

Your Science Project Question

Coming up with a good question is the most important, and often the hardest, part of your science project. Your question guides every other step in your project.

A good question...

- ...is clear
- ...is specific
- ...identifies the variables ("What is the effect of X on Y?")
- ...is measurable

A bad question...

- ...is a question answered by "yes" or "no"
- ...has only two options ("Do plants grow better in fresh or salt water?")
- ...is one you already know the answer to ("Do plants grow better in the dark or in the light?")
- ...is one you could find the answer to in a book ("Why do volcanoes erupt?")

Make sure your question fits into one of the **Categories** for science fair projects. You can find out more about these on the **Aldine Science Project Website**.