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The Nature of Science



 Look and label the five senses. Then name the five sense organs.

smell hearing touch sight taste











I will learn

how to use science skills.

why scientists repeat

investigations.

 how to record and show data.



2 Look at the picture and circle T (true) or F (false).



- 1. The trees produce a lot of apples. T/F
- 2. Many of the apples are ripe. T/F
- **3.** The trees are not healthy. T/F
- 4. It is winter. T/F
- With the class, say which senses you can use to decide if each statement in activity 2 is true or false.





Lesson 1 · What kinds of skills do scientists use?

Read and complete the statements.

Different Ways to Learn

Scientists learn about the world around them. They use their senses.

Scientists do **experiments** to learn. They carry out experiments again and again to make sure they get the same **results**.

Scientists learn from each other, too. They ask each other, "How do you know?" and share what they learn. They give answers. They tell how they know.

experiments each other senses



Scientists carry out



Scientists use their



Scientists learn from

Key Words

experimentpredict

observe

senses

results

- Read and match the questions with their answers.
- 1. Why do scientists repeat their experiments?
- 2. Why do scientists use their senses?
- **3.** Why do scientists share what they learn?

To help answer each other's questions.

To make sure the results are the same.

To learn about the world around them.











Read, look, and mark (
) the ripe apples. Then answer the questions.

Observe

Scientists observe to find out about the world. You **observe** when you use your senses to find out about something. We have five senses: smell, hearing, touch, sight, and taste. We use a different part of our body for each sense. We use our nose for smell, our ears for hearing, our hands or fingers for touch, our eyes for sight, and our tongue for taste.

How do you know when an apple is ripe? You might look at the color. Some people tap it to hear how it sounds. You might feel it and smell it, too. You will know if it is ripe when you taste it!





- 1. Give a reason for your choice.
- 2. What sense or senses did you use to make your decision?
- D 4 How do you know this apple tree is healthy? Read, look, and say with a partner.

Predict

Scientists use what they observe to predict. You predict when you tell what you think will happen.

How might scientists predict how many apples will grow? They can think about how many apples grew the year before.







Read and underline four ways to classify apples.

Classify

Scientists classify, or put things in groups. Scientists might classify kinds of apples by taste, shape, and color. There are many different kinds of apples. How do you know what kinds of apples are the smallest? You might group apples by size.

Are red apples as sweet as green apples? How do you know? Read and say with a partner.





Compare and Contrast

Scientists compare and contrast what they observe, too. They tell what is the same. They tell what is different.

With a partner, select two different types of apples. Draw and label them. Then compare them using your senses and circle the answer.



Apple A:

- 1. Apple A / B is sweeter.
- 2. Apple A / B is heavier.
- Apple B: _____
- 3. Apple A / B is harder.
- 4. Apple A / B has a stronger smell.





Granny Smith











Lesson 2 · How do scientists find answers?

Read. Then order the steps for carrying out investigations.

Key Words

- investigate
- conclusion
- height
- measurement
- hypothesis

Repeat Investigations

Scientists learn about the world around them. First, they ask questions. Then they investigate. You **investigate** when you look for answers.

Scientists repeat investigations before they draw conclusions. A conclusion is what you decide after you think about all you know. You should be able to draw similar conclusions when you repeat an investigation.

For example, one scientist measures the **height** of the tallest tree in a forest. Others repeat the **measurement**. They get similar answers. They draw a conclusion.

ask questions draw conclusions investigate repeat investigations

What do you think the scientist in this picture is studying? Why? Look and talk about the question with the class.



- Read, look, and follow the instructions.
 - 1. Circle the question.
 - 2. Underline the hypothesis.
 - 3. Label the pots water and no water.

Scientific Methods

Scientific methods are ways of finding answers. Scientists use scientific methods when they do experiments. Scientific methods can have these steps. Sometimes scientists do the steps in a different order. Scientists do not always do all of the steps.

Ask a question.

Ask a question that you want answered.



Do seeds need water to grow?

Make a hypothesis.

A **hypothesis** is a possible answer to your question.



The seeds that are watered will grow because seeds need water.

Plan a fair test.

Change only one thing. Keep everything else the same. Record your steps. Someone else should get the same answer if they follow your steps.











Read and match the headings with the corresponding information.

Do your test.

Collect and record your data. Tell your conclusion.

Think about the results of your test. Decide if your hypothesis is supported or not supported. Tell what you decide.

Test your hypothesis. Repeat your test. See if your results are the same.

Keep records of what you observe. Use words, numbers, or drawings to help.

Look and draw what you think happened to the seedlings.





Think

If someone else follows the steps of this investigation and gets a different result, what might you conclude?

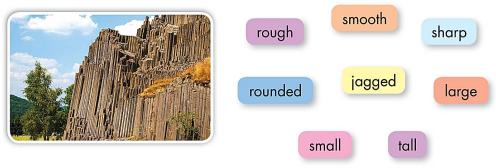




Lesson 3 · How do scientists collect and share data?

Look and circle the words that describe the rocks.





Read and circle T (true) or F (false).

Collect Data

Scientists collect data to learn new things. Data is what you observe with your senses. Scientists record what they observe and measure. Scientists make conclusions from data and from what they already know.

- 1. Scientists collect data using their senses.
- 2. Scientists use data to make conclusions.
- 3. Scientists only make conclusions from data.
- Look at the picture and circle one thing you can conclude about the rocks.
- 1. The rocks are very light.
- 2. The rocks are smooth because of the ocean water.
- 3. Many animals live under the rocks.















60-Second Video





Let's Explore! Lab



T/F

T/F

T/F

