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Earth & Space Science

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Effective NGSS Instruction

Your Guide to the 5Es and
Three-Dimensional Learning



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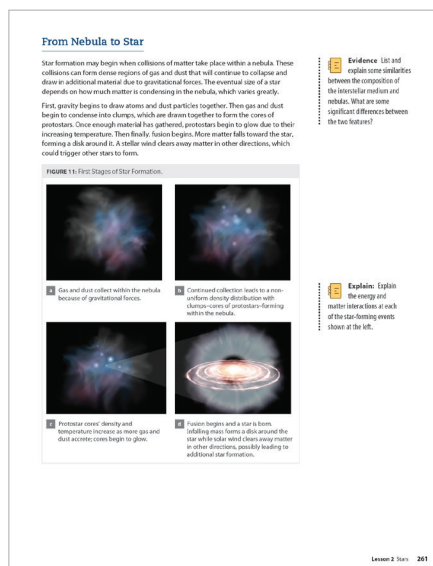
HMH Science Dimensions™ provides the richest NGSS*-based 3D learning experiences available. Whether you choose print, digital, or a combination approach, students will be ready to succeed at the **Performance Expectations**.

BOTH PATHS OFFER

- Parallel Lesson Content
- Hands-on Investigations
- 5E Learning Model
- Math & ELA Connections
- Evidence Notebooking
- Engineering Activities
- Collaborative Learning
- Assessments
- Unit Performance Tasks
- Three-Dimensional Learning

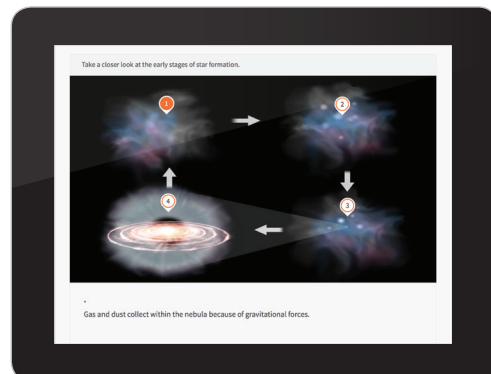
PRINT PATH

High school *Earth & Space Science* builds interest with a hardcover text enlivened by cartoons from Randall Munroe's *Thing Explainer*.



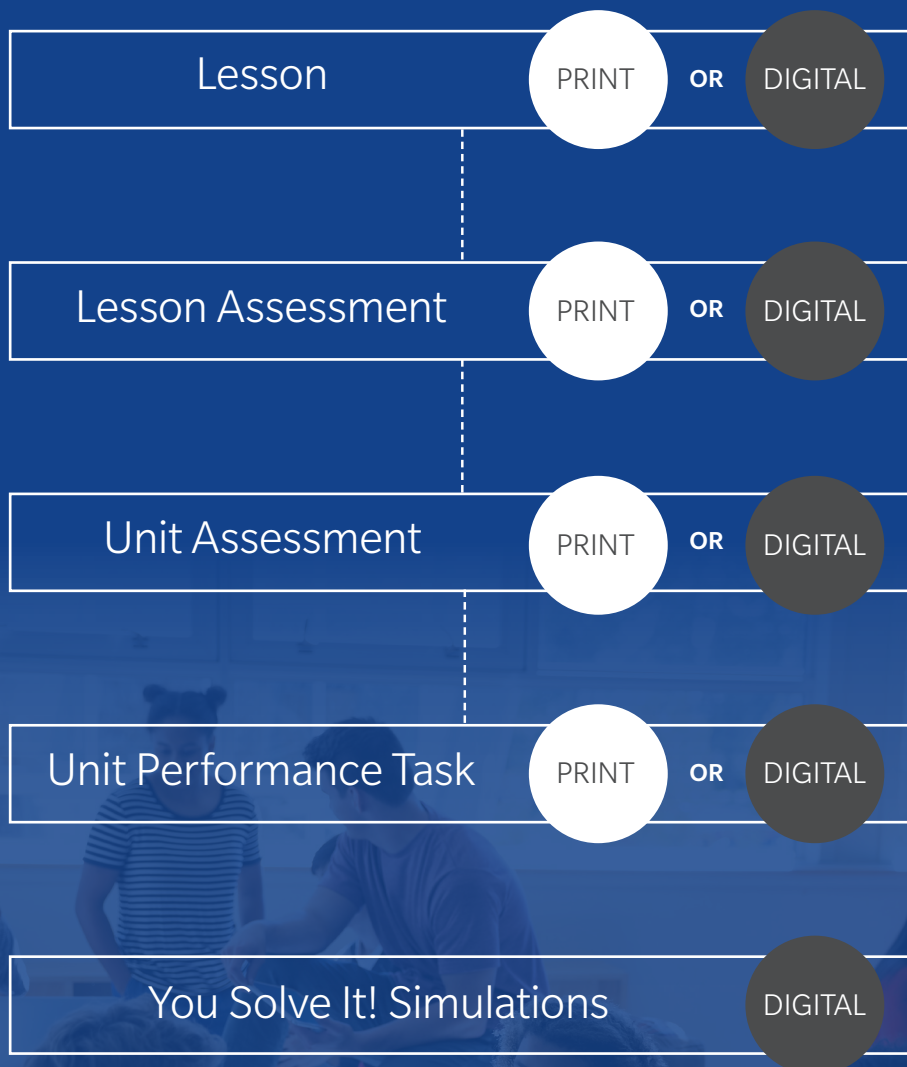
DIGITAL PATH

The robust interactive online Student Edition contains all the content from the print books, enhanced with high-interest interactive elements!



