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Each book in the *Developmental Series*^m consists of isolated activities and assessments to allow for the development of specific TEKS. For every TEKS, there is at least one individual or group activity. The activities provide a fun, challenging, yet nonthreatening, way to develop mastery of the TEKS. In addition to these activities, each *Developmental Series*^m book has assessments on isolated standards to be used to identify mastery or the need for further skill development or reinforcement. Continue to alternate between the *STAAR CONNECTION*^m *Diagnostic Series*^m and the *Developmental Series*^m.

KAMICO's **DATA CONNECTION**[®] software prints student answer sheets on plain paper using a standard laser printer, scans answer sheets using a TWAIN-compliant scanner, scores assessments, and disaggregates student academic data, showing which goals and objectives are mastered and which goals and objectives are in need of reinforcement. The software is preprogrammed to work with all KAMICO[®] assessments. It is easily customized to work with other instructional materials and assessments as well as teacher-, school-, district-, or state-created assessments. DATA CONNECTION[®] analyzes academic data from individual students, classes, grade levels, and demographic groups. Reports are presented in tabular and graphic form. Item analysis is provided to help determine the most effective method of instruction.

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Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills STAAR Grade 2 Science

Scientific Investigation and Reasoning Skills

(2.1) **Scientific investigation and reasoning:** The student conducts classroom and outdoor investigations following home and school safety procedures. The student is expected to

	(A)	identify, describe, and demonstrate safe practices as outlined in Texas Education Agency-approved safety standards during classroom and outdoor investigations, including wearing safety goggles or chemical splash goggles, as appropriate, washing hands, and using materials appropriately. Shades of Safe Science								
	(B)	identify and learn how to use, conserve, and dispose of natural resources and materials such as conserving water and reuse or recycling of paper, plastic, and metal. Responsible for Resources								
(2.2)	Scientific investigation and reasoning: The student develops abilities necessary to do scientific inquiry in classroom and outdoor investigations. The student is expected to									
	(A)	ask questions about organisms, objects, and events during observations and investigations. What, Why, How?								
	(B)	plan and conduct descriptive investigations. Classifying Leaves								
	(C)	collect data from observations using scientific tools. Information, Please								
	(D)	record and organize data using pictures, numbers, and words. Leaves								

	 (E) communicate observations and justify explanations using student-generated data from simple descriptive investigations. 								
		Let's Explain the Investigation							
	(F)	compare results of investigations with what students and scientists know about the world. Show Me!							
(2.3)	info the	entific investigation and reasoning: The student knows that rmation and critical thinking, scientific problem solving, and contributions of scientists are used in making decisions. student is expected to							
	(A)	identify and explain a problem and propose a task and solution for the problem.							
		What Is the Problem? 82 Assessment 88							
	(B)	make predictions based on observable patterns. Plenty of Patterns							
	(C)	identify what a scientist is and explore what different scientists do.							
		Smart Scientists							
(2.4)	age	entific investigation and reasoning: The student uses appropriate tools and models to investigate the natural world. student is expected to							
	(A)) collect, record, and compare information using tools, including computers, hand lenses, rulers, plastic beakers, magnets, collecting nets, notebooks, and safety goggles or chemical splash goggles, as appropriate; timing devices; weather instruments such as thermometers, wind vanes, and rain gauges; and materials to support observations of habitats of organisms such as terrariums and aquariums. Information Collectors							
		Assessment							
	(B)	measure and compare organisms and objects. Measure Away							

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Reporting Category 1: Matter and Energy

(2.5)	Matter and energy: The student knows that matter has physical properties and those properties determine how it is described, classified, changed, and used. The student is expected to						
	(A)	classify matter by physical properties, including relative temperature, texture, flexibility, and whether material is a solid or liquid. Classified Information					
	(B)	compare changes in materials caused by heating and cooling. Heating and Cooling Changes					
	(C)	demonstrate that things can be done to materials such as cutting, folding, sanding, and melting to change their physical properties. What's Different?					
	(D)	combine materials that when put together can do things that they cannot do by themselves such as building a tower or a bridge and justify the selection of those materials based on their physical properties.					
		We Can Do It Together189Assessment203					
Repo	rting	Category 2:					

Force, Motion, and Energy

- (2.6) **Force, motion, and energy:** The student knows that forces cause change and energy exists in many forms. The student is expected to
 - (A) investigate the effects on objects by increasing or decreasing amounts of light, heat, and sound energy such as how the color of an object appears different in dimmer light or how heat melts butter.

