Catching Fruit Flies

1. Get a jar, a slice of banana, and a large piece of paper.

2. Cut the paper into a circle that is 16 inches across. Then shape the circle into a cone. Tape or staple the edge. Make a tiny hole at the bottom of the cone.

3. Put the banana slice in the jar. Rest the cone on top of the jar so the pointed end is down into the jar.

4. Put the jar outside. Wait a few days. Adult fruit flies will be trapped inside the jar. They will lay eggs on the banana.

5. Check to see if the eggs hatch. Then watch for larvae and pupae. Write down what you see.

6. Remove the cone and let the fruit flies go. Share your observations with the class.