Grade 5 Understanding Matter and Energy –
Properties of and Changes in Matter

A RUSTY DILEMMA

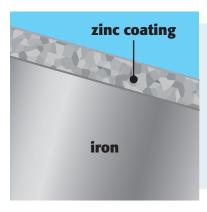
Rust Prevention

Rusting can pose significant problems. Therefore, scientists and engineers have developed ways to prevent it from happening.



Plastic Coating

A plastic coating is applied onto iron to keep air and water away. This method is commonly used on machines and vehicles.



Galvanization

In galvanization, another metal is applied onto iron as a coating. This metal coating breaks down before the iron does. This technique is commonly used on balconies, walkways, and street furniture.



Stainless Steel

Iron can also be mixed with other metals to increase its resistance to rusting. Stainless steel, a durable material that is resistant to rusting, can be made with the right composition of iron, nickel, and carbon.