



# Comprehensive Curriculum

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## Grade 6 Science



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***Unit 1, Activity 1, We're All Different!***

Name:

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Name:

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*Unit 1, Activity 1, We're All the Same*

Group members:

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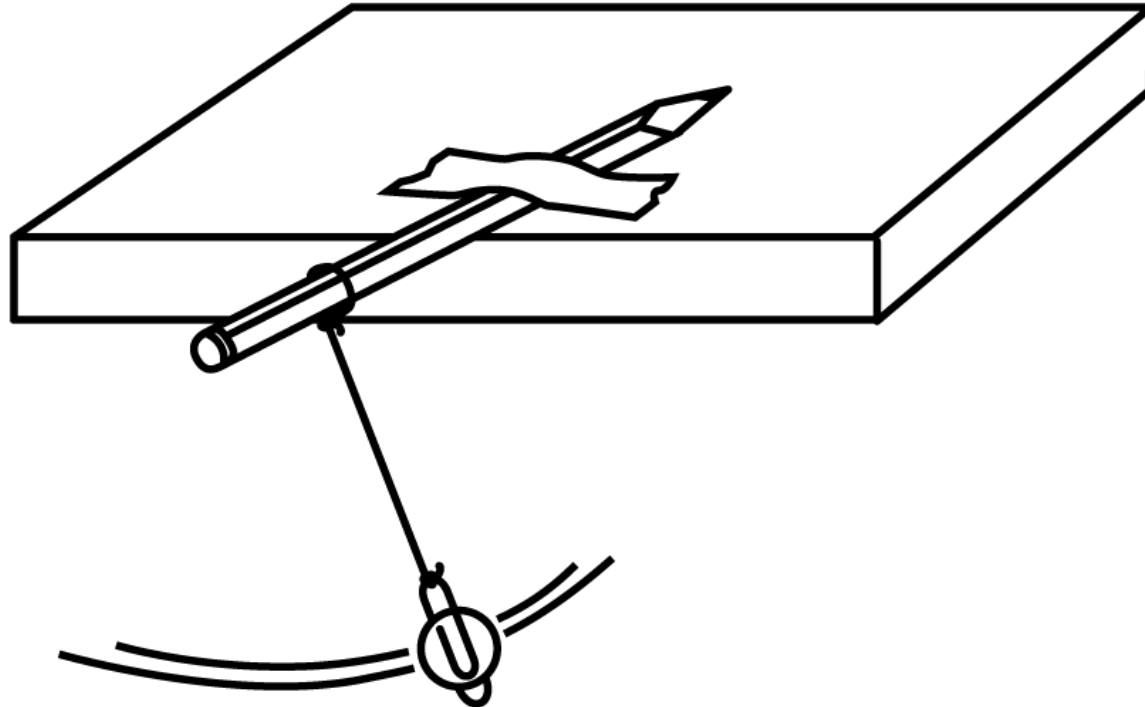
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*Unit 1, Activity 3, Learning Logs That Swing*

Set up the pendulum on one side of your desk.



## ***Unit 1, Activity 5, Safety Contract***

### **Safety Contract**

#### **PREPARE FOR LABORATORY WORK**

- Never perform unauthorized experiments.
- Keep your lab desk organized and free of apparel, books, and other clutter.
- Know how to use the eye wash station and first aid kit.

#### **DRESS FOR LABORATORY WORK**

- Tie back long hair.
- Do not wear loose sleeves, as they tend to get in the way.
- Wear shoes with tops.
- Wear lab coats or aprons during all laboratory sessions.
- Wear safety goggles during all laboratory sessions.
- Wear gloves when using chemicals that irritate or can be absorbed through skin.

#### **AVOID CONTACT WITH CHEMICALS**

- Never taste or "sniff" chemicals.
- Never draw materials into a pipette with your mouth.

#### **AVOID HAZARDS**

- Keep caps on reagent bottles. Never switch caps.
- Keep containers away from the edge of counters and desks.
- Move carefully through the lab at all times.
- Carry equipment with two hands, and ask for help when there are multiple pieces of equipment needed.

#### **CLEAN UP**

- Consult teacher for proper disposal of chemicals.
- Wash hands thoroughly following experiments.
- Leave laboratory work area clean and neat.
- Clean up spills as soon as they happen.

