

Teacher's Manual

Conceptual Integrated Science Explorations

Directed Self-Study Program



Thank you for signing up for Conceptual Integrated Science Explorations. You are now looking over the teacher's manual (aka, user's guide) to your Conceptual Academy course. There's a lot to digest, but please understand: This course is truly a guided course. We authors are your tour guides. We know the path rather well having traveled it many times before. You, the teacher, are your student's personal assistant. You are also their coach, cheering them onward and providing personalized help as needed. The purpose of this manual is to provide you, the teacher, a birds-eye view of an amazing adventure that's about to unfold for both yourself and your student. But throughout your journey, for any further support you might need, please write to us at Support@ConceptualAcademy.com.

1. About Conceptual Integrated Science Explorations, Full Version

This course is divided into 5 *units*, which are divided into *modules*. For this course there are 39 modules, where each module corresponds to a textbook chapter. This is ample for two years of study. Year 1: Physics and Chemistry. Year 2: Biology, Earth Science, and Astronomy. This "Explorations" course is a lower level version of our Conceptual Integrated Science course covering about the same content but in less depth and with modules that are easier to complete for the typical middle school student. We say that it is "integrated" in that we bring forward applications of one area of science while discussing another. For example, in describing the physics concept of inertia, we show how this applies to the inner workings of our ears and our sense of balance.

This course makes for a nice introduction to each of the fields of science. Greater depth can be accomplished in a subsequent year by taking one of our more specific courses now available in physics, chemistry and biology.

2. Laboratories

Science and experiments go together hand-in-glove. This Conceptual Integrated Science Explorations course is packed with ample laboratory activities, which are posted right within the modules. You need not purchase any mail-order lab kit. Instead, the materials for these activities, such as white glue, coins, and popsicle sticks, are readily available within your household or a discount store. You'll find these lab activities to be substantial and meaningful allowing the student to apply the concepts of integrated science, which is an essential part of the learning cycle.

3. Learning Philosophy

We are strong proponents of “interleaving”, which means a student undertakes a series of shorter study sessions on different subjects rather than one long study session on a single subject. For example, the student might spend an hour studying chemistry, followed by a history lesson. Interestingly, as the student is then studying history, the chemistry lesson remains brewing at a deeper level—and vice versa with history as the student turns back to the chemistry.

We are also advocates of “Step 1/Step 2” learning. Step 1 is where the student is being introduced to material, such as through the textbook and video tutorials. Step 1 is an input process. You’ll note the mouth is closed. “Step 2” is an output process where the student tries to articulate (output) that which they think they learned from Step 1 through activities such as presentations and homework. Of these two steps, Step 2 is arguably the more difficult. Students tend to avoid Step 2 or neglect its importance. Learning, however, is only deep and durable when BOTH Step 1 and Step 2 have been employed. See our “How to Study Effectively” document to learn more.

4. A Typical Student Day

Please visit HomeschoolPlanet.com where you will find detailed automated planners available for each Conceptual Academy course. These planners were built by the conceptual authors. Each planner details specific learning activities a student is to accomplish for each day across the entire course. That said, below are the general ideas that went behind the building of these automated planners.

We find it generally best for the student to begin with a Step 1 activity, such as reading the textbook or watching a video tutorial. After completing each textbook chapter section or video, the student is encouraged to ask themselves a most powerful learning question: “What did I just learn?” and then to answer this very question aloud or in writing. In doing so, the student is interleaving a Step 2 activity within a Step 1 activity, which is most productive.

After working with the textbook and videos, the student should put effort into the “Practice Page” worksheets available from the Doc share within each lesson.

There are the many end-of-chapter (EOC) questions within the textbook, all of them partitioned by chapter section. These are an important Step 2 activity for the student. You’ll find a great number of EOC questions to provide variety. How many should be worked upon? About ten is a reasonable. It’s also important that the student try their best to come up with an answer on their own BEFORE looking at the author’s answer. Any good answer will “make sense” after reading it. But it’s not the answer that matters. What counts is being able to come up with the answer on one’s own. A good student understands the world of difference between reading an answer and creating that answer him or herself.

Any opportunity the student has to summarize (aloud) what they believe they have learned to classmates, friends, or family members, is a serious bonus to the learning process—on many levels. You should consider the following capstone learning activity: Once a student “completes” a chapter, have the student provide a verbal summary of the main ideas of the chapter. You can call this: “The Summary Challenge”. It’s not as easy as it might sound, but it’s a great way of identifying that which has been retained (or not). The process itself helps to make the learning durable. It’s normal for students to stumble as they try their best to articulate what they think they learned.

