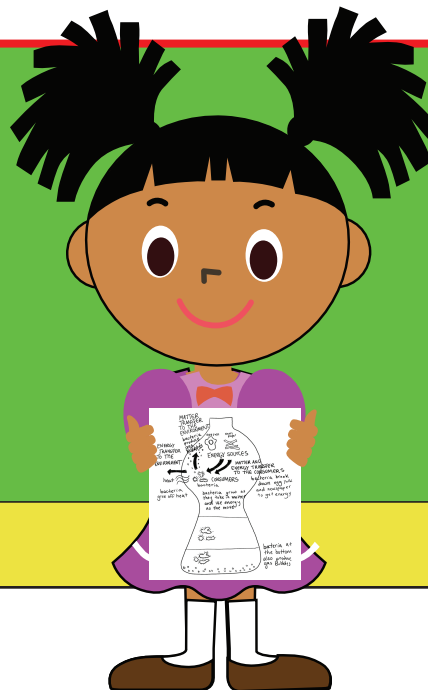


Creating Diagrams

Creating diagrams is . . .
using images, symbols, and
words to visually represent a
complex process or system.

**Creating diagrams is important
because . . .** diagrams can make
my ideas more clear for the
reader of my scientific text.

I create diagrams when I . . .
write about a complex
process or system.



When I create diagrams, I . . .

- ask myself if a diagram would make my scientific writing easier to understand.
- brainstorm a list of important information that needs to be included in a diagram.
- make decisions about the images, symbols, or words I will use in my diagram:
 - I use images to show important details.
 - I use symbols to represent processes.
 - I use words to label and describe steps in a process or parts of a system.