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Following



What I've loved about the [#writinginscience](#) symposium is that normally "literacy in science" means "use science to teach literacy." This symposium uses words, sentences and writing to teach science, not the other way around.

thescienceteacher.co.uk/writing-in-sci...

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We teach the right things, efficiently

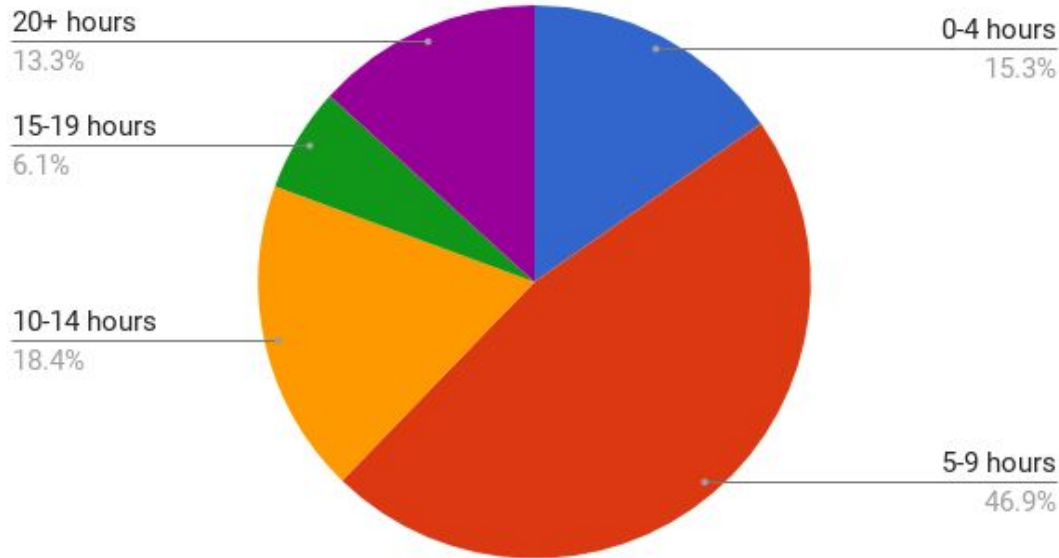
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- Words and Knowledge
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- Judge Don't Mark

Literacy in Science

Is reading and writing important in science?

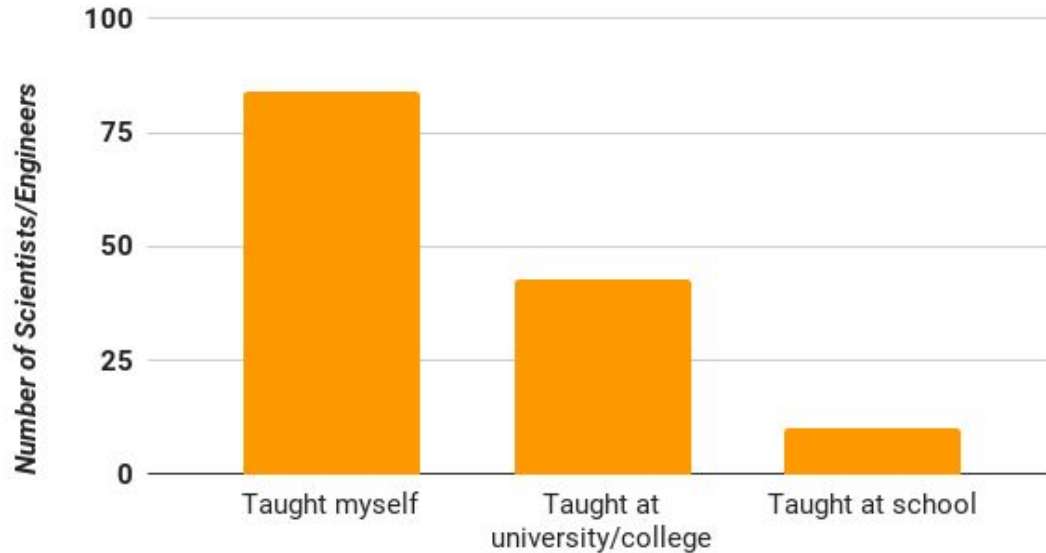
How Many Hours of Professional Reading per Week?



