

8. Spectroscope

Topic:	Decomposition of white light in different colours
Objective:	Students will observe that not-all-light sources are the same, the secret lies in
	its spectrum: the colours that compose from it.
Vocabulary:	spectroscope, spectrum, compose, decomposition
Materials:	1 cardboard box (cereal type)
	1 old CD or DVD
	1 cutter or scissors
	1 protractor
	Opaque adhesive tape
	Different sources of light: incandescent bulb, low consumption, halogen,
	colored lanterns, LED, etc.
	1 ruler
	1 pencil or pen

Development:

• Read and look at the pictures.

- Step 1. Close the box and its openings well with the adhesive tape avoid slots.
- **Step 2.** Draw a 4-cm square that will work as the viewing window cut it out.
- **Step 3.** Draw two 9-cm lines (60°) one on each side just right below the viewing window.
- **Step 4.** Cut the lines all the way side to side and slot in the CD.
- **Step 5.** Opposite side, at about 7 cm from the top, draw a 1-cm square and cut it out.
- **Step 6.** Test your spectroscope by looking at different sources of light.
- **Step 7.** What colours can you see? What forms do they take? Are the colours still? Do they look like moving?





Tell us...

Read and write YES or NO.

- 1. The experiment showed that all the light sources are the same.
- 2. All the colours of the rainbow are called spectrums.
- **3.** White light is made by the combination of all the colours.
- 4. You could observe all the colours you know in the experiment.
- 5. Highlighters were needed for this experiment.

Glue a picture of your project finished!

Spectroscope
Glue your
picture here

- 1. What was your favourite part of the project? _____
- 2. What, exactly, did you like the most?
- 3. Extra notes on what you observed during the project. _____

4. Can you see or apply the information from the project in real life? YES / NO Explain: _____

5. Was it easy to get the materials for the project? YES / NO Explain: _____