

## The Scientific Method

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1. **Science** comes from the Latin word that means \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Science is a distinctive way of gaining knowledge about the natural world that starts with asking a \_\_\_\_\_ and then tries to answer the question with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A scientific investigation is a \_\_\_\_\_ for asking \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ possible answers.
4. List the **six steps of a scientific investigation** below (in order):
  1. 
  2. 
  3. 
  4. 
  5. 
  6. 

Arrows indicate the flow from step 1 to 2, 2 to 3, 3 to 4, 4 to 5, and 5 to 6.
5. What does a scientific investigation usually begin with?
6. What do observations usually lead to?
7. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a possible answer to a scientific question.
8. A hypothesis must be based on \_\_\_\_\_,  
and it must be \_\_\_\_\_.

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9. Why must a hypothesis be falsifiable?
10. We will be using the “\_\_\_\_\_ ... \_\_\_\_\_” method when writing a hypothesis.
11. A **prediction** is a \_\_\_\_\_ that tells what will happen under certain \_\_\_\_\_.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ is any type of \_\_\_\_\_ that may either agree or disagree with a \_\_\_\_\_, so it may either \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ a hypothesis.
13. An experiment generally tests how one \_\_\_\_\_ is affected by another.
14. The affected variable is called the \_\_\_\_\_ variable.
15. The variable that affects the dependent variable is called the \_\_\_\_\_ variable.
16. Why is it important to have a **control** in an experiment?
17. **Circle and label** the **dependent** and **independent variables** in the example below.

*You want to see what kinds of mold and bacteria will grow on different food types. You take a piece of bread and a piece of cheese and wipe them on the floor then set them in a tray where it is dark and moist and record your observations daily.*

### Translations:

Knowledge: conocimiento. Distinctive: distintivo. Evidence: evidencia. Hypothesis: hipótesis.  
Prediction: predicción. Agree: acordar. Disagree: no estar de acuerdo. Affected: afectado.  
Dependent: dependiente.