#### **IN CASE OF ACCIDENT**

- Report all accidents and spills immediately.
- Wash all acids and bases from your skin immediately with plenty of running water.
- If chemicals get in your eyes, wash them for at least 15 minutes with an eye wash.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to: (a) Follow the teacher's instructions, (b) protect my eyes, face, hands, and body during laboratory, (c) conduct myself in a responsible manner at all times in the laboratory, and (d) abide by all of the safety regulations specified above.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's (Guardian's) Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **PROJECT MANAGER**

(Keeps everyone on track  
to get the job done)

## **CLEAN UP MANAGER**

(Gets everyone involved  
in the clean up and  
resetting the supplies)

## **MATERIALS MANAGER**

(Organizes getting the  
supplies for the lab)

## **TIME KEEPER**

(Keeps an eye on the time  
to make sure all parts of the  
lab are completed; in  
charge of the stopwatch  
when one is needed)

## **REPORTER / RECORDER**

(Makes certain all data is  
recorded and chart is turned  
in. Reports the data orally, if  
needed)

Run a set of cards for each group.

It may be helpful to use a different color of cardstock for each set.

Always run an extra set or two!

Use the last card to set up any roles that may fit your needs



**READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE BEGINNING**



**Materials:** 4 clear plastic cups fill each cup about  $\frac{3}{4}$  full of the liquids [*mediums*] available; one cup must have clear water), a flashlight, three mirrors, paper (*one member draws a target on here*), science learning logs, pencils, colored pencils or crayons to document observations with colored light in your logs

***Set up cups with water to test the power of light!***

**CUP 1** Use the cloudy water and shine the flashlight through the water. What do you observe?

**CUP 2** Use clear water and shine your flashlight through the water. What does the light do?

**CUP 3** Use colored water and shine the flashlight through the water. Record all observations.

**CUP 4** Use a different colored water and shine the flashlight through the water. Record again.

**CUP 2 AGAIN** Use clear water and cover the flashlight with different colored transparent plastic. Record all observations. Now shine the colored light through the different cups.

**Back to CUP 2** Place a pencil in the clear water and draw the image you see, from the point of the pencil to the eraser.

**Mirror to Mirror**

Have one team member hold the lit flashlight facing away from a paper target your team creates. Have other team members each hold a mirror and catch the light, bouncing it from mirror to mirror to mirror and back to the target!

When you have completed all investigations return to your desk/table and consider the following:

- What conclusion can be made about the way light travels through different mediums?
- What does light do when it hits a mirror?
- What do you think causes the change in the pencil's appearance when viewed through the water; the air?

**Return all supplies to the supply area, clean up any water, return to your seat.**

*Unit 2, Activity 3, Can You Measure Up?*

## Can You Measure Up?

	←Qualitative Assessment→	←Quantitative Assessment→		
object	description (color, texture, shape,...)	mass (gm)	volume (cm <sup>3</sup> )	density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )



*Unit 2, Activity 5, It's All In How You Look At It*

**It's All In How You Look At It!**

Investigation of \_\_\_\_\_ Rubric      Group \_\_\_\_ Science \_\_\_\_

(mass, weight, volume, density)

	No evidence =0	Weak evidence = 1	Good evidence = 2	Strong evidence = 3
<b>Equipment identified</b>				
<b>Variables identified</b>				
<b>Safety considered</b>				
<b>Chart used</b>				
<b>Multiple repetitions</b>				
<b>Measurements carefully executed</b>				
<b>Investigation strengthened understanding of concept</b>				
<b>Directions were clear</b>				
<b>Presenters were organized</b>				

Recommendations for improvement

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Vocabulary Card Layout

Vocabulary Card

<b>Definition:</b>	<b>Unit of Measure:</b>
<b>MASS</b>	
<b>How is this Measured?</b>	<b>How will this be used in your experiment?</b>

## CHANGES

<b>STATIONS</b>	<b>New substance created  (identify new substance, also)</b>	<b>Original substance altered</b>	<b>Heat produced  (warm)</b>	<b>Heat absorbed  (cool)</b>
<i>Coffee Grind Soup</i>				
<i>Sandy Rocks</i>				
<i>Rock Candy</i>				
<i>Magnetic Personality</i>				
<i>Today's News</i>				
<i>Snack Time</i>				
<i>Volcano Juice</i>				
<i>First Aid</i>				
<i>Curds and Whey</i>				
<i>It's Neutral</i>				
<i>Steel Here</i>				
<i>Spritzer</i>				

- Put a check mark in the box that best describes the result of each investigation.
- If a new substance is created, identify the new substance as a gas or precipitate.

