

#1: OBSERVATION

- ❑ To witness using the 5 senses (hearing, tasting, touching, smelling, sight)
 - ❑ Using an instrument to extend powers of observation
 - Ex- taking measurements (data)
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#2A: INFERENCE

- To interpret, predict or guess based on what you observe.
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#2B: Fact vs. Theory

- **FACT-** An observable and measureable account, accepted and known to be true

- **THEORY-**
 - An explanation of how a natural process occurs that has been supported by observations over a long period of time.

 - Accepted to be true, but can be changed or replaced as new data and discoveries arise.

#3: Steps of the SCIENTIFIC METHOD

- 1. Problem**(a question)
- 2. Hypothesis**(your prediction)
- 3. Materials** (what you need)
- 4. Procedure**(step by step plan)
- 5. Observation**...(measurement, data, graph)
- 6. Conclusion**(what you discover)
- 7. Error**(where mistakes and outside factors effected results)

"Please Help My Poor Old Cat Ernie"

#4: INDEPENDENT Variable

- The “I” change variable
 - **MANIPULATED** variable
 - What was changed before the experiment starts
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#5: DEPENDENT Variable

- **MEASURED** change in experiment
 - What you OBSERVE
 - Collect DATA on
 - Responds / reacts to the Independent Variable
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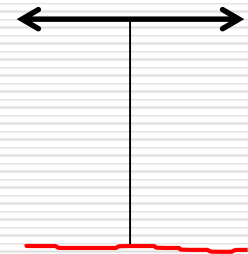
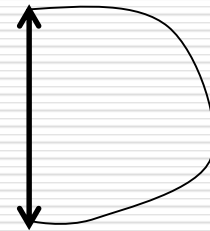
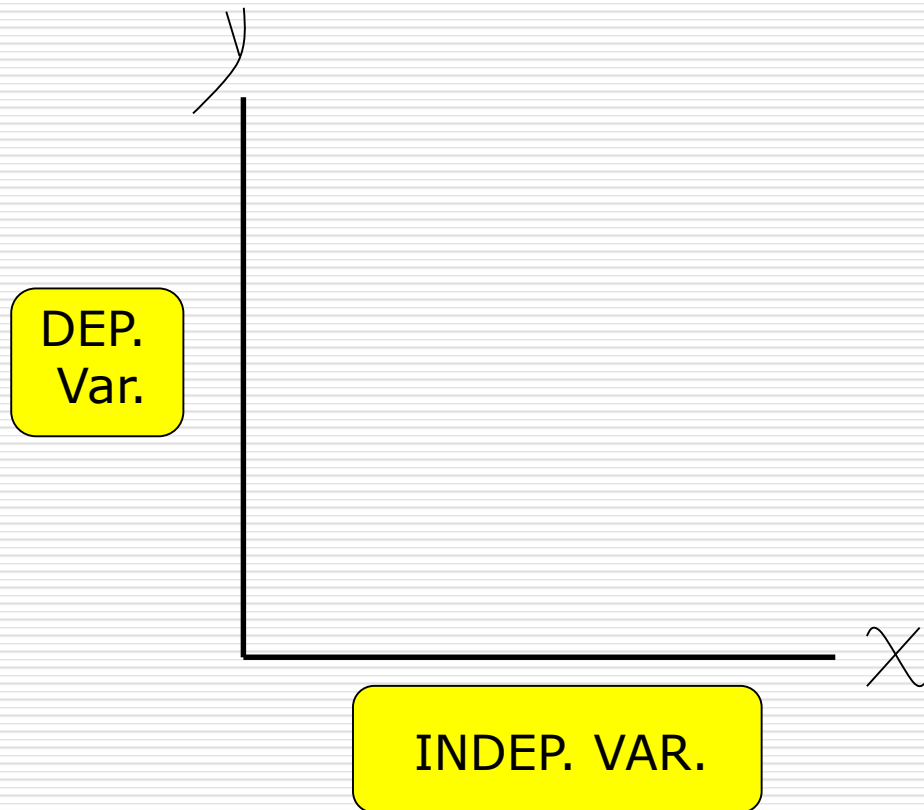
#6: Control Group vs. Experimental Group

- ❑ The EXPERIMENTAL Group gets the Independent Variable. Can have multiple experimental groups
 - ❑ **CONTROL** group is exactly the **same** ***minus the independent variable***
 - ❑ You compare the results of the experimental group to the control group.
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#6B: CONSTANTS

- Variables that are “controlled”
 - Conditions kept equal
 - **All factors** through all test groups and parameters of the experiment must be kept the **SAME**
 - AKA:
 - “**control factors**” or
 - “**controlled variables**”
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#6C: Graphing Variables



#7: Tools of Measurement

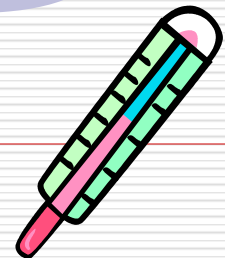
□ Length: Ruler (cm) 

□ Volume: Graduated Cylinder (ml or cc)

□ Mass: Triple Beam Balance



□ Temperature: Thermometer



#8: MASS

- ❑ The amount of MATTER (**atoms and molecules**) in a substance.
 - ❑ Measured in Grams (g)
 - ❑ Mass is not Weight!
 - ❑ Weight is mass x gravity
 - ❑ An object has a downward force or weight due to it's mass and gravity
 - ❑ Instrument - **TRIPLE BEAM BALANCE**
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#9: VOLUME

- ❑ The amount of SPACE an object takes up
 - ❑ Measured in cm^3 or ml
 - ❑ Regular solid = $L \times W \times H$
 - ❑ Irregular solids = water displacement method
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#10: DENSITY

- ☐ **Amount of Mass per Volume**
 - ☐ **# of grams (g) in a ml or cm³ or cc**
 - ☐ **$D = M/V$**
 - ☐ **Units:**
 - ☐ **g/cc**
 - ☐ **g/ml**
 - ☐ **g/cm³**
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#10B: Density Facts

- Density never changes for a pure substance
 - It is a PROPERTY of matter
 - Ex- Aluminum is 2.7 g/cc
 - If you cut it in half each piece is still 2.7 g/cc
 - Water is 1.0 g/cc
 - Greater then will sink
 - Less then will float
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#11: Latitude and Longitude

□ Latitude

- Measures N and S of EQUATOR (0°)
- Lines are PARALLEL 
- Goes up to 90° North and South
- Divides Earth into Northern / Southern Hemisphere

□ Longitude

- Measures E – W of PRIME MERIDIAN (0°)
 - Lines meet at the poles
 - 180° (international date line) highest
 - Divides Earth into Eastern /Western Hemisphere
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#11b: Topographic Maps

- Each line represents an **ELEVATION** or height above sea-level.
- Lines **CLOSE = STEEP** gradient
- The amount each line goes up is the **CONTOUR INTERVAL**
- Ex: BALD HILL
 - Contour Interval
100ft

