

1 01:00:45:20 01:00:49:00 MAN:
How is the data distributed
for the different years?

2 01:00:49:02 01:00:51:22 I want them
to experience statistics

3 01:00:51:24 01:00:53:25 as a problem-solving process.

4 01:00:53:27 01:00:57:11 WOMAN:
Statistics is detective work.

5 01:00:57:13 01:01:00:20 Will exercising
make you live longer?

6 01:01:00:22 01:01:02:22 Are hormones good or bad
for your heart?

7 01:01:03:24 01:01:04:26 170.

8 01:01:04:28 01:01:06:11 MAN:
Why aren't people, through time

9 01:01:06:13 01:01:07:27 getting taller?

10 01:01:07:29 01:01:10:10 What are
the socioeconomic causes?

11 01:01:12:18 01:01:15:13 Statistics is a process,
a vision of learning.

12 01:01:20:02 01:01:22:02 Think about the question
"What is statistics?"

13 01:01:22:04 01:01:24:03 And what I'd like
to begin with today

14 01:01:24:05 01:01:26:14 is just to have you
get together in groups

15 01:01:26:16 01:01:29:02 and share your different ideas
with each other.

16 01:01:29:04 01:01:31:13 MAN:
...would be a representation
of the data?

17 01:01:31:15 01:01:34:22 NARRATOR:
A group of 17 K-through-8
teachers gathers

18 01:01:34:24 01:01:38:20 for a workshop on data analysis,
statistics and probability.

19 01:01:38:22 01:01:40:20 WOMAN:
And the next one.

20 01:01:40:22 01:01:43:22 We have all the different
categories that would go here.

21 01:01:43:24 01:01:45:17 We have "Limiting
the Sampling..."

22 01:01:45:19 01:01:46:29 NARRATOR:
The facilitator

23 01:01:47:01 01:01:49:29 Professor Gary Kader
of Appalachian State University

24 01:01:50:01 01:01:53:16 begins with the question
"What is statistics?"

25 01:01:53:18 01:01:56:06 KADER:
Let's just pick on the
blue group for a minute.

26 01:01:56:08 01:01:58:17 The blue group says:
"We gather data.

27 01:01:58:19 01:02:01:08 "Organizing data, analyzing data

28 01:02:01:10 01:02:03:25 presenting/explaining..."

29 01:02:03:27 01:02:04:28 What?

30	01:02:05:00	01:02:06:05	What was your thought here?
31	01:02:06:07	01:02:07:12	"Presenting/explaining..."
32	01:02:07:14	01:02:08:15	The data.
33	01:02:08:17	01:02:09:27	KADER: The data. See?
34	01:02:09:29	01:02:11:23	Drawing conclusions from...?
35	01:02:11:25	01:02:12:24	CLASS: The data.
36	01:02:12:26	01:02:13:24	The data.
37	01:02:13:26	01:02:15:09	KADER: In today's session
38	01:02:15:11	01:02:18:05	the key concept to develop for the teachers is...
39	01:02:18:07	01:02:22:18	is the notion that statistics <i>is</i> this problem-solving process.
40	01:02:22:20	01:02:24:21	KADER: This one, I think, is very interesting.
41	01:02:24:23	01:02:26:06	I'd... I'd like the green group
42	01:02:26:08	01:02:28:25	to elaborate somewhat on what they're doing there.
43	01:02:28:27	01:02:31:06	That's a very fascinating way
44	01:02:31:08	01:02:33:16	of presenting what's going on in statistics.
45	01:02:33:18	01:02:35:03	MAN: Our little web--
46	01:02:35:05	01:02:37:16	we're all set to turn that right into a written report.
47	01:02:37:18	01:02:38:28	(<i>laughing</i>): Are you?
48	01:02:39:00	01:02:40:13	MAN: We're ready.
49	01:02:40:15	01:02:43:04	We broke it down into two parts: your plan and design
50	01:02:43:06	01:02:45:10	and then into your collecting of your data.
51	01:02:45:12	01:02:48:17	Uh-huh, yes, "collecting data" appears in almost all of them
52	01:02:48:19	01:02:52:19	as does the "organizing data," "representing the data"
53	01:02:52:21	01:02:58:00	which I think of, in some vein, as... as organizing data.
54	01:02:58:02	01:02:59:14	"Analysis and..."
55	01:02:59:16	01:03:00:16	WOMAN: "Inferences."
56	01:03:00:18	01:03:01:23	"Inferences."
57	01:03:01:25	01:03:03:14	KADER: Hmm. What do you mean by that?
58	01:03:03:16	01:03:04:26	What do <i>I</i> mean by the analy...?
59	01:03:04:28	01:03:06:06	KADER: Uh-huh.
60	01:03:06:08	01:03:08:12	You need to take a look at what your information...

