

Apple Testing

Apple Variety	Weight Oz/gm	Shape	Color of Skin	Texture Of Skin	Sound	Color Of Pulp	Taste	Juices	Number Of Seeds	Rank the Apple

Use the following to describe the apples:

SHAPE	TEXTURE	COLOR-PULP	COLOR-SKIN	JUICES	TASTE	SOUND
Round	Hard	White	Red	Dry	Sour	Quiet/Soft
Oblong	Smooth	Yellow	Green	Moderate	Sweet	Loud/Crunchy
Oval	Waxy	Green	Yellow	Wet	Spicy Tart	

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Teacher Guide – Apple Testing Activity

1. Collect as many apple varieties as possible or as many as you plan on using. Bring masking tape with you to the market or orchard so that you can label each apple my name. Most orchard farmers are happy to help you select as many varieties as are available if you tell them about the project.
2. Show your class the apples and have them describe the differences that they can see (color, shape, size). Have them sort the apples—smallest to largest. Weigh the apples and record the weights.
3. Brainstorm vocabulary to describe the apples in each category and record responses.
4. Ask students which other senses they might use to detect differences in the apples and list them.
5. Brainstorm adjectives they predict they will use in each of those categories.
6. Prepare a chart based on students' responses or use the entire activity sheet.
7. The activity can be done with a whole class by enlarging the chart and then recording responses by an apple a day. Tasting can be done by small groups taking turns.
8. At snack time, small groups or pairs of students can also chart their observations and opinions.
9. This is an interesting activity to do at an open house night when children show their parents the classroom.