

## Lesson Outline

<u>Big Picture</u>			
<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• demonstrate an understanding of the role of data in statistical studies;</li> <li>• describe the characteristics of a good sample and compare sampling techniques;</li> <li>• design an effective survey and collect data;</li> <li>• understand how data is organized;</li> <li>• find sources of data, refine topic of interest, and design a plan in preparation for the Culminating Investigation.</li> </ul>			
Day	Lesson Title	Math Learning Goals	Expectations
1	Brainstorming  <i>Smart Ideas™ file:</i> Brainstorm Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop Reasoning and Proving processes by using prepared data to:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– recognize and describe the role of data in statistical studies;</li> <li>– describe examples of applications of statistical studies;</li> <li>– recognize that conclusions drawn from statistical studies of the same relationship may disagree, and explain why.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	C1.1, C1.2  CGE 4f
2	Distinguishing Types of Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use prepared data to distinguish different types of statistical data that is: discrete from continuous; qualitative from quantitative; categorical from numerical; nominal from ordinal; primary from secondary; experimental from observational; micro data from aggregate data.</li> </ul>	C1.3  CGE 5e
3	Sampling Jigsaw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe and compare sampling techniques, i.e., simple random, systematic, stratified, convenience, voluntary.</li> <li>• Describe principles of primary data collection.</li> <li>• Demonstrate an understanding of the difference between population and sample.</li> </ul>	C2.2  CGE 5a
4	Data Validity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the characteristics of a good sample, i.e., bias free, random, representative.</li> <li>• Distinguish between population and sample, and understand why sampling is necessary.</li> <li>• Understand how using random samples with a bias or non-random samples can affect the results of a study.</li> </ul>	C2.1, C2.2, C2.3  CGE 5b
5	Surveys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the characteristics of an effective survey.</li> <li>• Collect data from primary sources, through experimentation, organize data with one or more attributes.</li> </ul>	C2.4, C2.5  CGE 5e
6	Census of School, Collecting Data  <i>(lesson not included)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design questionnaires.</li> </ul>	C 2.4
7	Culminating Investigation Searching for data  <i>(lesson not included)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collect data from secondary sources, e.g., by using the Internet to access reliable data from a well-organized database such as e-stat; by using print sources such as newspapers and magazines.</li> </ul>	C2.5

Day	Lesson Title	Math Learning Goals	Expectations
8	Demographics and Beverage Consumptions  <i>(lesson not included)</i>	Collect data from secondary sources, e.g., by using the Internet to access reliable data from a well-organized database such as e-stat; by using print sources such as newspapers and magazines.	C2.5
9	Project Day  <i>(lesson not included)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find sources of data in preparation for the Culminating Investigation.</li> <li>• Refine topic of interest for Culminating Investigation.</li> <li>• Design a plan to investigate topic.</li> </ul>	C2.5 E1.1, E1.2, E1.3
10–11	Jazz/Summative		

**Math Learning Goals**

- Develop Reasoning and Proving processes by using prepared data to:
  - recognize and describe the role of data in statistical studies;
  - describe examples of applications of statistical studies;
  - recognize that conclusions drawn from statistical studies of the same relationship may disagree, and explain why.

**Materials**

- BLM 2.1.1, 2.1.2
- Internet access or printed articles

**Minds On...****Small Groups → Place Mat**

Introduce the purpose of the Culminating Investigation which takes place over the next two units. Explain that the purpose is to pose a significant problem of interest, and design and carryout a culminating investigation that requires the tools of this course. Brainstorm and record ideas using place mats. Place mats should have different central ideas such as: Health, Sports, Environment, Issues Facing Teens, Social Issues, but not necessarily limited to these topics.

Small groups identify related topics or subcategories concerning the central idea.

**Small Group → Presentation**

Using the Smart Ideas™ file: Brainstorm Topics.ipr as a starting point, students present their subtopics for each of the central ideas. Focus on diabetes as one of the Health topics.

**Action!****Pairs → Research**

**Diabetes Exemplar:** Students access articles related to Diabetes. Students complete BLM 2.1.2 after reading of the article in preparation for the group discussion. Assign pairs to record some of their answers on chart paper.

**Whole Group → Sharing**

Discuss the role of data in statistical studies. Point out that conclusions drawn from statistical studies about the same relationships may disagree. Refer to the questions on BLM 2.1.3.

Project Connection: Inform students that information collected from articles should become part of the background information for their culminating project.

**Learning Skills/Teamwork/Mental Note:** Observe how students take responsibility for their own work and contribute to partner's learning.

**Consolidate  
Debrief****Whole Group → Mindmap**

Create a mind map for the Diabetes Exemplar Project. See BLM 2.1.1 Diabetes Mind map as an example.

Brainstorm and list ten potential topics for further investigation.

**Home Activity or Further Classroom Consolidation**

Find five different examples of graphs taken from the Internet or other sources related to the topics brainstormed.

