

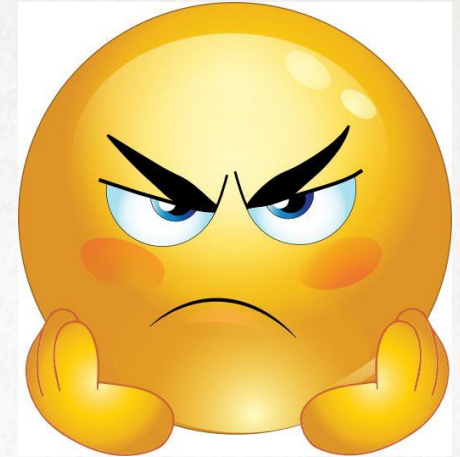
# **THE SCIENTIFIC METHOD**

**August 29, 2017**

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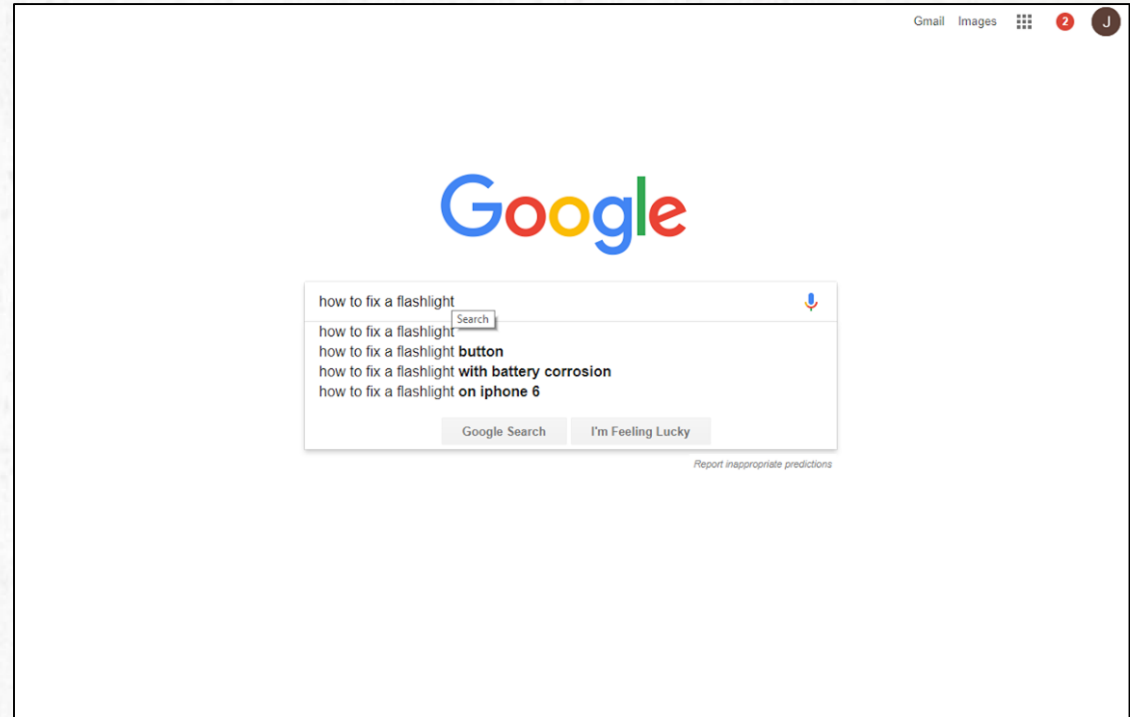
# 1.State the problem/observation

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# 2. Collect information about the problem





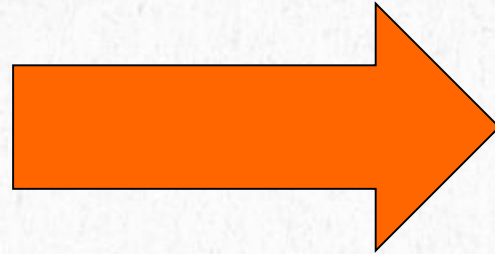
### 3. Form a **HYPOTHESIS**

“If I put new **batteries** in the flashlight, the light will come on.”



