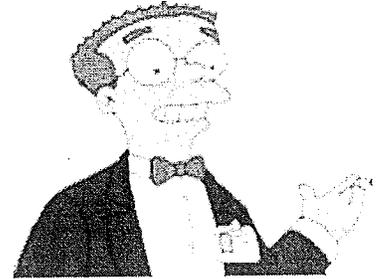


Controls and Variables

A. Smithers thinks that a special juice will increase the productivity of workers. He creates two groups of 50 workers each and assigns each group the same task (in this case, they're supposed to staple a set of papers). Group A is given the special juice to drink while they work. Group B is not given the special juice. After an hour, Smithers counts how many stacks of papers each group has made. Group A made 1,587 stacks, Group B made 2,113 stacks.

Identify the:

1. Control Group: _____
2. Experimental Group: _____
3. Variable: _____
4. What should Smithers' conclusion be?



5. How could this experiment be improved?

B. Homer notices that his shower is covered in a strange green slime. His friend Barney tells him that coconut juice will get rid of the green slime. Homer decides to check this out by spraying half of the shower with coconut juice. He sprays the other half of the shower with water. After 3 days of "treatment" there is no change in the appearance of the green slime on either side of the shower.

Identify the:

1. Control Group: _____
2. Experimental Group: _____
3. Variable: _____
4. What should Homer's conclusion be?

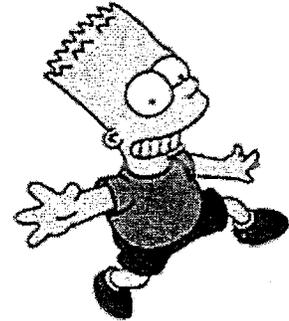


5. How could this experiment be improved?

C. Bart believes that mice exposed to radio waves will become extra strong (maybe he's been reading too much Radioactive Man). He decides to perform this experiment by placing 10 mice near a radio for 5 hours. He compared these 10 mice to another 10 mice that had not been exposed. His test consisted of a heavy block of wood that blocked the mouse food. He found that 8 out of 10 of the radio waved mice were able to push the block away. 7 out of 10 of the other mice were able to do the same.

Identify the:

1. Control Group: _____
2. Experimental Group: _____
3. Variable: _____
4. What should Bart's conclusion be?

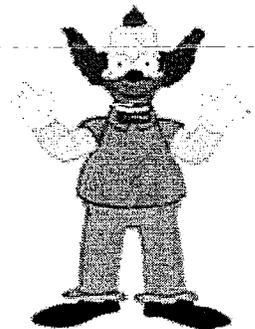


5. How could this experiment be improved?

D. Krusty was told that a certain itching powder was the newest best thing on the market, it even claims to cause 50% longer lasting itches. Interested in this product, he buys the itching powder and compares it to his usual product. One test subject (A) is sprinkled with the original itching powder, and another test subject (B) was sprinkled with the Experimental itching powder. Subject A reported having itches for 30 minutes. Subject B reported to have itches for 45 minutes

Identify the:

1. Control Group: _____
2. Experimental Group: _____
3. Variable: _____
4. What should Krusty's conclusion be?



5. How could this experiment be improved?

