

SCIENTIFIC METHOD

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Most of us use a loose form of the scientific method to solve everyday problems. For each of the problems and observations below, develop a hypothesis to explain what's happening. Then describe how you might test your theory with a simple experiment.

 PROBLEM ►	 OBSERVATION ►	 HYPOTHESIS ►	 EXPERIMENT
Your cat rejects a can of tuna cat food.	She ate the can of chicken flavored food you fed her last night, and the beef food from the night before.
Your bedroom air conditioner blows very cold air at night, but only cool air during the day.	Your bedroom gets lots of direct sunlight all day long.
You're talking on your cell phone in your bedroom, when suddenly the reception goes bad for a minute.	Just before the reception clears up, you hear the microwave beep in the kitchen.