Digital? Print? It's Your Choice!

Because both the digital and print paths include the same content, your learners can follow *any* path to the Performance Expectations that you designate. Leverage digital for small-group work, flipped classrooms, learning centers, and 1:1 technology situations.



Whether you use the print book or the online interactive Student Edition, your students will encounter plenty of opportunities for **science and engineering practices, small-group work, and collaborative projects!**

HMH Science Dimensions

Designed—not aligned—for NGSS

HMH Science Dimensions Earth & Space Science was built for you from the ground up to authentically and effectively address both the spirit and the letter of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)*.

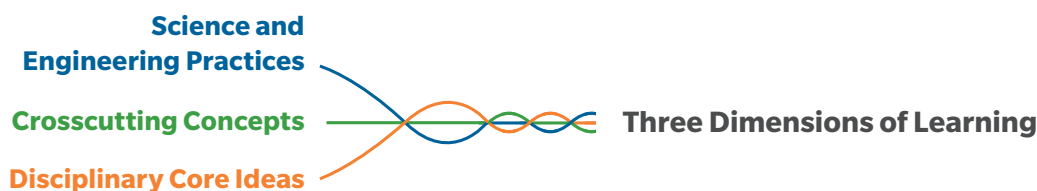
The Digital Advantage

HMH Science Dimensions Earth & Space Science incorporates highly motivating interactive digital elements, such as animations, videos, simulations, and more. This approach allows the program to harness the power of technology so that students are more engaged, resulting in a more effective learning experience. Throughout this walkthrough, note the **▼ DIGITAL ADVANTAGE** sections highlighting the interactive elements designed to optimize learning.

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Three-Dimensional Learning

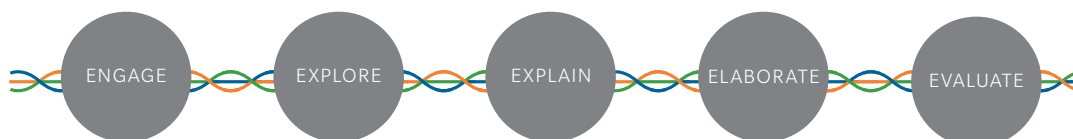
Any curriculum based on the NGSS must integrate the **Science and Engineering Practices**, **Crosscutting Concepts**, and **Disciplinary Core Ideas** (the Three Dimensions of Learning) throughout all lessons. *HMH Science Dimensions* intertwines the Three Dimensions into a cohesive, braided approach that ensures students will increase science proficiency.



Lesson Structure—the 5E Model

HMH Science Dimensions consists of units containing closely related lessons.

Each lesson is built around the familiar **5E instructional model**, endorsed by NGSS thought leaders. We've overlaid the **Claims/Evidence/Reasoning** learning model below with the 5Es to give you a better understanding of how a pedagogy driven by NGSS aligns to the 5Es.



ENGAGE **Stimulated to engage** with a discrepant phenomenon or puzzling question, students begin each lesson by making connections to the real world around them.

► **CLAIMS** Students hypothesize a model or explanation to the puzzle or problem presented. By evaluating their own mental models, students are prepared to study the phenomenon.

EXPLORE **Inspired to explore** new concepts and gather evidence, they learn actively through a variety of activities and resources.

► **EVIDENCE** Students perform experiments and pursue several methods of scientific inquiry to gather data and explore their model.

EXPLAIN **Challenged to explain** and test their ideas and claims, students become skilled at reasoning about how well their evidence supports their claims.

► **REASONING** Armed with real data related to the initial phenomenon or problem, students draw conclusions and adjust models.

ELABORATE **Motivated to extend** their new learning, students apply this knowledge in different situations to deepen understanding.

EVALUATE **Enabled to evaluate** how their understanding has changed, students are supported by a progression of formative and summative activities during the lesson.

ENGAGE

Every lesson starts with an Engage opportunity that asks: **Can You Explain It?** The Engage section involves a **phenomenon to explain, a problem to solve,** or a **discrepant event** to spark students' curiosity.

As students state **claims**, they begin to analyze their assumptions and ideas, preparing for the learning experiences that follow.



5.2 Stars

CAN YOU EXPLAIN IT?

Solar flares increase the sun's energy output.

FIGURE 5: The Orion constellation

The constellation Orion is visible in the Northern Hemisphere in the winter sky. In Greek mythology, Orion is the Hunter. Three bright stars across the center mark Orion's belt and are often easy to spot. Just below the belt of the Hunter is the Orion nebula, a cloud of gas and dust.

Observe Notice that the stars in the constellation Orion are of different colors. What do you think might be causing these differences in color?

Gather Evidence Record observations about the differences you are among the stars in this constellation. As you explore the lesson, gather evidence to help explain these observations.

5.1 Observing Matter in Space

CAN YOU EXPLAIN IT?

