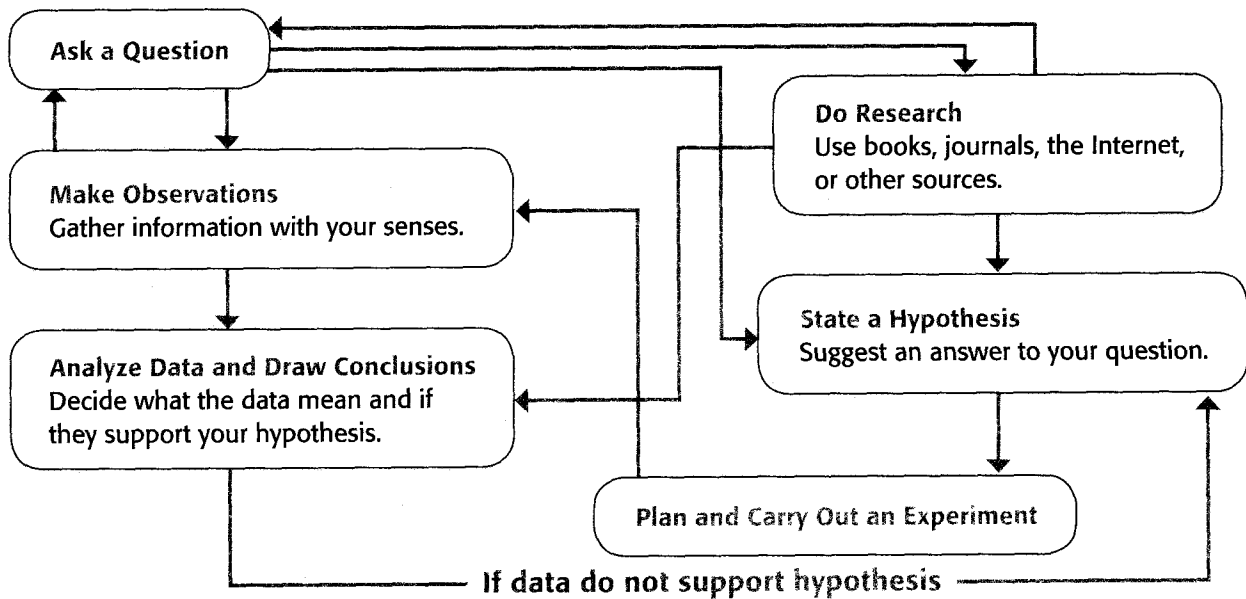


Scientific Inquiry

How do scientists work?

Scientists learn about the natural world through scientific inquiry. **Scientific inquiry** is a process of asking meaningful questions and looking for answers to those questions. Scientists find the answers to their questions by conducting **scientific investigations**.

The chart shows some of the steps used in scientific investigations. Notice that there are many different ways to find the answer to a question.



Show What You Know

List the steps of scientific investigation you might use to answer each question.

1. How much water do bean plants need to grow?

2. What is the density of ice?

3. Which city has a wetter climate: San Diego, California, or Orlando, Florida?
