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FREE Identifying Variables Practice

Worksheet

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Resource Summary

Objective:

Students will be able to identify independent, dependent, and control/constant variables.

Notes:

This worksheet is a designed as practice identifying variables, although it may be used as an introduction.

There are many other reasonable controls. Three common answers are listed on the answer key.

There may be various hypotheses/predictions.

Necessary Supplies/Materials

Identifying Variables Worksheet (included) Identifying Variables Worksheet Answer Key (included)

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DENTIFYING VARIABLES

For each testable question,

<u>underline</u> the independent variable, <u>circle</u> the dependent variable, and list 3 constant/control variables. Then, write a hypothesis or prediction.

<u>Independent Variable</u>- One thing that the experimenter changes on purpose <u>Dependent Variable</u>- Something that changes as a result of the independent variable (often what is measured) Constant/Control Variable - Something kept the same on purpose

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	on a line?						

Constant/Control Variables: _____

Hypothesis/Prediction: _____

2. How does the amount of light affect the growth of a plant?

Constant/Control Variables: _____

Hypothesis/Prediction: _____

3. How does the amount of oxygen in the water affect the oyster population?

Constant/Control Variables: _____

Hypothesis/Prediction: _____

4. How will the amount of fertilizer used on a field affect the number of earthworms found there?

Constant/Control Variables: _____

Hypothesis/Prediction: ______

5. How does the length of a string affect the number of times a pendulum will swing back and forth in 10 seconds?

Constant/Control Variables: _____

Hypothesis/Prediction: _____

6. How does the size of a bicycle tire affect the distance it will travel when it is pedaled in a given number of times?

Constant/Control Variables: _____

Hypothesis/Prediction: _____

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1. How does the <u>distance from an eye chart</u> affect the <u>number of letters</u> that are recognized on a line?

Constant/Control Variables: eye chart, position of viewer, light in room

Hypothesis/Prediction: _____

2. How does the **amount of light** affect the **growth of a plant**?

Constant/Control Variables: type of plant, amount of water, type/amount of soil

Hypothesis/Prediction: _____

3. How does the **amount of oxygen** in the water affect the **oyster population**?

Constant/Control Variables: temperature of water, location, time of year

Hypothesis/Prediction: _____

4. How will the **amount of fertilizer** used on a field affect the **number of earthworms found** there?

Constant/Control Variables: type of soil, temperature, amount of water

Hypothesis/Prediction: _____

5. How does the <u>length of a string</u> affect the <u>number of times a pendulum will swing</u> back and forth in 10 seconds?

Constant/Control Variables: <u>mass of pendulum, distance pulled back, height of pendulum</u> Hypothesis/Prediction: _____

6. How does the <u>size of a bicycle tire</u> affect the **distance it will trave** when it is pedaled in a given number of times?

Constant/Control Variables: inflation of tire, force of pedal, terrain (grass vs. blacktop)

Hypothesis/Prediction:

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