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# Populations and Samples

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**example:** A factory produces 20,000 cans of soup daily. Quality testing each can is not realistic. Instead, 50 random cans are tested.

The **population** is all 20,000 cans of soup produced.

The **sample** is the 50 cans of soup tested.

Read the following questions and answer them.



2. All salad bar foods must be kept below a certain temperature for safety reasons. Yaakov tests 5 different foods hourly to ensure compliance.

What is the **sample**?

the different foods  
tested hourly

the foods that are  
too warm

the foods served  
at the salad bar

3. *Smart Electronics* magazine is verifying the battery life claims for this year's Model X phones. They test 10 phones under different usage conditions.

What is the **population**?

all new phones  
made this year

all Model X phones  
made this year

10 tested  
Model X phones

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350 current players of  
Jream's Journey

350 players who  
beat Jream's Journey

people who play  
Jream's Journey

5. Southland School District wants to improve engagement with its students' guardians. They ask 500 guardians what methods most engage them.

What is the **population**?

500 guardians in  
the school district

adults in the  
school district

guardians of students  
in the school district



from 218 people after setting up a tree sample station.

What is the **population**?

shoppers at  
Mekhi's Mart

shoppers who  
buy cereal

218 people who  
gave feedback

8. Three candidates are running for town mayor. A newspaper tries to predict the outcome using the results of a 300-voter poll.

What is the **sample**?

the town's  
voting-aged citizens

the mayoral  
candidates

the polled  
voters

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