

READING AN OBJECT



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An object can tell us many things if we “ask” it the right questions.

The last question to ask: What is it?

Here are some to get you started.

1. Describe the object. (texture, weight, color, decoration, etc.)
2. Is the object man-made or naturally occurring? How do you know?
3. What material/s comprise the object?
4. Discuss possible functions.
5. Is the object original or a reproduction? What clues led you to your conclusion?
6. Other things to “ask.”
7. What is it?

Follow-up

8. If we don’t know what it is, what resources would help us find the answer?

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