How Does It Change?	•										207
Assessment	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	214

(C)	trace and compare patterns of movement of object such as sliding,						
	rolling, and spinning over time.						
	Slide, Roll, and Spin!	223					
	Assessment	235					

Reporting Category 3: Earth and Space

(2.7)	Earth and space: The student knows that the natural world includes earth materials. The student is expected to							
	(A)	observe, describe, and compare rocks by size, texture, and color. Rock and Roll						
	(B)	identify and compare the properties of natural sources of fresh water and salt water.						
		Fresh or Salty?245Assessment254						
	(C)	distinguish between natural and manmade resources. Using Earth's Resources						
(2.8)	B) Earth and space: The student knows that there are recognizable patterns in the natural world and among objects in the sky. The student is expected to							
(A) measure, record, and graph weather information, including temperature, wind conditions, precipitation, and cloud covera in order to identify patterns in the data.								
		Patterns in Weather259Assessment267						
	(B)	identify the importance of weather and seasonal information to make choices in clothing, activities, and transportation. Planning for the Weather and Season 271 Assessment						
	(C)	observe, describe, and record patterns of objects in the sky, including the appearance of the Moon.						

Reporting Category 4: Organisms and Environments

) Organisms and environments: The student knows that living organisms have basic needs that must be met for them to survive within their environment. The student is expected to							
	(A)	identify the basic needs of plants and animals. What Do They Need?						
	(B) identify factors in the environment, including temperature and precipitation, that affect growth and behavior such as migration hibernation, and dormancy of living things. Factors in the Environment							
		Assessment						
	(C)	compare the ways living organisms depend on each other and on their environments such as through food chains. We Depend on One Another						
(2.10)		Organisms and environments: The student knows that organisms resemble their parents and have structures and processes that help them survive within their environments. The student is expected to						
	(A)	observe, record, and compare how the physical characteristics and behaviors of animals help them meet their basic needs. Meeting Basic Needs						
	(B)	observe, record, and compare how the physical characteristics of plants help them meet their basic needs such as stems carry water throughout the plant. Helpful Plant Parts						
		Assessment						
	(C)	investigate and record some of the unique stages that insects such as grasshoppers and butterflies undergo during their life cycle. Mighty Morphing Insects						
Answer Key								

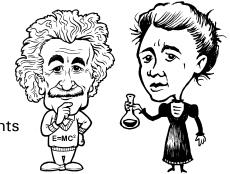
TEKS 2.3C Identify what a scientist is and explore what different scientists do.

ACTIVITY Smart Scientists

Materials

Smart Scientists scientist cards for each group of students *Smart Scientists* task cards for each group of students

Background



Many students have a stereotypical view of scientists working in laboratories and wearing white lab coats. They do not realize that scientists are identified by what they do. The Natural Academy of Sciences defines science as "the use of evidence to construct testable explanations and predictions of natural phenomena, as well as the knowledge generated through this process." A scientist is a person who uses the scientific method to study things to find out how they work or how they can be explained. Scientists may develop theories or define laws of nature that help them explain and predict phenomena. Our base of scientific knowledge increases through the work conducted by scientists.

This activity teaches students what scientists do in their different fields.

Procedure

Ask students to identify and describe scientists in movies or television shows they may have seen.