The hypothesis is an explanation that can be tested.

## 4. Test the hypothesis



## 5. Draw conclusion

# 6. Report Results

## Journal of Flashlight Engineering

Troubleshooting a non-functioning flashlight  
Eva Washington  
Hawthorne Academy

### Introduction

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# Let's use science to put a claim to the test

Listen carefully to the commercial. Then discuss/write down the following in your group:

1. What does the commercial claim?
  2. What is the subject of this commercial? According to the claim, what effect does the subject of the commercial have?
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# Let's design an experiment to test the claim made in the commercial.

The subject (the thing you will manipulate or modify):  
The effect (the thing that you expect to change during the experiment):

In an experiment we call these the **Independent** and **Dependent** variables.

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# Let's design an experiment to test the claim made in the commercial.

What else do we need to think about to make sure our experiment is accurate?

We must keep everything else **constant** in our experiment. Why?

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# Let's design an experiment to test the claim made in the commercial.

In your group (4 students), design an experiment to test the claim made in the Lysol commercial. Write down the following:

- Hypothesis
- Independent Variable/Dependent Variable
- Method/Procedure of Experiment

Be prepared to share with the class in 15 minutes!

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# Homework for TOMORROW:

1. Sign up for Remind (text your Block code to the number 81010)
    - 3rd Block code: @dcbdd
    - 4th Block code: @gg2dhg
  2. Watch the first Video Lecture: access through the class weebly page ([merricksjscience.weebly.com](http://merricksjscience.weebly.com))
    - Write down your answers to the questions throughout the video.
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# **THE SCIENTIFIC METHOD**

## **Video Lecture 1**

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# Setting up for today's HOMEWORK

Pause the video here and  
get your paper set up and  
ready to go.



First Name, Last Name

Date

Video Lecture 1 Homework

1) Types of Data

Temperature:

Behaviors:

Color of Sky:



2) The Dependent variable is \_\_\_\_\_.

The Independent variable is \_\_\_\_\_.

3) Experimental Design



# **Essential Question:**

How can science help us understand the world around us?

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# THE SCIENTIFIC PROCESS

- The word **science** is derived from Latin and means to “know”
  - **Inquiry** is the search for information and explanations of natural phenomena
  - The scientific process includes:
    1. Making observations
    2. Forming logical hypotheses
    3. Testing the hypotheses
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# 1. MAKING OBSERVATIONS

- Biologists describe natural structures and processes
  - Recorded observations are called **data**
    - **Qualitative** data are typically recorded descriptions
      - Example: Jane Goodall describes the behavior of chimps as “social, curious, etc.”
    - **Quantitative** data are generally expressed as numerical measurements
      - Example: Claudia Kasper characterizes primate social networks by quantifying their distribution pattern and group structure
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Your first **HOMework** item is below.

Identify the type of data as either **quantitative** or **qualitative**.

- A. A scientist records temperature every day as part of a study of weather patterns. For example, “85°C, 89.5°C, 92.1°C”
- B. A researcher studies the types of interactions between a group of young kittens. For example “aggressive, playful, etc.)
- C. A scientist observes the changes in the color of the sky throughout the day with his naked eye. For example, “light blue, pink.”

