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Science at Home: Glass and Lenses

Glass is very important for scientific equipment. When it's made into lenses it can help us to see very big things that are far away or very small things that are nearby. How many things can you find and draw that are made of glass? Why is glass a good material to make them out of?

We've started you off with Charles Darwin's microscope, which uses glass lenses to magnify very small objects. He Darwin mostly used it for looking at barnacles, a sea creature which he studied for eight years.

