



Observing

Using the five senses to find out about objects and events: their characteristics, properties, differences, similarities, and changes.

Speculating what may occur in the future based on prior knowledge, observations, and reasoning.

Predicting

Questioning

A strategy to make meaning or wonder about uncertainties.

Making educated guesses or predictions based on evidence that must be tested through experimentation to establish credibility.

Hypothesizing

Searching

Locating and using several sources, developing self-reliance in acquiring library and Internet skills.

Constructing physical/concrete or abstract representations of ideas, objects or events to clarify explanations or demonstrate relationships; used to reinforce concepts, demonstrate learning, and /or illustrate phenomena which cannot be directly observed.

Modeling

Interviewing

Asking, interviewing, and corresponding to gain primary information.

Gathering background information, formulating problems / hypotheses.

Investigating

Inferring

Using logic to draw conclusions from the results of investigating/problem-solving.

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Using Instruments

Calibrating

Checking, adjusting, or determining an instrument's accuracy by comparison with a standard.

Collecting evidence through measurements, facts, figures, pieces of information, statistics (either historical or derived by calculation), experimentation, surveys, etc.

Gathering Data

Measuring

Assigning numbers to observations, e.g., metric units, time, student-generated units, using appropriate measuring devices and techniques.

Setting up apparatus, making it work, describing parts and functions, illustrating scientific principles.

Demonstrating

Recording

Noting, documenting, tabulating, charting; working systematically, working regularly.

Putting together component parts; to build or erect.

Constructing

Planning

Working systematically, regularly organizing for future, seeing possible results.

Designing something useful, for the first time, through the use of the imagination, ingenious thinking and / or experimentation.

Inventing

Designing

The overall plan or strategy by which hypotheses / research questions and technological problems are answered (with or without innovation).

Carrying out a designed investigation to test a hypothesis or answer a question.

Experimenting

Comparing

Looking for similarities.

Seeing implications and relationships, discerning causes and effects, locating new problems.

Analyzing

Contrasting

Looking for differences.

Recognizing good and poor features; judging and assessing.

Evaluating

Classifying

Putting things into groups and subgroups, identifying categories, deciding between alternatives.

Picking out important items, memorizing, associating.

Reviewing

Outlining

Employing major headings and subheadings; using sequential, logical organization.

Engaging in oral, written, or any other appropriate form of communication with others.

Discussing

Graphing

Visually representing data.

Clearly describing, clarifying main points, and focusing on the “why” and/or “how” of the issue, concept or idea.

Explaining

Reporting

Organizing and presenting information in a written or oral format.

Writing

Conveying information (e.g., questions, observations, experimental report) by graphical means.

Reflecting

The activity of either an individual or group that involves analyzing, judging the importance of, and making connections to the learning experience.

Teaching

Making meaning of concepts or processes by organizing them into key facts and ideas and clearly conveying them to others.

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