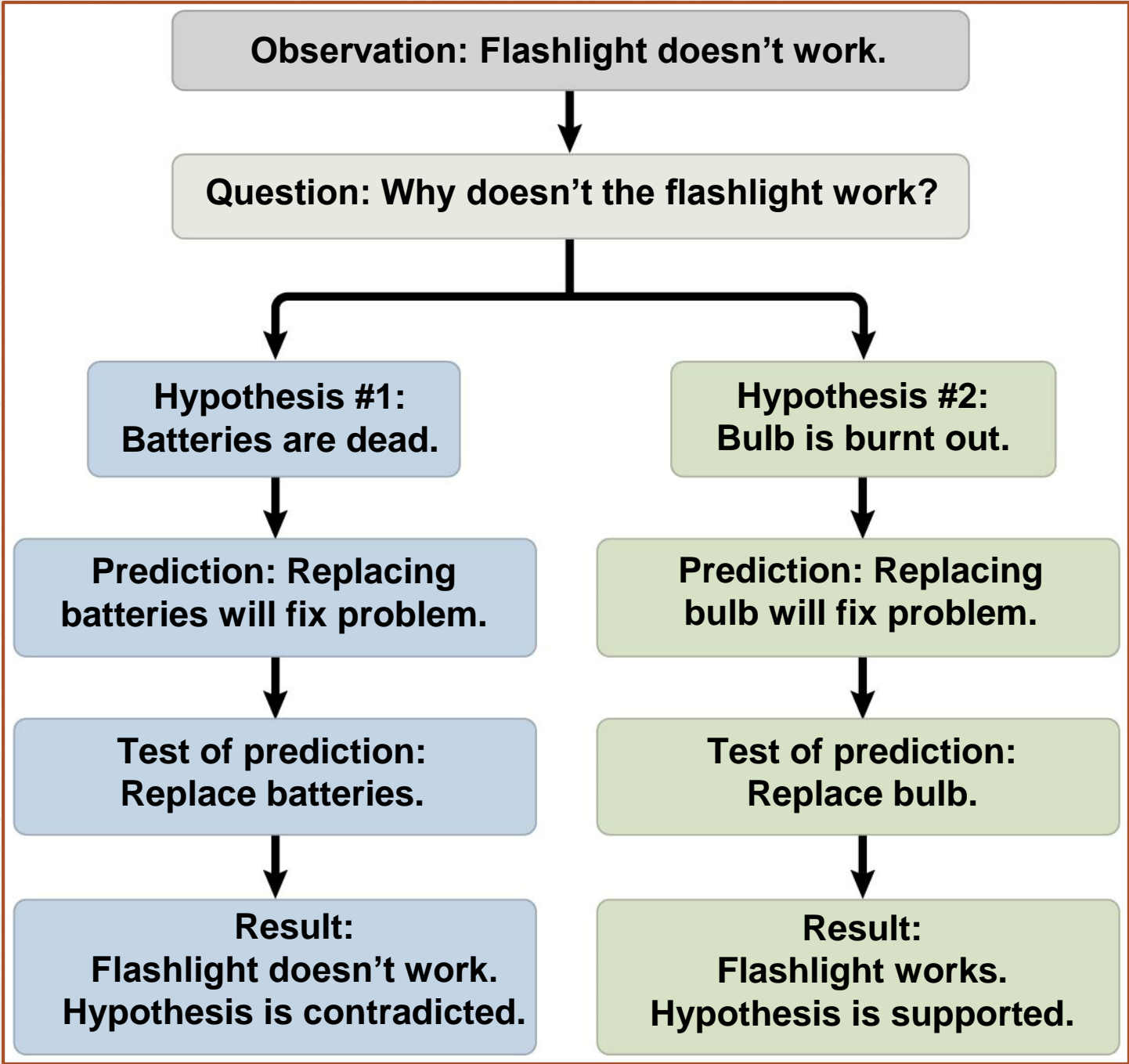
## 2. FORMING HYPOTHESES

- In science a **hypothesis** is a tentative answer to a well-framed scientific question
    - Based on a set of observations
    - Must be testable, and falsifiable
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### 3. TESTING HYPOTHESES

- Hypotheses lead to **predictions** that can be tested by making additional observations or by performing experiments
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## EXPERIMENTAL VARIABLES AND CONTROLS

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  - Ideally these groups differ in only the one factor under investigation
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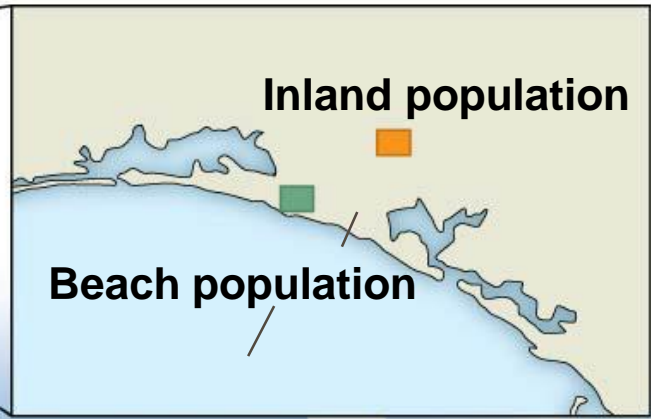


