Question: What is stronger, paper or plastic?

Questions:

- How are paper and plastic similar, and different?
- Predict which material would be stronger and why? Note down student predictions.



Experiment

Predict / Guess

What will happen when we balance the jar / rock on the paper? Why? (Note student predictions) What will happen when we balance the jar / rock on the plastic lid?

Materials

- 1 piece of paper
- 1 plastic lid
- 1 rock / jar to balance onto the paper and plastic lid

Let's Experiment

- Work with a buddy. One person holds the paper, then the plastic.
- The other person balances the heavy item onto the paper then the plastic.

Let's Talk About It!

- What happened? Why?
- Record student observations.



- Use the next page to draw what happened.
- Write a sentence about the experiment.

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