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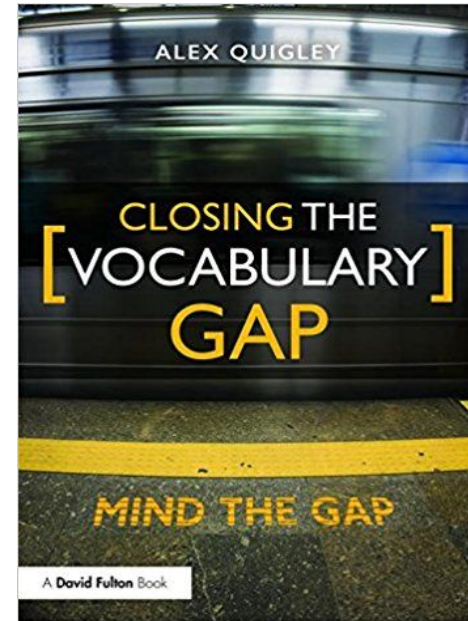
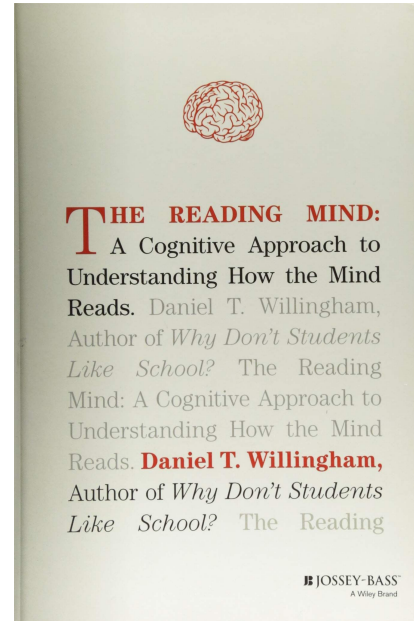
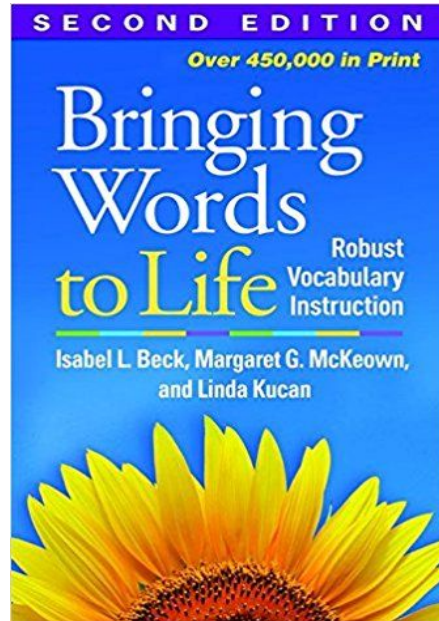
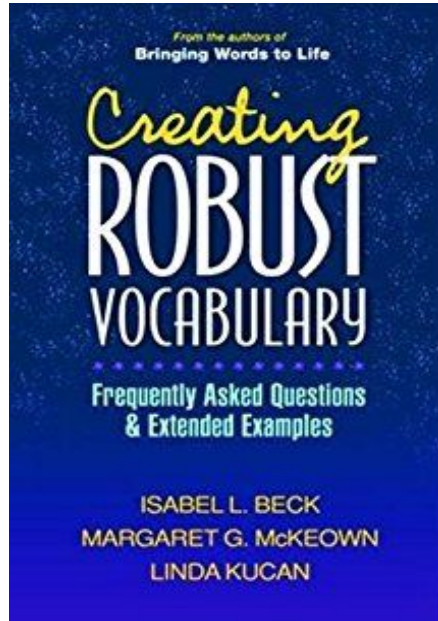
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How Did You Learn to Read Science and Technology Texts?



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Vocabulary



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Instead...

- Examples and non-examples
- Frayer model



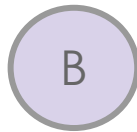


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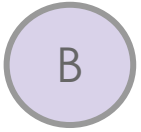
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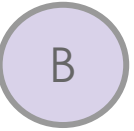
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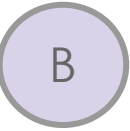


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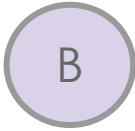
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not a chemical
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A photograph showing water being poured from a clear plastic bottle into a glass. The water is captured in motion, creating a splash. In the background, several other identical glasses are visible, some containing water. The scene is set against a light blue background.

not a chemical
store of energy





chemical stores
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Definition: The energy store associated with chemical bonds, such as those between molecules.

In other words: _____

Examples:

Characteristics:

Non-examples:

stores of chemical
energy

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In other words: *some chemicals can store energy which they can release when they react.*

Characteristics:

- Substances which will burn.
- Foods which give us energy
- The chemicals in batteries/cells

Examples:

- Sugary energy drinks
- Petrol
- Candle wax
- Crisps
- Starchy foods
- Diesel
- Firewood
- batteries/cells

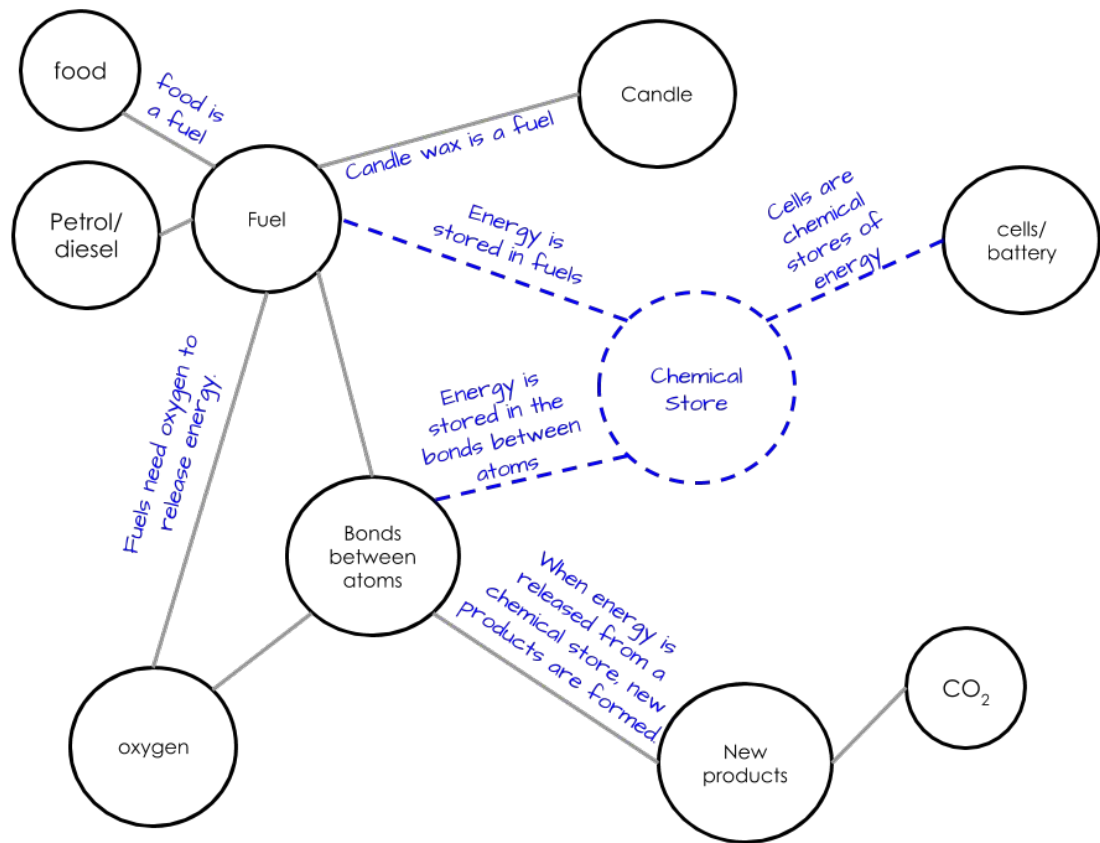
Non-examples:

