

# Science

- **What's in the Box?** Making sound boxes is a fun experiment that requires students to concentrate on their sense of hearing. All you need for this simple activity is a variety of small objects and empty boxes, cans, or other containers. Place one or more like objects inside the container without showing your students, and ask them to identify the objects inside by their sound as you move the container. To simplify the experiment or to have your students work with each other in pairs, give the students identical sets of objects. They may then take turns placing an object inside the container for a partner, and the partner may examine the objects while listening to guess which one might be inside.
- **Pepsi Challenge.** Have you taken the Pepsi challenge? Pepsi's revival of its taste test asks consumers to try both Pepsi and Coca-Cola to determine which they prefer. You can try this even in the classroom. [Pepsiworld](#) offers a kit that has all the information necessary to conduct an official Pepsi challenge. Which drink will your students prefer? Be sure to keep track of the students' predictions before they take the test and the actual results. If soft drinks are not appropriate for your students, try comparing different kinds of popcorn, chips, or another type of food.
- **Feely Bags.** What's in the bag? Kids have to guess by using their sense of touch in this activity. Gather objects that are soft, smooth, rough, bumpy, etc. and put them into paper bags. Pass them around the classroom so students can investigate with their hands to "see" the objects. When all the students have had the opportunity to feel the objects, then open the bags to reveal their contents. How accurate is the sense of touch as shown through this experiment?