🎈 Young Skeptics

Activity 1 · The Balloon That Won't Burst · Worksheet

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Name: _____ Date: _____

🔍 **Detective question:** The man said his mind protected his balloon. What do *you* think was different about it?

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✏️ **Predict, test, explain.** Guess first, then try it!

	Test	My guess	What happened	Was I right?
1	Skewer through **tape** on the side	◯ BANG ◯ no bang	◯ BANG ◯ no bang	◯ Yes ◯ No
2	Skewer through the **dark top**	◯ BANG ◯ no bang	◯ BANG ◯ no bang	◯ Yes ◯ No
3	Skewer into a **plain shiny side**	◯ BANG ◯ no bang	◯ BANG ◯ no bang	◯ Yes ◯ No
4	*My own test:* _____	◯ BANG ◯ no bang	◯ BANG ◯ no bang	◯ Yes ◯ No

💡 **Explain:** Why did the balloon burst in some tests and not in others?

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👀 **Look closely:** Which part of a blown-up balloon is **pale**, and which is **dark**? What does that tell you?

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🧠 **Think like a scientist:** When two things look the same, ask: **are they really the same?** Can you think of another time something looked the same but wasn't?

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Grown-ups: use blunt bamboo skewers, supervise, check for latex allergy, and pick up burst balloon pieces. A Young Skeptics activity · charvaka.net