Activity 1 – Preparation and answers

Label the sample cups with the blind numbers and pour each stock solution into each cup. 1 mark for every correct answer.

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Sweet	Salty	Sour	Water	Bitter
10g sucrose + 1 litre H ₂ O	2g NaCl (non iodised)+ 1 litre H ₂ O	0.3g Citric Acid + 1 litre H ₂ O		0.3g Caffeine + 1 litre H ₂ O

Activity 2 – Preparation and answers

Fill sample cups with 2 tsp of Milo powder. This exercise is not scored.

a) Hold (block) your nose and pour the Milo into your mouth. Think about the taste your tongue is perceiving. What is it? **SWEET**

b) Now un-pinch your nose and what do you perceive? CHOCOLATE FLAVOUR

c) Can you explain why your answers to the two questions above are different?

In Part A you can only perceive sweet as your nasal cavity is blocked, whereas in Part B when your nose is unblocked the odour can travel up your nasal cavity and signal to your brain that there is a chocolate flavour in your mouth.

Activity 3 – Preparation and answers

Label cups with blind numbers and fill as per below - can do this with any two different products, must look the same though - so two different brands/flavours etc, could be cheese, butter (salted vs. unsalted). Two marks for correctly identifying which sample is different, three marks for describing why it is different.

120	896	452
Cheese A	Cheese A	Cheese B
		DIFFERENT

120	896	452
Lite yoghurt (less sugar)	Lite yoghurt (less sugar)	Normal yoghurt
		DIFFERENT