- Water
- Diet drinks
- Substances which won't react

Make Context Explicit

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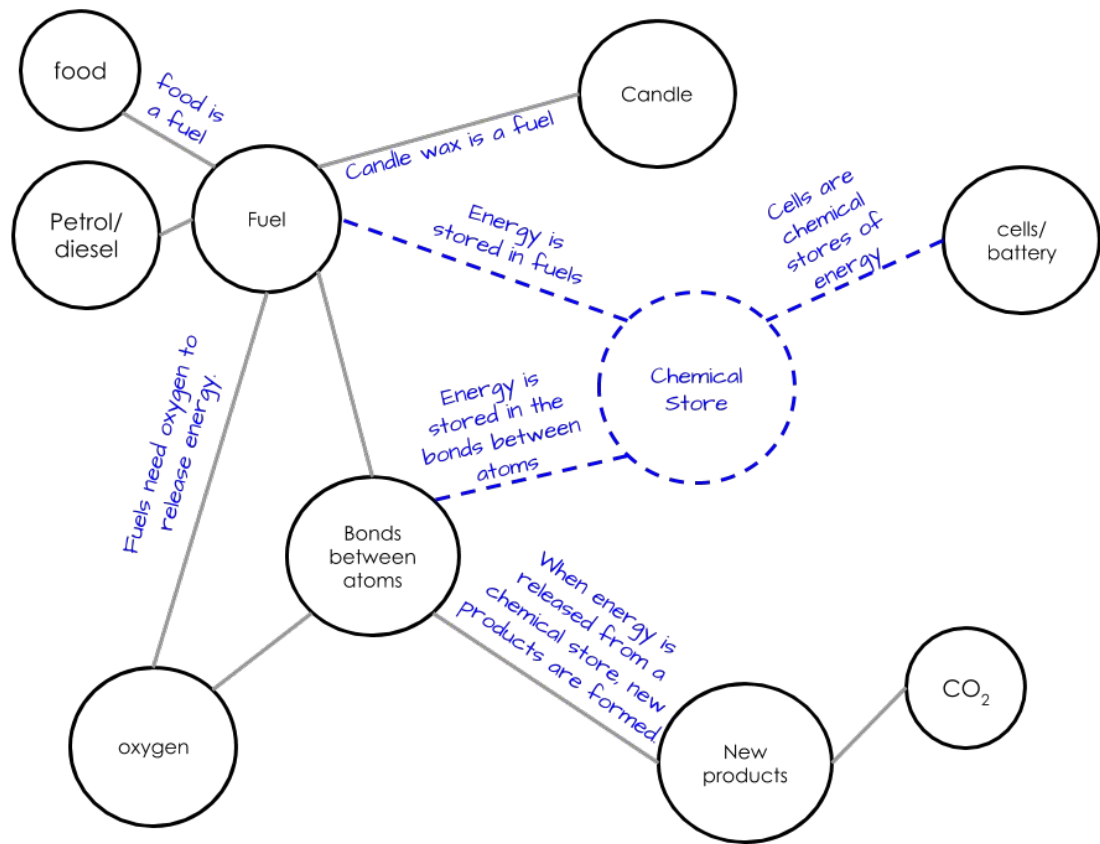
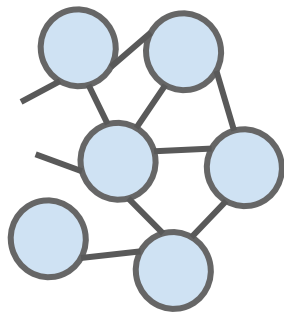
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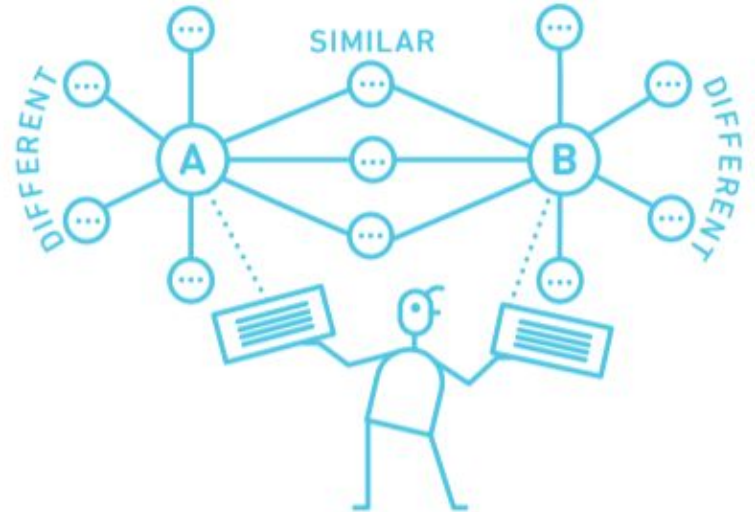
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Elaboration

<http://www.learningscientists.org/elaboration/>

As you elaborate, make connections between different ideas to explain how they work together. Take two ideas and think of ways they are similar and different.