Then there are Conceptual Academy’s “Homework Practice Sessions”, otherwise known as the HPS. The HPS serves a similar purpose to the end-of-chapter questions (Step 2 Learning). The goal is to provide the student ample opportunity to practice that which they think they have learned. As we’ll describe shortly, the HPS questions are relatively difficult. Though there can be over 100 questions within a single HPS, the student is expected to study only as many as they can in a single session. Working on 10 to 20 questions in a single sitting is respectable.

In addition to the above activities, there are the labs and the unit exams. Which is to say, there is no shortage of resources available for your student. Success can be had by shifting from one resource to the next. As soon as the student becomes saturated with one activity, then STOP. Move to another activity. Interleave these activities as per the wishes of the student. This is in contrast to a learning system of: “Hey kid. Here’s the textbook. Now read until you learn something. Then we’ll see if you can pass the test.” Not good! We know from experience that the key to helping students learn is offering a variety learning resources. Variety is YUM! Let your student’s days be filled with variety.

5. Grades—Summative and Formative

In traditional academics, most students are more focused on their letter grade than the actual learning that letter grade is supposed to represent. When scholarships and admissions to competitive colleges are at stake, this is understandable. Ideally, though, a higher letter grade reflects higher learning. But there are all sorts of exceptions. A student who has struggled for a “B” in a subject that is of sincere interest, is more likely to retain that knowledge over the long term, than a book savvy student who could care less but can still pull an “A”.

We await the day when the standardized “Scholastic Aptitude Test” is replaced with a “Scholastic Attitude Test”. In our experience as college professors, attitude is just as important as aptitude, if not more so.

It’s not until grad school that many students begin to realize that the whole A|B|C|D|F grade system itself is to be taken with a huge grain of salt. What counts most is the learning, which is closely related to good attitude. But more than mere “knowledge” the ideal goal is nurturing our innate curiosity. Then beyond curiosity, and much more valuable

than a perfect SAT score, is helping the student grow into a responsible, well-adjusted, happy, loving, and productive individual who can support him or herself and a family with a career they actually enjoy.

The true value of a grade is not as a final end-all to a particular course of study. Let's call that a "*summative grade*". Rather, grades are more important as feedback that helps us learn DURING that course of study. Let's call this a "*formative grade*". The value in a formative grade is in the guidance it provides while we still have time to make corrections—to let us know when we're on track and when we might still be holding onto misconceptions BEFORE the end of the semester.

We here at Conceptual Academy are not in a position to assign a final overall summative grade for each student taking one of our self-study courses. This is the responsibility of the teacher who has been working directly with the student throughout the course of study. We are, however, very much in a position to provide formative grades throughout. This comes in the form of the reading quizzes, the video quizzes, and the HPS as tracked by the Conceptual Academy grade book, as well as the answers to the chapter questions (See Doc Share of first FYI page) and the answers to the Practice Pages available within the Doc Shares, as well as the answer keys we provide for all unit exams and lab activities. Let's talk about these components one by one.

Reading Quiz

A set of easy-to-answer questions collated from the chapter sections of each module. There is one "module reading quiz" for each module. These are designed to provide the student credit for having studied the paragraphs of the textbook. In many cases, the question is printed right within the margin of the textbook while the answer is highlighted within the paragraph. The "Reading Check" question at Conceptual Academy is the multiple-choice version of that question.

Video Quiz

A set of easy-to-answer questions relating to a particular video. Each video has a video quiz, which consists of one to three questions. These questions focus on the content of the video, which will be similar to the content of the corresponding textbook chapter section. In most cases, a student who has studied the textbook chapter section, may be able to do well with the video quiz without watching the video. This is by design to minimize any "busy work". We don't want the student watching the video if they don't need to watch the video. Similarly, the student might be able to do well on a lesson reading quiz without reading the textbook but after watching all the videos. Ideally, a student works with both the textbook and the videos, which together provide the student a stereoscopic view of the material.

Homework Practice Session (HPS)

There is one Homework Practice Session (HPS) for each lesson. The HPS is an important Step 2 activity for the student after having studied the reading and video assignments for that lesson. The questions of the HPS are relatively difficult. Plus there are many of these questions—sometimes over 100 in a single session.

