

Identify the Controls and Variables

Smithers thinks that a special juice will increase the productivity of workers. He creates two groups of 50 workers each and assigns each group the same task (in this case, they're supposed to staple a set of papers). Group A is given the special juice to drink while they work. Group B is not given the special juice. After an hour, Smithers counts how many stacks of papers each group has made. Group A made 1,587 stacks, Group B made 2,113 stacks.



Identify the:

1. Control Group

2. Variables: Independent -

Dependent -

3. What should Smithers' conclusion be?

Homer notices that his shower is covered in a strange green slime. His friend Barney tells him that coconut juice will get rid of the green slime. Homer decides to check this out by spraying half of the shower with coconut juice. He sprays the other half of the shower with water. After 3 days of "treatment" there is no change in the appearance of the green slime on either side of the shower.



1. What was the initial observation?



Identify the-

2. Control Group

3. Variables: Independent -

Dependent -

4. What should Homer's conclusion be?

<p>Bart believes that mice exposed to protein powder will become extra strong (maybe he's been reading too much Fitness Magazine). He decides to perform this experiment by sprinkling 10 mice with protein powder. He compared these 10 mice to another 10 mice that had not been sprinkled with protein powder. His test consisted of a heavy block of wood that blocked the mouse food. He found that 7 out of 10 of the powder-covered mice were able to push the block away. 7 out of 10 of the non-powdered mice were able to do the same.</p> 	<p>Identify the-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Control Group 2. Variables: Independent - Dependent - 3. What should Bart's conclusion be?
<p>Krusty was told that a certain itching powder was the newest best thing on the market, it even claims to cause 50% longer lasting itches. Interested in this product, he buys the itching powder and compares it to his usual product. One test subject (A) is sprinkled with the original itching powder, and another test subject (B) was sprinkled with the Experimental itching powder. Subject A reported having itches for 30 minutes. Subject B reported to have itches for 45 minutes.</p> 	<p>Identify the-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Control Group 2. Variables: Independent - Dependent - 3. Explain whether the data supports the advertisement's claims about its product.
<p>EXTRA CREDIT:</p> <p>Lisa is working on a science project. Her task is to answer the question: "Does Rogooti (which is a commercial hair product) affect the speed of hair growth". Her family is willing to volunteer for the experiment.</p>	<p>On a separate sheet of paper, describe how Lisa would perform this experiment. Be sure to list each <u>step of the scientific method</u> and identify the <u>control group</u> and the <u>variables</u> in your experiment.</p>