We'll need to develop a model that can analyze product images and extract specific entity values (like weight, dimensions, etc.) from them.

1. Data Preprocessing:

- Download the images using the provided download_images function from src/utils.py.
- Organize the training data, matching images with their corresponding labels from train.csv.

2. Model Development:

- We'll likely need to use a combination of computer vision and natural language processing techniques.
- A deep learning model, possibly based on a pre-trained convolutional neural network (CNN) architecture like ResNet or EfficientNet, could be used for image feature extraction.
- We might need to incorporate optical character recognition (OCR) to extract text from the images.
- A custom head could be added to the model to predict the entity values based on the extracted features and text.

3. Training:

- o Split the training data into training and validation sets.
- o Train the model using the labeled data from train.csv.
- Use techniques like data augmentation to improve model generalization.

4. Prediction:

- o Apply the trained model to the test images from test.csv.
- o Post-process the model outputs to ensure they match the required format (e.g., "x unit" where x is a float and unit is from the allowed list).

5. Output Generation:

- o Create the test out.csv file with the required columns: 'index' and 'prediction'.
- Ensure all test samples have a prediction (use an empty string "" if no value is found).

6. Validation:

 Use the provided sanity.py script to check that the output file passes all formatting checks.

Key Considerations:

- Ensure predictions use only the allowed units specified in constants.py.
- Pay attention to the output format requirements, especially for numerical values and units.
- Handle cases where no value is found in the image by returning an empty string.
- Make sure to generate predictions for all indices in the test set.

Next Steps:

- 1. Set up the development environment with necessary libraries (e.g., PyTorch or TensorFlow for deep learning, OpenCV for image processing).
- 2. Implement the data loading and preprocessing pipeline.
- 3. Design and implement the model architecture.
- 4. Develop the training loop and evaluation metrics.
- 5. Create the prediction and output generation scripts.
- 6. Test the entire pipeline and validate the output using the sanity checker.