

Magnets and Metals Grades 3-5





# **NASA Spotlite Interactive Lesson Guide**



## What are NASA Spotlites?

NASA Spotlites are 90-120 second student-produced video segments that address common science misconceptions.

NASA Spotlites are designed to increase scientific literacy in a standards-based classroom. By producing Spotlite videos, students gain production experience, as well as deepen their understanding of science content. Approved NASA Spotlites can be found at the NASA eClips website. https:/jnasaeclips.arc.nasa.gov



A misconception is a view or opinion that is incorrect because it is based on faulty thinking or understanding. This is an Interactive PDF. Features in this packet may include:

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- quick checks
- multiple choice questions
- interactive GIFs (graphics interchange format)
- links to videos and online interactives

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## Pretest

## Magnets and Metals Grades 3-5 Pretest NASA Spotlite Interactive Lesson

Read each question and select the best choice.

1. A material that has a magnetic field that can attract repel other magnetic materials is

2. The region around a magnet where its force attracts or repels is called

3. Magnets attract

4. Which of the following materials would be attracted to a magnet?

5. Sarah was testing the following items to see if they could be picked up by her horseshoe magnet. Which item was she able to pick up?





A. mixed metal nickel (75% copper)







C. iron screw



D. aluminum can

# Engage

In today's lesson you will learn about magnets. Using interactive Frayer Models, you will learn key vocabulary that will help you understand the materials that are attracted to magnets.

What do you already know about magnets?

True or False: All metals are attracted to magnets.

#### **Spotlite Video**

Next, you will watch a short video about magnets and metals. As you watch the video, pay close attention to any new vocabulary.

NASA Spotlites about Magnets:



NASA eClips™ Website - https://nasaeclips.arc.nasa.gov NASA eClips™ YouTube - https://youtu.be/4miSpNimwqw



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# Explore

## **Explore Activity**

Explore the metallic samples attracted to the magnet. Look at the samples and find common characteristics. Can you think of any other samples to test?

1. paper clip

2. nickel



- 3. penny
- 4. paper

#### 5. aluminum foil

Use two magnets to demonstrate that a magnet has two ends or poles that will attract or repel from the poles of another magnet. What did you discover? Tape one end of a piece of string to a desk; tie the other end onto a paper clip. Take a second piece of string and suspend the magnet from a ruler anchored with books. Adjust the level of books so that the distance between the magnet and the paper clip allows the clip to stand up without touching the magnet.

You can place pieces of paper or cloth between the clip and the magnet to show the strength of the magnetic force. Can you find materials that block magnetic forces?

With the string still attached, try to raise the paper clip from the desk with a magnet without letting the magnet and paper clip touch. How were you able to accomplish this? What methods and strategies did you use?



Activity Credit:

https://spacemath.gsfc.nasa.gov/NASADocs/magbook2002.pd f#page=8

# Explore

## Think-Pair-Share



What kinds of materials are attracted to magnets?

# Explain

## Frayer Model for Vocabulary Development

Use the graphic organizer to write definitions, characteristics, examples and nonexamples for a vocabulary word. You can include drawings, graphics, and diagrams.



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# Explain

Word	Definition	Word	Definition
MAGNET	A magnet is a metal that has the property of attracting certain substances such as iron.	REPEL	Repel means to push away.
ATTRACT	To attract is to pull together.	IRON 26: Ires 2,0,14,2	Iron is a malleable, silver- white metallic element with the chemical symbol: Fe
MAGNETIC FIELD	A magnetic field is the region around a magnet where its force attracts or repels materials.	POLE	A pole is one of the two ends of a magnet where the magnetic force is the strongest.

Visit the NASA eClips<sup>™</sup> Virtual Vocabulary for more definitions.



## Posttest

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Read each question and select the best choice.

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4. Sarah was testing the following items to see if they could be picked up by her horseshoe magnet. Which item was she able to pick up?

2. The region around a magnet where a magnetic force can be found is called

3. Magnets attract

4. Which of the following materials would be attracted to a magnet?



D. aluminum can

# Elaborate/Extend

## Elaborate/Extend Activity NASA Connection



Watch one of these videos to learn more about Earth's magnetic field, called the magnetosphere.



Video Link - **Earth's Magnetosphere** https://science.nasa.gov/science-news/news-articles/earthsmagnetosphere

How does this magnetic field protect Earth?



Video Link – **Our World: The Sun, A Real Star** https://nasaeclips.arc.nasa.gov/video/ourworld/our-world-thesun-a-real-star

# Evaluate

## **Identify Misconception**

What is a common misconception people have about magnets and metals and how can you correct the misconception?

Carefully re-watch the NASA Spotlite videos to assess your understanding about which materials are attracted to magnets.

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## **Vocabulary Review**

Most asteroids are composed mainly of rocky material, along with some clays and metals. Others are made mostly of the metals iron, nickel and cobalt, and may even contain platinum and gold. How could magnetic properties be used to sort the asteroids?

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