The goal of a homework practice session is PRACTICE. We liken it to practicing basketball. While practicing on the court, the basketball player should be taking chances, making mistakes, and learning from those mistakes. While practicing, the player should not be limited in the number of shots they're allowed to take. Also, the player should only practice for as long as is efficient. Push themselves, yes, but not to the point of exhaustion. When efficiency is lost, it's best to STOP. Take a break. Come back the next day to practice some more while fresh.

The same holds true for the Homework Practice sessions in which the student is encouraged to take chances, make mistakes, and learn from those mistakes. A session should go for as long as is reasonable for that student, which can vary from day to day. For each correct answer, the student earns 2 points. There's never a penalty for any wrong answer.

Each question is first presented in a short answer format. The student's free response is not graded, nor recorded in any database. Rather, it serves as a warm up to the multiple choice version of that question, which comes next.

If a student is averaging about 55% on a set of HPS questions, then this is admirable. It shows they're trying to answer the question without first looking up the answer, which is to be encouraged. Students should also be encouraged to work with others on these questions, which makes for a good group activity.

Points from the Reading and Video Quizzes and the HPS

For context, you should understand how the reading and video quizzes and the HPS are used at the college level. College students using Conceptual Academy are typically told they need to collect a certain number of CA points by the end of the semester. How many points depends upon the needs of the course, where 800 is a typical number. For such a course, all students who acquire at least 800 points will earn a 100% on this assignment, which counts for about 20% of their total summative letter grade. In this scenario, students are not penalized for wrong answers. They just need to keep answering questions until they earn these 800 points. We call this an “encouragement-based approach” such that Conceptual Academy is there to reward students for good study habits. Indeed, across campuses, large and small, we find about two thirds of all students meet or far exceed their point threshold by the end of the course.

So, in the college scenario, you've got one instructor with potentially 100+ students. For a self-study course where the student teacher ratio is closer to 1:1, then there's opportunity to take it to the next level, which means requiring your student to earn 1500 points by the end of the course, but paced along the way by having thresholds they must meet for each unit.

For this Conceptual Integrated Science Explorations course we recommend the following “per unit” grading scheme for the automated quizzes at Conceptual Academy.

Per Unit Grading for the Automated Quizzes

<i>Metal Status</i>	<i>Points to Qualify</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Supernova	400		Advance by another metal in another unit
Platinum	350		Advance by one metal in another unit
Gold	300		"A" work
Silver	250		"B" work
Bronze	200		"C" work
Copper	150		"D" work
Aluminum	100		Developing

The student works their way up from one “metal status” to the next. Their goal is to reach the gold status for full credit “A” level work. Each subsequent level they might reach (platinum and supernova) allows them to advance by one metal status in another unit where they might be shy in points earned.

The particular numbers in the above chart were derived from several considerations. First, the gold level is comparable to what diligent college students earn across the many college campuses using Conceptual Academy. Second, our experience with homeschools is that this 300 point unit threshold is an admirable level. Even more admirable is when the student maintains that gold level status throughout the entire course. Third, we have tabulated the number of actual points available for each unit for this course as follows:

All Units	Unit A	Unit B	Unit C	Unit D	Unit E
8494	2526	2868	638	1996	466

There are well over 300 points available for each unit. This translates into ample opportunity for the student as well as a fair amount of flexibility. The student could random guess nearly every answer and still earn gold metal status. We expect, however, that all students come to understand that an honest effort is much more rewarding as well as efficient. Remember, the goal with these automated quizzes is not to assess what students have learned, but to provide credit for their time on task learning. It’s quite possible that your student will far exceed the 300 point threshold for any particular unit.

In assigning a final summative letter grade, we recommend the student’s Conceptual Academy score from the video, reading, and HPS questions (combined) should be worth from 20% to 40% of the overall course grade. The remaining portion of the overall course grade should be from the lab activities, unit exams, and any special projects.

End-of-Chapter Questions

Most of the questions at the back of each textbook chapter are presented in the short answer format. But which ones should your student answer? Here's a good rule of thumb: Every *other* odd-numbered question is very ambitious. Keep it to a few questions per section so that the task is not arduous. You'll note that the questions start out easy, then build in difficulty level. We feel the "Think and Explain" questions are of most value.

Now, "how" should your student answer these questions? Think of these questions as conversation starters. Ideally, the student has some one they can explain their thoughts to verbally. There's a discussion that leads to an agreement. Only then is the answer looked up in the answer key (Look to the Doc Share of the first FYI page). The student might rate themselves as to the quality of their initial answer on a scale of 1 through 5. At that point most students would just move onto the next question. We have a better alternative: Now that the student has been exposed to the "real answer", have them explain it again (without looking at the answer). Then they rate again on a scale of 1 through 5. You'll see what's happening here is the student is articulating. As this is done, there are pathways within the brain that are literally being built. Durable learning is occurring. It requires effort. No one is exempt. It can be tiring. What to do when the student gets exhausted and feels like a sponge with all the water squeezed out of it? Why not some physical activity or even history? Or just take a break.