***Unit 3, Activity 5, If Salt Works, Will Sugar?***

Date \_\_\_\_\_

	Chemical Change	Physical Change	Conducts Electricity
Salt dissolved in water			
Sugar dissolved in water			
Effervescent tablet dissolved in water			

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Science \_\_\_\_\_ Group \_\_\_\_ Names \_\_\_\_\_

Place an X in each box that applies to each mixture.

## Unit 3, Activity 6, Lab Report

## Lab Report (2 PAGES)

Name of Investigation: _____	
Date _____	Science Period _____
Science Group _____ Name of Scientist(s) _____	
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Explain why you are doing this lab? What do you hope to find out?

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What do you think the outcome of the lab will be? (prediction / hypothesis)

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List all materials you will need:

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List and number ALL steps you will take to complete the investigation. Use another sheet of paper, if needed. Write all steps thoroughly enough for anyone to follow.

### ***Unit 3, Activity 6, Lab Report***

#### **Lab Report (2 PAGES)**

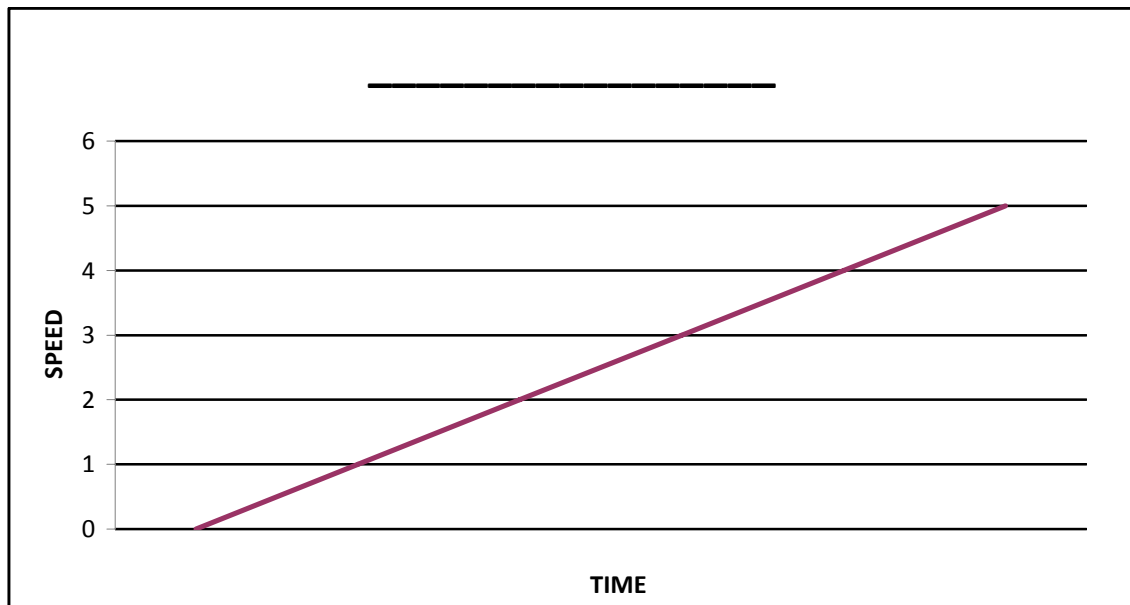
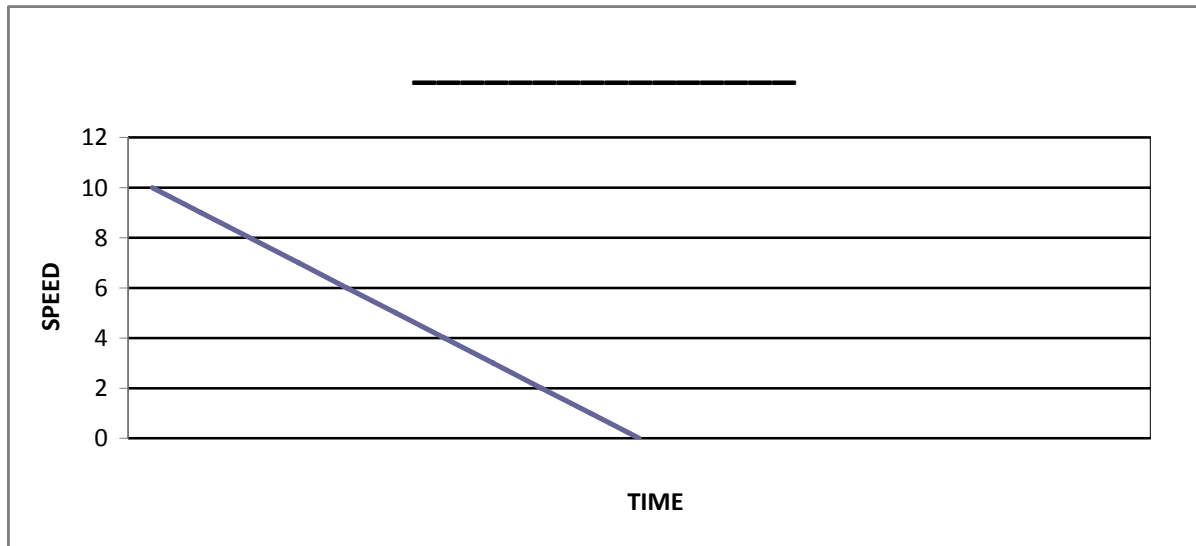
Use this section to create a chart for data recording, to record measurements, or to write observations you made during the investigation.