# Example: Investigating coat coloration in mouse populations

- Two populations of a mouse species have different color patterns and live in two different environments.
- The beach mouse lives on white sand dunes with sparse vegetation; the inland mouse lives on darker soil







Beach population



Inland population

# 1. MAKING OBSERVATIONS

- The two types of mice match the coloration of their habitats
  - Natural predators of these mice are all visual hunters
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## 2. FORMING HYPOTHESES

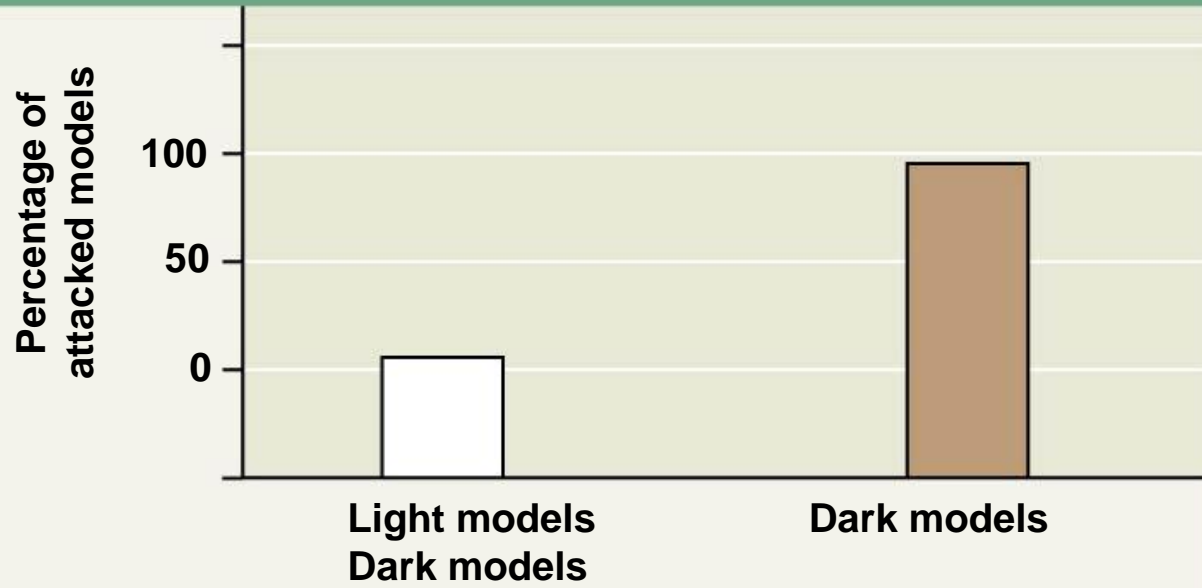
- Researchers **hypothesized** that the color patterns had evolved as adaptations to protect the mice from predators

### 3. TESTING HYPOTHESES

- **Prediction:** mice that do not match their habitat would be preyed on more heavily than mice that did match the surroundings
  - **Experiment:** They built models of mice, painted them to match one of the surroundings, and placed equal numbers of each type of model in each habitat
  - They then recorded signs of predation
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# Results

