

## Semester 1: Science 6 Study Guide

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### Chapter 1: What Is Science?

#### Lesson 1: The Skills of Science (pg. 4-9)

- Science- way of learning about the natural world
- Observing- using senses to gather information
  - Quantitative- deals with numbers
  - Qualitative- Does not deal with numbers
- Inferring- explain or interpret what you observe
- Predicting- making statement about the future
- Classifying- group together similar items
- Making Models- creating representation of complex things
  - Examples: map, solar system model, cell, car model, etc...
- Evaluating- comparing observations and data
  - Allow others to reproduce your experiment to see if your results are correct.

#### Lesson 2: Scientific Thinking (pg. 10 - 17)

- Open to new changes and new experiments
  - If new data or knowledge is found
- Skepticism- attitude of doubt
- Personal Bias- Personal likes and dislikes affect thinking
  - Example: you like milk, then everyone must like milk.
- Cultural- culture affects way person thinks
  - Example: milk only for babies, so they won't drink as an adult
- Experimental- mistake in the design of experiment
  - Example: No control group, etc...
- Objective Reasoning- base conclusions on evidence
- Subjective Reasoning- allow personal feelings to make conclusions

#### Lesson 3: Answering Scientific Questions (pg. 18-27)

- Hypothesis- possible answer to a question
- Conducting Experiment
  - Variables- factors that change
  - Independent variables- variable purposely changed

## Lesson 1: Measurement in Science (pg. 38 - 47)

- Metric System
  - Convert:  $100 \text{ cm} = 1 \text{ meter}$        $1000 \text{ km} = 1 \text{ meter}$
- SI Units      fill in chart → → → → →
  - Tool used to measure Length: meter stick
  - Tool used to measure Mass: Tripod Beam Balance
    - ✓ Definition of Mass: amount of matter
    - ✓ Definition of Weight: force of gravity
  - Tool used to measure Volume: beaker / graduated cylinders
  - Density
    - ✓ Formula:  $D = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}}$
    - ✓ The mass of a marble is 2g and has a volume of 4L. What is its density?  $\sim 0.5 \text{ g/cm}^3$
    - ✓ Density describes if an object will float or sink.
  - Tool used to measure Temperature: thermometer
    - $< 1^\circ \text{C}$  = float
    - $> 1^\circ \text{C}$  = sink
  - Tool used to measure Time: stopwatch

SI Prefixes		
Prefix	Symbol	Multiple
kilo-	k	1,000
hecto-	h	100
deka-	d	10
deci-	d	0.1
centi-	c	0.01
milli-	m	0.001

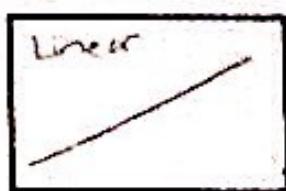
## Lesson 2: Math in Science (pg. 48 - 55)

- Estimate- approximation of a number.
- Accuracy- how close answer is to true / actual answer
- Precision- how close answer is to your other measurements.
- Significant figures
  - How precise, measurements are.
  - How many significant figures does the following have?

1.) 231 3    2.) 3005 4    3.) 0.0034 2    4.)  $25.34 + 9.7 =$  35.04    5.)  $234 \times 22 =$  5148

Sandwich rule

- Percent Error
  - Formula =  $\frac{\text{Actual} - \text{Your}}{\text{Actual}} \times 100\%$  =  $\frac{5.9 - 5.8}{5.9} \times 100\% = 1.7\%$
  - Find the percent error; the actual answer is 5.8 but you got an answer of 5.9.
- Mean- the average of the data
  - Find the mean of the following numbers: 3, 7, 4, 7, 5 = 5.4
- Median- middle number
  - Find the median of the following numbers: 12, 17, 14, 22, 13 = 15
- Mode- appears the most+
- Range- subtract the greatest number from the least number
- Anomalous Data- data that doesn't fit within a set



## Lesson 3: Graphs (pg. 56 - 61)

- Bar graph, Circle graph
  - Line graph- draw an example of a linear and nonlinear graph→



## Lesson 4: Using Models (pg. 62 - 71)

- Systems
  - Input- material that goes into the system
    - ✓ Example: Battery in flashlight
  - Process- what happens within a system
  - Output- energy that comes out of the system
    - ✓ Example: flashlight gives light
  - Feedback- output that changes a system
    - ✓ Example: heat  $\rightarrow$  becomes light  $\rightarrow$  stopping

## Lesson 5: Safety in the Science Laboratory (pg. 72 - 77)

- Safety Symbols
- Preparing for investigation- Helps keep you safe
  - Tie back long hair when working with fire
- Working in field- Wear appropriate clothing
- If accident occurs
  - Notify your teacher
  - Most important: Follow teacher's instructions
  - Carry out directions exactly

