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Science Vocabulary

Scientific Process - a series of steps that are used to _____ or solve a problem

Prediction - the use of one's _____ to explain something in advance

Hypothesis - an assumption to be tested.
_____ testable statements about the natural world that can be used to build more complex inferences and explanations

Facts - Facts are _____ that are repeatedly confirmed.

- They can be changed over time.

Ex. An explosion on June 30, 1908, in Tunguska, Siberia, was equivalent to the detonation of 15 million tons of TNT.

Evidence - consists of _____ and data on which to base scientific explanations

Theory - well-substantiated _____ of some aspect of the natural world that incorporates facts, laws, inferences, and tested hypotheses

- Theories are “_____.”
- They _____ be changed over time.
- They are _____, broad, and have a lot of information.

Ex. The Siberian explosion was caused by a natural extraterrestrial phenomenon, not caused by man. This theory is generally accepted as true, but could be shown to be false and discarded.

Theory Ex. _____

Theory Ex. _____

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Law - a _____ generalization about how some aspect of the natural world behaves under stated circumstances

- Laws “_____.”
- Laws _____ be changed over time.
- Laws are smaller and _____ than theories.

Law Ex. _____

Law Ex. _____

Law Ex. _____

A Scientific Law is like a _____.

It involves a single moving part or action.

A Scientific Theory is like an _____.

It has many moving parts and is much more complex.