You should see that all the end-of-chapter questions are quite the resource for Step 2 learning. But how to grade their performance on these questions? The answer is: don't. Learning is still occurring. No grading please. For that, you can rely on the HPS. But you might consider setting a goal for the number of questions worked upon. For example, 10 questions. Dear student: Get through 10 questions and you'll have earned yourself a sticker, or better yet, a chocolate bar. Ultimately, the student should recognize that working on these EOC questions is great preparation for the unit exam. But beyond that, learning is its own reward. If all students could be brought to this understanding, we believe the bulk of problems in our nation's education system would melt away.

Practice Page Worksheets

These are pencil-pushing minds-on activities. In a way, they are similar to a lab experience, except it's all on paper. Our goal in creating these Practice Pages is to provide an enjoyable venue through which the student can *apply* what they think they understand. Please note: It's not like the student already understands something and then should be able to do the worksheet. It's the other way around. The understanding evolves only when the student is working on the worksheet.

This is similar to the end-of-chapter questions. The student may ask: How can I answer these questions if I don't first understand the material? They have it backward. The real question is: How can you understand the material if you don't first work on these questions? The understanding itself arises from working on the questions. After Step 1?

After reading the book and watching the videos? The student may feel they still don't really understand. That's correct. That's a wise student! An even wiser student knows that the understanding will grow like a seed from the soil only when watered by a stream of well-placed questions (Step 2). We call this "formative".

Unit Exams

Our unit exams can be considered a blend of both formative and summative grading, but with an emphasis on the formative. They are each presented in what at first seems like an unusual and complicated format we call the "pyramid" format. But once you've been introduced to this format, you'll see it as a great learning opportunity. And fun too!

You'll find the pdf for each unit exam in the Doc Share on the last FYI page of each unit. Unlike the quizzes, and much like the Practice Pages, these are to be printed out. You'll find each exam begins with directions on how to run the exam in the pyramid format. Keep in mind that this format requires relatively tough level 3 questions. Your student is doing well upon earning around 60% on the first round. On subsequent rounds, this score will improve dramatically. It's important that students know of this design. Again, a 60% on round one is to be applauded.

In assigning a final summative grade, performance on these unit exams should hold some weight. For college students, their exams typically account from 50% to 80% of their course grade (lecture component). But for this course, there are only two unit exams during Year 1 and only three unit exams during Year 2. We suggest that the unit exam counts for around 20% of the overall grade for a particular unit. But we also suggest that you trust your own judgement for your own particular situation.

In our minds, if a student is doing all the work and has a good command over the material as evidenced by their ability to articulate that which they think they understand, then that qualifies as excellent. Attitude is everything.

Lab Activities

Many colleges still follow a 3:1 credit system, whereby the student earns 3 credit hours for "lecture" and 1 credit hour for "laboratory". On some campuses the student earns a single grade for both lab/lecture. At other campuses, the grade for lecture and lab are recorded separately. So, one way or the other, the lab component counts for about 25% of the overall assessment. It is typical that a student's lab scores tend to lift their lecture scores, which are based primarily on the mid-term exams as described above.

For your Conceptual Academy course, we recommend the same kind of balance. Ideally, the hands-on lab activities are there to complement the more minds-on process of learning concepts. The two work together. Relative to a grade, consider granting your student 75% just for completing a lab activity. You might then nit-pick the remaining 25% on the quality of a student's writing or their answers to questions.

On a final note, the course concludes with a downloadable, high-resolution Certificate of Completion, pre-signed by the author and awaiting the signature of the student's mentor.

6. Putting It All Together

In addition to the textbook, our library of video lessons (integrated with the textbook), the automated quizzes, the HPS, the Practice Pages, the unit exams, you will also find study advice from the author on each FYI page, interactive simulations, plus a number of Easter egg surprises spiced here and there. And for technical support, please write to Support@ConceptualAcademy.com.