When you imagine outer space, you may picture objects such as stars, asteroids, and comets. Because most objects in space are too far to visit, scientists must gather information from observations made at great distances from the objects.

FIGURE 1: Horsehead Nebula

The Horsehead nebula is a cloud of gas and dust located about 1,500 light years from Earth. Light moves very fast and very far in a year. But even if humans could travel at the speed of light, it would take 1,500 years—approximately 20 times the average human lifespan—to reach the Horsehead Nebula. Scientists must study such objects from a distance by using various instruments and techniques. Most of the information comes from the light from these objects that reaches Earth.

Observe the colors and other details in the photo of the Horsehead Nebula. In this image, you might notice a dark "horsehead" shape and lighter areas of different colors.

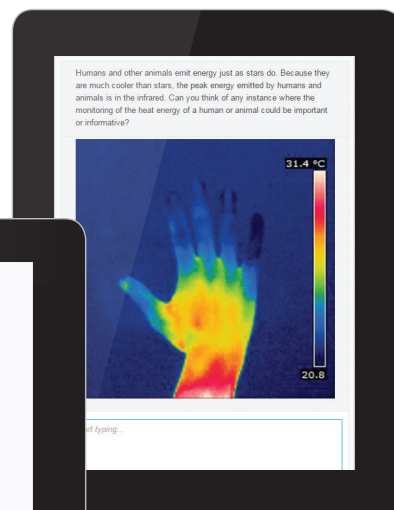
Predict What explanation can you suggest for what might be causing the horsehead shape in this nebula?

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▼ DIGITAL ADVANTAGE

Interactive Illustrations

The interactive nature of online illustrations maximizes student engagement. **HMH Science Dimensions Earth & Space Science** encourages learners to interact with images online. The digital delivery platform also supports students in **entering and organizing their thoughts** as they collect evidence throughout the lesson.



Interactive Online Student Edition

EXPLORE & EXPLAIN

In the next phases of the 5E model, a series of related Explore & Explain activities are organized as **Explorations**. During these activities, learners embark on a discovery process of gathering **evidence** to either support or challenge their **claims** through:

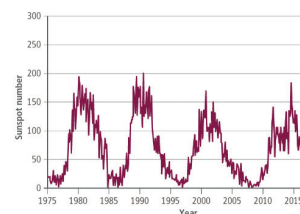
- hands-on activities and labs
- data analysis
- instructional diagrams
- informative videos
- immersive virtual activities

Throughout the lesson, students are prompted to record their evidence using **Evidence Notebooks** where appropriate.

Student-directed formative assessments embedded in the lesson help students assess the evidence they gather. They also share their evidence with peers and collaborate on the activities.

Sunspot Activity

Examine the graph of sunspot activity and choose words or numbers to complete the statements.

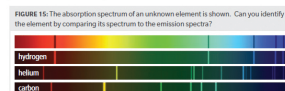


The graph shows sunspot activity over time.

During the years 2000 to 2003, the average number of sunspots was . In the years shown, solar activity is towards maximum it falls after maximum.

Check

Matching Spectra



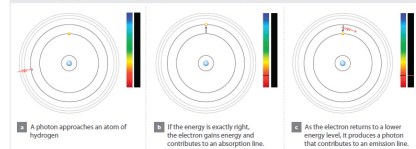
Absorption and emission spectra result when the electrons of the atoms gain or lose energy. In an atom of hydrogen, the electron can stay only at very specific energy levels, as depicted in Figure 16. The electron can gain or lose only the exact amount of energy needed to move between two energy levels.

As light passes the atom, the atom can absorb only light of the right amount of energy to make the electron change levels. The light is in the form of a photon of a particular frequency. Continuous light has photons of a range of frequencies. When continuous light reaches a gas, most frequencies pass through the gas, producing the bright areas of the spectrum. The gas absorbs photons of all of its possible frequencies, producing dark lines in the spectrum at those frequencies.

Explain Suppose an element had more energy levels than hydrogen. How would you expect its spectrum to differ from hydrogen's spectrum?

When a hydrogen atom absorbs a photon, it becomes energized. When the atom loses this same amount of energy, it produces a photon of the same frequency. This emitted photon contributes to the bright line of an emission spectrum. The bright and dark lines of hydrogen's two types of spectra match because hydrogen's electron is restricted to moving between the same energy levels.

FIGURE 16: As hydrogen's electron changes energy levels, it contributes to the lines of absorption and emission spectra.



Predict If hydrogen gas were illuminated by emission from another gas, rather than by a continuous source, how would the spectrum appear?



Hands-On Activity

Modeling Parallax

PROCEDURE

1. Hold your thumb at arm's length. Close your left eye and note the position of your thumb relative to a distant object, such as a tree or a picture on the wall.
2. Without moving your head, open your left eye and close your right eye. Again note the position of your thumb relative to the distant object. How does the amount of observed parallax change if your thumb is closer to your eyes?



Analyze Describe the parallax you observed.

How might parallax help you tell the difference between a distant airplane and a nearby model airplane?