Exploration

**Assessment  
Opportunities****Brainstorm  
Topics.ipr**

*Think Literacy – Cross-Curricular Approaches, Grades 7–12, Place Mat, p. 162*

Visit  
<http://teacherweb.com/on/statistics/math>

Click on Project Supports and Exemplars

This site provides ways to introduce the project, ideas on how to access Statistics Canada data and examples of student projects.

Articles:  
<http://www.who.int/diabetes/actionnow/en/mapdiabrev.pdf>

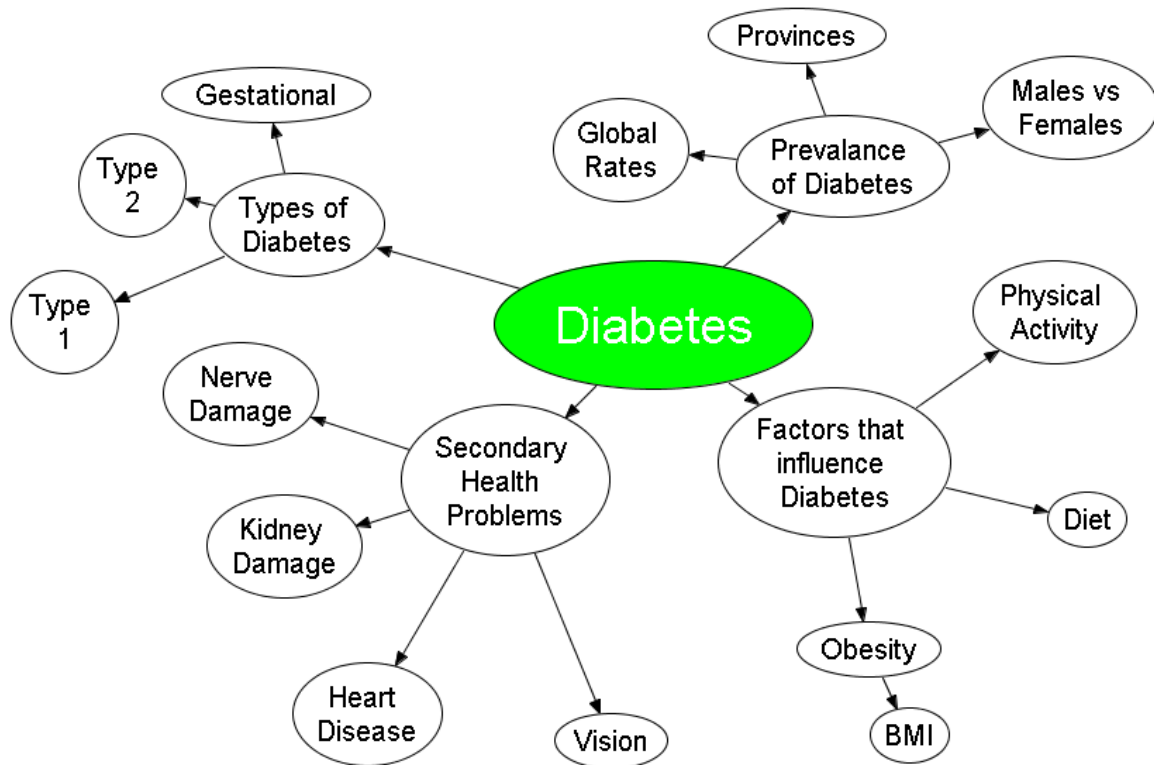
<http://www.who.int/diabetes/publications/en/>

<http://www.ohqc.ca/en/yearlyreport.php>  
Extracted pp. 77–82



Prepare some graphs for students who are absent or unable to complete the home activity.

## 2.1.1: Diabetes Mind Map Exemplar (Teacher)



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## 2.1.2: Searching for the Data in Diabetes

For the article you were assigned, focus only on the information related to Diabetes. You may not be able to answer all of the following questions.

### Guiding Questions

1. What is the title of the article and who is the author? Why is it important to know who wrote the article?
2. If your article contains a graph or table related to diabetes, what does the graph or table tell you?
3. How is the data in the article presented? (numbers, percentages, graphs, etc...) What are the claims being made?
4. Does your article offer an opinion? If so, what is the stance the article has taken?
5. Does the article make any predictions? If so, what claims are being made?
6. Does the article give information regarding the source of the data?
7. Does the article give information on the reliability of the data? If so, how is it presented?
8. There are many factors that may influence the rate of diabetes, what factors are mentioned in the article? Think of other factors that may be important to examine.
9. Do the conclusions in the articles agree with the statistics presented or disagree? Explain.
10. Is there any other important information presented in your article that you believe would be required for a statistical study on diabetes?

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## 2.1.2: Searching for the Data in Diabetes (continued)

### Other Diabetes Articles from Statistics Canada.

#### Articles showing analysis of the diabetes data from this survey 2.1

<http://www.statcan.ca/bsolc/english/bsolc?catno=82-621-X20060029224>

This article presents diabetes prevalence by age, sex, and province or territory for the population aged 12 and over, using data from the 2005 Canadian Community Health Survey. The article also examines questions related to specific health care received by individuals who have been diagnosed with diabetes. These questions are part of a module introduced in the survey to respond to a lack of data in regards to detailed information on health care required to the prevention of serious complications resulting from diabetes.