Discuss and write on the board the following types of scientists. Provide examples of their work.

chemist - scientist who studies substances and the way they interact with one another

botanist - scientist who studies plants along with their growth, structure, evolution, and uses

paleontologist - scientist who studies fossils

astronomer - scientist who studies the universe and the objects within it, for example: planets, stars, galaxies, asteroids, black holes, and other celestial phenomena

microbiologist - scientist who studies microscopic organisms including bacteria, algae, and fungi

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geologist - scientist who studies Earth, its history, nature, materials and processes

engineer - scientist who designs engines and machines, roads, and bridges

computer scientist - scientist who solves problems using technology

zoologist - scientist who studies animals

marine biologist - scientist who studies marine organisms, their behaviors, and their interactions with the environment

physicist - scientist who studies the way things work

meteorologist - scientist who understands and predicts weather and climate

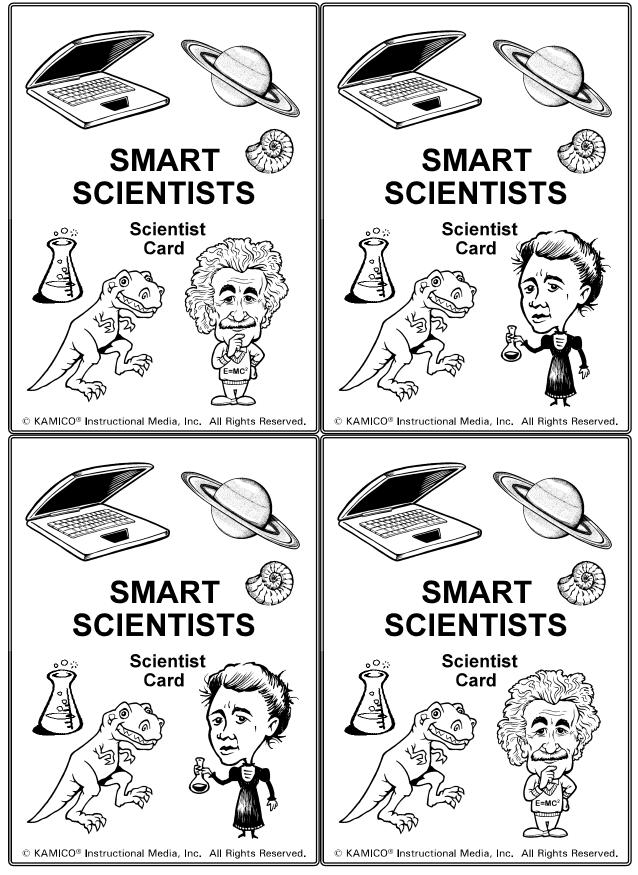
Divide the class into groups of three or four students. Distribute the *Smart Scientists* scientist cards and the *Smart Scientists* task cards. Instruct students to keep the two card sets separate from each other. Explain that each scientist card identifies a different kind of scientist (e.g., chemist, biologist, paleontologist). Each task card describes a task that a particular scientist performs.

Players lay the scientist cards faceup in front of themselves. They place the task cards in a pile in the middle of the group. Players work together to match each task card with the proper scientist card.