Write a paragraph explaining the outcome of your investigation. Do NOT describe what you did, just what the outcomes were. Use this place to also explain what you learned, if you were surprised by your outcome and why, and if you need to do another lab to investigate further.



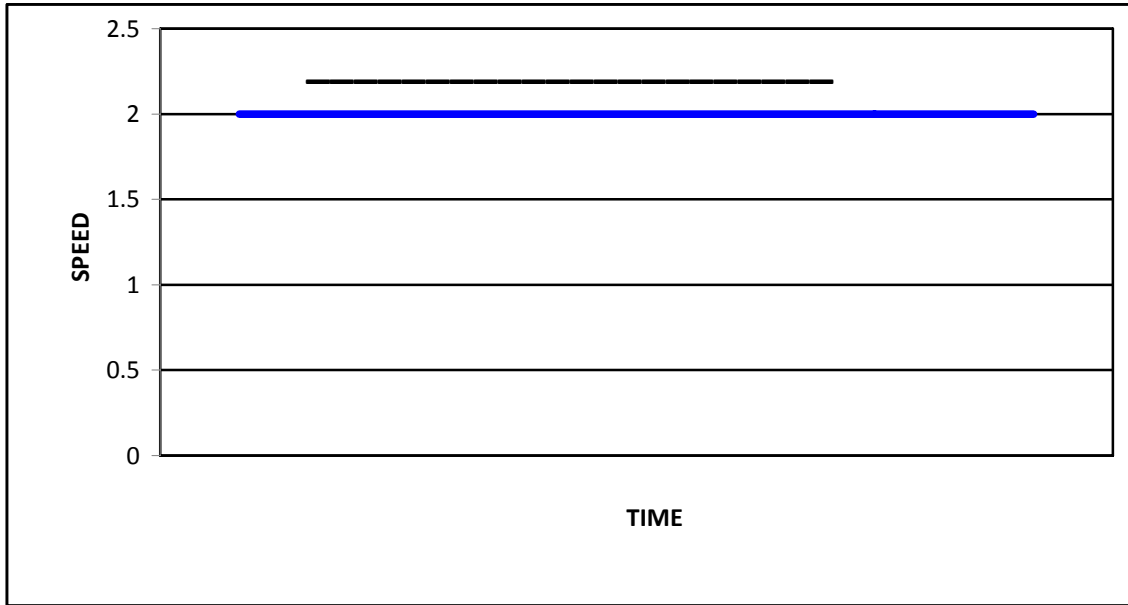
### ***Unit 4, Activity 2, Motion Graphs (unlabeled)***

The following graphs show an object in motion. Note the direction of the line for each example. The last graph shows a combination of movements for an object and each change on the graph indicates a change in movement. Add the correct label identifying whether the object is accelerating, decelerating, at a constant speed, at rest or stopped, or showing changes in acceleration.