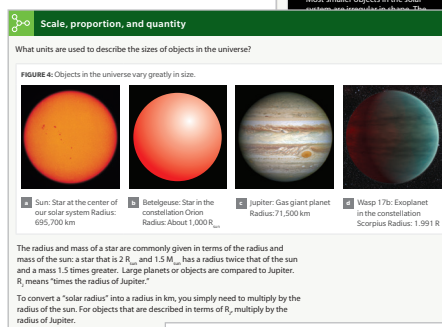
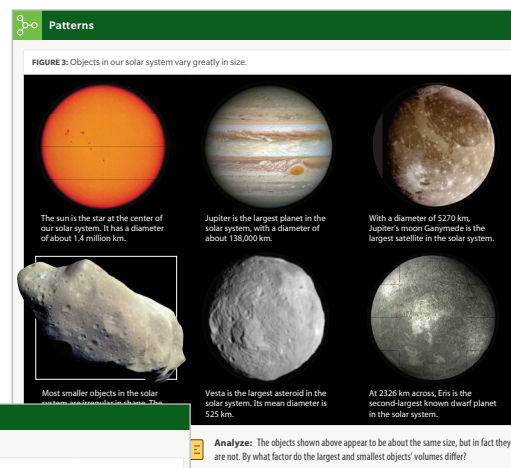
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EXPLORE & EXPLAIN

Crosscutting Concepts

In each lesson, important Crosscutting Concepts are called out via a special feature and icon. Students are asked to dive deeper into the intelligent patterns of life, including:

- Energy and Matter
- Cause and Effect
- Scale, Proportion, and Quantity
- Systems and System Models
- Structure and Function
- Stability and Change



The Doppler Effect for Light

Electromagnetic waves are also subject to the Doppler effect. Many technologies rely on frequency shifts to measure the motion of objects. For example, police radar guns bounce microwaves or radio waves off of approaching cars. The device detects and uses the change in frequency of the returning waves to calculate the speed of a car. In meteorology, Doppler radar is used to track storm systems and determine wind direction. It can determine the velocity of raindrops, from which precipitation amounts can be estimated. The same pattern is observed in the light from objects in space—frequency shifts can be used to measure motion.

Stability and Change

Universal Laws As you learn about how light can show motion, think about how scientists make use of basic laws that apply throughout the universe.

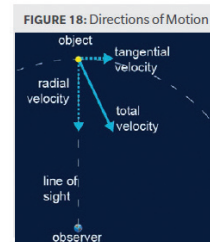
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EXPLORE & EXPLAIN

Language Arts and Math Connections and Data Analysis

Being science literate requires a strong foundation in English language arts and math. So **HMH Science Dimensions Earth & Space Science** includes strong connections to these disciplines. These features, called **Language Arts Connection**, **Math Connection**, and **Data Analysis**, offer activities that are **integral to the core objectives** of the lesson.

Language Arts Connection
Write an essay explaining how distance and size of objects in our universe compare to each other. Be sure to address the magnitudes with which they differ, and, where possible, describe the differences using easily-understood analogies. Explain how and why differences in distance and size affect our observations and ability to observe objects.



Math Connection

Connect the ideas of radial and tangential to your knowledge of geometry. Imagine the observer at the center of a circle. Compare a radius and a tangent of the circle to the velocities shown in the figure.

Data Analysis

Doppler Shifts in the Universe

Laboratory measurements give the wavelengths at which different elements emit and absorb light. By comparing these wavelengths with the spectra of objects in space, Doppler shifts can be measured and velocities can be calculated. The Doppler shifts of galaxies fall into a pattern that has been used to help understand the history of the universe.

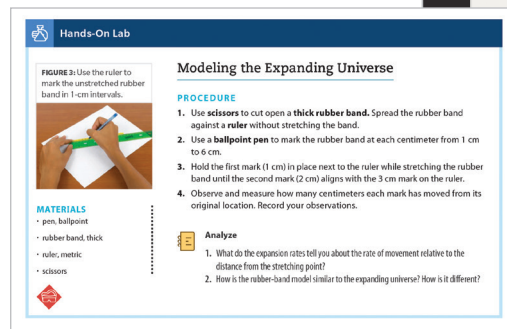
Explore Online
Analyzing and Interpreting Data
Measure Doppler shifts of galaxies to find a pattern of motion in the universe as you explore Shifting Galaxies online.

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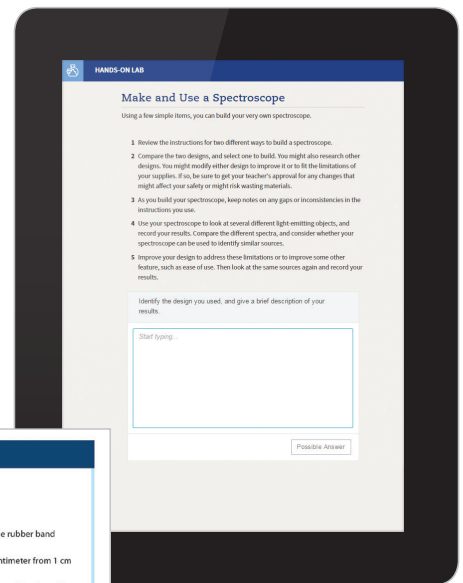
EXPLORE & EXPLAIN

Hands-On Labs

Hands-On Labs are one way of addressing the Science and Engineering Practices of NGSS*. **HMM Science Dimensions Earth & Space Science** offers plenty of **Hands-On Labs** that encourage students to **gather their own evidence**.