## Beach habitat

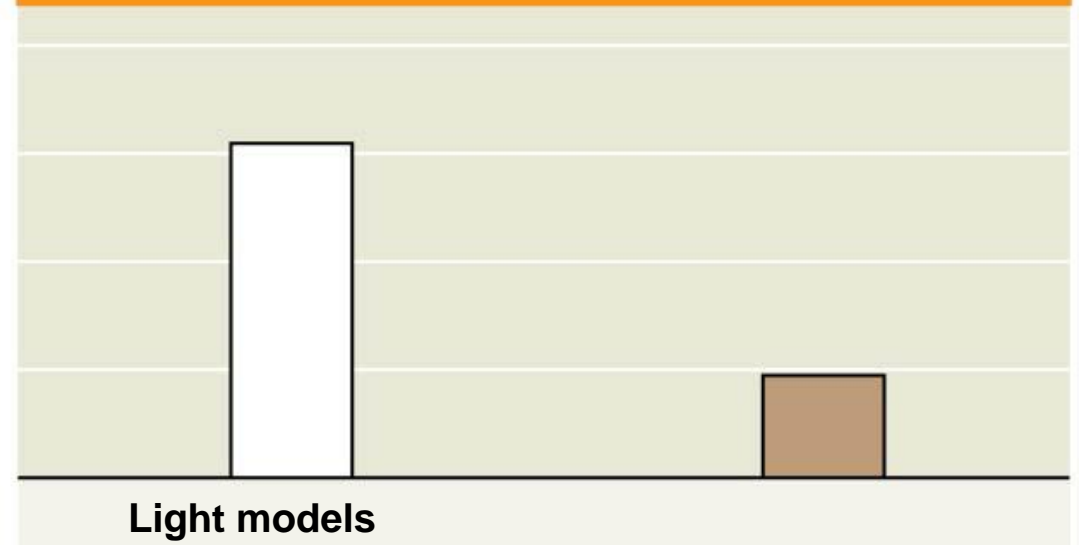


Camouflaged  
Camouflaged  
(control)



Non-camouflaged  
(experimental)

## Inland habitat



Non-camouflaged  
(experimental)



(control)



## Practice with the parts of an experiment

For your second **HOMework** item, identify the **Independent Variable** and **Dependent Variable** of the experiment described described in the previous slide.

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# **Essential Question:**

How can science help us understand the world around us?

**So, what can't science do?**

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# Limitations of Science

Science is OBJECTIVE, not SUBJECTIVE

- All scientific hypotheses must be testable and falsifiable
- Science can NOT address moral, aesthetic, or philosophical questions

Example: Is it right to genetically modify an animal for human consumption?)

- Science can NOT assume or deny the supernatural

Example: “Did God create the Universe?”

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## Take away points about the Process of Science

- The scientific method is an *idealized* process of inquiry
  - Science is all about backtracking and “rethinking”
    - We are constantly trying to get to the ultimate truth, but in reality, science never proves anything.
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## CONCLUSIONS

You have now reviewed the basics of the scientific method and how to design a simple experiment. Now, ask yourself:

- What are the steps of the scientific method?
- What are the two types of data?
- What are the components of an experiment?

If you are unsure about anything covered in this video, write it down and bring it with you to class.

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## CONCLUSIONS

Your final **HOMEWORK** item is this:

How would you design an experiment to test the claim that the amount of time a person spends studying is related to the score they earn on a test? In your answer, include the IV, DV, and control variable.

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Do Now:

Quietly read the article at your seat. Then answer the following questions on your own paper.

- What surprised you about this article? Did you learn anything new and interesting?
  - Write down one follow-up question that you would like to know the answer to.
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## Homework Check:

- Place your homework on your desk. Double check that you have written your name and the title of the assignment across the top.
  - Feedback regarding Video Lecture 1? Any technical difficulties?
  - Let's Review the material from the Video Lecture
  - Grades will be posted in Canvas
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**Let's recap what we know**



## **Complete your TV commercial Experimental Design**

- You have 15 minutes to finalize your experimental design - we will present them to the class.

## Let's review the parts of the scientific method

- Log into Canvas
  - Find Module 0: The Scientific Method and click on “In Class Assignment (8/30)”
  - Complete this assignment with a partner, but submit your own work (Simply type the number and your answer choice for each item in the text box)
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# **THE SCIENTIFIC METHOD**

**August 31, 2017**

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## Do Now

Complete the handout at your seat. Find the **Independent Variable** and the **Dependent variable** in each statement.

## Writing a good hypothesis

- What do we already know about a hypothesis (refer to your Video Lecture or notes from earlier this week)?

