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# The Nature of Science



What is science?

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#### I will learn

- that scientists ask questions to learn.
- ways scientists observe things.
- ways scientists collect and record data.

② Circle the part of your body you can use to observe the color of a bird.











Mark (✓) the birds that look alike.
How do they look alike? Say as a class.









# Lesson 1 · What questions do scientists ask?

Read. What does a scientist do? Say as a class.

## **Science and Scientists**

A **scientist** uses **science** to learn about the world around us. A scientist can work with other scientists. They learn new things together. You can use science to learn, too.

② Do scientists work together? Say with a partner.



- scientist
- science
- observe
- objects
- questionsanswers



Read. Mark () the scientists who observe things.

## **Observe**

Scientists observe. **Observe** means to find out about things. You can observe the size, shape, and color of **objects**. You can observe other things, too.









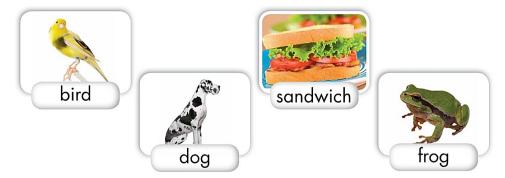
# Lesson 2 · How do scientists observe?

Read. Look at the fish. What colors do you see?

## Senses

Scientists use their **senses** to observe. You can use your senses, too. You look to observe things like size, shape, and color. You listen to observe sounds.

- Point to the big fish. Point to the small fish. What fish do you like more? Why?
- 3 Look around the classroom. Say three objects you see.
- Circle the things you can hear.



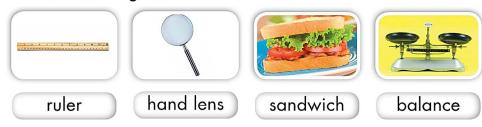


- senses
- tools
- measure
- compare
- group

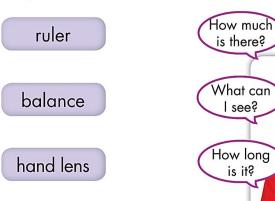


#### Tools

Scientists can use **tools** to observe. A hand lens is a tool. It can help you see things. A ruler can help you measure how long an object is. A balance can help you measure how much there is. **Measure** means to tell things like how much, how long, and how tall.



6 Say as a class. Match the tools to the questions.







# Circle T (true) or F (false).

T/F 1. Scientists use tools to observe.

T/F 2. You can observe how big or small something is.

T/F 3. You only have three senses.

Read. Look at the picture. How are the fish alike? Say with a partner.



# **Compare**

Scientists say how things are alike. They say how things are different. Compare means to say how things are alike and different.

② Look at the butterflies. Compare. Say as a class.





10 Read. Circle the things that are alike.

# Group

Scientists group things, too. You can group objects by how they are alike. You put objects that are alike in a group!







Read. Circle the things that help you stay safe.

# Safety

You follow rules in science to stay safe. Some tools help you stay safe, too.



safety goggles



hand lens

# At-Home Lab

## **Group Objects**

Find five objects at home. Say how they are alike. Say how they are different. Put the things that are alike in a group.

#### Rules

- 1. Listen.
- 2. Wear goggles.
- 3. Wash your hands.

list of rules

# Lesson 3 · How do scientists collect and record data?

Read. What do scientists use to record data? Say as a class.

#### data record

Key Words

collect

# chart

#### Scientists Collect and Record Data

Scientists collect information. In science, information is called data. Scientists record data. They can use words, pictures, numbers, or charts.

2 Look at the picture. Draw the animal the girl is observing.





Read. What can a mark in a chart show? Say with a partner.

# Collect and Record Data

You can collect data by asking questions. You can record data in a chart. For example, one mark in a chart can record one person's answer to a question.



Ask five friends, "Do you like dogs, cats, or birds best?" Mark () each answer in the chart.

Favorite Animals								
	cats							
	dogs							
	birds							

6 Count the marks for each animal. Which is your friends' favorite animal? Compare with other groups.











