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You need three different brands of plastic wrap · other equipment as requested What to do 1 Observe and feel each brand of plastic wrap. Predict which brand you think will be the strongest, Record your prediction.

2 Work out how you are going to test the strength of each plastic wrap. Ask your teacher for any equipment that you may need

3 Write down your method of testing and list all the equipment that you use.

4 Perform your method.

What did you discover?

1 Write down your results

2. From your results, which brand of plastic wrap did you find to be the strongest?

What do you think?

4 Discuss with the rest of the class the method

that your group used. How did other groups differ in their method to test their plastic wrap?

5 List anything else, other than the strength of the wrap, that could have affected your results.

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9 Perform your method. What did you discover?

1 Did your results agree with your prediction?

What do you think?

2 How could your method have been improved?

Presentation

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3 Write up your experiment using the reportwriting format on page 39.

Take digital photos to illustrate your method and results, and include these in your report. Upload your final report to the class wiki

the set of steps that you take to conduct a scientific investigation

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