## A twist on the candle mystery

## Activity 1 Worksheet: The candle mystery

## Task 1: Individual reflection

## Scenario:

Three candles of different lengths are lit and covered with a bell jar, as shown below.


Image courtesy of the author

Complete the table below.
Which candle will go out first? Will the three candles go out at similar times?

| Your prediction | Your initial explanation for your prediction |
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## Task 2: Group discussion

## Scenario:

Three candles of different lengths are lit and covered with a bell jar, as shown below.


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Share your predictions and proposed explanations with your classmates. Come to a consensus on your group's predictions and explanations.

Which candle will go out first? Will the three candles burn out at similar times?
Guiding questions:

- Why do you think the tallest or shortest candle goes out first?/Why do you think the candles go out at similar times?
- After listening to your classmates' ideas, would you change your prediction?
- How would you convince others that your prediction is correct?

| Your group's prediction | Your group's explanation |
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