#### Smoking and Diabetes Care: Results from the CCHS Cycle 3.1 (2005)

<http://www.statcan.ca/bsolc/english/bsolc?catno=82-621-X2006002>

This issue examines smoking trends from 2000/01 to 2005 for the population aged 12 or older, using data from the Canadian Community Health Survey. This issue also presents diabetes prevalence by age, sex, and province or territory for the population aged 12 and over, using data from the 2005 Canadian Community Health Survey.

#### Health State Descriptions for Canadians: Diabetes

<http://www.statcan.ca/bsolc/english/bsolc?catno=82-619-M2005002>

This document examines the functional limitations—physical, emotional and social—related to the most common types of diabetes and the conditions that result from the disease. These functional limitations are described and classified using the Classification and Measurement System (CLAMES) of Functional Health.

These descriptions and classifications are the first step in a new approach to measuring the health of Canadians that examines what factors are adversely affecting population health and how to address them. This document also provides health professionals, advocacy groups, and individual Canadians with an overview of how living with diabetes affects day-to-day functioning.

#### Health Indicators

<http://www.statcan.ca/bsolc/english/bsolc?catno=82-221-X>

Over 80 indicators (including data on diabetes) measure the health of the Canadian population and the effectiveness of the health care system. Designed to provide comparable information at the health region and provincial/territorial levels, these data are produced from a wide range of the most recently available sources. This Internet publication is produced by Statistics Canada and the Canadian Institute for Health Information.



**Math Learning Goals**

- Use prepared data to distinguish different types of statistical data that is discrete from continuous; qualitative from quantitative; categorical from numerical; nominal from ordinal; primary from secondary; experimental from observational; microdata from aggregate data.

**Materials**

- BLM 2.2.1 on card stock for each small group
- BLM 2.2.2

**Assessment Opportunities**

**Minds On... Whole Class → Inside Outside Circle**

Using the graphs they collected from previous day’s Home Activity, students share one or two key ideas from their graphs.

Summarize features of graphs, e.g., numerical or categorical information, and discuss the how the axes may represent different sets of data or one set of data.

Inside Outside Circle see TIPS for Teachers, TIP 13, p. 14

Provide graphs for students, as necessary.

**Action!**

**Small Groups → Sorting**

Students sort the data cards on BLM 2.2.1 into groups and explain their sorting method. They can also sort the graphs from the [Home Activity](#).

Explain the meaning of terms in pairs, e.g., discrete vs. continuous, and have students resort cards based on new terminology. Repeat for other pairs of terms.

See BLM 2.2.2

**Note:** Some graphs are a combination of different types of data, for example, the Favourite Ice Cream Flavours has categorical nominal data on the horizontal axis and numerical discrete data on the vertical axis.

**Whole Class → Sharing**

Groups justify how their data sets demonstrate categorical, ordinal, and quantitative data.

**Communication/Observation/Checkbric:** Observe how students defend their classification of data type.

**Word Wall**

- numerical data
- categorical data
- discrete data
- continuous data
- qualitative data
- quantitative data
- nominal data
- ordinal data
- primary data
- secondary data
- experimental data
- observational data
- micro data
- aggregate data

Electronic resources (website, power point, data sets) may help provide more examples.

Keep the collection of student graphs for future use.

Use an interactive whiteboard for students to demonstrate their sorting method.

**Consolidate Debrief Whole Group → Notetaking**

Using the graphs, sort the cards into appropriate groupings to distinguish between the pairs of definitions. Create notes to summarize concepts.

**Home Activity or Further Classroom Consolidation**

For the graphs you found, identify types of data displayed.

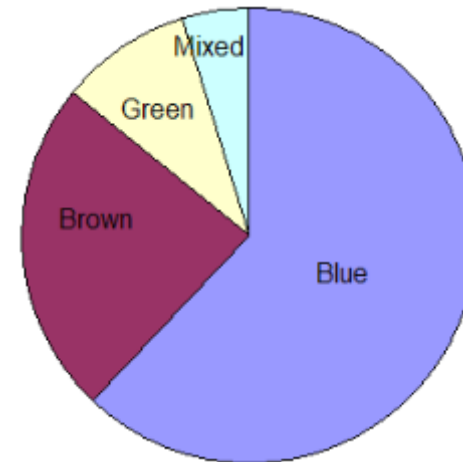
*Application*

## 2.2.1: Sorting Data

Ontario Mother Tongues

	AreaName	Total	English	French	Other
1	Algoma District	122800	113860	4935	4005
2	Brant County	111540	106790	240	4510
3	Bruce County	64665	63715	125	825
4	Cochrane District	89345	52905	34510	1930
5	Dufferin County	45005	44190	125	690
6	Durham Regional ...	450410	429680	2935	17795
7	Elgin County	77025	72090	90	4845
8	Essex County	338350	299850	4715	33785
9	Frontenac County	131225	124550	2050	4625
10	Grey County	86100	84615	130	1355
11	Haldimand-Norfolk...	100685	96610	240	3835
12	Haliburton County	15160	15045	15	100
13	Halton Regional M...	333100	313720	2395	16985
14	Hamilton-Wentw o...	452120	399720	1600	50800
15	Hastings County	116565	113405	1300	1860