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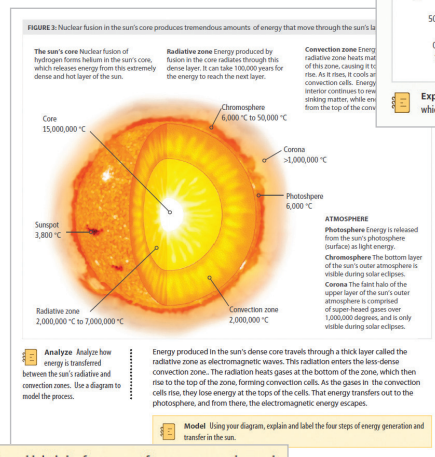


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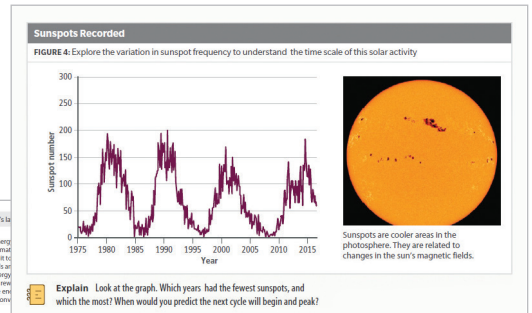
Science Notebooks and Journals

While completing the variety of data gathering activities within a lesson, students are often prompted to **Model, Gather Evidence, Explain,** and **Analyze** their findings. These writing prompts encourage students to act like scientists by handling data like a scientist.



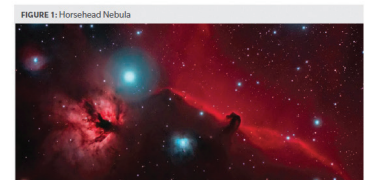
Model Using your diagram, explain and label the four steps of energy generation and transfer in the sun.

Gather Evidence Record information about the Horsehead nebula. As you explore the lesson, gather evidence about these particular colors as well as other information to help you interpret this image.



Explain Look at the graph, which years had the fewest sunspots, and which the most? When would you predict the next cycle will begin and peak?

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ELABORATE

Take It Further and Continue Your Exploration

To promote interest in science and prepare students for college and careers in engineering and science, we've added a **Take It Further** or **Continue Your Exploration** feature to EVERY lesson. These features **relate science to students' own lives and futures**, inspiring their interest in STEM. The **Guided Research** feature provides students with tips on how to consider research questions, analyze evidence, and prepare responses in the forms of presentations or papers, thus further strengthening their language arts skills.

CONTINUE YOUR EXPLORATION

Take It Further

Properties of Stars

Stellar evolution begins when a dense nebular region becomes denser due to gravitational forces concentrating the materials. Events such as shockwaves from a supernova, density waves within a galaxy, or gravitational forces from galaxy collisions can initiate the collapse of a molecular cloud. A protostar forms, and when a critical mass and temperature are reached, hydrogen fusion begins and a star is born.

FIGURE X: Concept map comparing properties of stars.

Concept Map: Construct a concept map comparing the properties of stars. Include the terms main-sequence, nebula, supergiant, supernova, and white dwarf. Write notes at each stage relating to physical changes in the star and changes in nuclear fusion.

Language Arts Connection
Use the concept map to organize an analysis that compares and contrasts how low mass stars and high mass stars evolve. Discuss their relative importance in nuclear synthesis.

As long as hydrogen is fused to helium, the star remains on the main sequence. When hydrogen fuel is used up, the star expands and begins to fuse helium. From here, a high mass star may fuse even heavier elements up through iron. Its life will end in a supernova, releasing the heavy elements back into interstellar space. A lower mass star may become a planetary nebula, and when its outer layers are shed, a white dwarf will remain.

Analyze Refer to the notes in your Evidence Notebook to explain. Refer to the notes in your Evidence Notebook to explain.

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DIGITAL ADVANTAGE

Student's Choice: Take It Further

Digital delivery allows for more student choice than in print. Nowhere is this more evident than the **Take It Further** and Continue Your Exploration (Elaborate) portion of the lesson. Online, students have **several options to choose from**, one of which is sure to capture their interest.

Interactive Online
Student Edition

TAKE IT FURTHER

Choose one of the paths below to continue your exploration.

Spectral Analysis Try your hand at analyzing a spectrum to identify a mystery substance.	Career: Spectroscopist Choose an option to learn about the work done by spectroscopists.
Make and Use a Spectroscope Build your own spectroscope, and use it to analyze different light sources.	The Electromagnetic Spectrum Learn more about using the electromagnetic spectrum to study features from a distance.

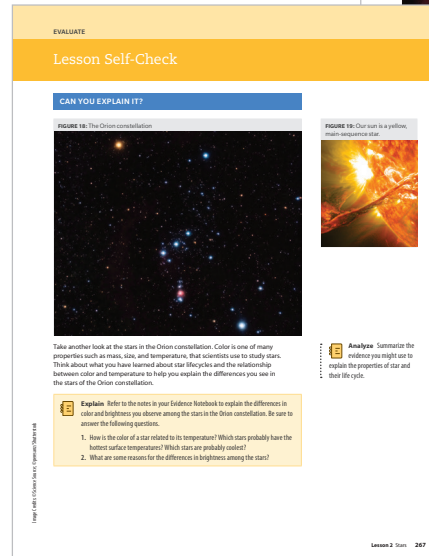
Spectral Analysis

Study the glowing gas and its spectrum. Try to identify the mystery substance by comparing its spectrum with known spectra. Can you rule out any elements? Use any information available to you.

