



Science K-10 – Big Ideas

| Grade | Biology | Chemistry | Physics | Earth/space |
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| K | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Plants and animals have observable features. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Humans interact with matter every day through familiar materials. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">The motion of objects depends on their properties. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Daily and seasonal changes affect all living things. |
| 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Living things have features and behaviours that help them survive in their environment. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Matter is useful because of its properties. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Light and sound can be produced and their properties can be changed. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Observable patterns and cycles occur in the local sky and landscape. |
| 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Living things have life cycles adapted to their environment. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Materials can be changed through physical and chemical processes. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Forces influence the motion of an object. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Water is essential to all living things, and it cycles through the environment. |
| 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Living things are diverse, can be grouped, and interact in their ecosystems. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">All matter is made of particles. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Thermal energy can be produced and transferred. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Wind, water, and ice change the shape of the land. |
| 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">All living things sense and respond to their environment. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Matter has mass, takes up space, and can change phase. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Energy can be transformed. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">The motions of Earth and the moon cause observable patterns that affect living and non-living systems. |
| 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Multicellular organisms have organ systems that enable them to survive and interact within their environment. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Solutions are homogeneous. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Machines are devices that transfer force and energy. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Earth materials change as they move through the rock cycle and can be used as natural resources. |
| 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Multicellular organisms rely on internal systems to survive, reproduce, and interact with their environment. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Everyday materials are often mixtures. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Newton's three laws of motion describe the relationship between force and motion. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">The solar system is part of the Milky Way, which is one of billions of galaxies. |





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| 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Evolution by natural selection provides an explanation for the diversity and survival of living things. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Elements consist of one type of atom, and compounds consist of atoms of different elements chemically combined. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">The electromagnetic force produces both electricity and magnetism. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Earth and its climate have changed over geological time. |
| 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Life processes are performed at the cellular level. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">The behaviour of matter can be explained by the kinetic molecular theory and atomic theory. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Energy can be transferred as both a particle and a wave. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">The theory of plate tectonics is the unifying theory that explains Earth's geological processes. |
| 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Cells are derived from cells. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">The electron arrangement of atoms impacts their chemical nature. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Electric current is the flow of electric charge. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">The biosphere, geosphere, hydrosphere, and atmosphere are interconnected, as matter cycles and energy flows through them. |
| 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">DNA is the basis for the diversity of living things. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Energy change is required as atoms rearrange in chemical processes. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Energy is conserved, and its transformation can affect living things and the environment. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">The formation of the universe can be explained by the big bang theory. |

