

Safety in the Science Laboratory

This section explains why preparation is important when carrying out scientific investigations. It also describes what you should do if an accident occurs.

Use Target Reading Skill

As you read, make an outline about science safety that you can use for review. Use the red headings for the main ideas and the blue headings for supporting ideas.

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I. Safety During Investigations
A. Preparing for the lab
B.
C.
D.
II. In case of accident

Safety in the Lab

1. Is the following sentence true or false? No amount of preparation can help you with safety when doing science activities in the laboratory. _____
2. Circle the letter of the time when preparing for a lab should begin.
 - a. 1 hour ahead of the lab
 - b. 10 minutes ahead of the lab
 - c. the morning of the lab
 - d. 1 day before doing the lab
3. In preparing for a lab, it is important to review the general safety guidelines, which can be found in _____ of your book.
4. What should you do if something is unclear to you about the lab before you begin?

5. Is the following sentence true or false? You should never try anything on your own in the lab without asking your teacher first. _____






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6. Circle the letter of each sentence that is true about safety symbols.
- a. They identify safety equipment that you should use.
 - b. They alert you to possible dangers in doing the lab.
 - c. They give you specific instructions about each lab in the book.

Match the symbol with its meaning by writing the correct letter beside each symbol.

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| _____ 7. |  | a. Sharp Object |
| _____ 8. |  | b. Corrosive Chemical |
| _____ 9. |  | c. Physical Safety |
| _____ 10. |  | d. Breakage |
| _____ 11. |  | e. Disposal |

12. When you have completed a lab, you should _____ your work area.

13. How should lab wastes be disposed of?

14. Is the following sentence true or false? You should wash your hands after working in the laboratory even if you don't think they're dirty. _____

Safety in the Field

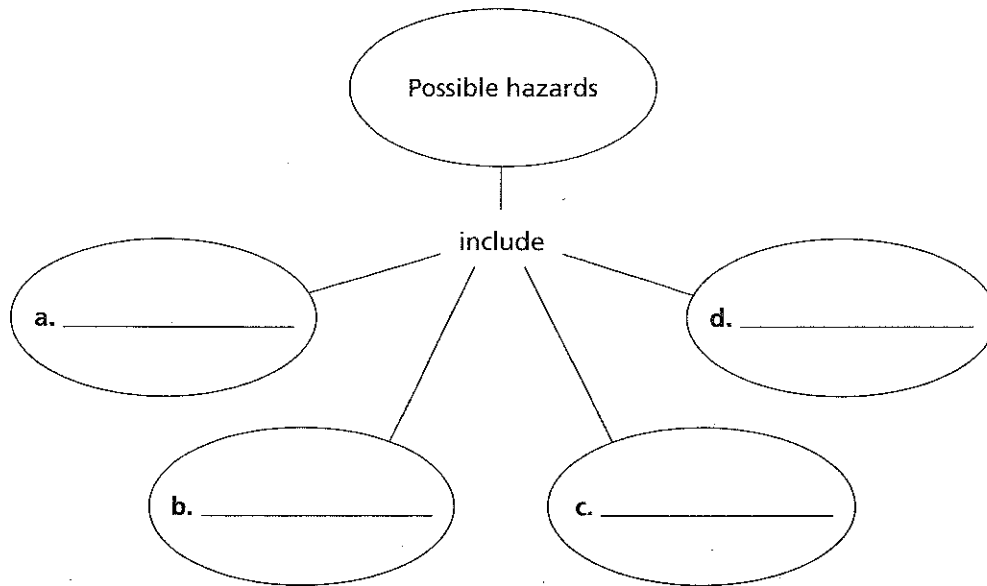
15. Circle the letter of each place that a science investigation might be done in the field.

- a. schoolyard
- b. classroom
- c. forest
- d. park

16. Is the following sentence true or false? Good preparation helps you stay safe when doing science investigations in the field. _____

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17. Complete the concept map below to show some hazards you might encounter when doing an investigation in the field.



18. Circle the letter of each sentence that you should do whenever you do field work.

- a. Work alone as much as possible.
- b. Tell an adult where you will be.
- c. Ask an adult or classmate to accompany you.

In Case of an Accident

19. What should you do immediately whenever an accident occurs?

20. Circle the letter of what to do if you spill something on your skin while doing a lab.

- a. Cover the skin with a clean dressing.
- b. Wash your hands.
- c. Flush the skin with large amounts of water.
- d. Do nothing unless the skin blisters.

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