Serial Dilutions



Serial



Serial - In a series, order or interval. Measured steps.

Dilution



Dilution - Water Down

Serial Dilution



Serial dilutions - reduce the concentration of a sample in small steps or fractions.

YouTube Serial Dilutions

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- 2. Add <u>10 mL of water to test tube 1.</u>
- 3. Add <u>9 mL of water to test tube 2, 3 and 4</u>
- 4. Add <u>1</u> drop of blue food coloring to test tube 1. (mix)

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 Pipette <u>1</u> mL of water from test tube 1 to test tube 2. (mix)

7. Pipette <u>1</u> mL of water from test tube 2 to test tube 3. (mix)

8. Pipette <u>1</u> mL of water from test tube 3 to test tube 4. (mix)

Post Lab Analysis

- You will use this same procedure to dilute yeast samples to culture cells on petri dishes.
- How could you identify the test tubes if the numbers were removed?
 Darkest (1) to lightest (4)
- Hold your test tubes up to the light to see the color differences. What does dilution mean?
- To add water; water down.

Post Lab Analysis

- Calculate the percentage of methylene blue in each test tube. Show your work.
- 20 drops=1 mL
 - Test tube #1:

What was in test tube #1?

10 mL of water= 10 X 20 = 200 drops

6 drops of dye

200 +6= 206 drops total in test tube #1

Post Lab Analysis

- Test tube #2: #1's answer X .10 = ____%
- Test tube #3: #2's answer X .10 = ____%
- Test tube #4: #3's answer X .03 = ____%