We know you will find this self-study course to be rich not only in content but in flavor. Our goals go beyond imparting knowledge. We aim to nurture a life-long curiosity about this amazing natural world in which we are blessed to live. We know this to be an important path to becoming good stewards. Further, the rules of nature are what we all have in common and as this world gets smaller, a focus on what we have in common becomes all the more important. Further still, understanding science for what it is, for what it can do, for what it can't do, for how it, for better or worse, has impacted our daily lives, is critically important for any student in this modern age.

Thank you for your support of Conceptual Academy. We are so pleased and honored to be working with you.

Good science to you!

The Conceptual Academy Team



7. But wait, there's more! The Log/Planner Sheets

What follows is the table of contents of this course that you might use as a log sheet or planner to chart student progress of your student. This complements the detailed course planner you'll find at our support site, www.LearnScience.Academy, as well as within the first Doc Share of the course.

Please note that the syllabus your student follows at Conceptual Academy is itself a planner. For each lesson, you'll find the chapter sections to be studied, videos to be watch, simulations to be played with, and documents to be downloaded all on an as needed basis.

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Syllabus: Conceptual Integrated Science Explorations

Log Sheet (Completion Date)

Unit : A: Physics

Unit A Grading

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Gold	300		"A" work
Silver	250		"B" work
Bronze	200		"C" work
Copper	150		"D" work
Aluminum	100		Developing

Module 1 (/ /)

- FYI page
- 1.1 The Nature of Science
- 1.2 A Brief History of Advances In Science
- 1.3 Mathematics and Conceptual Science
- 1.4 The Scientific Method--A Classic Tool
- 1.5 The Scientific Hypothesis
- 1.6 The Value of Scientific Experiment
- 1.7 Facts, Theories, and Laws
- 1.8 Science Has Limitations
- 1.9 Science, Art, and Religion
- 1.10 Technology--The Practical Use of Science
- 1.11 What Is Integrated Science?
- 1.A An Investigation of Sea Butterflies
- Module Reading Quiz
- Homework Practice Session

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- FYI page
- 2.1 Aristotle On Motion
- 2.2 Galileo's Concept of Inertia
- 2.3 Speed and Velocity
- 2.A Comparing Speeds
- 2.4 Motion Is Relative
- 2.5 Newton's First Law of Motion
- 2.6 Net Force--The Sum of All Forces On an Object
- 2.7 Equilibrium for Objects at Rest
- 2.8 The Support Force--Why We Don't Fall Through the Floor
- 2.9 Equilibrium for Moving Objects
- 2.B Earth Moves Around the Sun
- Module Reading Quiz
- Homework Practice Session

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Module 3 (/ /)

- FYI page
- 3.1 What Is Acceleration?
- 3.2 Force Causes Acceleration
- 3.3 Mass Is a Measure of Inertia
- 3.4 Mass and Acceleration Are Related
- 3.5 Newton's Second Law
- 3.6 Friction
- 3.7 Objects In Free Fall Accelerate at the Same Rate
- 3.9 Air Drag
- 3.A Friction In Your Fingertips
- 3.B Gliding
- 3.8 Why Objects in Free Fall Accelerate at the Same Rate
- Module Reading Quiz
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- 4.1 A Force Is Part of an Interaction
- 4.2 Newton's Third Law--Action and Reaction
- 4.3 A Simple Rule Helps Identify Action and Reaction
- 4.4 Action and Reaction On Objects of Different Masses
- 4.5 Action and Reaction Forces Act On Different Objects
- 4.6 The Classic Horse-Cart Problem--A Mind Stumper
- 4.7 Action Equals Reaction
- 4.A Animal Locomotion
- 4.8 Summary of Newton's Three Laws
- Module Reading Quiz
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Module 5 (/ /)

- FYI page
- 5.1 Momentum Is Inertia In Motion
- 5.2 Impulse Changes Momentum
- 5.3 Increasing Momentum—Increasing Force, Time, or Both
- 5.4 Practical Uses of the Impulse-Momentum Relationship
- 5.A The Impulse-Momentum Relationship In Sports
- 5.5 Momentum Is Conserved When No External Force Acts
- 5.6 Momentum Is Conserved In Collisions
- Module Reading Quiz
- Homework Practice Session