Elaboration

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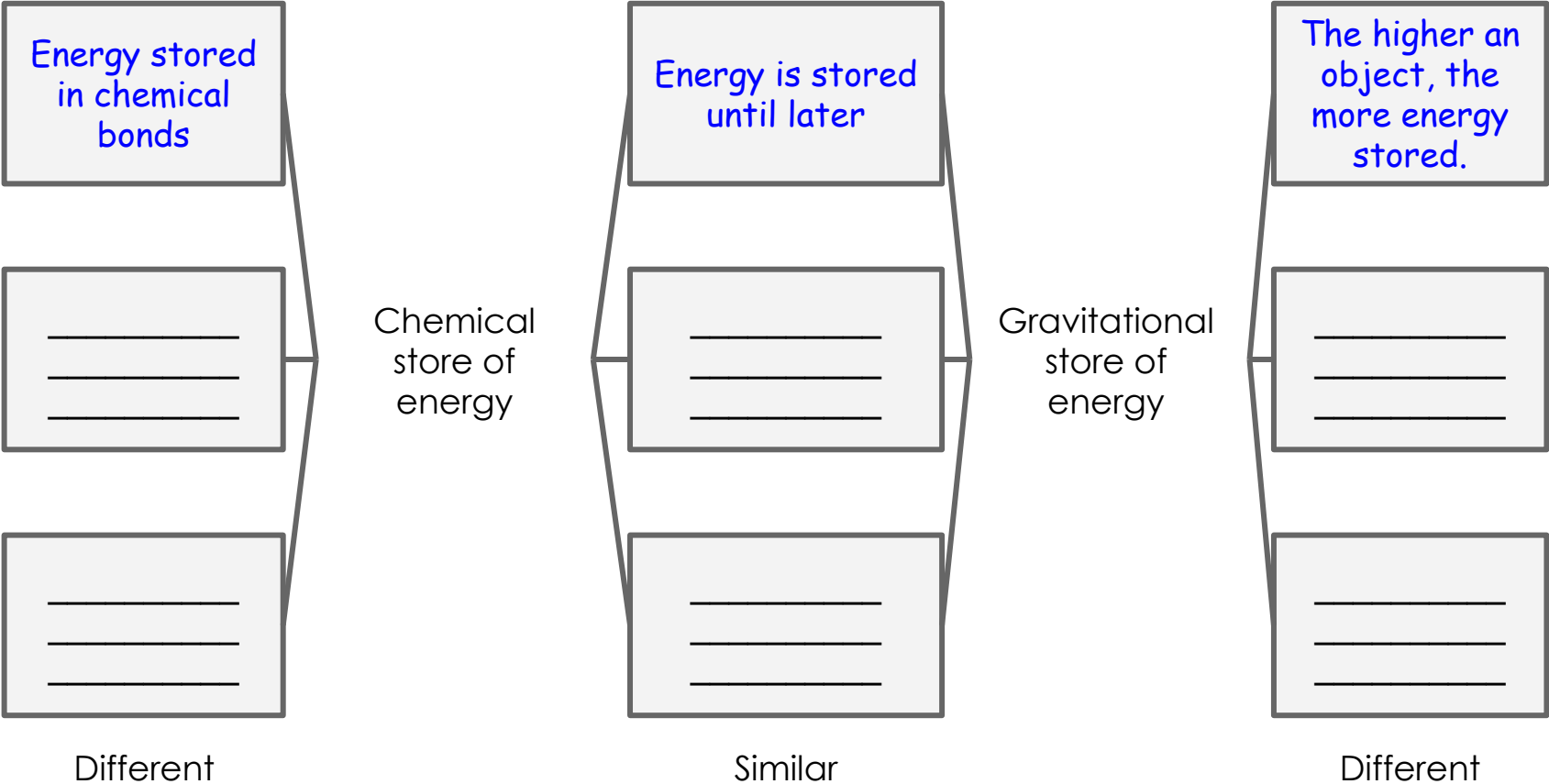
Gravitational
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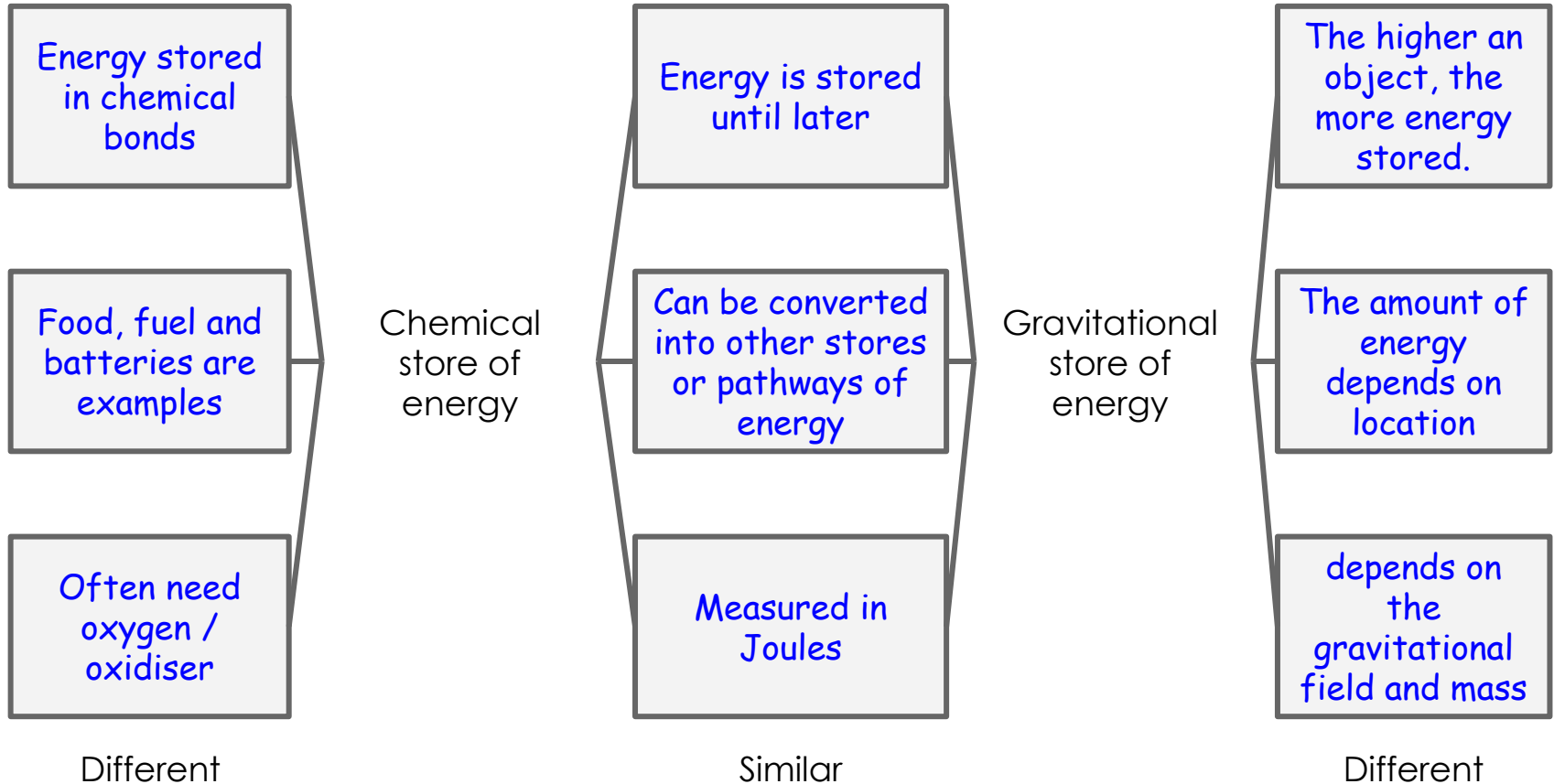
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Elaboration



