

# TYPES OF DATA

## Categorical

- Deals with descriptions (and/or attributes).
- Data can be observed, but not measured.
- Colors, Textures, Appearance, Types, Kinds, Brands, ETC.

## Quantitative

- Deals with numbers.
- Data can be measured.
- Length, Height, Area, Volume, Weight, Speed, Time, Temperature, Cost, Age, ETC.

Categorical vs. Quantitative Data & Box Plots WS

"Descriptions"

Categorical: Also called qualitative or attribute variables.

"Numbers"

Quantitative: The values of a quantitative variable can be ordered and measured.

I. Determine whether the following variables are categorical (C) or quantitative (Q)

1. Brand of vehicle purchased by a customer Categorical
2. Price of a CD Quantitative
3. Number of students in a class of 30 who prefer peanut M&Ms over plain M&Ms Quantitative
4. Phone number of all the students enrolled in school. Categorical
5. The height of a 1 year old child. Quantitative
6. Number of students in a class of 35 who turn in a term paper before the due date. Quantitative
7. Gender of the next baby born at a particular hospital. Categorical
8. Amount of fluid (oz) dispensed by a machine used to fill bottles with soda. Quantitative
9. Thickness of the gelatin coating of a Vitamin C capsule Quantitative
10. Brand of computer purchased by a customer. Categorical
11. State of birth for someone born in the United States. Categorical
12. Price of a textbook Quantitative
13. Actual weight of coffee in a one pound can. Quantitative
14. The length of a rattlesnake. Quantitative

II. Box Plot

Minimum: <u>Smallest Value</u>	Mean: <u>Average (add up, divide)</u>
Q <sub>1</sub> : <u>Lower Quartile</u>	Range: <u>Maximum - Minimum</u>
Median: <u>Q<sub>2</sub> Middle # (If two numbers share, take the average)</u>	IQR: <u>The distance between Q<sub>1</sub> and Q<sub>3</sub></u>
Q <sub>3</sub> : <u>Upper Quartile</u>	Outliers: <u>Point distinctly separate/alone.</u>
Maximum: <u>Largest Value</u>	<u><math>&lt; Q_1 - 1.5 \times IQR</math> / <math>&lt; Q_3 + 1.5 \times IQR</math></u>

★ Line 1  
★ Line 2  
★ Line 3

1. Paper Clip Activity

Answers May Vary!

Mr. Morton

List the data values in order from least to greatest.


Complete the following table.

Minimum	Lower Quartile	Median	Upper Quartile	Maximum

Create a box plot to display the data.



Are there any outliers?

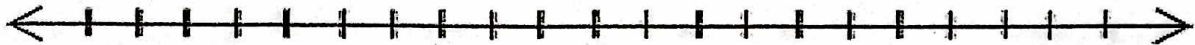
2. Age of Youngest Parent

List the data values in order from least to greatest.


Complete the following table.

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Create a box plot to display the data.



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