Activity #3—Student Response Sheet (ANSWER KEY)

Title: Transmission of Longitudinal (sound) Waves



- 1. I predict that the solid, liquid or gas phase will conduct sound the poorest. The solid, liquid or gas phase of matter will be second best and the solid, liquid or gas phase of matter will conduct sound the best. (Choose answers from solid, liquid or gas.)
- 2a. I was not (was, was not) able to hear the ticking of the watch from one meter away.
- 2b. When the watch was placed on one end of the metal rod, the sound of its ticking was relatively easy to hear.
- 3a. The sound made by the suspended coat hanger was rather soft and hard to hear.
- 3b. The sound of the vibrating coat hanger was carried to my ears by the gas phase of matter.
- 3c. The sound of the coat hanger when my fingers were inserted into the loops of the string and then allowed to touch my ears was very loud---sounded like church bells.
- 3d. The solid phase of matter was carrying this sound to my ears.
- 4a. Examples of sounds that were carried to my ears by liquids or solids are answers will vary---but such responses as "putting a glass to the wall to hear sounds on the other side" are typical.
- 4b. My REVISED prediction for the ranking of the phases of matter to conduct sound energy is the gas (typical response) phase is poorest, the liquid phase is second and the solid phase is the best.
- 5. I predict that the volume of the sound source inside of the bell jar will decrease (increase, decrease, remain the same) when the air within is removed.
- 6a. I predict that the volume of the sound source will increase as the air is allowed to re-enter the bell jar.
- 6b. Communication in the vacuum of outer space must be accomplished by the use of walkie-talkies,--or radio communication in general.