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## The Temperature Tango: Exploring Phase Transitions

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Understanding temperature-dependent phase transitions is crucial in cooking and food preparation to ensure ingredients reach the desired phase, like melting chocolate or boiling pasta. It also helps in controlling cooking times and food safety.
2. During melting, particles in a solid gain energy, start vibrating faster, and eventually move more freely as they break intermolecular forces. In boiling, particles in a liquid gain energy, move more rapidly, and escape into the air as gas particles.
3. Pressure and temperature interact in phase transitions when changes in pressure affect the temperature at which phase transitions occur, such as the boiling point of water at different altitudes.
4. Scientists and engineers use knowledge of temperature-dependent phase transitions in materials science for designing alloys, in environmental studies for understanding climate change effects, and in product development, like designing materials that can withstand extreme temperatures in space exploration.

