

Observations

Think of the four senses (not taste).

Size, shape, color, lines, patterns, texture,
weight, smell/odor, sound, behavior . . .

I observed _____.

I noticed _____.

Connect it with what you know or have
investigated.

It reminds me of _____ because
_____.

Observe and record cause and effect.

When _____, it _____.

Note any changes.

At first, _____. But now
_____.

Be curious, and ask questions you
might investigate.

I am curious about _____.

It surprised me that _____.

I wonder what would happen if
_____.

What is the effect of _____ on
_____?

This organizer is generic. You probably will want to revise it for your science lessons so it better facilitates the kinds of observations you want students to make in each case.

(This is a slightly revised version of the Observations organizer featured in Writing in Science.)