## Writing a good hypothesis: the “If... then...because” statement

- The hypothesis tells the reader what you believe will happen in your investigation
    - **IF**...tells the readers what will be changed. This is the Independent Variable
    - **THEN**... tells the reader what will happen because of the change (Dependent Variable)
    - **BECAUSE**... tells the reader how you know this will occur.
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## Examples

- **If** 7 th graders and 8th graders complete the same math problems, **then** the 8 th graders will have more answers correct, **because** they have studied math for one year longer than the 7th graders.
  - **If** dry bread and moist bread are left in bags for two weeks, **then** the moist bread will grow mold more quickly than the dry bread, **because** mold is a living organism, and organisms need water to survive.
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## Let's Practice

1. Melissa raises crickets at her pet store that she sells for reptile food. She thinks that crickets chirp more often when the temperature gets warmer. She decides to conduct an experiment to prove her theory.

Hypothesis: If \_\_\_\_\_(IV) then  
\_\_\_\_\_ (DV),

because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

## Let's Practice

2. The cooler the temperature in a lake, the more oxygen the water holds. Daniel notices that he catches more fish in a lake that is cooler than 55 degrees. He wants to conduct a study so he can catch the most fish possible this year. He's having trouble writing a hypothesis. Please help him.

Hypothesis: If \_\_\_\_\_(IV) then  
\_\_\_\_\_(DV),  
because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.



## Let's Practice

3. Kasey lives in Moab, Utah. She likes to mountain bike for miles and miles until she can't bike anymore. She thinks that she can bike further when she drinks more than a liter of water before her bike ride. Please assist her in developing a hypothesis, so she can make the best of her future bike rides.

Hypothesis: If \_\_\_\_\_(IV) then  
\_\_\_\_\_ (DV),

because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

## Collecting Data

What do we know about the types of data that scientists collect?

# Qualitative VS Quantitative Data

**Example 1:**

*Oil Painting*



**Qualitative data:**

- blue/green color, gold frame
- smells old and musty
- texture shows brush strokes of oil paint
- peaceful scene of the country
- masterful brush strokes

**Example 1:**

*Oil Painting*



**Quantitative data:**

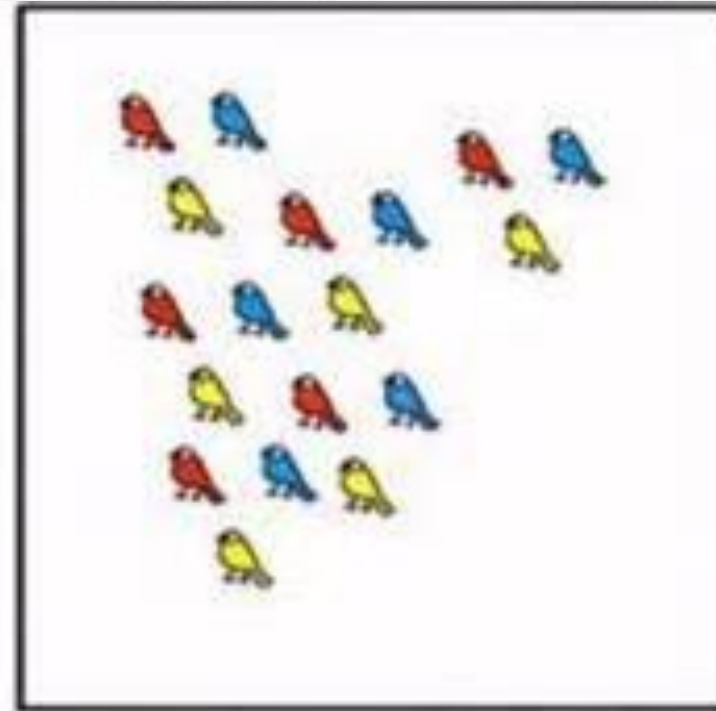
- picture is 10" by 14"
- with frame 14" by 18"
- weighs 8.5 pounds
- surface area of painting is 140 sq. in.
- cost \$300



# Qualitative VS Quantitative Data



13 Trees



Blue, Red, and Yellow Birds

## Qualitative VS Quantitative Data - Group Practice

You will now be given an object. You and your team must record 3 pieces of quantitative data and 3 pieces of qualitative data.

You may use any of the tools at the front of the room to collect your data.

