

Experimental Design

This concept will be integrated throughout the year – refer to these notes when needed

(Write just the underlined parts)**

- HYPOTHESIS

- Ex:



- Ex (1):

- your prediction before you change a variable

- IF (IV) , THEN (DV) .

- If I add food coloring to the applesauce, then my students will choose the colored applesauce over the regular applesauce.

- If a paper clip is added to the nose of the plane, then it will fly farther. (or increasing the weight of the nose.)

- Control

- an unchanged object used in an experiment to detect and measure the effects of hidden variables.

- Ex:



- regular applesauce

- Ex (1):

- the original plane you fly without paperclips.

○ Trial:

○ each time you do an experiment; each time you collect data.

○ Ex:



○ each one of my students, 32 trials.

○ Ex (1):

○ each time you throw the plane.

- Variable:

- Ex :



- Ex (1):

- each change in the experiment, the thing you change “manipulate”

- the different colors of the applesauce.

- number of paperclips, or the weight of the plane is a variable.

Independent Variable:

- Ex :

- Ex (1):

- a variable is purposely changed in an experiment.

- the color.



- the number of paper clips.

- Dependent Variable:

- Ex :



- Ex (1):

- the thing that changes because of the independent variable.

- the “frequency” of the color that is chosen.

- the distance.

- Constant



- Ex :

- Ex (1):

- all the factors that remain the same through out the experiment.

- the type/amount of applesauce, the cup, portion, temperature...

- the paper, size of paper clip, wind, throw, environmental conditions.

- Data Table



- independent variable on the x-axis,
- dependent variable on the y-axis.

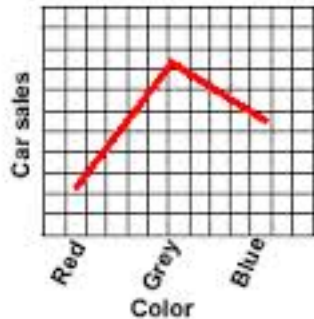
Graph Setup

Y axis =
Dependent
Variable

X axis = Independent Variable

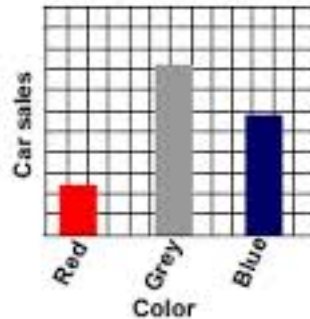
What type of graph?????

Line Graph



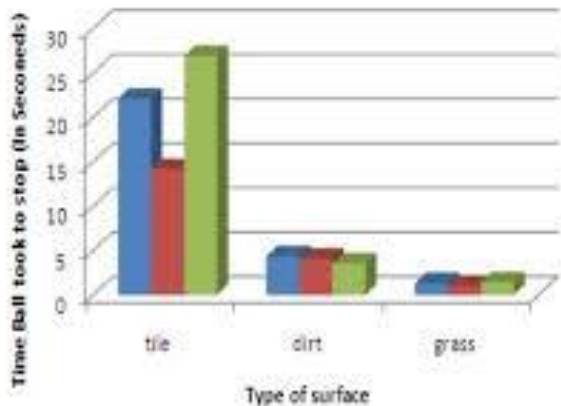
or

Bar Graph



The graph may look something like this-. Line and bar graph. Which one is correct? The bar graph is correct because the IV is non-numerical.

Friction and Gravity



Rubber Band Experiment

