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Check the box to tell what kind of data each question will produce.

	Qualitative	Quantitative
1. Which car has the highest fuel efficiency?		





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8. What matters most when buying a phone?		
9. At what temperature do different liquids freeze?		
10. Which frosting pairs best with chocolate cake?		

A survey asks customers to rank a product's quality on a scale of 1–10. This question

will produce _____

_____ data.

(qualitative/quantitative)

The survey then asks customers to explain their chosen quality score. This question will

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ANSWER KEY

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