EVALUATE

Lesson Self-Check

All the students' learning experiences come together in the Evaluate section. Students revisit the puzzling occurrence or intriguing problem they made a claim about in the Engage section. As students progressed through the lesson, they gathered evidence throughout the Explore and Explain sections. When they reach Evaluate, students return to their **claim** and evaluate the **evidence** they gathered. They **reason** how the evidence supports or challenges their claim, thereby strengthening their understanding of the science.

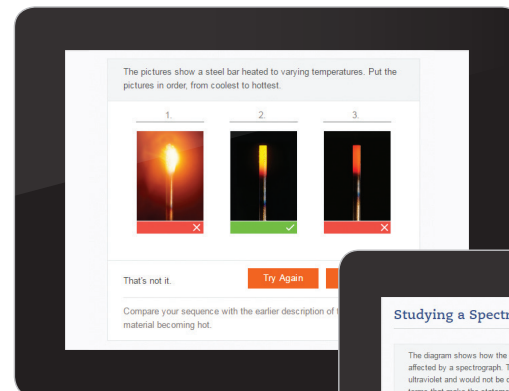


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Formative Assessment with Instant Feedback

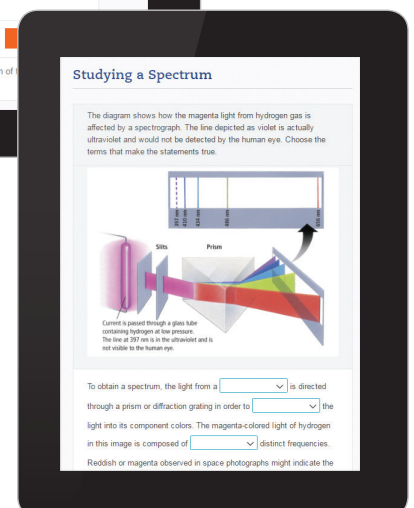
Online delivery of assessments can provide **instant feedback**. This allows learners to truly take charge of their learning by monitoring their progress while actively engaging with the lesson.



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Scaffolded Formative Assessment

Online learning allows scaffolded formative assessment. By responding to questions with limited-response options, students gradually increase their understanding of concepts. In these examples, students are given a choice of answers or an example of a possible answer.



EVALUATE

Formative Assessment

Lesson Formative Assessment

The interactive nature of the lessons provides constant formative assessment, but additional formative assessment is provided in the **Self-Check** and **Checkpoints** at the end of each lesson. As is true throughout the program's lessons, the assessment **fully integrates all three dimensions** of science learning—Crosscutting Concepts, Disciplinary Core Ideas, and Science and Engineering Practices.

Unit Formative Assessment

At the end of each Unit, learners have access to the **Unit Practice and Review**. This formative assessment covers the same three dimensions of learning for the entire Unit.

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Summative Assessment

Each Unit includes a **Unit Project** and a separate **Performance Task** so students can demonstrate the **NGSS* Performance Expectation** competency using the **Claims/Evidence/Reasoning** approach they practiced using in the lessons.

The authentic and practical application of student learning creates a full three-dimensional science learning experience, addressing Science and Engineering Practices, Disciplinary Core Ideas, and Crosscutting Concepts.

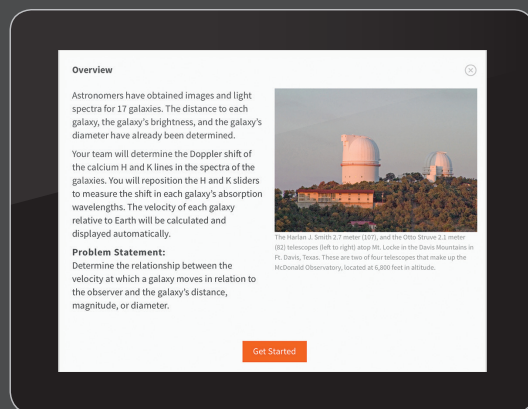
Many performance-based activities are designed around STEM applications and the Engineering Design Process.

Unique Digital Simulations Reinforce Three-Dimensional Learning and Claims/Evidence/Reasoning

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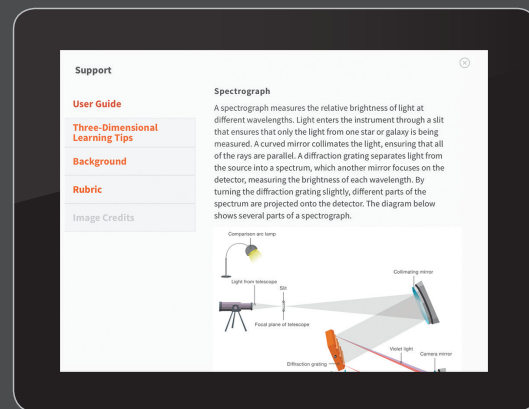
You Solve It! Open-ended Simulations

You Solve It! simulations involve a rich data-gathering or problem-solving exploration that goes far beyond requiring merely a single right answer. Available as part of the digital path, these unparalleled NGSS-centric open-ended simulations support the **Claims/Evidence/Reasoning** instructional model and allow students to answer questions and solve problems in their own way.