## Chapter 8: Living Things and the Environment (pg. 274)

### Lesson 1: Living Things and the Environment

- Habitat provides food, water, and shelter
- Abiotic Factor: Living things
  - ✓ 3 Examples: trees, animals, berries
- Biotic Factor: Non-living things
  - ✓ 3 Examples: water, oxygen, air
- Ecosystem Organization
  - Organisms: consists of all the living.
  - Populations: all members of a species.
  - Communities: all the different populations.
  - Ecosystems: all biotic and abiotic organisms
- Ecology: the study of the organisms & their environment

### Lesson 2: Populations

- Population Size
  - Birth rate- amount being born
  - Death rate- amount of population decreased
  - If birth rate  $>$  death rate, population size increases
  - If death rate  $>$  birth rate, population size decreases

- Immigration: organisms move into a population
- Emigration: organisms move out of a population
- Population Density
  - Formula:
- Limiting Population Growth
  - Climate: too hot or too cold
  - Not enough space: Leads to less sunlight and water
  - Food and Water
  - Carrying Capacity: when reached the population stops increasing.

### Lesson 3: Interactions among Living Things

- Natural Selection- better suited organism's survive because they are better adapted.
- Adaptations-allow organisms to survive
  - ✓ Examples: camouflage, speed, poison, etc . . .
- Niche: the role of an organism
- Competition- struggle between animals to survive.
- Predation- one organism kills another organism for food or \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ✓ 3 Predator adaptations examples:
  - ✓ 3 Prey adaptations examples:
- Symbiosis
  - Mutualism- good for both organisms (+,+)
    - ✓ Example:
  - Commensalism- good for one organism, doesn't harm the other (+,0)
    - ✓ Example:
  - Parasitism- bad for one organism, harms other (+,-)
    - ✓ Parasite: organism that feeds on organism
    - ✓ Host: organism that the parasite lives on.
    - ✓ Example:

### Lesson 4: Changes in Communities

- Succession: series of predictable changes that occur in a community
  - Primary Succession
    - ✓ Steps: invasion example: desert succession (S) 1. Soil formation  
2. Initial flora and fauna colonized

## Chapter 9: Ecosystem and Biomes (pg. 310)

### Lesson 1: Photosynthesis

- All energy comes from the SUN.
- *Photo* means Light.
- *Syntethetis* means making together.
  - Producers- makes its own Food
    - ✓ Example of Autotroph: plants/trees.
  - Consumers- cannot make its own Food
    - ✓ Example of Heterotroph: dogs, us, bear, etc...
- What happens during photosynthesis?
  - Stage 1:
    - ✓ Chlorophyll- the main  pigment for photosynthesis.
- What's needed for photosynthesis-  $H_2O + Sunlight \rightarrow CO_2 + O_2$ .
- What's produced from photosynthesis-  $O_2 + Glucose (Sugar)$ .

### Lesson 2: Energy Flow in Ecosystems

- Energy Roles
  - Producers- make our food
    - ✓ Example:
  - Consumers: organism that eat producers or other consumers.
    - ✓ Herbivores- eat plants
      - a. Example: cavat
    - ✓ Carnivores- eat meat
      - a. Example: wolf
    - ✓ Omnivores- eat both meat and plants
      - a. Example: Bear
    - ✓ Scavenger- eat already dead organisms
      - a. Example: hawk
  - Decomposers gets energy by breaking down dead organisms.
    - ✓ Example: mushroom, mold, etc..
- Energy Movement
  - Food Chains Example:
    - Plant → Consumer → Consumer
  - Food Webs Example:
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  - Energy Pyramid: Animals use energy for growth and reproduction.
    - ✓ Animals with the most energy are located at the bottom of the pyramid
    - ✓ Animals with the least amount of energy are located at the top.

## Lesson 3: Cycles of Matter

### o Water Cycle

- Cause of water cycle is Sunlight (heat).
- Evaporation- liquid water turns to gas.
- Condensation- gas changes to liquid
- Precipitation- heavy drops fall to earth  
Examples are rain, clouds, sleet, and hail.

### o Carbon and Oxygen Cycle

- Description

### o Nitrogen Cycle

- Description

- Nitrogen fixation- process of changing free nitrogen into a useful form of nitrogen

## Chapter 6: Earth, Moon, and Sun

### Lesson 1: The Sky from Earth

- Meteor- ~~burning star~~
- Comet- ~~old snow ice~~
- Constellation- ~~stars from pic with stories~~

### Lesson 2: Earth in Space

- Rotation- causes days and nights
- Revolution- takes 365 1/4 days for the earth to revolve around the sun
- Day and night are caused by rotation.
- Seasons are caused by revolution + tilt of axis.

### Lesson 3: Gravity and Motion

- Gravity is the attraction between two objects
- Gravity is affected by mass and length.
- Mass- amount of matter
- weight- force of gravity
- Gravity keeps Earth from flying off into space.
- Gravity keeps Earth moving in a circular pattern.