kinetic energy converts into thermal energy through friction between brake pads and the wheel, not into force.

Chapter X - Lecture Notes

Three Domains of Physical Science

• Chemistry: studies how matter is built and how substances combine or break apart, such as rust forming or dough rising.
• Physics: studies motion, forces, and energy, such as seatbelts, rollercoasters, and braking systems.
• Earth science: applies physics and chemistry concepts at a planetary scale, including weather, rock formation, and erosion.
• These domains frequently overlap in real technology. A wind turbine uses physics for motion, chemistry for materials, and Earth science for wind pattern data.
• A weather forecast blends physics, chemistry, and Earth science data into a single prediction.

Case Study: Galileo and Falling Objects

• Galileo questioned the widely accepted belief that heavier objects fall faster than lighter ones.
• Rather than accepting the claim, he tested it using ramps to slow motion enough to measure it accurately by hand.
• His conclusion: when air resistance is ignored, all objects accelerate at the same rate regardless of mass.
• Teaching point: this experiment models the scientific inquiry cycle, question, test, observe, and conclude based on evidence rather than assumption.
• Extension note: clarify that this applies only when air resistance is negligible, since a feather and a hammer behave differently in normal air.

Career and Real World Connections

• Engineers, technicians, and researchers move between all three domains regularly.
• Understanding energy transfer is essential for careers in electronics, automotive repair, and renewable energy.
• Scientific inquiry skills transfer directly to medicine, forensics, and any evidence-based profession.

Common Student Misconceptions to Address

• Energy is not a force. Force is a push or pull; energy is the capacity to do work or cause change.
• Heavier objects do not fall faster than lighter ones when air resistance is ignored.
• Braking does not create more force. It converts kinetic energy into thermal energy through friction.
• Physical science domains are not separate subjects that never interact. Most real technology depends on more than one domain at once.

Discussion Questions

1. What is the difference between matter and energy, and why do students often confuse energy with force?

2. Why is scientific inquiry described as a loop rather than a single event?

3. How does the braking example demonstrate a transfer of energy rather than a change in force?

4. Why do most real technologies, such as a wind turbine, depend on more than one domain of physical science?

5. What made Galileo's method of testing his idea more reliable than simply accepting the popular belief of his time?

Chapter 1 - Guided Notes Answer Key

Three Most Important Concepts (sample answers)

1. Concept 1: Metric units and SI base units keep measurements consistent across countries and labs.
2. Concept 2: Scientific notation makes extremely large or small numbers easier to read and compare.
3. Concept 3: Precision and accuracy describe different qualities of a measurement, and both affect real technology.

Fill in the Blank

1. meter
2. kilogram
3. exponent
4. precision
5. liter

Matching

1. E
2. D
3. B
4. A
5. C

True or False

1. T: The article states the kilogram is the SI base unit for mass.
2. F: The article states the cubic meter, not the liter, is the official SI derived unit for volume.
3. F: The article states a negative exponent signals an extremely small quantity, not a large one.
4. F: The article states accuracy and precision describe two different qualities of a measurement.
5. T: The article states the disaster happened because two measurement systems were never reconciled.

Fill in the Table

Quantity	Matching SI or Accepted Metric Unit
Length	**Meter**
Mass	**Kilogram**
Temperature	**Kelvin (Celsius is also accepted)**
Volume	**Liter (cubic meter is the official SI unit)**
Force (used in spacecraft navigation)	**Newton-second**