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Clarify Directions

To **follow directions**, read all of the directions before doing anything. Then do each step in order one at a time. Sometimes there are numbers to help you with the order.

Directions Read the directions for completing a science lab. Then answer the questions.

Science Lab: Identifying Rocks

1. Select a rock and label it **A**. Weigh the rock and record the weight in your chart.
2. Use the string to measure the circumference of the rock. Use a ruler to measure the string. Record the length in the chart.
3. Examine the texture of the rock. Record any descriptions and features in the chart, for example, color and hardness.
4. Look at the rock handbook to identify the sample.
5. Repeat each step with the other rock samples.

Materials

- group of rocks
- hand lenses
- scale
- ruler
- string
- masking tape (for labeling samples)

1. What do you do first after selecting and labeling each sample?

weigh it

2. What is the second measurement taken for each sample?

circumference

3. What features of rocks are used to help identify them?

Possible response: color, texture, hardness

4. Write a brief summary of this lab.

Possible response: For each rock sample, find the weight and circumference. Then examine the rock and record its features. Finally, use the handbook to identify the rock.



Home Activity Your child read a set of directions and answered questions about the directions. Have your child read a simple recipe. Ask him or her what to do first, next, last, how to prepare for making the recipe, and so on.