Skills Worksheet

Directed Reading A

Section: What Is Matter? MATTER

- **1.** What unit would you use to measure the amount of water in a lake?
 - **a.** grams (g) **c.** meters (m) **b.** liters (L) **d.** milliliters (mL)
- **2.** What unit would you use to measure the volume of soda in a can? **a.** centimeters (cm) **c.** liters (L)
 - **d.** milliliters (mL) **b.** grams (g)
- **3.** What characteristic do a human, hot soup, the metal wires in a toaster, and the glowing gases in a neon sign have in common?

4. What is matter?

MATTER AND VOLUME

- **5.** What is volume?
- 6. Things with ______ cannot share the same space at the same time.
- 7. To measure a volume of water in a graduated cylinder, you should look at the bottom of the curve at the surface of the water called

the _____

8. The volume of solid objects is commonly expressed

in _____ units.

9. What three dimensions are needed to find the volume of a rectangular solid?

VOLUME OF AN IRREGULARLY SHAPED SOLID OBJECT

10. How could the volume of a gold nugget be found using water and a graduated cylinder?

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11. Why can you express the volume of the gold nugget measured by this method in cubic units?

MATTER AND MASS

12. The amount of matter in a	n object is its	
a. volume.	c. meniscus.	
b. length.	d. mass.	
13. The SI unit of mass is the		
a. newton.	c. kilogram.	
b. liter.	d. pound.	
14. The SI unit of weight is the	e	
a. newton.	c. kilogram.	
b. liter.	d. pound.	
15. One newton is equal to the	e weight of an object that has	
a. a mass of 100 g on the 1	noon.	
b. a volume of 1 m ³ on Ea	urth.	

- **c.** a mass of 1,000 g on Earth.
- **d.** a mass of 100 g on Earth.

16. What is the only way to change the mass of an object?

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MASS AND WEIGHT

For each description, write whether it applies to mass or to weight.

17. is always constant no matter where the object is located.
18. is a measure of the gravitational force on an object.
19. is measured using a spring scale.
20. is expressed in grams (g), kilograms (kg), or milligrams (mg).
21. is expressed in newtons (N).
22. is less on the moon than on Earth.
23. is a measure of the amount of matter in the object.

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INERTIA

___24. The tendency of an object to resist a change in motion is known as

- a. mass
- **b.** gravitation
- **c.** inertia
- **d.** weight

25. What is needed in order to cause an object at rest to move, or an object in motion to change its direction or speed?

26. How does mass affect the inertia of an object?

27. Why is it harder to get a cart full of potatoes moving than one that is empty?

Answer Key

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SECTION: WHAT IS MATTER?

- **1.** B
- **2.** D
- **3.** They are all made of matter.
- **4.** Matter is anything that has mass and takes up space.
- **5.** Volume is the amount of space taken up by an object.
- 6. volume
- 7. meniscus
- 8. length, width, and height
- **9.** cubic
- **10.** Answers will vary. Sample answer: The volume could be measured by placing the nugget in a graduated cylinder with water. The volume of water displaced is the volume of the nugget.
- **11.** Because 1 milliliter of water is equal to 1 cubic centimeter.
- 12. D
- 13. C
- 14. A
- 15. D
- **16.** The only way to change the mass is to change the amount of matter it contains.
- **17.** mass
- 18. weight
- 19. weight
- **20.** mass
- **21.** weight
- **22.** weight
- **23.** mass
- **24.** C
- **25.** An outside force is needed to change the motion of an object.
- **26.** The more mass an object has, the greater its inertia.
- **27.** Answers will vary. Sample answer: A full cart has more mass than an empty one. More mass means the cart has more inertia. Because it has more inertia, a full cart is harder to put into motion.

SECTION: PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

- **1.** B **6.** C
- **2.** C **7.** B
- **3.** D **8.** E
- **4.** A **9.** G
- **5.** F
- **10.** physical property
- **11.** density
- 12. density
- **13.** The densest layer will settle on the bottom.
- **14.** The least dense layer will be found on top.
- **15.** because 1 kg of lead would take up less space than 1 kg of feathers
- 16. The object will sink.
- **17.** Answers will vary. Sample answer: If you know the density of the substance, you could compare it with the density of water. If the density of the object is less than water it will float.
- **18.** D = m/V
- **19.** density; volume; mass
- **20.** volume
- **21.** Answers will vary. Sample answers: Because a substance's density is always the same at a given temperature and pressure and because most substances have different densities.
- **22.** properties
- **23.** boiling point and melting point
- **24.** solubility
- **25.** amount
- **26.** temperature
- **27.** specific heat
- **28.** low
- **29.** high
- **30.** glass
- **31.** physical change
- **32.** changes in state
- **33.** PC
- **34.** X
- **35.** PC
- **36.** PC
- **37.** PC
- **38.** PC **39.** identity

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