# **Core Skills Analysis**

#### **Mathematics**

- Learned to apply principles of proportional reasoning by exploring how weight is distributed in a physical substance.
- Developed skills in units conversion and measurement accuracy essential for analyzing and comparing weights.
- Practiced calculations related to density and mass, enhancing understanding of physical properties influencing weight distribution.
- Improved ability to interpret and represent data involving weight distribution using mathematical tools.

### Science (Physics/Chemistry)

- Gained insight into the physical properties of substances affecting weight distribution, such as density and volume.
- Explored concepts related to material composition and its influence on mass distribution within a sample.
- Understood the importance of precise measurement and sampling in analyzing chemical substances.
- Recognized how microscopic characteristics of a substance potentially affect its macroscopic properties.

### **Tips**

To deepen understanding of weight distribution, consider engaging in hands-on experiments measuring the density and weight of various household materials like water, oil, and solids. Encourage calculating proportions and converting between units to strengthen math skills. Introduce digital tools or apps that simulate weight distribution scenarios to visualize concepts dynamically. Discuss real-world applications such as shipment packaging or pharmacology to connect theory with practical situations, fostering critical thinking and relevance. This multi-disciplinary approach will enhance both conceptual grasp and analytical precision.

### **Book Recommendations**

- <u>Density and Buoyancy: Science Experiments With Water and Other Liquids</u> by Emily Sohn: A hands-on guide exploring principles of density and weight distribution through engaging experiments.
- <u>Physics of Everyday Phenomena</u> by W. Thomas Griffith: An accessible introduction to physical concepts including mass, force, and material properties in daily life.
- <u>Mathematics for Physical Chemistry</u> by Robert G. Mortimer: Covers mathematical techniques essential for understanding chemical and physical properties such as weight and mass distribution.

#### **Learning Standards**

- CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.HSN.Q.A.2: Define appropriate quantities for the purpose of descriptive modeling.
- CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.HSN.Q.A.1: Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems.
- NGSS HS-PS1-3: Plan and conduct an investigation to gather evidence to compare the structure of

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- substances at the bulk scale to infer the strength of electrical forces between particles.
- NGSS HS-PS2-6: Communicate scientific and technical information about why the molecular-level structure is important in the functioning of designed materials.

## **Try This Next**

- Create a worksheet requiring calculation of weight distribution percentages across different segments of a sample substance.
- Design a small-scale experiment to measure how weight distribution changes with varying densities using household materials.