61 01:03:08:14 01:03:10:08 and see if what you
are actually collecting

62 01:03:10:10 01:03:13:00 is what you are
actually looking for.

63 01:03:13:02 01:03:15:20 Uh-huh, okay.

64 01:03:15:22 01:03:17:04 And then finally "conclusions."

65 01:03:17:06 01:03:18:12 Very nice.

66 01:03:18:14 01:03:20:02 Very nice summary
of what statistics...

67 01:03:20:04 01:03:21:06 All these are great ideas

68 01:03:21:08 01:03:22:25 and they're all related
to statistics.

69 01:03:22:27 01:03:24:25 And I think it's better
for you to sort of say

70 01:03:24:27 01:03:27:10 "Well, these are the things
I think go on in statistics"

71 01:03:27:12 01:03:28:24 instead of me
just getting up here

72 01:03:28:26 01:03:30:15 and giving you a list
of those things.

73 01:03:30:17 01:03:32:28 We may add some things
to this list as we go on

74 01:03:33:00 01:03:35:12 but I think this is
a real good starting point

75 01:03:35:14 01:03:37:10 for what we want to do
in this class.

76 01:03:37:12 01:03:41:24 NARRATOR:
Next, the teachers conduct
a statistical investigation.

77 01:03:41:26 01:03:45:07 I'd like you to think about
this problem or this question:

78 01:03:45:09 01:03:48:15 What piece of information might
you be interested in knowing

79 01:03:48:17 01:03:51:00 about the other folks
in this room?

80 01:03:51:02 01:03:54:16 I'd then like you
to collect the data.

81 01:03:54:18 01:03:56:05 Clearly, you're
going to need data

82 01:03:56:07 01:03:58:19 if you're going to do
a statistical investigation.

83 01:03:58:21 01:04:00:22 That's kind of
the critical element.

84 01:04:00:24 01:04:04:03 A lot of you have mentioned
representing the data

85 01:04:04:05 01:04:07:19 with graphs and tallies
and those sorts of things

86 01:04:07:21 01:04:10:11 organizing the data,
analyzing the data

87 01:04:10:13 01:04:13:07 presenting the data, okay?

88 01:04:13:09 01:04:16:14 I think statistics is best
learned by doing statistics.

89 01:04:16:16 01:04:18:12 It's where you
have little...

