

Physics as a Natural Science

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Scientific Method

- Make groups of five.
- Answer your group questions based on the information at Section 1.2 Scientific knowledge in the course book, and [this web site](#).
- Prepare PowerPoint presentations today and on Friday, and return the work to a specific [folder in our web pages](#).



Figure: “The International Baccalaureate Organization aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect”

Group 1

- What is science? How science is different from other human activities such as art and poetry? Any similarities?
- How would you describe **evidence in science**? Give a practical example.

Group 2

- List the characteristics of science. Give a practical example of the each principle, different from the ones you have in the text.
- What does it mean when we say that science is **reliable, accurate, and valid**?

Group 3

- Why do we need different sciences? Can everything be described in terms of physics?
- What does a **model mean in science**? Give examples of a model in biology, chemistry and physics.

Group 4

- Where do we need physics? How would you characterise physical knowledge?
- Is there such a thing as **the scientific method**?

Group 5

- What do we need science for? What do we need arts for?
- Do **personal factors** affect scientific results? Should they?