A dichotomous key is a valuable tool that can be used to identify many objects ranging from plants to minerals. The key on this page was designed to identify common objects. Discover the silly scientific name of each object.

1a. Item is 10 cm or more in any dimension....... go to 2  
1b. Item is less than 10 cm in any dimension .... go to 5

2a. Item has wooden parts ............................ go to 3
2b. Item does not have wooden parts  .............. go to 5

3a. Item has a pointed edge ............................ Widget
3b. Item does not have a pointed edge ............. go to 4

4a. Item is flat ............................................. Gadget
4b. Item is rounded ...................................... Wadget

5a. Item has a spherical shape ................................ go to 6
5b. Item is not spherical .................................. go to 7

6a. Item is white in color .................................. Whatnot
6b. Item is not white in color ............................ Fancy Whatnot

7a. Item is a writing instrument ......................... go to 8
7b. Item is not a writing instrument ................. go to 9

8a. Item is white in color .................................. Screecher
8b. Item is not white in color ............................ Squealer

9a. Item is partly or completely made of metal ..... go to 10
9b. Item does not have metal parts ..................... go to 11

10a. Item is more than 3 cm in length .............. Super Duper
10b. Item is less than 3 cm in length ............... Itsy Bitsy

11a. Item is soft or flexible ............................... Oopsey
11b. Item is not soft or flexible ......................... Cubey

A. White marble ___________________________  
B. Unsharpened Pencil ________________________  
C. White Chalk _______________________________  
D. Wooden Splint _____________________________  
E. Sharpened Pencil ___________________________  
F. Colored marble ____________________________  
G. Small Paperclip ___________________________  
H. Eraser _____________________________  
I. Die ________________________  
J. Large Paperclip ___________________________