Elaboration



Reading in the Science Classroom

Knowledge and Reading

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What time of day does the animal enter its burrow?	How big do you think a kangaroo rat is?	Why does it burrow deep in the sand?
A: morning	A: small, like a mouse	A: to sleep
B: afternoon	B: medium, like a dog	B: to avoid predators
C: evening	C: large, like a	C: to stay cool

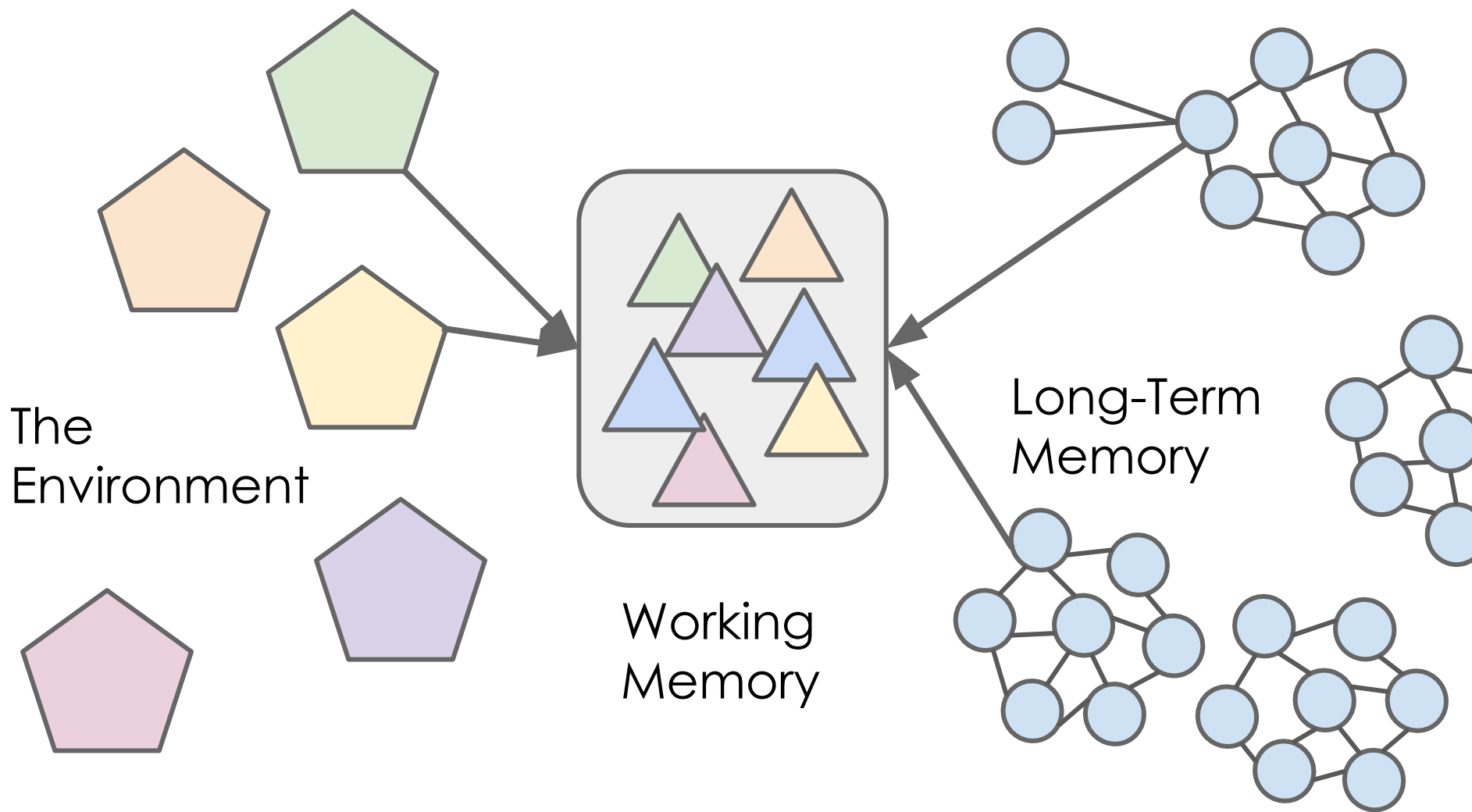
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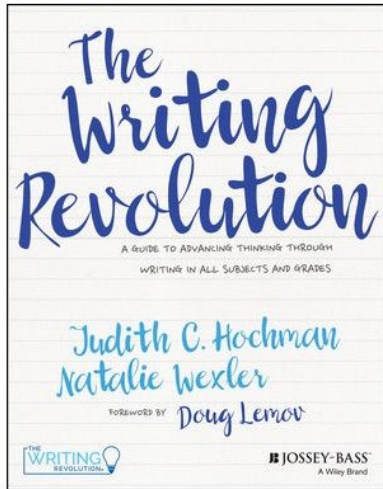
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Writing in Science

