

MASTER SCIENTIST Student Badges

MASTER OBSERVER

- Curious: looks at everything
- Studies the *details*
- Keeps records



Examine the whole situation, and look carefully at the *details* too.

Make notes, lists, charts, and sketches or take pictures so you can check the facts again later.

MASTER EXPLAINER

- Inspired guesses
- Makes reasonable claims
- Draws conclusions from *evidence*



Go ahead. Make a guess, then ask, "Is that *reasonable*?" "Does that fit what I know or saw?" Try to match your conclusions with what actually happened – *the evidence*.

MASTER INVESTIGATOR

- Creative, Playful Explorer
- Fair Tester
- Quality Controller



Explore *creatively and playfully*.

Do quick *tests and comparisons*.

Change one thing and keep everything else the same. Always watch the results carefully.

MASTER QUESTIONER

- Asks for Information
- Follows the Trail
- Speculates from Evidence



Ask for information if you need it. Then *follow the trail*. Base each question on something you already know or suspect. Look for rules or patterns based on what you observed.

MASTER PROBLEM SOLVER

- Gets Started, Takes Risks
- Gets Help as Needed
- Pays Attention to Results



Take a risk and try <u>something</u>! If that doesn't work, *try something else*. Ask for help when you need it and pay attention to what works and what doesn't (for you and other people).

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