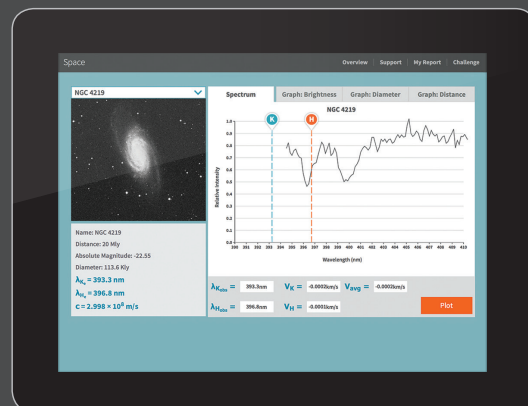
Overview

This provides context and some basic instructions on using the open-ended simulation.



Support

The Support section reminds students of the NGSS connections, such as relevant SEPs, DCIs, and CCCs. It also provides helpful background information and instruction on how to control the simulation.



Simulation

This open-ended simulation gives students FULL control. They make their own choices on how to gather evidence or achieve a solution.

Notes/Report

Students can jot notes about their evidence and reasoning for later creating a report about their claim. They can restart their work at home or on the go when they log into their online Student Edition with any compatible device.

The Teacher Edition—Your NGSS Companion

The Teacher Edition is designed to easily guide you through an NGSS* lesson organized around the 5E model.

LESSON 1

Observing Matter in Space

Building to Performance Expectation(s)

The learning experiences in this lesson prepare students for mastery of:
HS-ESS1-2 Construct an explanation of the Big Bang theory based on astronomical evidence of light spectra, motion of distant galaxies, and composition of matter in the universe.

Trace Tool to the NGSS
Go online to view the complete coverage of standards across lessons, units, and grade levels.

SEP Science & Engineering Practices

Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions
Construct and revise an explanation based on valid and reliable evidence obtained from a variety of sources (including students' own investigations, models, theories, simulations, peer review) and the assumption that theories and laws that describe the natural world operate today as they did in the past and will continue to do so in the future.

DCI Disciplinary Core Ideas

ESS1.A The Universe and Its Stars
The study of stars' light spectra and brightness is used to identify compositional elements of stars, their movements, and their distances from Earth. (HS-ESS1-2), (HS-ESS1-3)
ESS1.A The Universe and Its Stars
The Big Bang theory is supported by observations of distant galaxies receding from our own, of the measured composition of stars and non-stellar gases, and of the maps of spectra of the primordial radiation (cosmic microwave background) that still fills the universe. (HS-ESS1-2)
PS4.B Electromagnetic Radiation
Atoms of each element emit and absorb characteristic frequencies of light. These characteristics allow identification of the presence of an element, even in microscopic quantities. (secondary to HS-ESS1-2)

CCC Crosscutting Concepts

Scale, Proportion, and Quantity
The significance of a phenomenon is dependent on the scale, proportion, and quantity at which it occurs
Energy and Matter
Energy cannot be created or destroyed—only moves(moved) between one place and another place, between objects and/or fields, or between systems

CONNECTIONS TO MATH

MPA Model with mathematics.
HSN-QA.2 Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling.

CONNECTIONS TO ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

RS.11-12.1 Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.
WHST.9-12.2 Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.

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LESSON 2 *Energy/English/Elements/Exponents*

EXPLORATION 1 Energy and the Sun

Explanations
Energy and the Sun
The sun is Earth's nearest and most studied star. How do stars share the sun's characteristics of mass and temperature, but scientists can still apply what they learn about the sun to stars in general?

Solar Fusion
Fuel an energy source within stars. The sun is a ball of gas, mostly hydrogen and helium, that is held together by gravity. In the center, the temperature and pressure are so high that hydrogen atoms combine to form helium. This process releases energy in the form of light and heat. The energy travels outward from the center, where it is eventually released as light and heat. The sun's energy is the source of all life on Earth.

3D Learning Objective
Students use a model to show how, in nuclear processes, the total number of particles is conserved and to explore how the sun is changing and will burn out over a lifespan of approximately 10 billion years. They analyze a graph to construct an explanation about the changes in the sun's energy output over time. Finally, students describe the kinds of information and observations used to determine the changes of energy and matter in the sun.

Differentiate Instruction
Extra Support Working in small groups, have students set up dominoes in a branching chain so that each domino will hit and knock over two more dominoes. Tell students that the dominoes represent energy released during nuclear fusion. Have students knock over the first domino and watch the cascading chain. Ask them to discuss and share their observations. Emphasize to students, however, that the dominoes represent the exponential increase in energy that occurs during fusion. In the sun, hydrogen atoms join together or fuse to form helium.

CCC Energy and Matter
In nuclear processes, atoms are not conserved, but the total number of protons plus neutrons is conserved. Make sure that students examine each step in the diagram carefully to see that the number of protons and neutrons is conserved even though they are arranged differently coming in and out.

