

In-Class Exercise: Hypotheses and Variables

Instructions

In groups of three (with your names at the top), write each statement as a *testable hypothesis*, clearly identifying the dependent and independent variables (you can put “DV” and “IV” in parentheses after each) and, if there is one, the control variable (CV).

Secretary (5 pts extra): _____

Other group members: _____

Statements

1. Catholics tend to be democrats.
2. Highly educated people are politically liberal.
3. Students who read the textbooks they purchased generally do better than those who do not.
4. Editorials are meaner in large cities than in smaller towns.
5. Among the elderly, there is a relationship between marital status and happiness.
6. Frequent dating lowers the grades of males but not of females.