

Sense Detectives

Teacher-led observation and comparison with familiar classroom items.

SC.1.N.1.2 "Using the five senses as tools, make careful observations, describe objects in terms of number, shape, texture, size, weight, color, and motion, and compare their observations with others."

NAME _____

DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 LOOK AND FEEL

a	paper	book	clip
b	clip	pencil	book
c	● ●	● ● ●	● ● ● ●

2 MORE CLUES

a	pencil	book	clip
b	smooth	rough	fuzzy
c	book	door	clip

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Set out a plain white rectangular sheet of copier paper, a dark-covered hardcover book at least 6 inches tall, a standard wooden pencil, one small smooth metal paper clip, and a separate group of three matching paper clips. Read each prompt and each choice aloud, then let students circle their own answers. After each row, have partners point to their circles and say whether their observations match or differ.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • LOOK AND FEEL

SAY “We will use our eyes and hands to notice details. I will read the choices, and you will circle one answer. After you circle, tell a partner what you noticed. Did you both notice the same thing?”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Look at the white paper, the dark book, and the metal clip. Which item is white and rectangle-shaped? I will read the choices. Which one will you circle?	paper
b	Hold the small clip, the pencil, and the hardcover book, one at a time. Which feels heaviest? I will read the choices. Which one will you circle?	book
c	Look at the group of paper clips. Count them. Which dots show how many? Which one will you circle?	3 dots

PART 2 • MORE CLUES

SAY “Now look, touch safely, and watch carefully. I will read the choices, and you will circle one answer. Then compare your circle with a partner's circle.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Look at the pencil, the book, and the small clip. Which item is shortest? I will read the choices. Which one will you circle?	clip
b	Touch the small metal clip gently. Which word tells how it feels? I will read the choices. Which word will you circle?	smooth
c	Watch me gently open the classroom door. Which printed word names the thing that moves? I will read the choices. Which one will you circle?	door

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Answers, in order, are paper, book, 3 dots, clip, smooth, and door. Accept a student's oral comparison if the student can point to the matching or different observation.