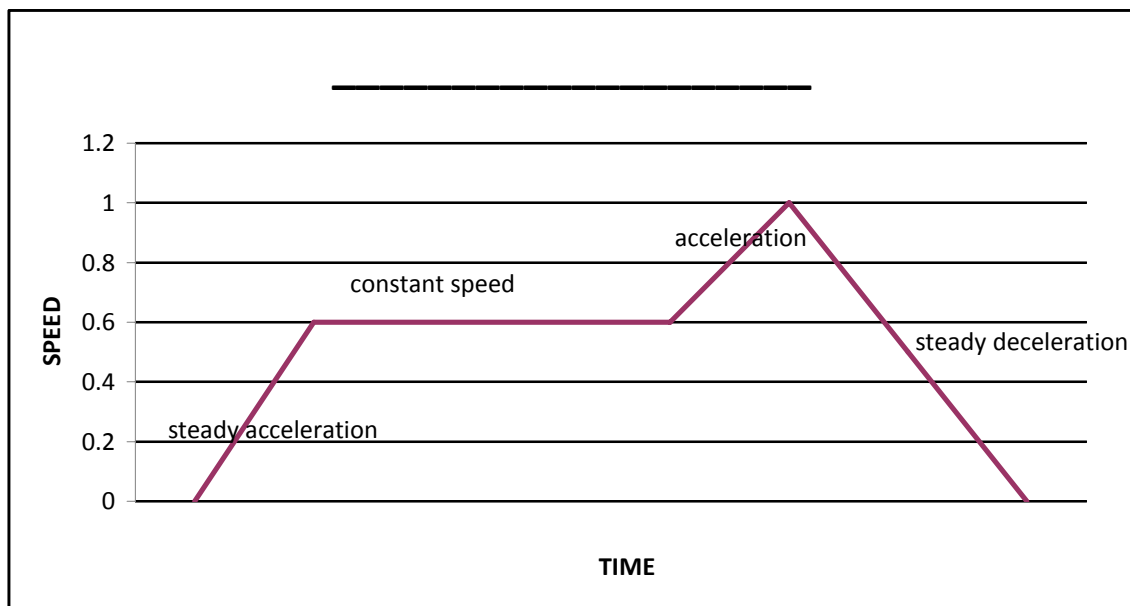




*Unit 4, Activity 2, Motion Graphs (unlabeled)*

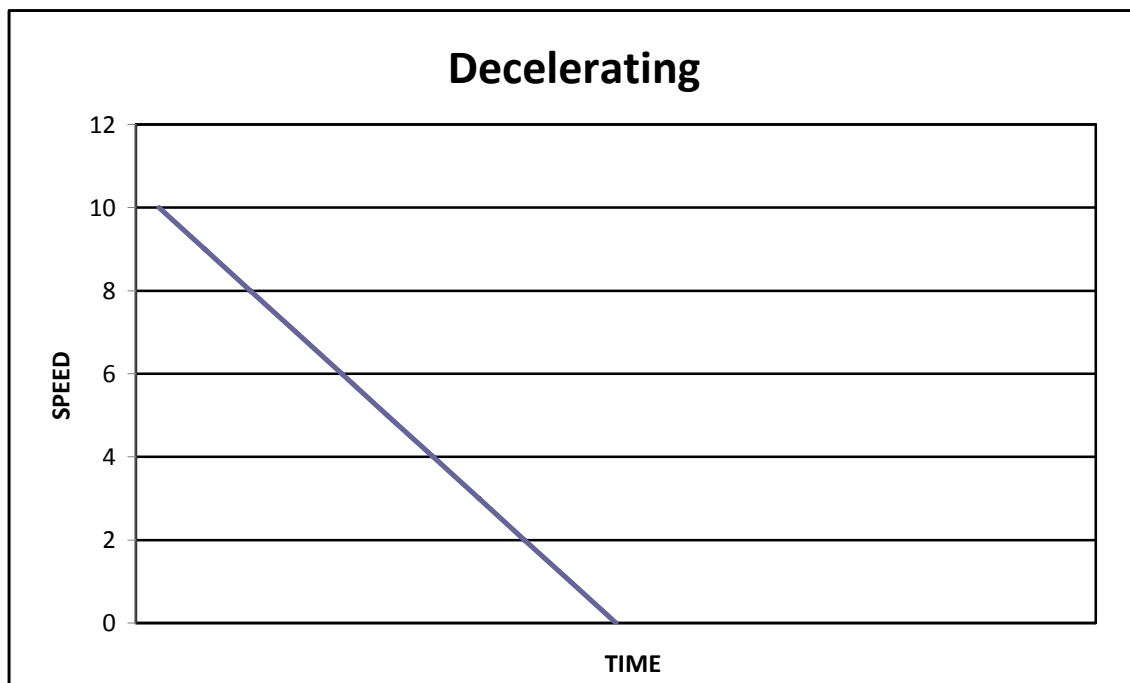


