

Silly Science

Name _____

A dichotomous key is a valuable tool that can be used to identify many objects ranging from plants to minerals. The key on this page was designed to identify common objects. Discover the silly scientific name of each object.

- | | |
|--|---------------|
| 1a. Item is 10 cm or more in any dimension..... | go to 2 |
| 1b. Item is less than 10 cm in any dimension | go to 5 |
| 2a. Item has wooden parts | go to 3 |
| 2b. Item does not have wooden parts | go to 5 |
| 3a. Item has a pointed edge | Widget |
| 3b. Item does not have a pointed edge | go to 4 |
| 4a. Item is flat | Gadget |
| 4b. Item is rounded | Wadget |
| 5a. Item has a spherical shape | go to 6 |
| 5b. Item is not spherical | go to 7 |
| 6a. Item is white in color | Whatnot |
| 6b. Item is not white in color | Fancy Whatnot |
| 7a. Item is a writing instrument..... | go to 8 |
| 7b. Item is not a writing instrument | go to 9 |
| 8a. Item is white in color | Screecher |
| 8b. Item is not white in color | Squealer |
| 9a. Item is partly or completely made of metal | go to 10 |
| 9b. Item does not have metal parts | go to 11 |
| 10a. Item is more than 4 cm in length | Super Duper |
| 10b. Item is less than 4 cm in length | Itsy Bitsy |
| 11a. Item is soft or flexible | Oopsey |
| 11b. Item is not soft or flexible | Cubey |

A. White marble _____

F. Colored marble _____

B. Unsharpened Pencil _____

G. Small Paperclip _____

C. White Chalk _____

H. Eraser _____

D. Wooden Splint _____

I. Die _____

E. Sharpened Pencil _____

J. Large Paperclip _____