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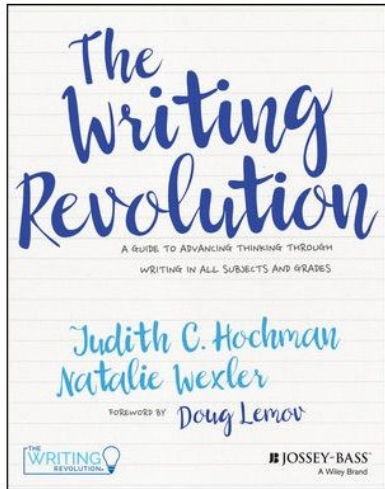
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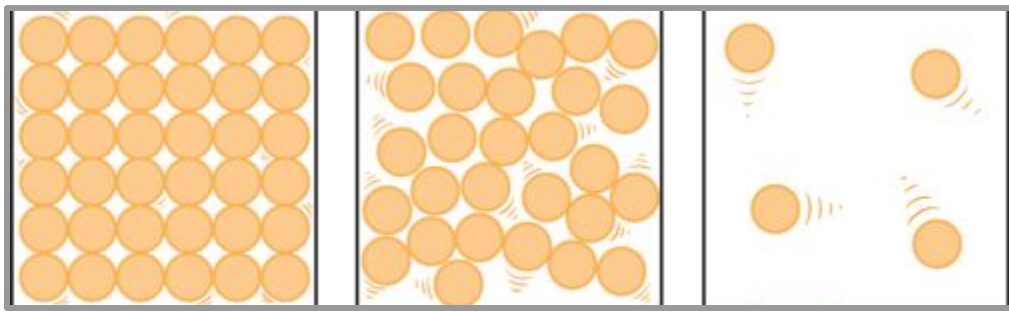
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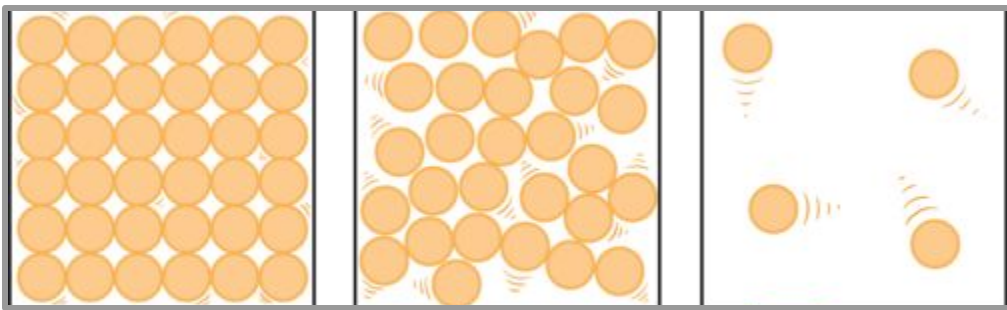
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but, because, so...



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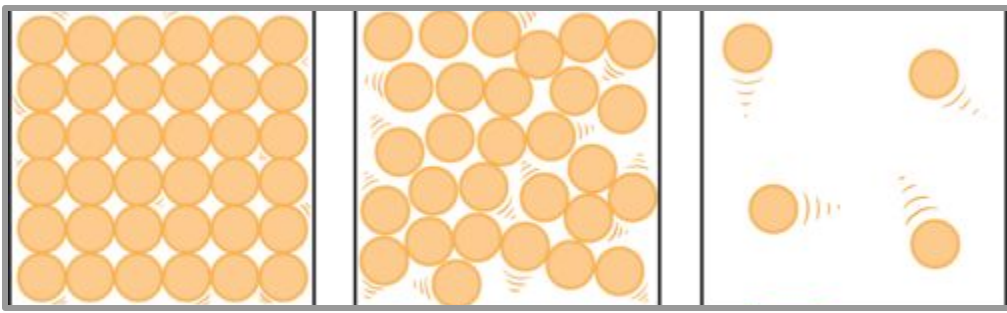


Complete the three sentences below:

- In a gas, the particles move about the container, but _____

- In a gas, the particles move about the container, because _____

- In a gas, the particles move about the container, so _____



Complete the three sentences below:

- In a gas, the particles move about the container, but **in a solid, they can only vibrate.**
- In a gas, the particles move about the container, because **they are not attracted to each other.**
- In a gas, the particles move about the container, so **they collide with the walls and exert pressure.**

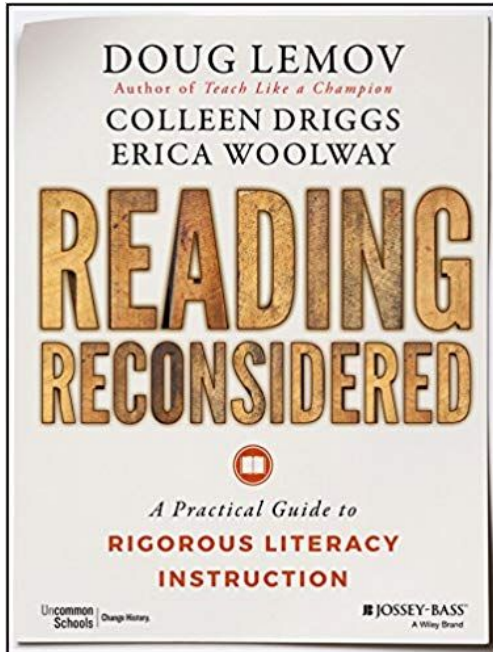
In the geocentric model, the Earth is at the centre, but actually the
sun is in the ~~center~~ centre.

In the geocentric model, the Earth is at the centre, because the ancient
greek Greeks thought Earth was the most important

In the geocentric model, the Earth is at the centre, so everything orbits
the Earth.

Write/Discuss/Rewrite

The power of revision



Write: Describe the Geocentric model in your own words.

Writing

Write/Discuss/Rewrite

(Teach Like a Champion)

A ~~geo~~ Geocentric model is a giant sphere which lets light from heaven shine through. The Earth is in the middle and the other planets are around the edge.

Discuss:

planets & the sun orbits Earth at different distances. The orbits the planets are perfectly spherical round.

Rewrite:

A Geocentric model is where all the planets and the sun orbit the Earth in perfect ~~circles~~ circles ~~what~~ within a sphere which lets light from heaven shine through as stars. The planets are perfect spheres.

Write: Describe the Heliocentric model in your own words.

The Heliocentric Model showed the sun in the centre and the planets orbiting it.