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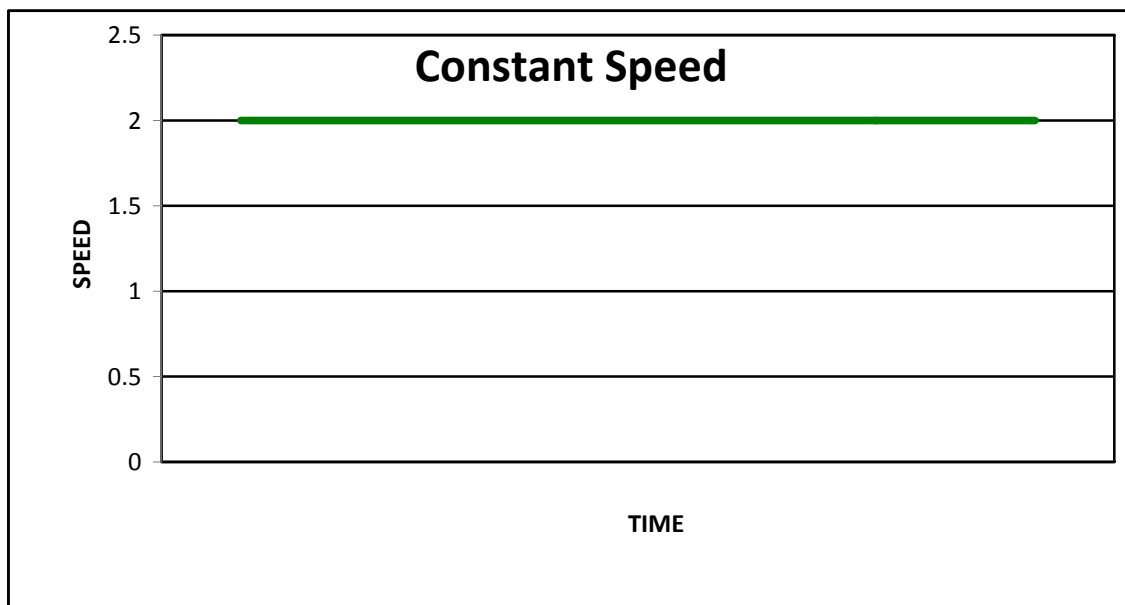
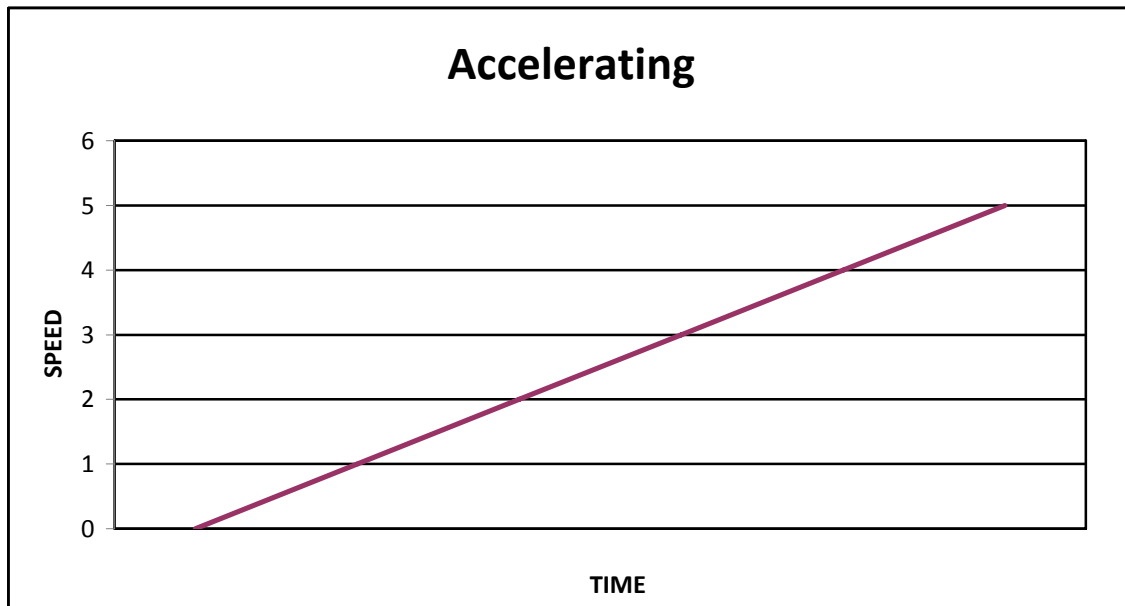


