Spelling list: Scientific Process

Words to describe scientific experiments

accurate Means exact or correct.

catalyst A **catalyst** speeds up a chemical reaction but is not used up.

cause Lack of sunlight will **cause** a plant to die.

confidence The similarity of the results gives me **confidence** in the data.

correlation A **correlation** can be positive, negative or no **correlation**.

data Do an experiment to collect your own data.

dependent The **dependent** variable goes on the y-axis.

evidence There was enough **evidence** to reach a valid conclusion.

equipment Think carefully about the method and **equipment** you will use.

estimate Repeating measurements helps **estimate** the true value.

experiment The results of the **experiment** did not support his hypothesis.

graph Draw a **graph** to display the data.

hypothesis The results of the experiment did not support his **hypothesis**.

independent The **independent** variable goes on the y-axis.

measure You can **measure** how one variable affects another.

method You can justify your **method** when you write-up your experiment.

Scientists can make the same observations and come up with different

explanations.

outlier Outliers are a sign that something has gone wrong.

reliable Opinions are not **reliable** data.

observation