Eye Colour



### Snack of Choice

**Apples: 10**  
**Oranges: 7**  
**Bananas: 6**  
**Nutrition Bar: 16**

### Favourite Colour

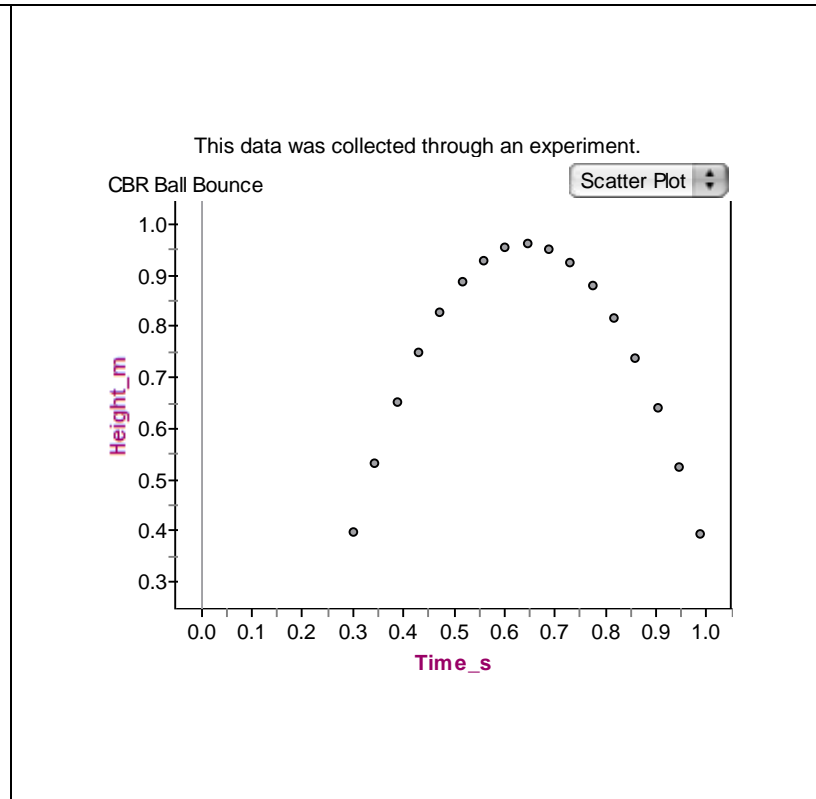
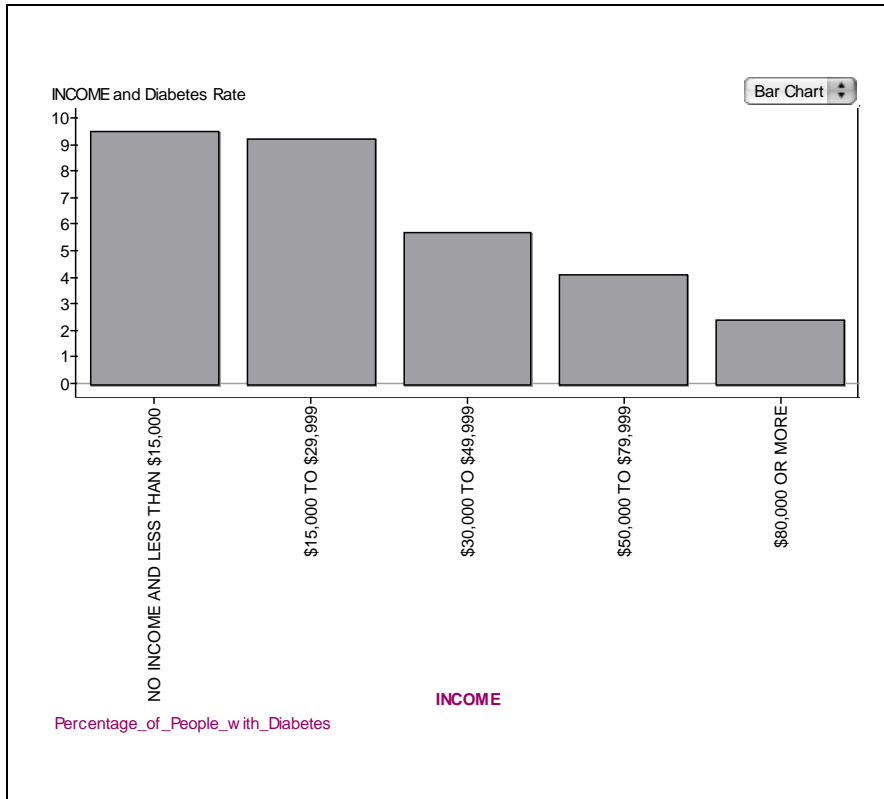
Survey 5 people and record below:

What is your favourite colour?

