

ASET Science & Engineering Practices (SEP) Tool: Developing & Using Models



Reviewer Name or ID:
 Science Lesson/Unit Title:
 Intended grade:

SEP 2	Developing and Using Models: A practice of both science and engineering is to use and construct models as helpful tools for representing ideas and explanations. These tools include diagrams, drawings, physical replicas, mathematical representations, analogies, and computer simulations. Modeling tools are used to develop questions, predictions and explanations; analyze and identify flaws in systems; and communicate ideas. Models are used to build and revise scientific explanations and proposed engineering systems. Measurements and observations are used to revise models and designs.		
Components of SEP In this lesson/unit plan, it is clear that <i>students</i> have a structured opportunity to:	Mark with “x” if present in lesson	What teacher actions were taken to facilitate this component for students?	What are the students doing?
1) Describe components and characteristics of models			
2) Develop models consistent with prior evidence or theories to represent, explain, and/or describe a phenomenon			
3) Use models to describe relationships between components, predict outcomes, and/or test ideas to explain a phenomenon			
4) Compare and/or evaluate features and limitations of (a) model(s)			
5) Revise models based on additional evidence*			
Notes on Context/Special Considerations (part of school year, differentiation, student developmental considerations, etc.):			

* Not present until 6-8 Grade Band

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ASET Grade Band Criteria (Grade Bands: K-2, 3-5)

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SEP 2: Developing and Using Models: Modeling in K-2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to include using and developing models (i.e., diagram, drawing, physical replica, diorama, dramatization, or storyboard) that represents concrete events or design solutions. Modeling in 3-5 builds on K-2 experiences and progresses to building and revising simple models and using models to represent events and design solutions.

*By the end of the grade band **students** will have had a structured opportunity to develop an understanding of each of these. Individual lessons or units should include opportunities for **students** to practice one or more of the following components*

	K-2 Grade Band	3-5 Grade Band
1) Describe components and characteristics of models	From a given model (diagram, drawing, physical replica, diorama, dramatization, or storyboard) students identify and describe the parts of the model and how they represent the real world phenomenon	From a given model (diagram, drawing, physical replica, diorama, dramatization, or storyboard) students identify and describe the parts of the model and how they represent the real world phenomenon, and the relationships between these parts Students (with guidance) may need to identify which parts of the model best help to explain the phenomenon
2) Develop models consistent with prior evidence or theories to represent, explain, and/or describe a phenomenon	Students develop a simple model (i.e., diagram, drawing, physical replica, diorama, dramatization, or storyboard) based on evidence to represent a given phenomenon, proposed tool, object, or design system.	Students: a. develop a model to make sense of a phenomenon b. collaboratively develop and/or revise a model: i. based on evidence ii. that shows the relationships among variables for frequent and regular occurring events using an analogy, example, or abstract representation to describe a scientific principle or design solution.
3) Use models to describe relationships between components, predict outcomes, and/or test ideas to explain a phenomenon	Students use a model to: a. represent and describe relationships between components in the model. These could include describing amounts, relationships, relative scales (bigger, smaller), and/or patterns in the natural and designed world. b. explain scientific concepts related to the phenomenon	Students use models to: a. describe and/or predict phenomena (scientific principles or design solutions). b. test cause and effect relationships or interactions concerning the functioning of a natural system.
4) Compare and/or evaluate features and limitations of (a) model(s)	Students: a. distinguish between a model and the actual object, process, and/or events the model represents b. compare models to identify common features and differences	Students identify limitations of models
5) Revise models based on additional evidence*	Not present until 6-8 grade band	Not present until 6-8 grade band