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BANANAS!?
 Help solve Mrs. Tietjen's problem by discovering how to keep her bananas from going bad so soon.

Directions: Follow the scientific method to decide how to keep Mrs. Tietjen's bananas yummy for longer.

1. Observe (I have done the observing for you already because I have seen that my bananas go bad really fast when I leave them out on the counter, in a basket, without being in a bag)

Variables (What different things could you do to the banana that would make a difference?)

Ask questions (What question can you ask that will help you find how to keep the bananas from going rotten so quickly?)

a. _____

2. Hypothesis (what do you think the answer is to your question(s)?)

3. Plan an experiment

a. Step 1: _____

b. Step 2: _____

c. Step 3: _____

4. Conduct the experiment (follow the steps above and record your results)

What I did to the bananas: what variables did I change?:	How long the bananas lasted:

5. Draw conclusions/communicate the results (Was your hypothesis correct? What was the best way you found to keep bananas ripe for longer?)