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## 2.2.1: Sorting Data (continued)



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

It is the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month



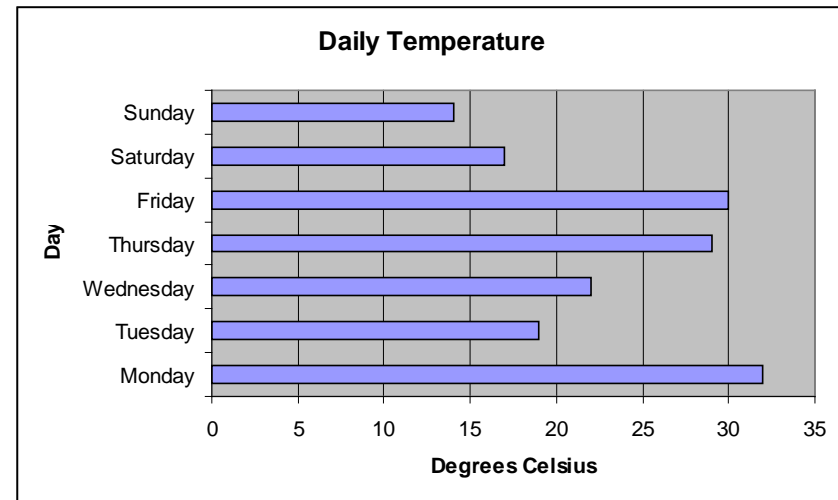
In a race a cheetah came in first, the fox came in second and the cow didn't moooooooove.

## 2.2.1: Sorting Data (continued)

Student	Lates	Absences
Sasha	6	1
Blaise	30	9
Pierre	0	0
Wolf	8	2

At a high school, there are consequences for being late.

Number of Lates	Consequence
5	Detention
8	Phone Call Home
10	Meeting with Principal



Student Name	Mark
Sasha	75
Blaise	54
Pierre	67
Wolf	86

### Age of first year university students

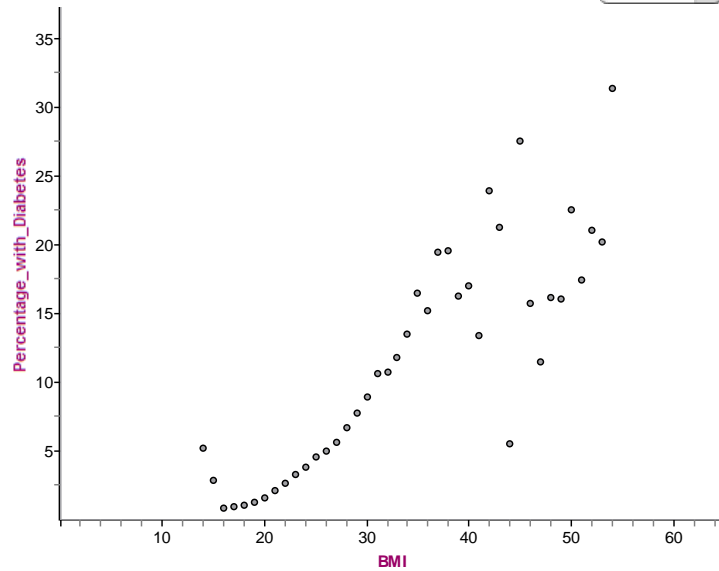
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## 2.2.1: Sorting Data (continued)

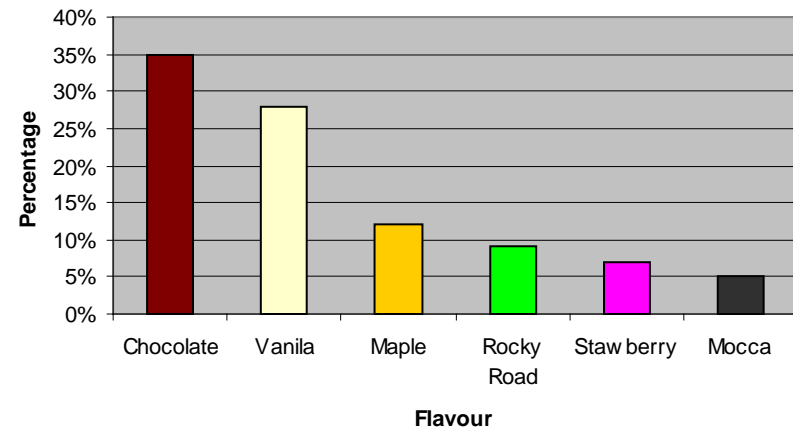
Ontario Youths

	Sex	Children_say_mean_things_to_you	How_well_are_you_doing_in_school
1	F	Never	Average
2	F	Some of the time	Poorly
3	F	Rarely	Well
4	F	Some of the time	Very well
5	M	Rarely	Very Well
6	F	Never	Average
7	M	Rarely	Average
8	M	Rarely	Very Well
9	F	Some of the time	Average
10	M	Rarely	Average

