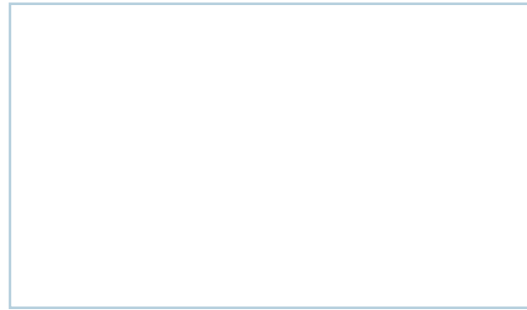


Making Observations

Let's talk about making observations. Do you know what it means to make an **observation**? (write or draw your answer) →







Making an observation is a way to learn and notice more about the world around us.



Can you think of anyone or anything who makes observations? (write or draw what you picture) →

That's right! Scientists, doctors, teachers, detectives, your parents, artists, animals, and even you make observations every day.



You can use all **five** of your senses to make observations: your sense of sight  , hearing , smell , touch , and taste . Today when we make observations outside, we won't be using our sense of taste.

Now, let's practice! Go outside and find an object in nature that you would like to observe. If you can't go outside find something inside to observe!

Take a close look at your object. What do you notice using your sense of sight?

Now, feel your object. What do you feel? Does it feel smooth? Rough? Cold? Bumpy?

Next, give your object a sniff! What does it smell like?

Last, let's try our sense of hearing. Your object may not make a sound on its own, but can you make any sounds with it? Try tapping it, crumbling it, or scratching it!

Now that we've practiced making some observations, let's see what else there is to observe around you. Use the chart on the next page to complete the Sensory Scavenger Hunt by finding some more interesting objects in nature!



Sensory Scavenger Hunt

I am searching for....	Check this box when you find your object OR draw a picture of the object you found
 <p>Something big and something small</p>	
 <p>Something smooth</p>	
 <p>Something bumpy</p>	
 <p>Something crunchy</p>	
 <p>Something loud</p>	
 <p>Two objects that smell different</p>	