

1. If a student's experimental data shows a clear linear relationship between two variables, what type of graph would be most effective to visually represent this relationship and allow for easy extrapolation or interpolation?
2. Why is it important to clearly label all reagents and solutions in a chemistry laboratory?
3. During an experiment, a student notices an unexpected reaction occurring, producing a gas. Instead of dismissing it as an error, she decides to investigate it further. This approach aligns with which key aspect of scientific inquiry?
4. A plant geneticist wants to develop a new variety of corn that is resistant to a specific pest. Which of the following best describes the initial step in her scientific exploration?
5. A student is instructed to prepare a 10% salt solution. If he uses a balance to measure 10 g of salt and then adds it to 100 mL of water, what mistake might he be making in preparing a 10% (mass/mass) solution?
6. A student collects data on the heights of 10 different species of trees in a forest. Which of the following is an example of qualitative data she might also collect?
7. Why is it important for scientific experiments to be designed to test only one independent variable at a time?
8. Why is the peer review process a critical component of scientific publishing?
9. Why is it important to have a clear understanding of laboratory safety symbols and procedures before conducting any experiment?
10. A scientist conducting research on the properties of a newly discovered element is essentially performing which aspect of "Exploration: Entering the World of Secondary Science"?
11. Discuss the ethical considerations a scientist must keep in mind when conducting experiments involving living organisms (e.g., plants or animals).
12. Why is it important for scientists to use standardized units of measurement (like SI units) in their experiments and reporting?
13. Which of the following best distinguishes an observation from an inference?
14. Explain the role of technology in enhancing scientific exploration, providing one specific example.
15. When a student performs an experiment and obtains results that contradict his initial hypothesis, what is the most appropriate scientific response?
16. Explain why making accurate and precise measurements is fundamental to scientific exploration.
17. A student uses a triple beam balance to measure the mass of a rock. She obtains a reading of 257.3 g. If the balance has divisions of 0.1 g, what does the last digit '3' signify?

- 18.** A student is setting up a hot plate to heat a beaker of water. Which of the following safety precautions is MOST critical to prevent a potential burn injury?
- 19.** A student observes that when a certain type of liquid is heated, its volume increases. He proposes that this liquid has a high coefficient of thermal expansion. Is this statement a hypothesis, a theory, or a law? Justify your answer.
- 20.** A student is designing an experiment to test if the amount of light affects the rate of photosynthesis in a plant. She uses two identical plants, Plant A and Plant B. Plant A is placed under bright light for 8 hours, and Plant B is placed under dim light for 8 hours. She measures the oxygen produced by each plant. Identify a potential flaw in her experimental design and suggest a correction.