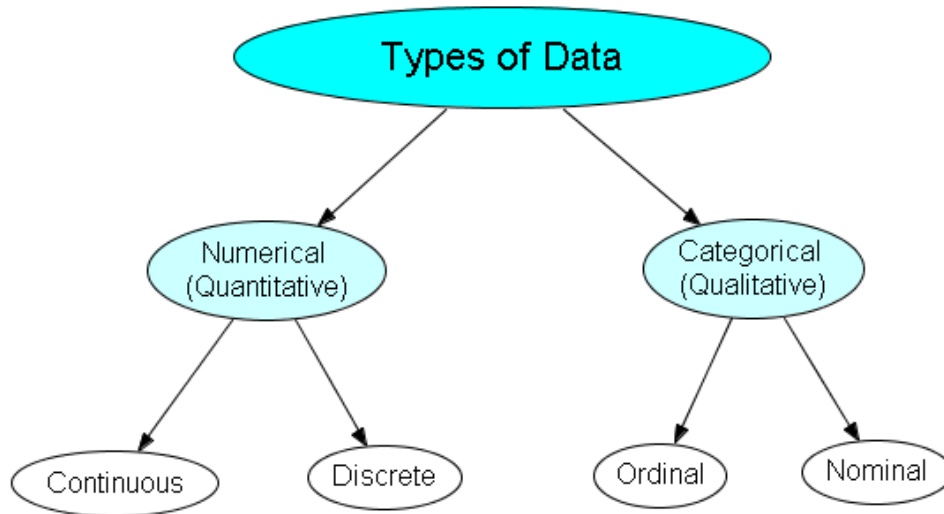
BMI and Diabetes Rate



Favourite Flavours of Icecream



## 2.2.2: Data Definitions – Tool Kit



### Aggregate Data

Data that is organized or grouped such as finding the sum over a given period or time, for example, monthly or quarterly. Data can be organized into any grouping such as geographic area. The data is not individual records.

### Categorical Data

Consists of data that can be grouped by specific categories (also known as qualitative variables). Categorical variables may have categories that are naturally ordered (ordinal variables) or have no natural order (nominal variables). For example, the variable “height” is ordinal because it contains the categories “short,” “average,” and “tall” which are naturally ordered according to ascending height. On the other hand, variables such as “sex” and “hair colour,” which have no natural category order, are examples of nominal variables.

### Continuous Variable

A numeric variable which can assume an infinite number of real values. For example, age, distance and temperature are considered continuous variables because an individual can walk 3.642531...km.

### Discrete Variable

A numeric variable that takes only a finite number of real values, e.g.,  $X$  can equal only 1, 3, 5, and 1,000.

### Experimental Data

Data gathered through experimentation.

### Microdata

Non-aggregated data about the population sampled. For surveys of individuals, micro data contain records for each individual interviewed; for surveys of organizations, the micro data contain records for each organization

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## 2.2.2: Data Definitions – Tool Kit (continued)

<b>Nominal Variable</b>	Type of categorical variable that describes a name, label, or category with no natural order. For example, there is no natural order in listing different types of school subjects: “History” does not have to follow “Biology.” These subjects can be placed in any order.
<b>Numeric Variable</b>	A quantitative variable that describes a numerically measured value, e.g., age or number of people in a household. These variables can be either continuous or discrete.
<b>Observational Data</b>	Data gathered by observation of the “subject.” For example, the subject is recorded then the behaviours are noted on a period of time.
<b>Ordinal Variable</b>	A type of categorical variable: an ordinal variable is one that has a natural ordering of its possible values, but the distances between the values are undefined. Ordinal variables usually have categorical scales. For example, when asking people to choose between Excellent, Good, Fair and Poor to rate something, the answer is only a category but there is a natural ordering in those categories.
<b>Primary Data</b>	Data gathered directly by the researcher in the act of conducting research or an experiment. Data can be gathered by surveys or through experimentation.
<b>Secondary Data</b>	Data gathered by someone other than the researcher.

### Definition Bibliography

[www.statcan.ca/english/edu/power/glossary/gloss.htm](http://www.statcan.ca/english/edu/power/glossary/gloss.htm)

[www.ils.unc.edu/~ohjs/stats/tutorial\\_BasicConcepts.html](http://www.ils.unc.edu/~ohjs/stats/tutorial_BasicConcepts.html)

[www.en.wikibooks.org/wiki/statistics:Different\\_Types\\_of\\_Data/Quatitative\\_and\\_Qualitative\\_Data](http://www.en.wikibooks.org/wiki/statistics:Different_Types_of_Data/Quatitative_and_Qualitative_Data)



**Math Learning Goals**

- Describe and compare sampling techniques, i.e., simple random; systematic, stratified, convenience, voluntary.
- Describe principles of primary data collection.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the difference between population and sample.

