

**LESSON**  
**1-2****Problem Solving****Data Gathering**

**One hundred students out of 1100 at a school were surveyed. The results are recorded in each problem below. For Exercises 1–4, predict the number of students in the population that would answer similarly.**

1. Eighty-two students said they would take a study hall or resource period if it were offered. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Twelve students said they were members of the after-school music program. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Ninety-four students said they used the Internet for their homework. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Thirty-two students said they drove to school. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The principal wanted to know if he should allow cell phones in the classroom. He surveyed the students in Algebra 2 class. Decide whether the sampling method could result in a biased sample. Explain your reasoning.  
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6. A discount store chain wants to know how often families in a certain area would shop regularly at a discount store. Their representative surveys 100 people at a mall in the same area. Are his results likely to be representative of the population? Explain.  
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**Select the best answer.**

7. The director of the Glee Club would like to know if her Booster Club parents would do a fundraiser. Which sampling method is most likely to yield an accurate prediction of the population?
  - A Survey every 3rd Booster Club parent who comes to a fundraiser meeting.
  - B Survey every 10th Booster Club parent who comes to a fundraiser meeting.
  - C Survey only the parents who respond to a letter from the director.
  - D Survey only the parents who run the Booster Club.
8. The principal of the school would like to determine if the cafeteria should sell snacks during non-lunch hour periods. Which sampling method is most likely to yield an accurate prediction of the population?
  - F Survey every 20th student who enters the cafeteria during lunch hour.
  - G Survey 50 random students each from the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.
  - H Survey the first 25 students that walk into the school.
  - J Survey the entire 12th grade class.

- Possible answer: No; the sample is random.
- Possible answer: Yes; the sample is large.
- Possible answer: Yes; I may need to change the question to, "Would you join a foreign language club if it were offered?"
- Answers will vary. Possible answer: yes

### Problem Solving

- 902 students
- 132 students
- 1034 students
- 352 students
- Yes; the sample is a convenience sample so it is likely to be biased.
- No; the population may be underrepresented because the sample only includes mall shoppers.
- A
- G

### Reading Strategies

- sample; random sample
- sample; self-selected sample
- population; sample; self-selected sample; not representative; statistics, predictions

## 1-3 SURVEYS, EXPERIMENTS, AND OBSERVATIONAL STUDIES

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### Practice A

- Observational study; the park ranger gathers data without controlling the individuals or applying a treatment.
- Experiment; the park ranger applies a treatment (planting near the lake) to some of the individuals (all 20 trees the ranger planted).
- Experiment; the zoo applies a treatment (providing the cave) to some of the individuals (all wildcats at the zoo).
- Observational study; the caretaker gathers data without controlling the individuals or applying a treatment.

- The treatment is feeding high-fat and high-calorie foods. The treatment group is the rats that were fed the diet that was not nutritious. The control group is the rats that were fed the nutritious diet.
- The treatment is *taking the class online*. The treatment group is the online class. The control group is the in-person class.
- Possible answer: It would not be ethical to impose the treatment (being a smoker) to a group of people, so the study is best addressed through an observational study. I would set up the study by randomly selecting a group of 20 people who already smoke and 20 people who do not. Then, I would track the individuals in the study for a year and have them report the number of colds they get.

### Practice B

- Observational study; the teacher gathers data without controlling the individuals or applying a treatment.
- Observational study; the biologist gathers data without controlling the individuals or applying a treatment.
- Experiment; the cafeteria manager applies a treatment (getting a half-price lunch) to some of the individuals (50 students).
- The treatment is *getting a certain medicine*. The treatment group is the 10 patients who get the medicine. The control group is the 10 patients who get the placebo.
- The treatment is *using a special website*. The treatment group is the 50 best customers who use the special website. The control group is the 50 best customers who do not use the special website.
- Possible answer: The treatment (getting 7 hours of sleep) is not practical to assign to a group of students. Perform an observational study. Divide students into two groups: those who get less than 7 hours of sleep, and those who get at least 7 hours of sleep. Monitor the