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- 6.1 Work--Force x Distance
- 6.2 Power--How Quickly Work Gets Done
- 6.3 Mechanical Energy
- 6.4 Potential Energy Is Stored Energy
- 6.5 Kinetic Energy Is Energy of Motion
- 6.6 The Work-Energy Theorem
- 6.7 Conservation of Energy
- 6.8 Machines--Devices That Multiply Forces
- 6.9 Efficiency--A Measure of Work Done for Energy Spent
- 6.A Alternative Sources of Energy
- 6.B Energy for Life
- Module Reading Quiz
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- 7.1 The Falling Apple and the Falling Moon
- 7.2 Newton's Law of Universal Gravitation
- 7.3 Gravity, Distance, and the Inverse-Square Law
- 7.4 The Universal Constant of Gravitation, G
- 7.A Ocean Tides
- 7.5 Weight and Weightlessness
- 7.6 Projectile Motion
- 7.7 Fast-Moving Projectiles--Satellites
- 7.B Earth Satellites
- Module Reading Quiz
- Homework Practice Session

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- 8.1 Thermal Energy
- 8.2 Temperature
- 8.3 Absolute Zero--Nature's Lowest Possible Temperature
- 8.4 What Is Heat?
- 8.5 Heat Units Are Energy Units
- 8.6 The Laws of Thermodynamics
- 8.7 Entropy
- 8.8 Specific Heat Capacity
- 8.A Specific Heat Capacity and Earth's Climate
- 8.9 Thermal Expansion
- 8.10 Heat Transfer: Conduction
- 8.11 Heat Transfer: Convection
- 8.12 Heat Transfer: Radiation
- Module Reading Quiz
- Homework Practice Session

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- 9.1 Electric Charge Is a Basic Characteristic of Matter
- 9.2 Coulomb's law--The Force Between Charged Particles
- 9.3 Charge Polarization
- 9.4 Electric Current--The Flow of Electric Charge
- 9.5 An Electric Current Is Produced By Electrical Pressure--Voltage
- 9.6 Direct Current and Alternating Current
- 9.7 Ohm's Law--The Relationship Between Current, Voltage, and Resistance
- 9.A Electric Shock
- 9.8 Direct Current and Alternating Current
- 9.9 Electric Power--The Rate of Doing Work
- 9.10 Electric Circuits--Series and Parallel
- Module Reading Quiz
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- 10.3 Magnetic Domains
- 10.4 Magnetic Fields Around Electric Currents
- 10.A Earth's Magnetic Field
- 10.1 Magnetic Poles--Attraction and Repulsion
- 10.2 Magnetic Fields
- 10.5 magnetic Forces on Moving, Charged Particles
- 10.6 Electromagnetic Induction--How Voltage Is Created
- 10.7 Generators and Alternating Current
- 10.8 The Induction of Fields--Both Electric and Magnetic
- Module Reading Quiz
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- 11.1 Special Wiggles--Vibrations and Waves
- 11.2 Wave Motion--Transporting Energy
- 11.3 Two Types of Waves--Transverse and Longitudinal
- 11.4 Sound Travels In Waves
- 11.A Sensing Pitch
- 11.5 Speed of Sound
- 11.6 Sound Can Be Reflected
- 11.7 Sound Can Be Refracted
- 11.B Dolphins and Acoustical Imaging
- 11.8 Forced Vibrations and Natural Frequency
- 11.9 Resonance and Sympathetic Vibrations
- 11.10 Interference--The Addition and Subtraction of Waves
- 11.11 The Doppler Effect
- Module Reading Quiz
- Homework Practice Session

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- 12.1 The Electromagnetic Spectrum
- 12.2 Why Materials Are Either Transparent or Opaque
- 12.3 Color Science
- 12.A Mixing Colored Lights
- 12.4 Mixing Colored Pigments
- 12.B Why the Sky Is Blue
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- 12.D Why Clouds Are White
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- 13.1 Reflection of Light--Light Bouncing Off a Barrier
- 13.2 Refraction--The Bending of Light As Its Speed Changes
- 13.A Illusions and Mirages Are Caused by Atmospheric Refraction
- 13.B Light Dispersion and Rainbows
- 13.3 Diffraction--The Spreading of Light
- 13.4 Interference of Light Waves
- 13.5 Interference Colors by Reflection from Thin Films
- 13.6 Wave Particle Duality--Light Travels as a Wave and Strikes as a Particle

- 13.A Illusions and Mirages Are Caused by Atmospheric Refraction
- 13.B Light Dispersion and Rainbows
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Unit B Grading

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Module 1 (/ /)

