

Observing Nature Closely

Chapter 3: Nature Trail · Topic 1

Key Concept

Careful observation means using our senses - looking, listening, smelling, and touching - to notice details we might otherwise miss.

We can observe how a plant grows over days, how ants work together, or how the sky changes colour during sunset.

Recording our observations, through drawings, notes, or photos, helps us remember what we noticed and compare changes over time.

Close observation is an important skill in science, helping us ask questions and understand the natural world more deeply.

Quick Revision Notes

- Careful observation uses all our senses.
- We can observe plants growing over time.
- We can observe ant behaviour or sky colours.
- Recording observations helps us remember and compare.
- Drawings, notes and photos are ways to record observations.
- Observation is an important science skill.
- Close observation helps us ask questions about nature.
- Observing regularly deepens our understanding of nature.

Practice Questions

- 1 Observe a plant for a week and record its growth.
- 2 Observe ants or another insect and note their behaviour.
- 3 Draw the sky at sunset and describe its colours.
- 4 Keep a nature observation journal for three days.
- 5 Discuss one interesting thing you observed in nature.
- 6 Compare your observations with a friend's.