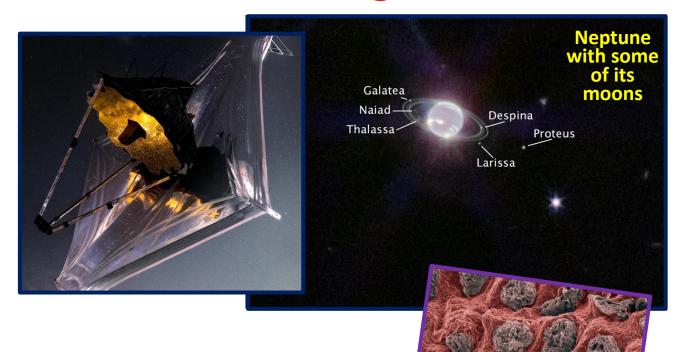


Instruments collecting evidence

James Webb Telescope

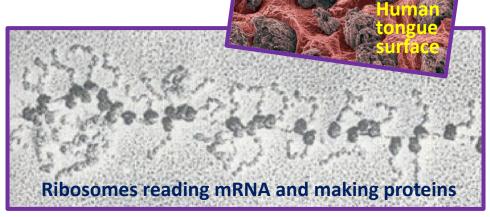
helps observe VERY FAR AWAY objects





Electron Microscope

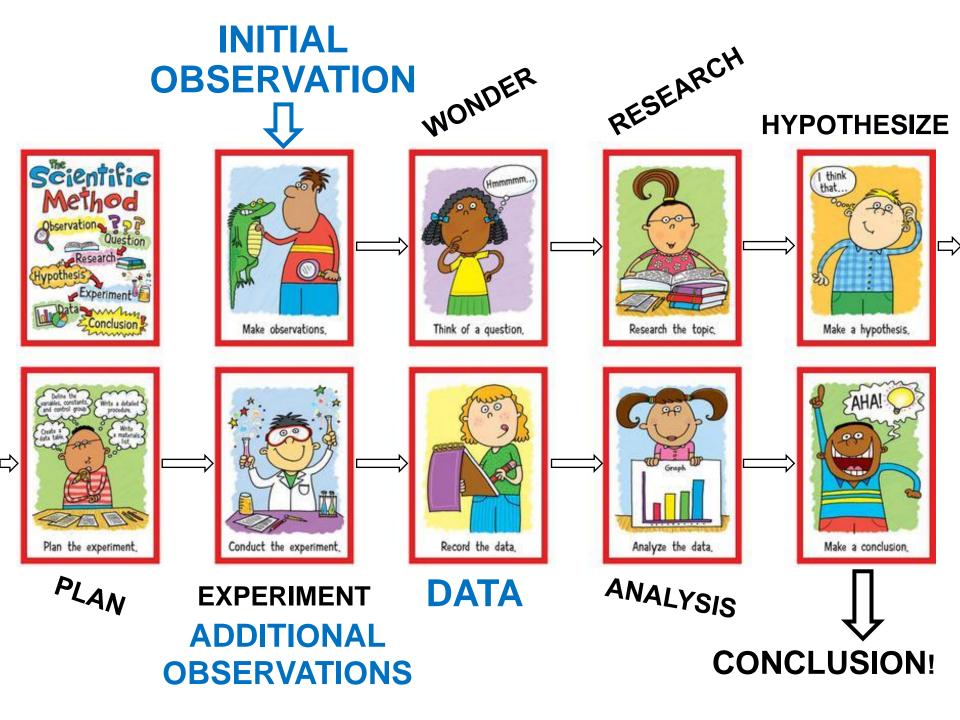
helps observe VERY SMALL objects



Evidence is based on Observation



- Observation is describing an object or event using your five senses (what you see, hear, smell, taste, touch) or measurement (numbers).
- Modern science employs sensors and detectors to make observations.
- Information gathered during an observation is called data (singular form datum).



Describe the Elephant



Observation should NOT include opinion

It weighs 480 kilograms.

It has large ears and long trunk.

It has gray wrinkly skin.

It is very cute!

It is young.

It is about 1.5 yards tall.

Qualitative vs Quantitative Data

QuaLitative (letters)

- Descriptions using words.
- Data which can be observed but not measured.
- What the object is *like*: texture, smell, taste, appearance, etc.

Subjective, relative

QuaNtitative (numbers)

- Specific numbers.
- Data which can be measured.
- Length, height, area, volume, weight, speed, time, temperature, humidity, sound levels, cost, age, etc.

Objective, specific

SUGAR

Describe the Crystals

