

Mystery Bag Observation

Grades K–2 • 10 min • 1+ students

WHAT YOU NEED

- A cloth bag or pillowcase, a handful of safe everyday objects (a sponge, a spoon, a pinecone, a small toy)

SETUP

Place one object in the bag without letting the class see it.

HOW TO RUN IT

1. One student reaches into the bag (without looking) and describes what they feel — shape, texture, weight, temperature — out loud to the class.
2. The class asks follow-up questions ("is it hard or soft?", "bigger than your hand?") before anyone guesses.
3. Once a few guesses are made, reveal the object and talk about which clues were most helpful.
4. Swap in a new object and a new student for the next round.

VARIATIONS

- Tie objects to a current science unit (rocks and minerals, classroom materials, plant parts).
- For older kids, add a rule that they can't name the object directly — only describe it — until the class guesses.