EVIDENCE NOTEBOOK
Each step releases an increasing amount of energy, so that Step 1 releases the least energy and Step 3 releases the most.

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3D Learning Objective

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3D Learning Objectives

Using the program's customized 3D Learning Objective and clearly labeled Disciplinary Core Ideas, Crosscutting Concepts, and Science and Engineering Practices, educators can keep track of the specific standards that students are covering at any given point in the lesson.

LESSON 3 *The Cosmos*

Comparing Size and Distance

To gain perspective on the immense sizes and distances between objects within our solar system and beyond, we use models. Comparisons like these are useful for understanding and evaluating the magnitude of sizes of objects in the solar system and the universe.

SEP Scale, proportion, and quantity
What units are used to describe the sizes of objects in the universe?

CCC Scale, proportion, and quantity
Students should understand that kilometers are used to measure radii and diameters of objects in the solar system. However, because some objects in the universe are so large, measurements of other stars are given in terms of the sun's R_{\odot} or solar radius, equals the diameter of the sun just as $1 R_{\oplus}$ equals the radius of Earth. Challenge students to convert the radius of Rigel into kilometers (165,760,000 km) and the radius of Wray 17b into kilometers (142,365.5 km). Discuss as a class why using units that compare objects in the universe is more helpful than using only kilometers to understand the magnitude of sizes.

SEP Developing and Using Models
Direct students to make a scale model on the floor in the classroom or on another large, flat surface. They should use the scale $1 \text{ inch} = 1 \text{ AU}$. Have them use masking tape and markers to mark and label the distances between the sun and the eight planets as well as Pluto. As an extension, have students calculate the orders of magnitude of the planets. For example, Jupiter is about 5 times farther from the sun than Earth, and Pluto is almost 40 times farther.

CCC Scale, proportion, and quantity
Extra Support Directed differentiated pairs to work together to illustrate the term astronomical unit (AU). Guide them to draw a diagram showing the distance between Earth and the sun, 150 million km, labeled 1 AU.

Misconception Alert
Remind students that mass is not the same thing as weight. Mass expresses the amount of matter contained in an object while weight expresses the force of the gravitational attraction between two objects. Jupiter has a mass more than 300 times that of Earth, meaning that it has more than 300 times as much matter.

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3D Item Analysis

The 3D Item Analysis in the Unit Review identifies the associated Three Dimensions of Learning for EACH review question. This helps educators assess students' knowledge of each component of the Next Generation Science Standards.

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Common Core State Standards

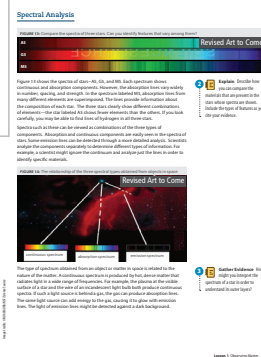
For added convenience, many of the Math and ELA features in the lessons identify the Common Core State Standards that are referenced by NGSS.



Language Arts Connection

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Collaboration
Have students break into groups of two and discuss the following questions. What is the difference between a continuous spectrum and an emission spectrum? You are given two spectroscopic images, where the black lines in one image are located at the same position and the bright lines from the other image. What does this tell you? Afterwards, students can share their answers with the class for a class discussion.

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EVIDENCE NOTEBOOK
Students might answer that looking at emission lines would show which elements were present in the stars, while the absorption lines could indicate the composition of the gases the light from these stars must pass through.
Scientists would probably look first at the absorption lines, as these would indicate the light absorbed by outer gases (and thereby their chemical composition) as the light from the star passes through them.

Solar Variation

Scientists use the term solar activity to refer to variations in the energy output of the sun. Solar activity includes both phenomena in the sun's interior and on its surface. Patterns of solar activity change across a wide range of time scales. One full pattern is a periodic cycle of solar activity, called the **11-year cycle**, in which the number of sunspots peaks every 11 years. The number of sunspots peaks every 11 years. The number of sunspots peaks every 11 years. The number of sunspots peaks every 11 years.

Math Connection

SEP.4 Model with mathematics.
Ask students what they notice about the plot of sunspot number over time. They should see that the pattern is cyclical at roughly 11 year intervals, and that the pattern is saw-tooth shaped. Activity increases quickly but declines more slowly. This pattern allows even greater accuracy in predicting future highs and lows of sunspot activity.

Collaboration

Claims, Evidence, and Reasoning Working in small groups, ask students to conduct research, particularly using NASA websites, to answer the question, "Do sunspots influence Earth's climate system?" Tell them to map out their claims, evidence, and reasoning, and to share their ideas with the class. Also, remind students to check the date of the information they are using because this area of science is rapidly evolving. Assessors may vary depending on sources used, but all claims must be supported by concrete evidence (either climate observations or model predictions) and sound reasoning.

EVIDENCE NOTEBOOK

Students will vary. The fewest sunspots occurred around 1876, 1907, 1917, and 2009. The most sunspots occurred around 1979, 1991, 2001, and 2013. The next cycle will likely begin around 2020, and will peak around 2026.
Students should understand that solar activity causes the sun's energy output to vary. For example, sunspots are cooler areas on the sun's surface, which lower the sun's energy output, while solar flares are large bursts of energy, which increase energy output.



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