## **Buoyancy Bull's-Eye**



# CALIFORNIA COAST

#### Question

Which materials are needed to make a plastic figure neutrally buoyant?

### Hypothesis

#### Methods

Attach materials to the plastic figure and test its buoyancy by placing it in the bucket of water to see if it floats or sinks. Once the figure is neutrally buoyant (neither floats nor sinks) record your data.

#### Materials

- plastic figure
- paperclips
- toothpicks
- water
- bucket
- pennies
- rubberbands
- masking tape
- balloons

#### **Data Collection**

In the space below, draw your figure with all added materials. Label arrows to show the direction of the forces acting on the figure. Also label the materials you used to make the figure neutrally buoyant.

#### Conclusion

What did you discover during this experiment?



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