Why Should I Study Physics?
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Oh boy, there's my alarm; what a sound. Six-thirty, the morning I've dreaded all week--the day of my first big physics exam. I should get ready. Where's my iPad—darn; dropped it. Gravity sounds familiar; I wonder why things fall? There's force and air resistance too. Good thing it landed on the carpet; didn't break. Hmmm.

It's time for a shower. Ouch, I wonder how the water got so hot. How is cold different from hot? I wonder why I feel so cool before I dry off. There's isobutane in this can of hair spray. I wonder if that's anything like the butane in lighters. Why would something like that be in this hair styling stuff? And why does the can get so cold as I spray?

It's time for some tunes. The news is on. They say this beautiful late summer morning will become an ozone action day. Something about exhaust and sun... Why is it a problem? They keep telling us not to stay out in the sun too long because the ozone layer is disappearing. How can it just disappear, and how is the ozone layer different from the ozone they tell us we shouldn't breathe? I wonder how the sun rises each morning.

I had better turn on the light. I wonder what's in a light bulb that lets it get so hot and still not melt or catch on fire. It's time to check the laundry and get dressed. How does water work to get things clean? Maybe I'll wear that iridescent tie. I wonder how they get it so shiny.

My new cross training shoes sure are comfortable. I wonder how they made that super-soft foam insole.

I should fuel up with some breakfast. Maybe I'll fry an egg. I wonder why a fried egg feels so much different than a raw egg. Could I just 'nuke' the egg in the microwave? Would it become radioactive? Jimmy said his brother tried that and the egg blew up—some mess! It's getting late; I think I'll just have cereal. This cereal is 'fortified with iron'. I wonder what kind of iron they put in there; it couldn't be those iron filings we used in with the magnets in physics lab, could it? And if these Physics-O's have iron in them why are they floating in the milk? There's the calorie count. I wonder if that has anything to do with those energy measurements we read about in the physics book.

Time to leave for school, I hope the car starts this morning. I wonder how a battery works. Oh great, the car needs gas. I'll pull in to Barney's and gas up. The pump says something about liters and gallons. It looks like that tire is a little low. This pressure gauge is reading lower than it did yesterday afternoon.

I wonder if it's because it's so much cooler this morning. Before I leave, I think I'll get a can of pop. Oops, I dropped it; I better not open it until later. I wonder what those bubbles are and how they get them in there.

I made it to school on time. It's supposed to be really hot today. I've heard of car windows popping when it gets really hot, so I'd better open them a little bit. I wonder why they sometimes break when the car gets really hot. I'm glad the windows are coated to shade the inside. That should help, too. I wonder what the coating is, and how they get it in the glass.

It sure is bright out this morning; I'm glad my polarizing glasses darken in the sun. I wonder how they do that. Just saw a movie in 3-D, used polarizing glasses there too. The air conditioning sure will feel good this afternoon. I wonder how the air conditioner makes cold.

Well, here I am in physics class. Worrying about this exam is giving me indigestion. My stomach feels as if it's blowing up like a balloon. Warm in here today—hope I don't burst.

Why do I have to study physics anyway? When will I ever use physics in my everyday life? What good is it to me? Why can't I study something that's practical--like biology?