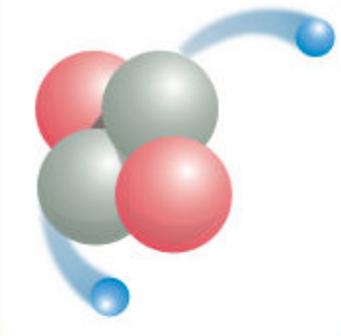
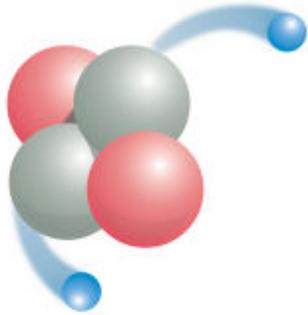


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Dual-Language Science, Math, Social Studies

	
<p>The diagram above is of a helium atom. The atom has three components.</p> <p>Which of the following is not a component of a helium atom?</p> <p>A. Neutron B. Photon C. Electron D. Proton</p>	<p>El diagrama anterior es un átomo de helio. El átomo tiene tres componentes.</p> <p>¿Cuál del siguiente no es un componente del átomo de helio?</p> <p>A. Neutrón B. Fotón C. Electrón D. Protón</p>

As you look toward summer school and plan for next year, think about using dual-language assessments and tutorials to better identify the areas where students need help. Find out if it's the question or the language they don't understand.

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Language is an Art

If English was consistent, it would be easier to learn.
Wallet and mallet do not end like ballet.
Banquet does not sound like parquet.
Then there is hallowed and allowed,
People and leopard, towed, and vowed.

Quote

Success has many parents, but failure is an orphan.
--American Proverb

Teaching Tip

A subject is more interesting to students when the discovery approach is used. To develop skills such as observation, measurement, comparison, interpretation, prediction, and communication, try the following experiment.

Question: Do ice cubes melt at the same rate in cold water as they do in hot water?

Set up containers with hot and cold water and have the students observe, measure, predict and document the differences in time for the ice cubes to melt.

Depending on the age of the students, variations can be introduced such as the size of the container, amount of water in the container, and location of the container.

Grin

Overheard in a science class

"When people run around and around in circles we say they are crazy. When planets do it we say they are orbiting."

"While the earth seems to be knowingly keeping its distance from the sun, it is really only centrifigating."

"Rain is often known as soft water, oppositely known as hail."



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