90 01:04:18:14 01:04:20:28 KADER:
You learn how to do things

when you do them.
 91 01:04:21:00 01:04:26:15 You come to better understand
 things by doing.
 92 01:04:26:17 01:04:28:04 NARRATOR:
 Professor Kader suggests
 93 01:04:28:06 01:04:30:03 that the teachers begin
 the investigation
 94 01:04:30:05 01:04:32:10 by asking a question
 and then collecting data.
 95 01:04:32:12 01:04:33:16 WOMAN:
 We'd like to know
 96 01:04:33:18 01:04:35:01 how many years
 you've been teaching
 97 01:04:35:03 01:04:37:11 and in how many school systems
 you've been teaching.
 98 01:04:37:13 01:04:40:05 Okay, we could
 do that.
 99 01:04:40:07 01:04:42:03 Most of them did not
 think about the idea
 100 01:04:42:05 01:04:44:14 that when you do statistics,
 you have to first ask
 101 01:04:44:16 01:04:46:22 a question that you can answer
 with statistics.
 102 01:04:46:24 01:04:49:00 I've been teaching
 nine years...
 103 01:04:49:02 01:04:49:23 Nine?
 104 01:04:49:25 01:04:50:23 In one system.
 105 01:04:50:25 01:04:51:17 One.
 106 01:04:51:19 01:04:52:17 35 years,
 three.
 107 01:04:52:19 01:04:54:20 Three.
 108 01:04:54:22 01:04:55:24 WOMAN:
 14, one system.
 109 01:04:55:26 01:04:56:24 Fourteen.
 110 01:04:56:26 01:04:58:01 35, one system.
 111 01:04:58:03 01:04:59:06 God bless you.
 112 01:04:59:08 01:05:01:11 Wonderful.
 113 01:05:01:13 01:05:05:05 Okay, we're doing a survey
 on elementary schools
 114 01:05:05:07 01:05:07:16 and what level you teach at.
 115 01:05:07:18 01:05:09:05 We're also trying to decide
 116 01:05:09:07 01:05:13:03 if the females are teaching more
 in the younger elementary grades
 117 01:05:13:05 01:05:15:14 and the males are
 in the higher grades.
 118 01:05:15:16 01:05:18:09 So, can you please
 tell us what grade
 level you teach?
 119 01:05:18:11 01:05:20:10 I teach a first/second grade,
 it's multigrade.
 120 01:05:20:12 01:05:22:11 Okay.
 121 01:05:22:13 01:05:24:13 WOMAN:
 And I teach second grade.
 122 01:05:24:15 01:05:27:00 WOMAN 2:
 Ten to 12,
 high school.

123 01:05:27:02 01:05:28:12 WOMAN 3:
In grade six.

124 01:05:28:14 01:05:31:05 NARRATOR:
Next, the teachers
graph the data

125 01:05:31:07 01:05:33:09 so they can analyze the results.

126 01:05:33:11 01:05:34:27 WOMAN:
What we're going to be doing

127 01:05:34:29 01:05:36:29 is we're going to be putting
our data in order

128 01:05:37:01 01:05:40:02 to look at what kind
of representation

129 01:05:40:04 01:05:42:11 would be the best way
to handle this information.

130 01:05:42:13 01:05:43:17 If we use a line plot

131 01:05:43:19 01:05:46:25 we're thinking of
the scale of the line plot

132 01:05:46:27 01:05:49:29 would have to go from...
this is the range

133 01:05:50:01 01:05:52:19 and it would have to go
from zero to 35.

134 01:05:52:21 01:05:55:16 And we could do one increments
but not label every one.

135 01:05:55:18 01:05:57:08 Would that
be okay?

136 01:05:57:10 01:05:58:29 BOTH:
Mm-hmm.

137 01:05:59:01 01:06:01:10 How much space do you want?
Because we've got...

138 01:06:01:12 01:06:02:10 Oh, yeah.

139 01:06:02:12 01:06:03:25 Maybe we can't...
let's decide.

140 01:06:03:27 01:06:05:23 We can make the bar...
six, two inches each.

141 01:06:05:25 01:06:06:26 Okay.

142 01:06:06:28 01:06:08:23 Let's see, how many bars
do you have?

143 01:06:08:25 01:06:09:26 Six, right?

144 01:06:09:28 01:06:10:26 Right.

145 01:06:10:28 01:06:11:26 Let's see.

146 01:06:11:28 01:06:12:26 Let's plan.

147 01:06:12:28 01:06:14:04 Let's see.

148 01:06:14:06 01:06:16:26 Six... six times two
is 12 inches...

149 01:06:16:28 01:06:18:08 Twelve.

150 01:06:18:10 01:06:21:03 And then we need to have...
let's leave one inch here.

151 01:06:21:05 01:06:23:05 One and one.

152 01:06:23:07 01:06:25:01 KADER:
The goal of the activity

153 01:06:25:03 01:06:28:07 is to get them active
and to get them to thinking

154 01:06:28:09 01:06:30:27 about doing statistics
in their classroom

155 01:06:30:29 01:06:32:28 in this activity-based format.

156 01:06:33:00 01:06:36:10 WOMAN:

If we use one,
it's going to be a long range.

157 01:06:36:12 01:06:38:28 We might want to use five...
one, five

158 01:06:39:00 01:06:42:15 instead of... because
you're going to have
from one to 35.

159 01:06:42:17 01:06:43:21 That's a big, big gap.

