

What makes you curious?

Millipedes in the house!

Why do you think millipedes (or other small creatures) might come into your house? Could you come up with an experiment to test your idea?

As an example, I suspect that millipedes come inside to shelter during rainy periods. To test my idea, I can record two things: the number of millipedes in the house, and the amount of rainfall, for each day. I can keep a note in my diary of how many millipedes I find, and I can get rainfall data by recording it with a rain gauge, or from the records kept by the Australian Bureau of Meteorology. When I have enough data, I can look at my records to see if there were a lot of millipedes around the same time as it rained heavily. If there is, I can conclude that rainfall probably has something to do with the millipedes coming inside. I could then do more experiments if I wanted to investigate this possibility further. Have a go at developing your own ideas and experiments below! Or you can collect your own millipede and rainfall data to test our rainfall idea!

What is one reason you can think of to explain why millipedes (or other animals) come inside a house?

What experiment could you do to test your idea?