Under pressure



Details

What you need

- 1.5 to 2 litre plastic bottle (preferably with flat sides)
- Masking or duct tape
- Scissors or similar tool to create holes

Introduction

During this activity you will explore the relationships between pressure and depth.

Activity steps

- 1. You are going to investigate the relationship between pressure and depth.
- 2. Make three holes, evenly spaced, in a vertical line, in the bottle.
- 3. Cover the holes with tape and fill the bottle with water, and put the lid on.
- 4. Stand the bottle in a sink or take it outside and try to guess how the water will behave coming out of the holes. Where will the pressure be greatest? How will you know?
- 5. Untape the holes and unscrew the lid.