

Skills Worksheet

Critical Thinking

Work-Alikes

In the space provided, write the letter of the term or phrase that best describes how each numbered item functions.

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| _____ 1. cell | a. prediction |
| _____ 2. experiment | b. a balancing act |
| _____ 3. homeostasis | c. atom of life |
| _____ 4. hypothesis | d. test |
| _____ 5. reproduction | e. metamorphosis |
| _____ 6. bias | f. prejudice |
| _____ 7. evolution | g. using a photocopier |

Cause and Effect

In the space provided, write the letter of the term or phrase that best matches each cause or effect given below.

- | Cause | Effect | |
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| 8. _____ | Scientists ask questions about natural phenomena. | a. Stars and planets form; dead leaves fall to Earth. |
| 9. Researchers learn that bacteria cause stomach ulcers. | _____ | b. Scientists observe organisms and natural events. |
| 10. Scientists review and question each other's work. | _____ | c. Scientists make new discoveries, and scientific knowledge grows. |
| 11. _____ | Scientists do studies that do not involve conducting controlled experiments. | d. Asking a group of people to do something that would harm them is unethical. |
| 12. universal law of gravitational attraction | _____ | e. Doctors stop suggesting patients make lifestyle changes and instead prescribe antibiotics. |

Critical Thinking *continued*

Analogies

An analogy is a relationship between two pairs of terms or phrases written as $a : b :: c : d$. The symbol $:$ is read as “is to,” and the symbol $::$ is read as “as.” In the space provided, write the letter of the pair of terms or phrases that best completes the analogy shown.

- _____ 13. skepticism : doubt ::
a. laws : legal system
b. ethics : beauty
c. science : observation
d. symphony : ballet
- _____ 14. related hypotheses : theory ::
a. gates : fence
b. beads : necklace
c. arms : legs
d. scientific tools : scientific techniques
- _____ 15. meter : kilometer ::
a. milliliter : liter
b. kiloliter : kilogram
c. centigram : gram
d. centimeter : meter
- _____ 16. microscope : magnify ::
a. International System of Units : SI
b. sterile technique : contamination
c. electronic technology : satellite
d. safety goggles : protect