- FYI page
- 14.1 Discovering the Invisible Atom
- 14.A A Breath of Air
- 14.2 Evidence for Atoms
- 14.B A First Look at the Periodic Table
- 14.3 Protons and Neutrons
- 14.4 Isotopes and Atomic Mass
- 14.5 Electron Shells
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- 15.1 Radioactivity
- 15.2 Alpha, Beta, and Gamma Rays
- 15.3 Environmental Radiation
- 15.A Radiation Damage to the Body
- 15.4 Transmutation of the Elements
- 15.5 Half-Life
- 15.B Isotopic Dating
- 15.6 Nuclear Fission
- 15.7 The Mass-Energy Relationship: $E = mc^2$
- 15.8 Nuclear Fusion
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- 16.A Research
- 16.2 The Submicroscopic World
- 16.3 Change of Phase
- 16.4 Physical and Chemical Properties
- 16.5 Determining Physical and Chemical Changes
- 16.6 The Periodic Table
- 16.7 Elements and Compounds
- 16.8 Naming Compounds
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- 17.2 The Formation of Ions
- 17.3 Ionic Bonds
- 17.A The Chemistry of Minerals
- 17.4 Metallic Bonds
- 17.5 Covalent Bonds
- 17.6 Polar Covalent Bonds
- 17.7 Molecular Polarity
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- 18.2 The Chemist's Classification of Matter
- 18.3 Making Solutions
- 18.4 Concentration and the Mole
- 18.5 Solubility
- 18.6 Soaps and Detergents
- 18.A Purifying the Water We Drink
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- 19.1 Chemical Equations
- 19.2 Reaction Rates
- 19.A Catalysts and the Atmosphere
- 19.3 Energy and Chemical Reactions
- 19.4 Chemical Reactions Are Driven By Entropy
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- 20.1 Acid and bases
- 20.2 Relative Strengths of Acids and Bases
- 20.3 Acidic, Basic, and Neutral Solutions
- 20.A Acid Rain and Basic Oceans
- 20.4 Losing and Gaining Electrons
- 20.5 Electrochemistry
- 20.6 Corrosion and Combustion
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- 21.2 Unsaturated Hydrocarbons
- 21.3 Functional Groups

- 21.4 Alcohols and Ethers
- 21.5 Amine and Alkaloids
- 21.6 Carbonyl Compounds
- 21.7 Polymers
- 21.A The Molecules of Life
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Unit C Grading

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Module 1 (/ /)

- FYI page
- 22.1 What Is Life?
- 22.A The Big Molecules That Make Up Living Things
- 22.2 What Is a Cell?
- 22.3 The Two Types of Cells: Prokaryotic and Eukaryotic
- 22.B The Microscope
- 22.4 Tour of a Eukaryotic Cell
- 22.5 The Organelles of Eukaryotic Cells
- 22.6 The Cell Membrane
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- 23.1 How Things Get In and Out of Cells
- 23.2 How Do Cells Reproduce?
- 23.3 Enzymes and the Chemical Reactions in Cells
- 23.A ATP Fuels Chemical Reactions in Cells
- 23.4 Photosynthesis
- 23.5 How Cells Get Energy
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- 24.1 What Is a Gene?
- 24.2 Chromosomes: Packages of Genetic Information
- 24.A The Structure of DNA
- 24.3 How DNA Is Copied
- 24.4 RNA
- 24.5 How Proteins Are Built
- 24.6 Meiosis and Genetic Diversity
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- 25.4 More Wrinkles: Beyond Mendelian Genetics
- 25.5 The Human genome
- 25.6 Genetic Mutations
- 25.7 Cancer: A Genetic Disease
- 25.A Environmental Causes of Cancer
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- 26.1 The Origin of Life
- 26.A Did Life On Earth Come From Mars?
- 26.2 How Living Things Change Over Time
- 26.3 The Key to Evolution: Natural Selection and How It Works
- 26.4 Adaptation
- 26.B Staying Warm and Keeping Cool: How Animals use Physics in Thermoregulation
- 26.5 Genetics and Evolution
- 26.6 How a New Species Forms
- 26.7 Evidence of Evolution
- 26.8 How Humans Evolved
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- FYI page
- 27.1 Classifying Living Things
- 27.2 Evolution and Classification
- 27.3 The Three Domains of Life
- 27.4 Bacteria
- 27.5 Archaea
- 27.6 Protists
- 27.7 Plants

- 27.8 Fungi
- 27.9 Animals
- 27.A Coral Bleaching
- 27.B How Birds Fly
- 27.10 Viruses and Prions
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- 28.1 How the Human Body Is Organized
- 28.2 The Brain
- 28.3 The Nervous System
- 28.4 How Neurons Work
- 28.A How Fast Can Action Potentials Travel?
- 28.B Endorphins
- 28.5 The Senses
- 28.6 Hormones
- 28.7 Reproduction and Development
- 28.8 The Skeleton and Muscles
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- 29.1 Integration of Body Systems
- 29.2 The Circulatory System
- 29.A Hemoglobin
- 29.3 Respiration
- 29.4 Digestion
- 29.5 Nutrition, Exercise, and Health
- 29.B Low-Carb Versus Low-Calorie Diets

