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Lab Design: Factors Affecting Plant Growth

Objective

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In this lab, you will be trying to figure out how certain factors can affect the growth of plants. You will be working in groups of 3 students. Each group will design an experiment to determine the effects of one factor on plant growth.

Available Materials

- Soil
- Sand
- Seeds
- Tap water

- Acids of varying strength
- Bases of varying strength
- Plastic bottles
- Masking tape

Brainstorm:

Possible Independent Variables (What might affect plant growth?)	Possible Dependent Variables (What are different ways you can measure plant growth?)

Question:

What is the effect of ______ (choose 1 independent variable) on the

_____ (choose 1 dependent variable).

Hypothesis/Prediction:

An increase of ______ (your chosen independent variable) will cause

an [increase/decrease/no change] on _	(your chosen dependent
variable).	

Chosen Independent Variable	Chosen Dependent Variable	All Controlled Variables

Procedure Draw a flowchart to show your procedure in the space below. Make sure you account for all the control variables. Label any diagrams and BE SPECIFIC!	Materials list List all the materials that your procedure requires.
	Safety Procedures: List all the safety hazards that may be relevant in this lab.

Data Table

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Conclusion

Answer the question. Does your data support or refute your hypothesis?

Error

Name two sources of error in this lab. How could you improve it?