

## 1.3

## THINKING LIKE A SCIENTIST

## Section Review

## Objectives

- Explain how alchemy laid the groundwork for chemistry
- Describe how Lavoisier transformed chemistry
- Identify three steps in the scientific method
- Explain why collaboration and communication are important in science

## Vocabulary

- scientific method
- observation
- hypothesis
- experiment
- manipulated variable
- responding variable
- theory
- scientific law

## Part A Completion

Use this completion exercise to check your understanding of the concepts and terms that are introduced in this section. Each blank can be completed with a term, short phrase, or number.

- Before there were chemists,   1   were studying matter. **1.** \_\_\_\_\_
- They developed   2   and   3   for working with chemicals. **2.** \_\_\_\_\_
- Lavoisier helped make chemistry a science of   4  . **3.** \_\_\_\_\_
- A logical,   5   approach is the best way to solve a difficult **4.** \_\_\_\_\_
- problem. One logical approach to solving scientific problems is the **5.** \_\_\_\_\_
- 6  . This method may begin with an observation, followed **6.** \_\_\_\_\_
- by   7  , or a proposed explanation for what is observed. You can **7.** \_\_\_\_\_
- conduct an   8   to test a hypothesis. If a hypothesis meets **8.** \_\_\_\_\_
- the test of repeated experimentation, it may become a   9  , **9.** \_\_\_\_\_
- which is a well-tested explanation for a broad set of observations. **10.** \_\_\_\_\_
- A   10   is a concise statement that summarizes the results  
of many observations and experiments.

## Part B True-False

Classify each of these statements as always true, AT; sometimes true, ST; or never true, NT.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. A theory can be easily proved.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Scientific laws explain observations.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. A well-planned experiment will disprove a hypothesis.

## Part C Matching

Match each description in Column B to the correct term in Column A.

Column A	Column B
_____ 14. scientific method	a. variable that one changes during an experiment
_____ 15. observation	b. information obtained through one's senses
_____ 16. manipulated variable	c. a logical approach to the solution of scientific problems
_____ 17. hypothesis	d. a means to test a hypothesis
_____ 18. experiment	e. a proposed explanation for an observation
_____ 19. responding variable	f. variable that is observed during an experiment

## Part D Questions and Problems

Answer the following questions in the space provided.

20. Classify each step in the following application of the scientific method as an observation, a hypothesis, an experiment, or a scientific law.

- a. An iron ball falls to the ground when you drop it.

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- b. Earth is a giant magnet, which attracts iron objects.

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- c. An iron ball and a piece of wood are dropped from the same height.

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- d. The iron ball and wood fall at the same rate.

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- e. Gravity attracts every object in the universe to every other object.

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21. What two processes practiced by scientists increase the likelihood of a successful outcome in science?

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