Discuss:

→ Copernicus thought the sky was perfect - he thought the orbits were circular.

Rewrite:

The Heliocentric Model shows a perfect model of the planets orbiting the sun. The orbits were perfect circles.

Using Exemplars to Make Feedback Specific

I can make this experiment better by adding things that weigh more than marbles. Further experiments I could do are ~~#~~ to see if things sink or float and why it sinks/floats. What it weighs? How big it is? Example of the large boat that held the most marbles in.

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Using Exemplars to Make Feedback Specific

Specific feedback:

explain why the boats should all be the same shape.

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Judging, not Marking

Using comparative judgement to assess scientific writing.

Comparative judgement is a technique used to assess writing by ranking the quality of the work.

Measuring the Quality of Writing with Comparative Judgement

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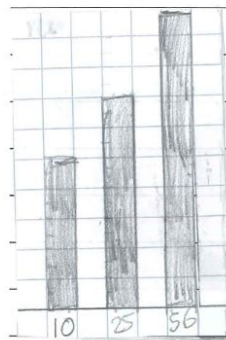
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Which demonstrates a better scientific understanding?

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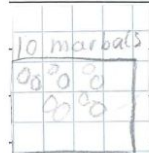
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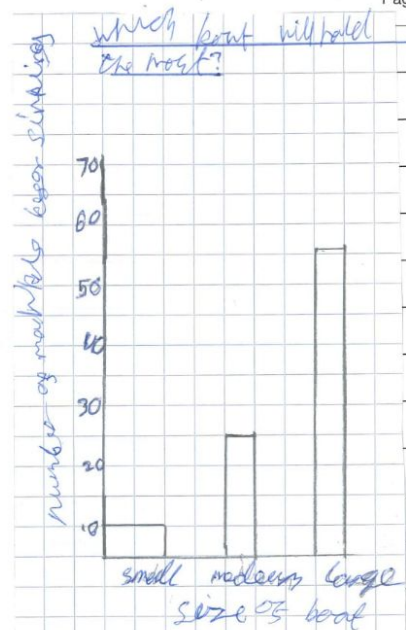
This is a chart to show how many marbals were in each boat.

Small



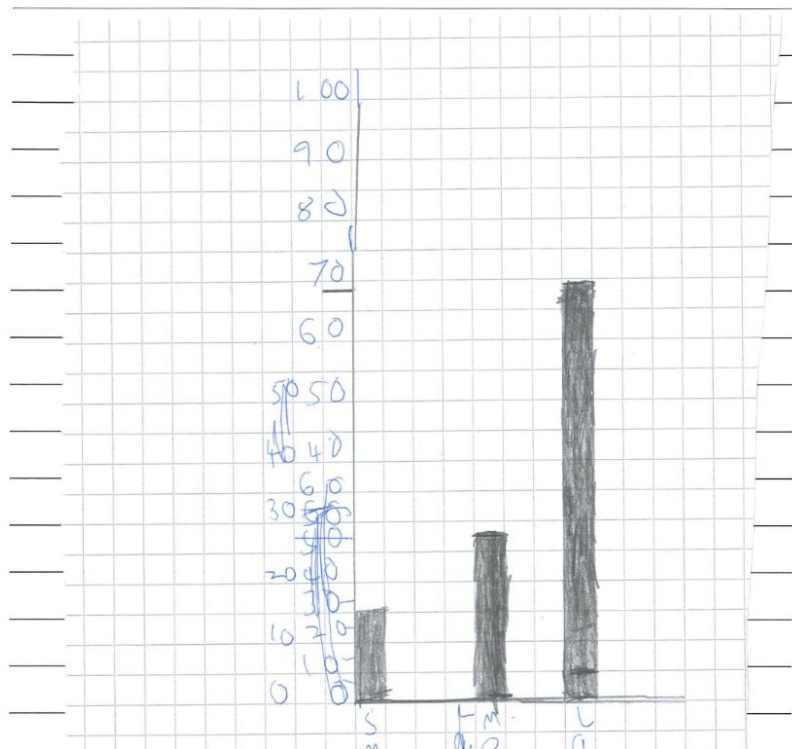
This is showing the smallest boat so far, and as you can see there are 10 (ten) marbals in the smallest boat.

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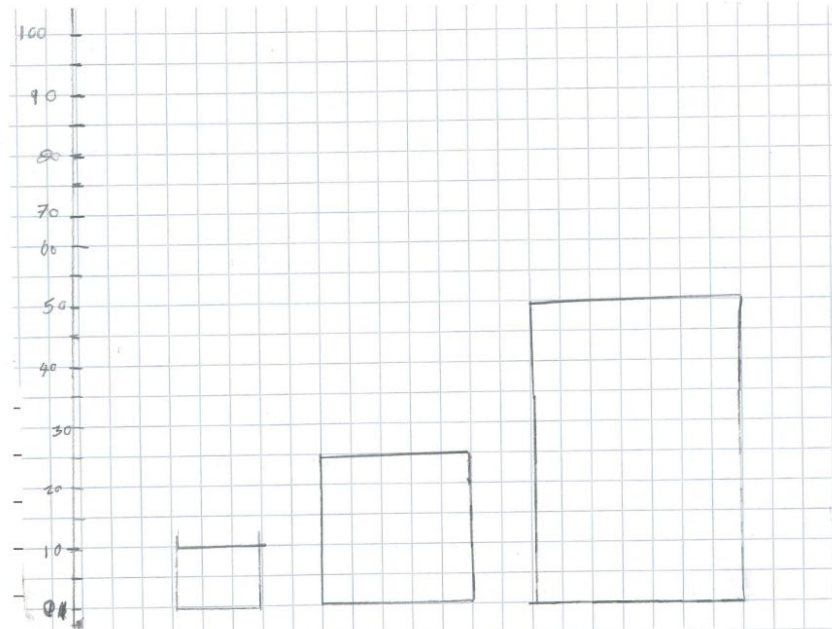


My results show ~~me~~ that the small boat can't hold much because it has more force together. On the other hand, the medium one has more room so it can hold more and take longer to sink it. But the ~~big~~ large one has way more space so it can hold more until it sinks in the most expensive water, and it takes

