Grades and Standards	Example Lesson	Depth of Knowledge Questioning
Grades K-2	Objectives : Students will	Level 2. Can you explain
Arizona Science Standard:	(a) use complete sentences	how a solid can be affected
Grade 2 – 2.P1U1.1 Plan	to determine and explain	by a liquid?
and carry out an	what qualifies an item as a	
investigation to determine	solid, liquid, or gas; and (b)	Level 3. How is gas related
that matter has mass, takes	use problem-solving	to liquid?
up space, and is recognized	strategies to conduct a	_
by its observable properties;	matter experiment.	Level 3. Can you elaborate
use the collected evidence	Discussion: After an	on the reason this item
to develop and support an	introduction to states of	qualifies as a solid, liquid,
explanation.	matter, have students	or gas?
_	describe, discuss, and	
Arizona English Language	determine the states of	Level 4. Create steps for
Proficiency Standard:	matter of various objects.	testing if an item is a solid,
2.SL.6 Produce complete	Provide them with items	liquid or gas. How would
sentences when appropriate	that fit one or more states of	you explain this to
to task and situation to	matter (e.g., a can of soda	someone? What makes it
provide requested detail or	could qualify as a solid	qualify for one category
clarification.	(metal), liquid (soda), or gas	more than another?
	(bubbles). Have them	
NAGC Gifted Standard:	categorize these items and	
3.4.3. Educators use models	require them to defend their	
of inquiry to engage	choices with complete	
students in critical thinking,	sentences	
creative	Experiment:	
thinking, and problem-	<i>Materials</i> – One plastic	
solving strategies	water bottle per group;	
	Multiple water balloons per	
	group; and multiple calcium	
	carbonate tablets (to be	
	provided as needed).	
	<i>Procedure</i> – Have small	
	groups of students fill the	
	water bottle half-way with	
	water and put in half a tablet	
	of calcium carbonate. Ask	
	students to observe and	
	describe what happens in	
	full sentences (e.g., It is	
	making bubbles.)	
	Next, have students	
	carefully attach a balloon to	
	the bottle opening. (They	
	may need help). Ask	

	students to again observe and describe (e.g., The balloon is not filling.). Ask students to brainstorm ways to make the balloon inflate (e.g., slowly add more tablets to make more gas). Discuss. (Adapted from O'Brien, 2019)	
Grades 3-6 Arizona Science Standard: Grade 5 – 5.P1U1.2 Plan and carry out investigations to demonstrate that some substances combine to form new substances with different properties and others can be mixed without taking on new properties. Arizona English Language Proficiency Standard: 5.SL.3 Summarize the points a speaker makes and explain how each claim is supported by reasons and evidence. NAGC Gifted Standard: 3.4.3. Educators use models of inquiry to engage students in critical thinking, creative thinking, and problem-solving strategies	Objectives : Students will (a) summarize points a speaker makes and explain how each claim is supported by reasons and evidence regarding how some substances combine to form new substances with different properties while others can be mixed without taking on new properties; and (b) engage in problem- solving to design and execute an experiment to demonstrate the differences between baking soda and baking powder. Discussion : Lead students in a discussion about different substances that can be mixed and what happens to their properties (e.g., salt and sugar mixed together each still have the same properties, but mixing salt and sugar with butter, eggs, and flour forms a cookie and changes their properties). Experiment: <i>Materials</i> – Baking powder, baking soda, vinegar, juice, ketchup, water, cream of tartar, brown sugar, a kettle, clear cups, and forks. <i>Procedure -</i>	Level 2. Explain how (the chosen substances) affect baking soda? How did they affect baking powder? Level 3. How would you adapt your experiment if you could do it over? Would you replace the ingredients you selected with something else? Why? Level 3. Can you predict the outcome if (any ingredient no one used) was swapped for the ingredients your team selected? Level 4. If there is time, design and conduct the experiment with a different ingredient. Determine which had the better outcome. Explain which is more reactionary. Why is this useful to consider in baking? Which would be better for cleaning according to your results? Use the internet for more information.

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	Place students into teams	
	and provide baking soda	
	and baking powder. Ask	
	teams to conduct an	
	experiment to see what is	
	different about the two	
	ingredients. Have them note	
	the difference can't be seen.	
	Ask students for other ways	
	determine difference.	
	Direct students to design an	
	experiment using baking	
	soda, baking powder, and	
	two of the materials listed	
	above using the scientific	
	method. They must present	
	their plan to the teacher.	
	Once the teacher clears it,	
	they can conduct their	
	experiment, record their	
	results, and write a	
	discussion summarizing the	
	points learned using	
	evidence from the	
	experiment. (Adapted from	
	American Chemical	
	Society, n. d.)	
Grades 7-12	Objectives: Students will	Level 2. Can you explain
Arizona Science Standard:	use academic and domain	how (ingredient) affected
High School: Essential	specific language to plan	(ingredient)?
HS+C.P1U1.5 Plan and	and carry out investigations	
carry out investigations to	of various reactions based	Level 3. How would you
test predictions of the	on patterns of physical and	change the (ingredient) to
outcomes of various	chemical properties.	make the substance have
reactions, based on patterns	Discussion: Ask students to	more bounce? Can you
of physical	use rich academic and	elaborate on the reason?
and chemical properties.	domain specific language to	
	describe bouncy balls (e.g.,	Level 4. What other
Arizona English Language	rubbery, malleable).	information could you
Proficiency Standard: 9-	Experiment:	gather to support your idea
10.L.6 Acquire and use	Materials – borax,	that (choice ingredient) was
accurately general academic	cornstarch, glue, warm	the correct ratio to increase
and domain-specific words	water, cups, something to	in order to produce more of
and phrases, sufficient for	mix with, and resealable	a bounce with the created
reading, writing, speaking,	bags.	bouncy ball?

readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. NAGC Gifted Standard: 3.4.3. Educators use models of inquiry to engage students in critical thinking, creative thinking, and problem- solving strategies, particularly in their domain(s) of talent, both to reveal and address the needs of students with gifts and talents. the materials listed above. Give students a recipe to begin and have them produce a bouncy ball and test the bounce.* Allow students to experiment with different ratios to see if they can produce more bounce. Students must record the exact adjustments they made and describe their results with academic and domain specific language. (Eash, n. d.) *An alternative for gifted learners would be to allow them to experiment from the beginning rather than providing an initial recipe.
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