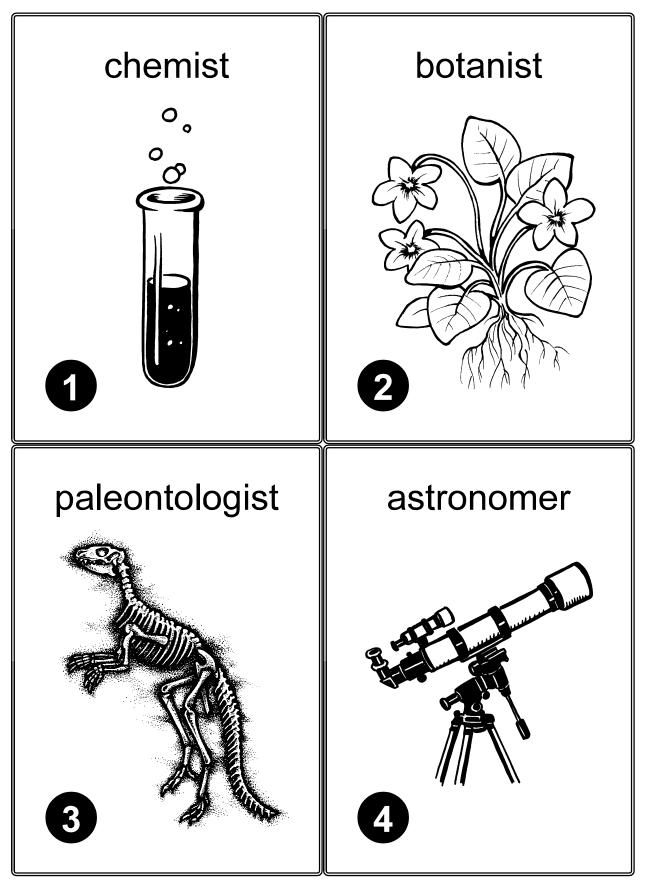
Answer Key

Scie	entist Card	Task Card				
1	chemist	Q, Y				
2	botanist	L, C				
3	paleontologist	U, K				
4	astronomer	Τ, Ζ				
5	microbiologist	P, G				
6	geologist	A, W				
7	engineer	Н, В				
8	computer scientist	S, J				
9	zoologist	N, D				
10	marine biologist	F, E				
11	physicist	R, M				
12	meteorologist	X, V				