## Unit 4, Activity 2, Motion Graphs (labeled)

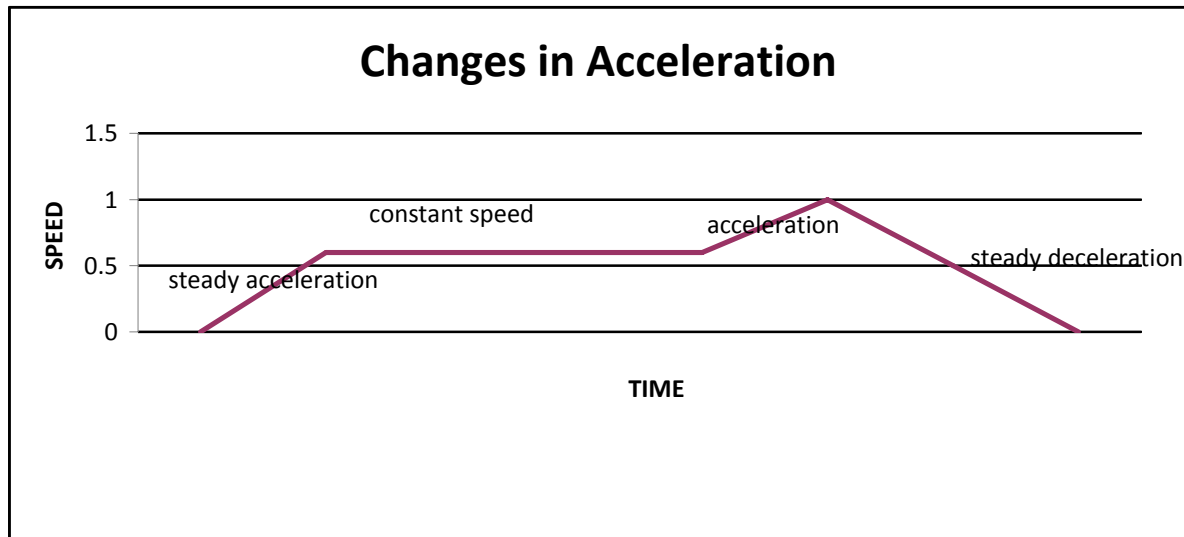
Examples of motion graphs













***Unit 4, Activity 2, Motion Graphs (labeled)***



***Unit 4, Activity 2, Motion Graphs (labeled)***



***Unit 4, Activity 9, It's the Law!***

Action / Event	Newton's 1 <sup>st</sup> Law	Newton's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Law	Newton's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Law
			
			
			
			
			
			
			
			
			
			

Identify the law that is illustrated by each picture. Put a check mark to show which law BEST explains the action.

***Unit 4, Activity 9, It's the Law! Answer Key***

Action / Event	Newton's 1 <sup>st</sup> Law	Newton's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Law	Newton's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Law
Bat hitting a ball			X
Loaded wagon going downhill next to empty wagon		X	
Child pushing friend on a swing	X		
Rocket blasting off with exhaust			X
A stack of books sitting on a table	X		
Bird flying			X
Bowling ball knocking down bowling pins	X		
Feather falling		X	
Dirty dishes sitting at dinner table	X		
Girl on skates pushing off on wall			X

### ***Unit 5, Activity 2, Home Energy Hunt***

Energy User	R	NR	IE	Form of energy used	The product of the energy use

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## ***Unit 5, Activity 4, Vocabulary Card Guide***

Definition:	Sentence:
WORD	
Picture:	A related word:

Use a wave vocabulary word for the center of each card:

- waves
- amplitude
- frequency
- crest
- trough
- wavelength
- energy

On each card, provide an illustration to show your understanding of the word, a sentence that correctly uses the word as it is being used in class, a definition for the word, and another word from the list with an explanation of how they are related (opposite or how they go together).