**Materials**

- 10 or more decks of cards
- graphing calculators
- BLM 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.3.3

**Assessment Opportunities**

**Minds On... Whole Class → Demonstration**

Demonstrate how to collect a simple random sample using a graphing calculator and using a deck of cards. Have the class list some real-life examples of simple random sampling such as playing a game of Bingo. Demonstrate how expert groups are to complete information for their sampling type (BLM 2.3.1: Collecting Samples).

Discuss population and sample.

*Think Literacy – Cross Curricular Approaches, Grades 7–12, Jigsaw, p. 170*

See BLM 2.3.3 for sampling definitions.

**Action! Home Groups → Jigsaw**

Review how to create a seed value and generate random numbers using a graphing calculator.

**Expert Groups → Jigsaw**

Students use materials provided to complete the sampling method assigned and record their findings under the headings: Description, Example, Solution, and Demonstration (deck of cards) (BLM 2.3.2). They practise the sampling method using both the deck of cards and the graphing calculator random number generator.

**Curriculum Expectation/Observation/Checkbric:** Observe students' understanding of the different sampling techniques.

**Word Wall**

- population sample
- simple random sample
- systemic random sample
- stratified random sample
- cluster random sample
- multistage random sample
- destructive sample
- convenience sample
- voluntary sample

**Consolidate Debrief Home Groups → Jigsaw**

Students return to their home group and share their knowledge from their expert groups and demonstrate how to use the sampling method using cards.

**Diabetes Exemplar:** Examine the source of the diabetes data.

If home groups consist of only 4 members assign Non-Random Sampling-Convenience and Voluntary Sampling following the procedure used in BLM 2.3.2

**Home Activity or Further Classroom Consolidation**

*Application*

Identify a context where each of the different sampling techniques would be used.

## 2.3.1: Collecting Samples

### Example

Type of Sampling	Simple Random Sampling
<b>Description</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every member of the population has an equal chance of being selected.</li> <li>• The selection of any particular individual does not affect the chances of any other individual being chosen.</li> <li>• A sample could be selected by drawing names randomly.</li> <li>• Use a random number generator to select an individual.</li> </ul>
<b>Example and solution</b>	<p>A restaurant owner is interested in determining if his patrons are satisfied with the quality of service on a particular evening. It is impractical for the owner to survey every person, so he chooses to do a simple random sample.</p> <p>* There are 52 reservations at the restaurant.            * The owner decides to sample 13 using a random number generator.</p> <p><b>GRAPHING CALCULATOR RANDOM NUMBER GENERATOR</b>            Press MATH <math>\blacktriangleright</math> <math>\blacktriangleright</math> <math>\blacktriangleright</math> to use the <b>PRB</b> menu and select <b>5: randInt</b>            Enter (Lower value, Upper value, number of random numbers)</p> <p>What reservation numbers will he survey?            Response:</p>
<b>Demonstration using a deck of cards</b>	Shuffle a standard deck of cards, then randomly draw 13 cards.

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## 2.3.1: Collecting Samples *(continued)*

<b>Type of Sampling</b>	
<b>Description</b>	
<b>Example and solution</b>	
<b>Demonstration using a deck of cards</b>	



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## 2.3.2: Collecting Samples Jigsaw Instructions

### To choose HOME groups:

Use a deck of cards with appropriate sets of 4 cards to create groups of 4. (To make groups of 5 use jokers; students with jokers can choose to join any group of 4). For example, all the Aces belong to the same home group.

### HOME Group

Each home group will have up to 5 members who become “experts” on a specific type of sampling method. Your card type is used to assign which expert group you belong to. After the expert groups meet to understand and explain how their sampling method works, experts return to home groups to present their findings to other members. Each member of the home group is responsible for creating their own note on each of the sampling methods described.

### To choose EXPERT groups:

- ♥ Systematic Random Sampling
- ♦ Stratified Random Sampling
- ♣ Cluster Random Sampling
- ♠ Multi-stage Random Sampling
- ☉ Non-Random Sampling – Convenience and Voluntary Sampling (Jokers, if used)

### EXPERT Groups

Expert groups meet together to learn about one method of sampling.

Use textbooks or any other available resources. Each expert is responsible to report the following to their home group:

- Type of Sampling
- Description of Sampling Method
- An example of how this sampling method is used in practical terms
- Demonstration of your method of sampling using a deck of cards

**Note:** If Home groups consist of only 4 members assign Non-Random Sampling – Convenience and Voluntary Sampling for **Home Activity**.

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## 2.3.3: Definitions

### Simple Random Sampling

The sample is chosen from the entire population, using a random number generator. Each member of the population has an **equal chance of being selected**. The selection of any particular individual does not affect the chances of any other individual being chosen.

### Systematic Random Sampling

A random starting point is chosen, using a random number generator. The sample is chosen by going through the population sequentially; the members of the sample are selected at **regular intervals**, e.g., every fifth person is selected.

