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| A magnet is a piece of metal which is surrounded by an invisible field of force that affects any magnetic field within it. It is able to pick up, or attract, a piece of steel or iron because its magnetic field flows into the magnet, turning it into a temporary magnet. Magnetic attraction occurs only between ferrous metals. | Ch. 1: this … no it doesn’t go … it doesn’t move  Ch. 2: try that …  Ch. 3: yes it does … a bit … that won’t  Ch. 1: won’t work, it’s not metal  Ch. 3: these are the best … going really fast |
| We tried a pin … a pencil sharpener … some iron filings … the magnet didn’t attract the pencil sharpener and the iron filings … it didn’t attract the plastic. | Our experiment was to find out what a magnet attracted. We discovered that a magnet attracts some kinds of metal. It attracted the iron filings, but not the pin. It also did not attract things that were not metal. |

Identify which text is which:

1. Hands-on activity
2. Whole-class discussion
3. Child’s written report
4. Extract from science textbook

Now identify the distinctive features of each text