## *Unit 6, Activity 1, Simple Machines Opinionnaire*

### **What Are Your Opinions About Simple Machines?**

**DIRECTIONS:** After each statement, write SA (strongly agree), A (agree), D (disagree), or SD (strongly disagree). Then in the space provided, briefly explain the reason for your opinions.

	<b>STATEMENT</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>REASON(S)</b>
<b>1.</b>	Simple machines have been around for a long time.		
<b>2.</b>	Simple machines were useful, but technology has replaced them today.		
<b>3.</b>	We do not come in contact with many simple machines today.		
<b>4.</b>	I can give at least 5 examples of simple machines.		
<b>5.</b>	Simple machines are handy but do not really provide an advantage to doing work.		

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student names: \_\_\_\_\_

## Unit 7, Activity 1, Presentation Job List

**Team members:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Each team member selects the research points for which he\she will be responsible for providing answers. The team member should write his\her name on the line next to the information that he\she will collect. If possible, make photocopies for each team member or post in the classroom**

- Identify the source of the energy form. \_\_\_\_\_
- Is it renewable, nonrenewable, or inexhaustible? \_\_\_\_\_
- How is this energy source utilized for communities, etc? \_\_\_\_\_
- Any risks associated with the *production* of this energy source? \_\_\_\_\_
- Any risks associated with the *use* of this energy source? \_\_\_\_\_
- If inexhaustible, how is it harnessed for energy? \_\_\_\_\_
- If renewable, how is it maintained or sustained? \_\_\_\_\_
- What programs of reduce, reuse, recycle support this resource? \_\_\_\_\_
- What technologies or practices influence the use of this resource? \_\_\_\_\_
- Identify any industries that rely on this energy source. \_\_\_\_\_
- Who are its primary consumers? \_\_\_\_\_
- Describe Louisiana's use of this resource, and what determines our dependency on or "non-use" of this resource. \_\_\_\_\_

**Each team member should write his\her name next to the task(s) for which he\she assumes responsibility.**

- Establishes and maintains the team science learning log \_\_\_\_\_
- Checks the progress of the learning log partway through project \_\_\_\_\_
- Documents the 4 sources of information: 2 Internet \_\_\_\_\_  
(must be approved by teacher) and 2 from printed media
- Organizes the timeline with help of all team members \_\_\_\_\_
- Arranges personal interview with \_\_\_\_\_ (OPT) \_\_\_\_\_
- Presents oral presentation as an infomercial (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- Creates the tri-fold brochure \_\_\_\_\_

Teams → document meetings and any difficulties that arise.

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## Unit 7, Activity 3, Oral Presentation Peer Evaluation Rubric

Use this form to evaluate the group performance.				
Topic: _____ Date _____				
List Group Members:				
_____				
_____				
_____				
1. Presentation was informative. (Did you learn something new about energy use?)	0	1	2	3
2. Presentation was well organized. (Was the performance organized? Could you follow along easily?)	0	1	2	3
3. Presentation was interesting. (Did it hold your attention?)	0	1	2	3
4. Presentation was clear. (Could you hear the performers? Could you understand what they were saying? Were their graphics helpful?)	0	1	2	3

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_:12

Check each Key Point as you hear or see it addressed during the presentation.

- \_\_\_\_\_ identified source of the energy form
- \_\_\_\_\_ identified energy as renewable, nonrenewable, or inexhaustible (circle one)
- \_\_\_\_\_ identified how the energy source is utilized for communities
- \_\_\_\_\_ identified the risks associated with the *production* of this energy source
- \_\_\_\_\_ identified the risks associated with the *use* of this energy source
- \_\_\_\_\_ identified environmental concerns
- \_\_\_\_\_ identified how the energy source is harnessed for energy
- \_\_\_\_\_ identified, if renewable, how it is maintained or sustained
- \_\_\_\_\_ identified programs of reduce, reuse, recycle to support this resource
- \_\_\_\_\_ identified technologies or practices that influence the use of this resource
- \_\_\_\_\_ identified industries that rely on this energy source or primary consumers
- \_\_\_\_\_ identified Louisiana's use of this resource

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_:12