### Stratified Random Sampling

The population is divided into groups that share a common characteristic. From each group a simple random sample of the members is taken. The size of each sample from each group is **proportional** to the size of each group.

### Cluster Random Sampling

The population is divided into groups. A random sample of groups is chosen. **All members** from the chosen group are surveyed.

### Multi-stage Random Sampling

The population is organized into groups. A random sample of groups is chosen. From each group a random sample is chosen. This method **uses several levels** of random sampling.

### Destructive Sampling

A random sample is taken; each sample is **destroyed** during the process of testing, e.g., testing life of light bulbs.

### Voluntary Sampling

The researcher invites members of the population to participate in the survey on a **voluntary basis**.

### Convenience Sampling

The researcher selects members of the population that are easily accessible.



**Math Learning Goals**

- Describe the characteristics of a good sample, i.e., bias free, random, representative.
- Distinguish between population and sample, and understand why sampling is necessary.
- Understand how using random samples with a bias or non-random samples can affect the results of a study.

**Materials**

- Internet

**Assessment Opportunities**

**Minds On... Whole Class → Discussion**

Look at the website links from the previous day’s assignment and discuss whether the information on these sites is valid. Discuss the importance of having reliable sources of data.

**Word Wall**

- sampling bias
- non-response bias
- response bias
- measurement bias

**Action! Pairs → Research**

Students read the article ‘Evaluating Internet Research Sources’ by Robert Harris, June 15, 2007.

They write a short synopsis of the ideas presented and create a checklist using some or all of the criteria suggested by the author. They use their checklist to evaluate the websites they access for their projects.

<http://www.virtualsoft.com/>

**Consolidate Debrief Pairs → Presentation**

Pairs present their example to the class orally.

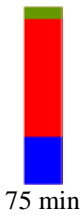
**Mathematical Process/Reasoning and Proving/Rubric:** Evaluate the students’ oral presentation focusing on their justification.

<http://cybrary.uwinnipeg.ca>

Other evaluation websites  
<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/Evaluate.html>

**Home Activity or Further Classroom Consolidation**

*Concept Practice* Complete Part 2 – (Worksheet)



**Math Learning Goals**

- Describe the characteristics of an effective survey.
- Collect data from primary sources, through experimentation, organize data with one or more attributes.

**Materials**

- Internet
- BLM 2.5.1

**Minds On... Pairs → Think/Pair/Share**

Individually students complete the teacher-prepared survey and identify problems with it (BLM 2.5.1).

Pairs compare the problems they found.

Students describe for the class what is wrong with the survey, e.g., Which questions “lead” the respondent? Which questions employ jargon? Which questions are stated using negatives?

**Action! Pair → Brainstorm**

Students skim the teacher-prepared survey to look for characteristics of a good survey. They compare this survey to the survey in **Minds On....**

Students brainstorm characteristics of an effective survey.

**Curriculum Expectation/Observation/Checkbric:** Listen to students’ discussion to determine their understanding of effective characteristics.

**Individual → Survey**

Students complete the selected number of questions from the National Longitudinal Study of Children and Youth (NLSCY) to demonstrate the attributes of a non-biased survey. This data corresponds to the Fathom file: Ontario Youth.

**Whole Class → Four Corners Plus One**

Students move to one of the four corners or to the middle of the room depending on their response to two questions chosen from the survey:

1. Choose a question whose response is:
 

Not important at all	Not very important
Somewhat important (middle)	
Very Important	Important
2. Choose a question where the response is one of 5 categories.

Record the number of responses at each location.

While in their corners students discuss why they chose that location. In a class discussion, a representative from each location summarise the group’s thinking.

**Consolidate Debrief Whole Class → Discussion**

Compile the data of the class responses to compare with the 1040 cases from the province. (Data could be collected from students using electronic clickers, a spreadsheet, or by hand.)

Prompting Questions:

1. Which survey questions generate categorical data? numerical data?
2. When comparing class data to the Ontario Youths what conclusions can we make?
3. How does sample size affect the results of a survey?
4. Is our class a representative sample?

**Home Activity or Further Classroom Consolidation**

Summarize the characteristics of a good survey vs. a bad survey or questionnaire, including ideas about sample size, bias, and good questioning.

**Assessment Opportunities**

*Think Literacy: Cross-Curricular Approaches, Think/Pair/Share p. 152*

Other surveys and data can be found at the support site: <http://teacherweb.com/on/statistics/math/>

*Think Literacy: Cross-Curricular Approaches, Four Corners p. 182 (The version used in this lesson is modified to include 5 locations.)*

Reflection

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## 2.5.1: Creating an Unacceptable Sample Survey (Teacher)

Create a survey that breaks all the following rules:

- uses jargon
- uses abbreviations
- uses negatives, e.g., from the list below, indicate which books you wouldn't recommend to parents.
- uses leading questions
- includes questions that are insensitive
- will creates response bias
- uses changes in font (to highlight or lead)
- uses language that is unclear or complex rather than simple