160 01:06:43:23 01:06:44:26 WOMAN:
Exactly.

161 01:06:44:28 01:06:46:18 So this is going to be
"Number of Years"

162 01:06:46:20 01:06:47:26 working outside of education.

163 01:06:47:28 01:06:49:02 Uh-huh, by intervals.

164 01:06:49:04 01:06:51:07 And we're going to have
"Number of years."

165 01:06:51:09 01:06:52:24 Mm-hmm.

166 01:06:52:26 01:06:54:06 Let's say "Zero to two."

167 01:06:54:08 01:06:55:23 Mm-hmm,
the different years.

168 01:06:55:25 01:06:56:23 "Three to five."

169 01:06:56:25 01:06:57:23 Mm-hmm.

170 01:06:57:25 01:06:58:23 "Six to eight."

171 01:06:58:25 01:06:59:20 Mm-hmm.

172 01:06:59:22 01:07:00:16 KADER:
Okay.

173 01:07:00:18 01:07:01:29 I think we've learned

174 01:07:02:01 01:07:04:05 some interesting things
about this group of people.

175 01:07:04:07 01:07:05:17 I've asked each group

176 01:07:05:19 01:07:07:18 to identify one...
at least one representative

177 01:07:07:20 01:07:10:09 to talk about what it is
they've learned about the group.

178 01:07:10:11 01:07:12:22 Come on up.

179 01:07:12:24 01:07:15:13 Well, one of the things
that we felt was difficult

180 01:07:15:15 01:07:17:13 was coming up
with the right question

181 01:07:17:15 01:07:20:12 and as you can see, the "Years
of teaching experience"

182 01:07:20:14 01:07:22:22 was a question
that everybody asked.

183 01:07:22:24 01:07:24:14 And we collected the data

184 01:07:24:16 01:07:27:01 and decided to show it
in a line plot.

185 01:07:27:03 01:07:28:08 One of the reasons

186 01:07:28:10 01:07:30:02 that we decided to show it
in a line plot

187 01:07:30:04 01:07:32:29 is we thought that
it might be more interesting

188 01:07:33:01 01:07:35:11 that the data might have skewed
in different directions

189 01:07:35:13 01:07:36:18 and we found that actually

190 01:07:36:20 01:07:38:11 it wasn't as interesting
as we thought.

191 01:07:38:13 01:07:41:28 Then we decided to see where
the people were teaching--

192 01:07:42:00 01:07:43:13 what grade level
were you teaching.

193 01:07:43:15 01:07:46:24 And we found that
to best represent that data

194 01:07:46:26 01:07:48:24 we made a frequency table.

195 01:07:48:26 01:07:52:15 And we have grade levels
one through high school.

196 01:07:52:17 01:07:54:11 What we did discover, though

197 01:07:54:13 01:07:57:06 was that you can teach data...
statistical analysis

198 01:07:57:08 01:08:01:10 in every grade level, so that
this is a good representation.

199 01:08:01:12 01:08:03:17 We do have a representation
of every grade

200 01:08:03:19 01:08:05:19 except for kindergarten
and grade four.

201 01:08:05:21 01:08:06:18 Very good.

202 01:08:06:20 01:08:07:26 (*class applauds*)

203 01:08:07:28 01:08:09:28 KADER:
Okay, thank you, group three.

204 01:08:10:00 01:08:11:13 And group four.

205 01:08:11:15 01:08:12:29 WOMAN:
All right.

206 01:08:13:01 01:08:15:02 For years of working
outside of education

207 01:08:15:04 01:08:16:21 we found that the majority of us

208 01:08:16:23 01:08:21:02 went into education
within at least two years

209 01:08:21:04 01:08:22:27 after leaving and
getting our degrees.

210 01:08:22:29 01:08:25:01 Actually there were
eight that were zero--

211 01:08:25:03 01:08:27:21 right... in other
words, no years of
any other occupation.

212 01:08:27:23 01:08:29:26 And then the rest,
from three to five years--

213 01:08:29:28 01:08:31:11 there were three people

214 01:08:31:13 01:08:33:27 who had worked for
three to five years
outside of education.

