# Does science tell the truth?

**Lesson 2: Pupil Resource 2**

###### Percy’s Folly

*Answer these questions. This will tell you how much you have understood*.



* Why did Percy build an observatory?
* What scientific instrument did Percy use for making his observations?
* What did Percy believe he had discovered?
* What conclusive proof did Percy think he had?
* What stronger evidence came along to disprove his findings?
* Was anything about his theory worth keeping?
* Why do you think Percy so much wanted his theory to be true?
* What effect did his theory have on the people of the time? Did it change the way they thought about the world?

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