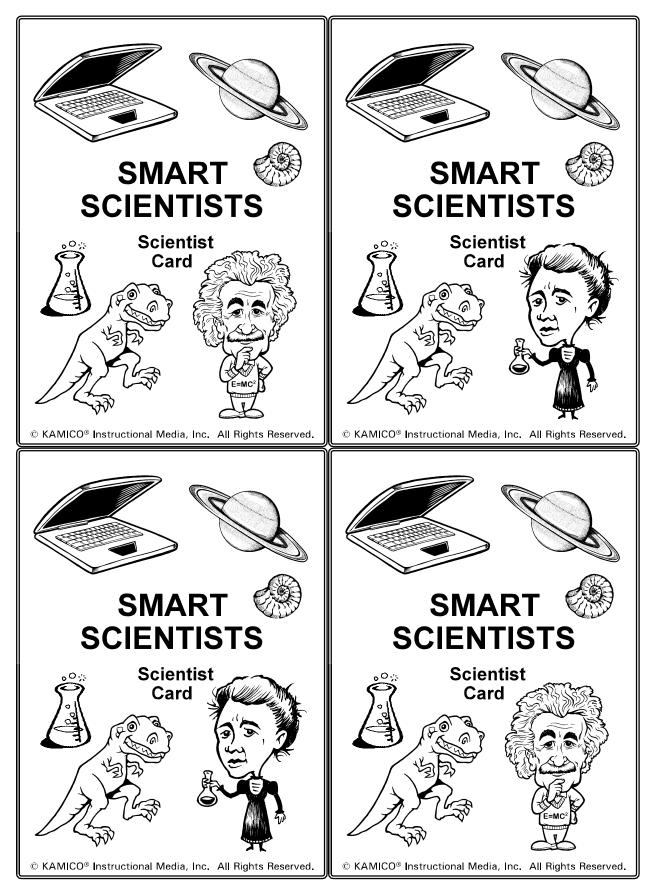
Smart Scientists Scientist Cards



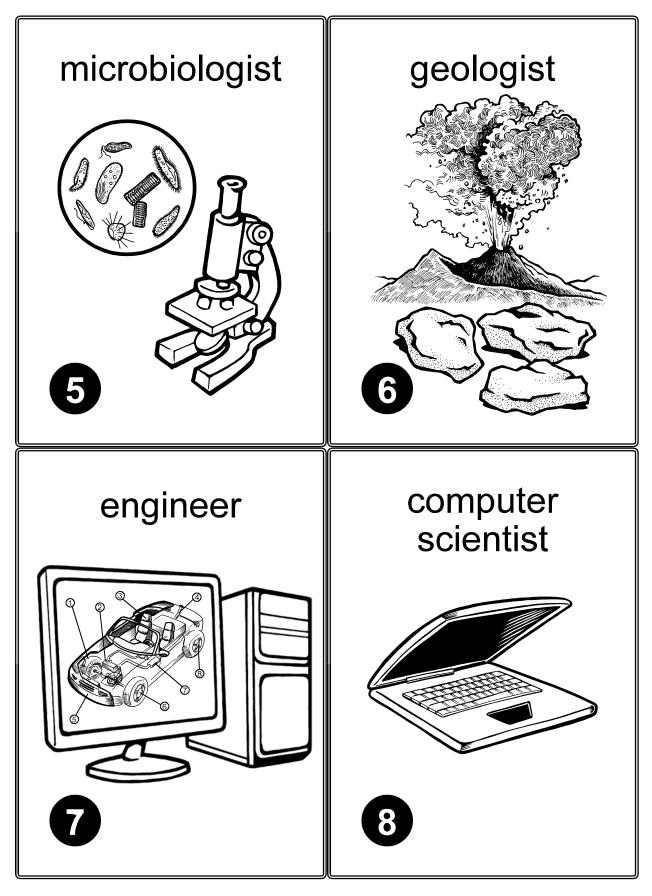
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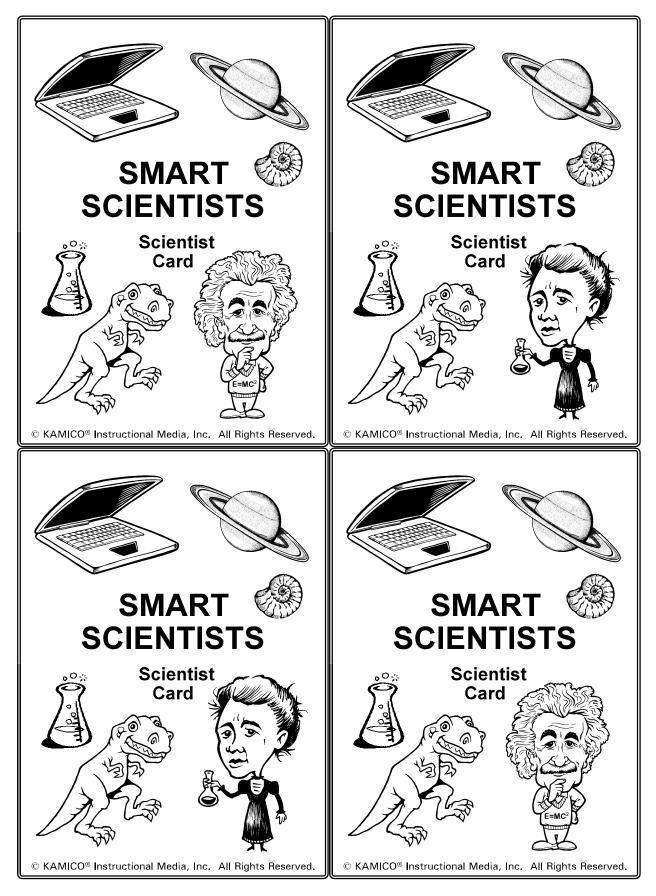
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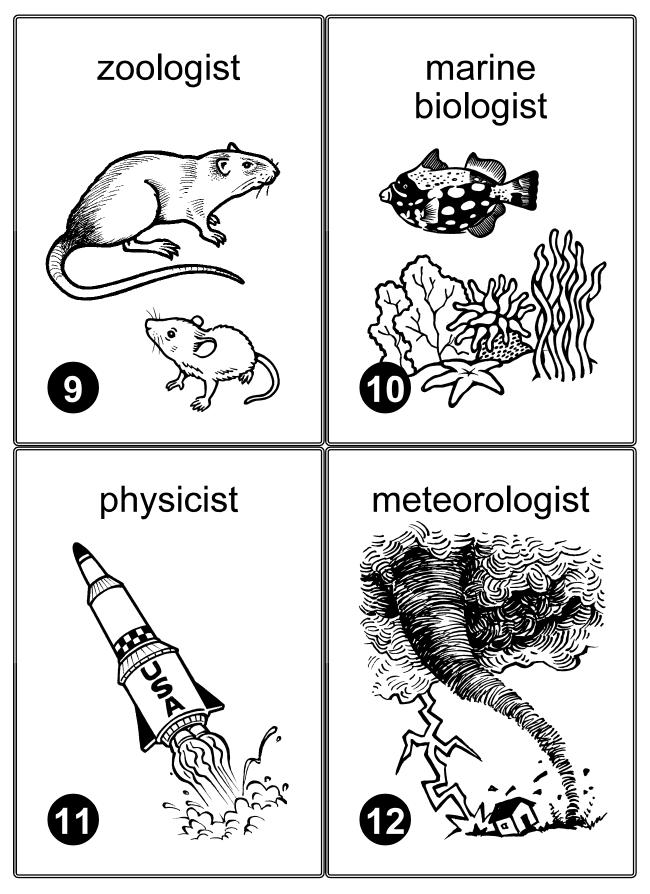
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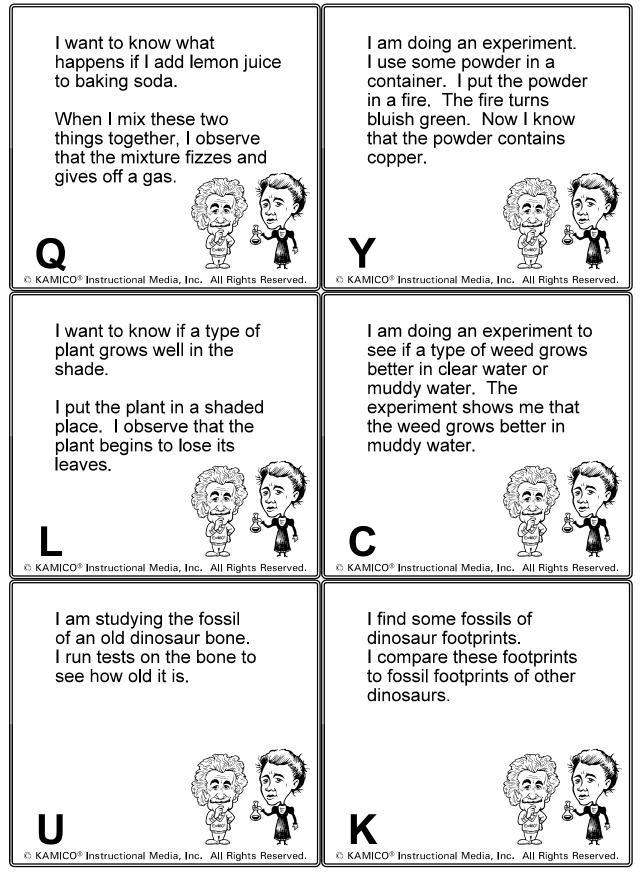
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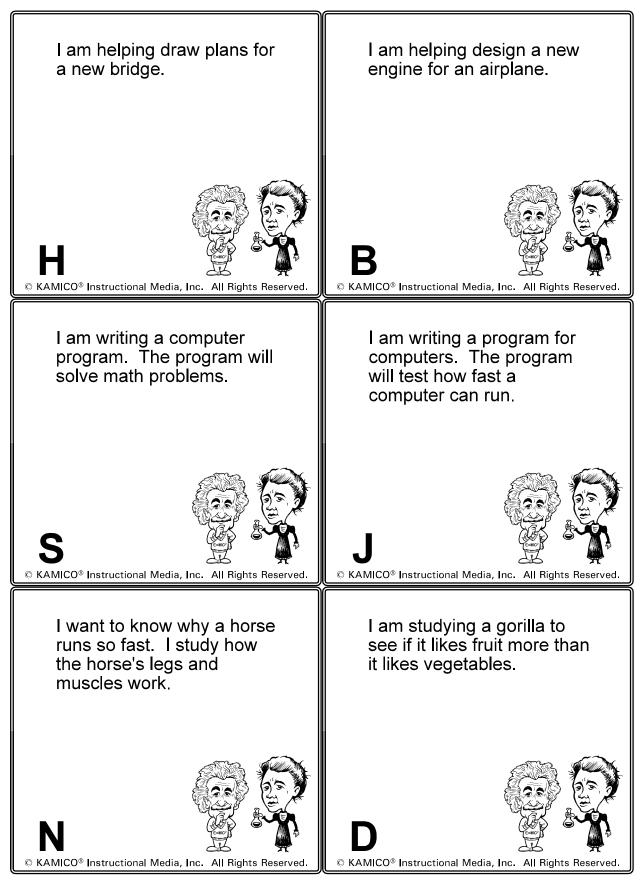
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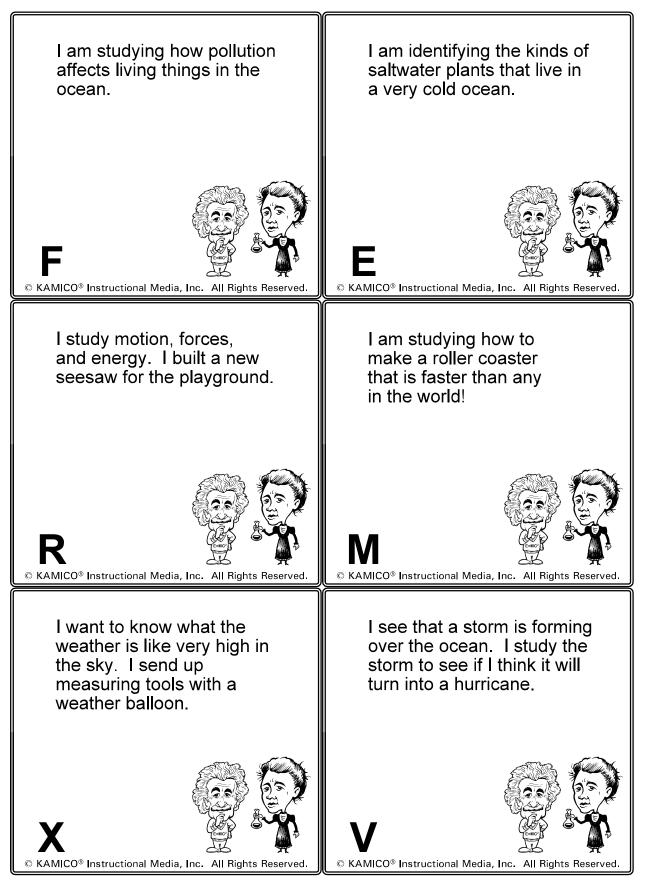
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Identify what a scientist is and explore what different scientists do.

- 1 Jeffrey's mother is a botanist. What is a task Jeffrey's mother might do in a lab?
 - ▲ Study how trees grow.
 - ^B Study how the wood from trees can be made into furniture.
 - C Study how hard a car must hit a tree in order for a driver to be hurt.
 - **D** Study how people behave in a lab.

- **2** Dr. Kringle studies the planet Mars through a telescope. He is going to describe the planet. Dr. Kringle is most likely a
 - Computer scientist.
 - meteorologist.
 - ☑ astronomer.
 - geologist.

- **3** Iris wants to be a chemist when she grows up. What is something that Iris would do as a chemist?
 - She would do an experiment to see if dogs are smarter than cats.
 - ^B She would invent a robot that could wash dishes.
 - © She would see what kind of germs live in mud.
 - She would find out why nails get rusty when they get wet.

- 4 Leesa loves dinosaurs. She finds fossils of dinosaur footprints. What kind of scientist would help Leesa know the type of dinosaur that left the footprints?
 - $\textcircled{\black}$ an engineer
 - a paleontologist
 - a physicist
 - a chemist