**Biology**

**Proboscis**

**Grade Level:** 3-6  
**Classroom Time:** 30 Minutes

**Materials:**  
Straws   Tape   Tissue paper cut in strips   Flower in a vase

**Objectives:** To have students construct and demonstrate a proboscis model.

**Teacher’s introduction to the activity:**  
Proboscis - an elongated sucking insect mouthpart that is typically tubular and flexible. Pre-cut strips of tissue a little over 2 inches wide. Note in figure 4; less air will escape if the 2 flaps overlap a little. Once folded the tissue paper is taped to the end of a straw then rolled. Have students extend the proboscis toward the flower in a vase.

**Instruction:**

**Skills:** Design and construction  
**Vocabulary:** proboscis