Colours & Patterns

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What is it that makes M&Ms so colourful? What is it that the outside, crusty layer of an M&M is made of? We are going to investigate these tasty confections today to find answers to these questions.

Step One: Carefully observe the

M&Ms. When you observe, you use sight, hearing, smell, touch and taste to describe. Fill in the table on the back (Part 2).

Step Two: Fill a plastic bowl with water, up to the thickness of your thumb. Place four different coloured M&Ms underwater, as far away from each other as possible.

Step Three: Draw a labelled diagram on the back (Part 3), and observe changes to the M&Ms in the table. Once you have completed steps one to three, you need to infer

answers to the questions below.
To infer means to think about the best explanation for your observations.



Q1. Infer what makes M&Ms so colourful.

Q2. Infer what the shell is made of.

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Find the main words from the text, and try to explain what they mean. **Organise** them below.

a. Title (purpose)		
Main word(s)	>	
Line number		
Meaning	 	

Part 2. Generate observation data made with your five senses.

	Sight	Sound	Smell	Taste	Touch
Before water					
After five minutes in water					

Part 3. Think about the changes you observed in the M&M through the experiment. Then **communicate** your observations about its pattern by colouring and labelling the diagram below.

M&M Colour Pattern after Ten minutes in water.



Part 4. Based on all your observations, infer what the crusty outside layer of M&Ms is made of.

Part 5. Communicate and apply your understanding of the text by writing a short story containing the three main words.





Evaluate your inference.

Reflect by suggesting ways to improve this activity.

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