## Quiz #1: Tuesday, September 5

Our first quiz will be in class on Tuesday. It will cover all of the material from Monday - Friday of this week (Scientific Method)

The quiz will be multiple choice and fill in the blank. There will be one short answer question that will involve you writing a hypothesis and designing a simple experiment.

To prepare, review the lecture notes and in class activities from this week.

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# **THE SCIENTIFIC METHOD**

**September 1, 2017**

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## Do Now - Get ready with paper and pencil (2 minute warning)

Write a complete hypothesis for the three following scenarios. You will have three minutes per scenario. Remember to use proper format (see below). This assignment is worth **10 points**.

“If \_\_\_\_\_(IV) then  
\_\_\_\_\_(DV),  
because\_\_\_\_\_.”

## **Do Now (Item 1) - 3 minutes**

Kasey lives in Moab, Utah. She likes to mountain bike for miles and miles until she can't bike anymore. She thinks that she can bike further when she drinks more than a liter of water before her bike ride. Please assist her in developing a hypothesis, so she can make the best of her future bike rides.



## Do Now (Item 2) - 3 minutes

Mr. Montanari has noticed that there is a wide range of grades that students get on tests, even though they are all in the same class. He wonders whether students, who study for 20 minutes per night, every night, get higher scores on tests or not. Please help him write a hypothesis.

## Do Now (Item 3) - 3 minutes

Jimmy notices that he tends to get lower grades when he does his science lab work with his friend Joe. Jimmy and Joe like to talk about basketball during science. Jimmy has decided to investigate if his science lab grades are higher when he works with Joe or if they're higher when he works with someone else. Help him write a hypothesis for his study.

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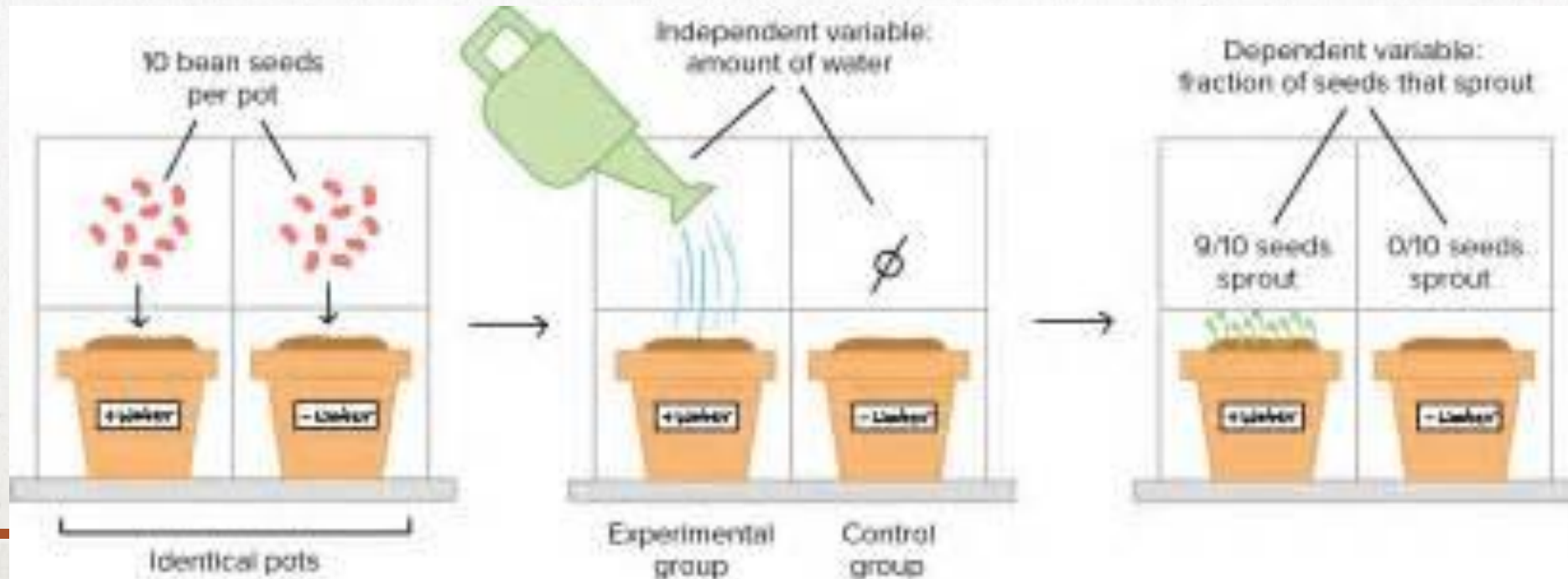
## Final notes about the Scientific Method