- 29.6 Excretion and Water Balance
- 29.7 Keeping the Body Safe: Defense Systems
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- FYI page
- 30.1 Organisms and Their Environments
- 30.2 Species Interactions in Ecological Communities
- 30.3 Energy Flow in Ecosystems
- 30.A Energy Leaks When Organisms Eat
- 30.4 Kinds of Ecosystems
- 30.B Materials Cycling in Ecosystems
- 30.5 Change In an Ecosystem
- 30.6 Population Studies
- 30.7 Human Population Growth
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- FYI page
- 31.1 Earth Science Is an Integrated Science
- 31.2 Earth's Composition
- 31.A Density and Earth's Layers
- 31.3 Earth's Structure
- 31.4 Continental Drift--An Idea Before Its Time
- 31.5 Seafloor Spreading
- 31.B Magnetic Stripes Are Evidence of Seafloor Spreading
- 31.6 The Theory of Plate Tectonics
- 31.C What Forces Drive the Plates?
- 31.7 Plate Boundaries
- 31.D Life In the Trenches
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- 32.1 What Is a Mineral?
- 32.2 Mineral Properties
- 32.3 Types of Minerals
- 32.A The Silicate Tetrahedron
- 32.4 How Do Minerals Form?
- 32.5 What Is Rock?
- 32.6 Igneous Rock
- 32.7 Sedimentary Rock
- 32.B Coal
- 32.8 Metamorphic Rock
- 32.9 The Rock Cycle
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- 33.2 Folding and Faulting
- 33.3 Mountain Building
- 33.4 Plains and Plateaus
- 33.5 Earth's Waters
- 33.6 The Ocean
- 33.A The Composition of Ocean Water
- 33.7 Fresh Water
- 33.B Water Pollution
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- 34.1 Weathering, Erosion, and Deposition--Agents of Change
- 34.A Weathering
- 34.2 Running Water
- 34.3 Glaciers
- 34.4 Mass Movement
- 34.5 Groundwater
- 34.6 Waves
- 34.7 Wind
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- 35.A Atmospheric Pressure

- 35.B Heating the Atmosphere
- 35.C Wind Chill
- 35.D The Coriolis Effect
- 35.1 Atmosphere
- 35.2 The Structure of the Atmosphere
- 35.3 Temperature Depends of Latitude
- 35.4 Why Are There Seasons?
- 35.5 Flow of the Atmosphere--Wind
- 35.6 Some Winds Are Local--Others Are Global
- 35.7 Ocean Currents Distribute Heat
- 35.8 Water In the Atmosphere
- 35.9 Changing Weather--Air Masses, Fronts, and Cyclones
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- 36.1 A Model of Earth's History
- 36.2 Telling Relative Time
- 36.A Dating a Rock--Telling Absolute Time
- 36.3 The Geologic Time Scale
- 36.B Precambrian Time
- 36.C The Paleozoic Era
- 36.D The Permian Extinction
- 36.E The Mesozoic Era
- 36.F The Cretaceous Extinction
- 36.G The Cenozoic Era
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- 37.1 Earthquakes
- 37.2 Tsunami

- 37.3 Volcanoes
- 37.4 Hurricanes
- 37.5 Earth's Past and Present Climate
- 37.A Natural Causes of Climate Change
- 37.B Future Climate--A Warmer Earth?
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Unit E Grading

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Module 1 (/ /)

- FYI page
- 38.1 Earth's Moon
- 38.2 Eclipses—The Shadows of Earth and the Moon
- 38.3 Tour of the Solar System
- 38.A How Did the Solar System Form?
- 38.4 The Sun
- 38.5 The Inner Planets
- 38.6 The Outer Planets
- 38.B What Makes a Planet Suitable for Life?
- 38.7 Asteroids, Comets, and Meteoroids
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- 39.2 The Light-year
- 39.3 The Birth of Stars
- 39.4 The Evolution and Death of Stars
- 39.5 The Bigger They Are, the Harder They Fall—Supernovae
- 39.6 Black Holes
- 39.7 Galaxies
- 39.A SETI
- 39.8 The Big Bang
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