



Introduction

During this stage, discuss what your little one already knows about the topic. If you have extra time, writing down her ideas and questions about the topic is a powerful way to develop a love for learning! It's important to encourage her to

ask questions... but instead of answering them right away, work together to find the answers throughout the project. Be sure to help her develop adequate background knowledge about the topic and to recall former experiences your child has had with this topic.

Step #1

Step #2

Step #3



Field work

During this stage, you'll help your preschooler answer his questions and discover new information about the topic by researching the topic in books, simple interviews with others, and online... and by taking him on field trips! Encourage him

to investigate, observe, and record his findings, even if he can only draw or scribble. (Give him a clipboard to use or bring along a camera; he'll feel like a real researcher!) Also encourage him to begin to experiment, predict, and discuss his findings with you.

Step #4

Step #5



Application

During this stage, lead your child into a discussion of what she knew before the field work and what she has learned since the start of the project. (You may have to do much of the comparing for younger four-year-olds, but over time she'll

learn to make comparisons on her own, following your example.) During this final stage, she'll use what she has learned about the topic to create a representation of her new learning to share with others, which will develop her ability to reflect and creatively use what she knows.

Step #6