Most experiments involve at least two study groups:

- **Experimental Group:** a group of subject that will experience the effect of the Independent Variable
  - **Control Group:** a group that will not experience the effect of the Independent Variable (this group is used for comparison)
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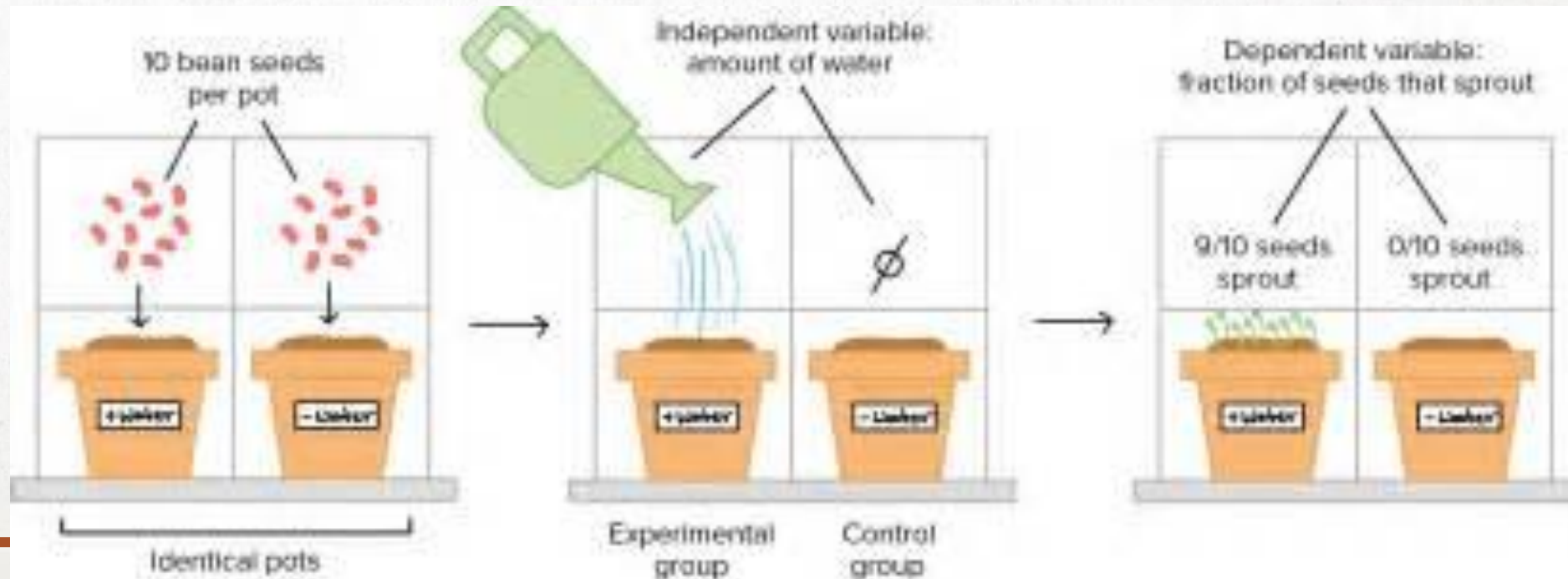
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For example: If you are interested in studying the effect that water has on plant growth, you could design an experiment like this:



## Final notes about the Scientific Method

**Control variables** are factors that must be kept constant across the experimental and control groups. What variables should we control in this experiment?





## Let's do an experiment

You will be assigned to a lab team for this assignment.

- Each team needs two data collectors and two data recorders
- Record notes/data in your notebook first, and then copy over your final answers on your lab report.
- The lab report should be completed collaboratively. Each student should write the answer at least one of the steps. This is your last assignment for this unit. **It is worth 20 points.**