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This is my chart to show how many marbles
a person has ... it is not as good as the one on the left

Conclusion:

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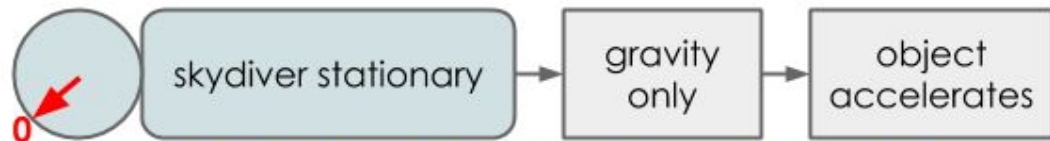
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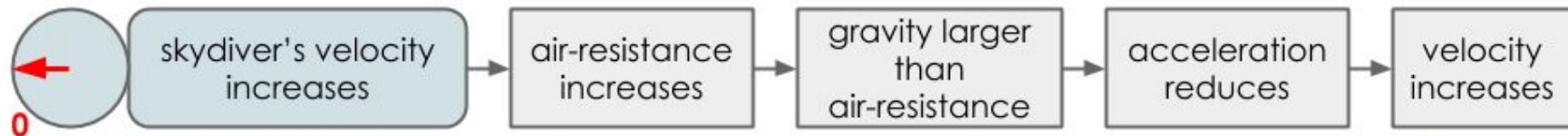
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Questions/Discussion

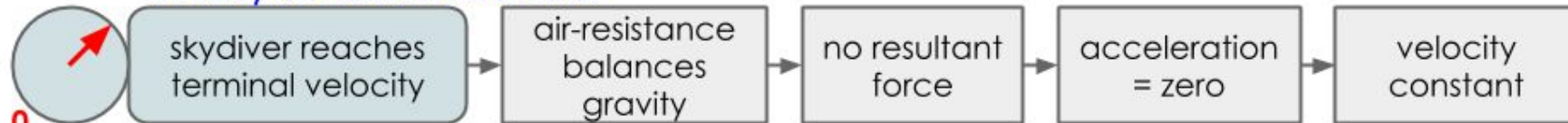
Terminal Velocity #1 model response.



Initially, the skydiver is stationary. The only force acting on her is gravity, so she accelerates downwards.

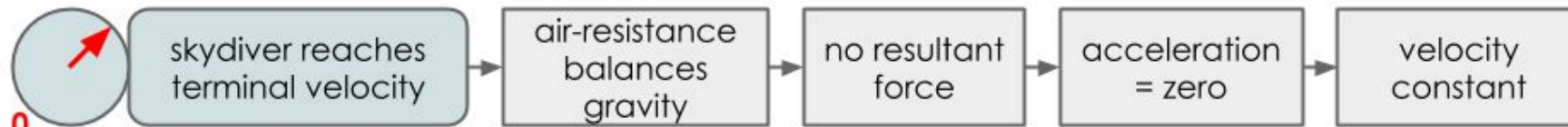
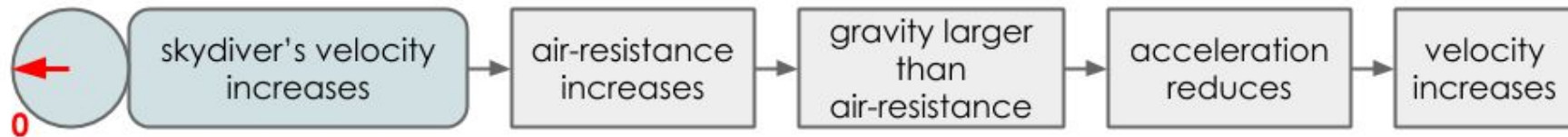
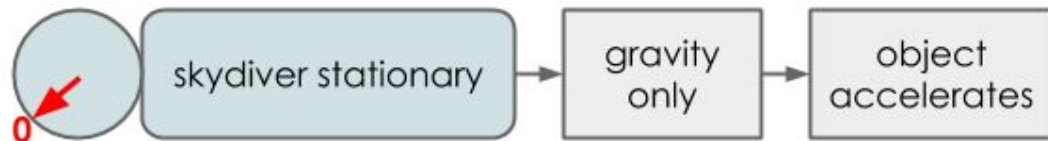


As her velocity increases, the air-resistance acting on her increases. As gravity is still greater than air-resistance, she continues to accelerate, though at a reduced rate. Her velocity continues to increase.

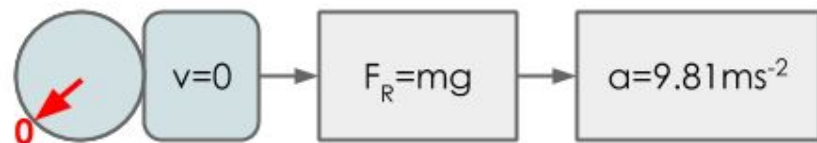


When she reaches terminal velocity, the air-resistance on the skydiver will balance the gravity acting on her. There will be no resultant force and her acceleration will be zero. She will fall at a constant velocity.

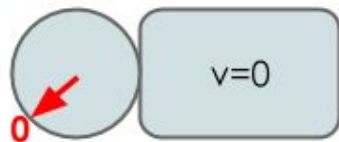
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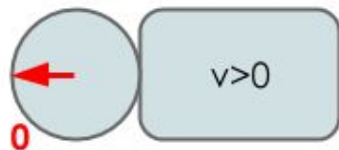


Terminal Velocity #3



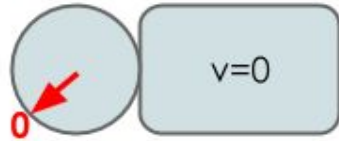
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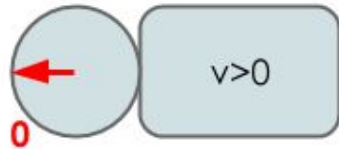






Terminal Velocity #5 - problem solving









A mouse can fall very large distances without harm.

Use the idea of terminal velocity to explain why the mouse is unhurt.