

Silly Science

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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 3 cm in length Super Duper
- 10b. Item is less than 3 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 _____