

Basic Algebra 1.6

Collect and organize data using sampling

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data

sample

frequency table

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cumulative frequency table

friendly
4-8 groups
same size

Sampling Criteria

A good sample is:

- representative of the larger population,
- selected at random, and
- large enough to provide accurate data.

$$n \geq 30$$

Static Electricity		
Time (s)	Frequency	Cumulative Frequency
15-24	8	8
25-34	9	17
→ 35-44	7	24
45-54	1	25



} running total

Refer to the chart at the right.

5. Make a frequency table to organize the data. (Example 2)
6. What number of goals was scored most frequently? (Example 3) 2
7. How many times did the team score 8 goals? (Example 3) 1
8. How many more times did the soccer team score six goals than three goals? (Example 3) 2

1		3
2		5
3		1 ←
4		4
5		3
6		3 ←
7		1
8		1

Number of Soccer Goals Scored This Season		
1	2	5
1	6	2
6	8	4
2	4	5
5	1	3
4	7	2
2	6	4

Goal: 4-8 groups

Determine whether each is a good sample. Describe what caused the bias in each poor sample. Explain.

10. Thirty people standing in a movie line are asked to name their favorite actor. no
11. Police stop every fifth car at a sobriety checkpoint. no
12. Every other household in a neighborhood of 240 homes is surveyed to determine how many people in the area recycle. yes
13. Every other household in a neighborhood of 20 homes is surveyed to determine the country's favorite presidential candidate. no
14. Every third student on a class roster is surveyed to determine the average number of hours students in the class spend on a computer. no
15. All people leaving a sporting goods store are asked to name their favorite golfer. no

