

Working Scientifically

means learning the skills a Scientist needs to be successful



We ASK questions

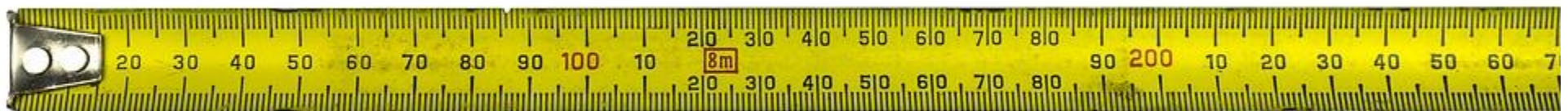
We INVESTIGATE

We collect EVIDENCE by:

MEASURING, OBSERVING and

RECORDING OUR FINDINGS!

We STAY SAFE



5 Types of Enquiry

1) Observation Over Time



What does this mean?

Observations or measurements are made at regular intervals



Examples of this type of enquiry include:



Taking observations of ice melting

How plants and habitats change through the year

Measuring pulse rate after exercise



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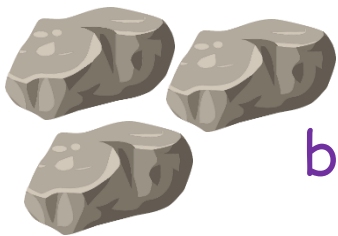
2) Identifying/Classifying



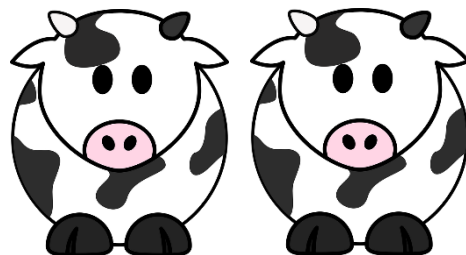
What does this mean?

Sorting and grouping based on similarities and differences

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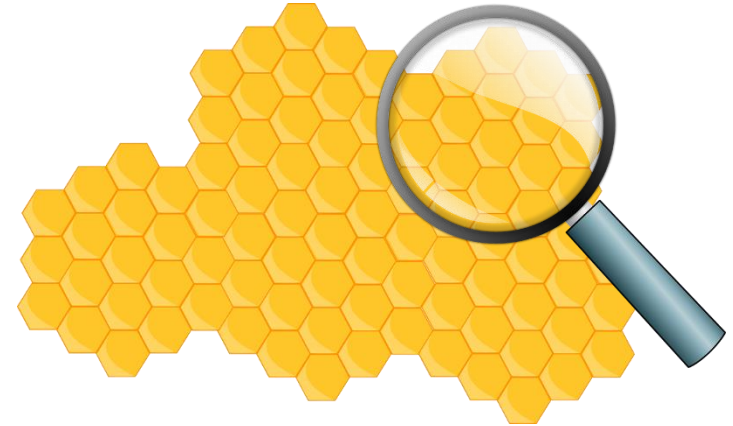


Sorting rocks, plants, materials and animals
based on things that are the same and different



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3) Pattern seeking



What does this mean?

We use this when there are lots of variables (things that can change) so we cannot 'test' it in the same way as 5



Examples of this type of enquiry include:

Do daisies grow in sunnier parts of a field?

Do people with big hands have big feet?



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4) Research



What does this mean?

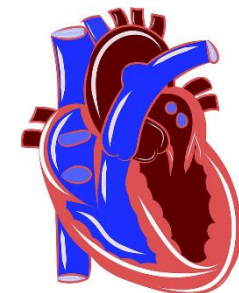
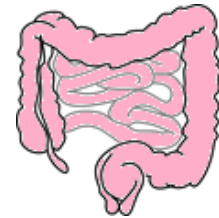
Looking at what others have found out - for example in books and online



Examples of this type of enquiry include:

Looking at the planets

Finding out about the digestive system
or the circulatory system



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5) Fair test

What does this mean?

One variable is changed and the effect is measured whilst keeping everything else the same



Examples of this type of enquiry include:

Which materials are conductors or insulators?

What is the best material for a parachute?

Which material will freeze?

