# Quantitative Observations

When you observed the candy and the penny, you were making qualitative observations that described observable characteristics. The candy was sweet and the penny was brown. However, in order to think like a scientist, it is necessary to make some quantitative observations—observations that require measurement or numerical calculation. An example would be that the Lincoln Memorial on a penny has twelve columns. Make as many quantitative observations for a penny as you can. Record your observations.

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