

PROBLEM SOLVING PROCESS

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PREDICT & JUSTIFY

Uncover students' thinking around how they plan to address the problem.

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- What strategy will you use to test it?
- What do you think will happen when you test your prediction and why?

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- Test your hypothesis.
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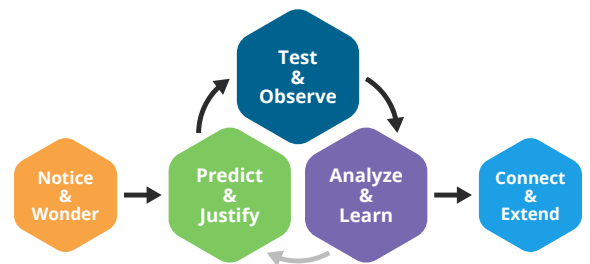
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- How does this compare to what you thought would happen?
- What did you learn?
- How will you use what you learned?

CONNECT & EXTEND

Stretch students' thinking.

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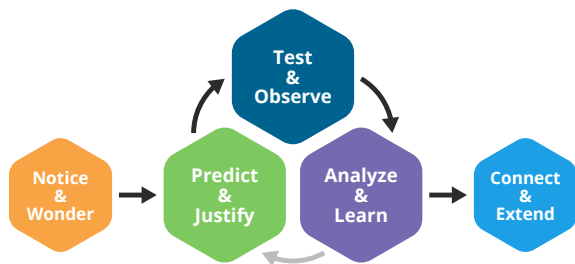
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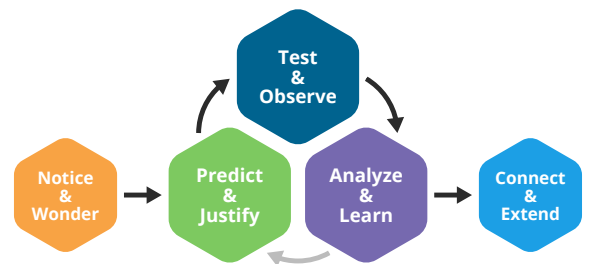
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- What do you already know about (concept/problem)?

Learning from Feedback

- What did you learn from the feedback?
- What do you need to do next?
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- Explain why your answer was correct or incorrect.
- How did the earlier problems/levels work?

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