215 01:08:33:29 01:08:36:02 Two people worked
for six to eight years

216 01:08:36:04 01:08:37:17 outside of education.

217 01:08:37:19 01:08:40:23 And then there were
three who worked for
nine or more years

218 01:08:40:25 01:08:42:17 outside the field
of education.

219 01:08:42:19 01:08:44:18 But what we intended to show
didn't work out.

220 01:08:44:20 01:08:45:27 If you...

221 01:08:45:29 01:08:48:11 One thing we found that was
kind of interesting is

222 01:08:48:13 01:08:50:02 we thought that
most of the people

223 01:08:50:04 01:08:52:18 that fell in
the education category

224 01:08:52:20 01:08:56:08 who... their undergrad was
in some type of education...

225 01:08:56:10 01:08:58:19 would probably fall
on this chart

226 01:08:58:21 01:09:02:23 between the zero
and two years.

227 01:09:02:25 01:09:04:28 We thought these people
would come out of college

228 01:09:05:00 01:09:06:12 and know "I want
to be a teacher"

229 01:09:06:14 01:09:07:21 and go right into education.

230 01:09:07:23 01:09:09:02 But that wasn't the case.

231 01:09:09:04 01:09:11:08 I think one person had
five years' experience

232 01:09:11:10 01:09:13:24 in another field, and another
person had seven years

233 01:09:13:26 01:09:17:12 so we didn't find a very good
correlation between the two.

234 01:09:17:14 01:09:20:01 KADER:
Didn't you indicate
in your discussion

235 01:09:20:03 01:09:21:19 that there was another question

236 01:09:21:21 01:09:23:24 that... that you wish
you had addressed?

237 01:09:23:26 01:09:26:10 We thought maybe
the reason why
that is the case

238 01:09:26:12 01:09:28:01 is maybe when
these people graduated

239 01:09:28:03 01:09:30:04 there weren't many jobs
out there available.

240 01:09:30:06 01:09:32:07 So we thought maybe
if we knew people's ages

241 01:09:32:09 01:09:33:20 that would help a little bit

242 01:09:33:22 01:09:36:07 to help us understand
why that was the case.

243 01:09:36:09 01:09:37:20 KADER:
And that often happens

244 01:09:37:22 01:09:40:00 that you discover after
you've done your investigation

245 01:09:40:02 01:09:43:08 that "Gosh, I wish
I had asked this," so...

246 01:09:43:10 01:09:46:16 I think what we've just seen is
really the way statistics works.

247 01:09:46:18 01:09:48:16 To use statistics,
we have to have data;

248 01:09:48:18 01:09:50:21 to get data, we have
to ask a question

249 01:09:50:23 01:09:52:19 where we measure some variable.

250 01:09:52:21 01:09:56:28 In fact, I think of statistics
as having four ingredients.

251 01:09:57:00 01:09:59:24 I think of statistics

252 01:09:59:26 as a problem-solving process
 01:10:03:17 and doing a statistical
 investigation begins
 253 01:10:03:19 01:10:08:11 by taking the problem and
 asking a statistics question:
 254 01:10:08:13 01:10:09:25 "How long have
 you been teaching?"
 255 01:10:09:27 01:10:11:25 "What was your major
 in undergraduate school?"
 256 01:10:11:27 01:10:14:09 "How many years have you
 been out of education?"
 257 01:10:14:11 01:10:15:27 Those sorts of questions, okay.
 258 01:10:15:29 01:10:18:28 Once we decide what question
 we want to ask in statistics
 259 01:10:19:00 01:10:23:19 we collect appropriate data,
 if that's at all possible.
 260 01:10:23:21 01:10:26:10 We analyze the data,
 we interpret the results.
 261 01:10:26:12 01:10:29:10 One of the things I think
 that was very interesting
 262 01:10:29:12 01:10:30:19 that happened in this group
 263 01:10:30:21 01:10:32:17 is this is not
 a sequential process always.
 264 01:10:32:19 01:10:34:01 A lot of times when we get here
 265 01:10:34:03 01:10:35:19 we say, "Oh, I want
 something else"
 266 01:10:35:21 01:10:37:27 and we start the process
 all over again.
 267 01:10:37:29 01:10:39:16 It's a cyclical process.
 268 01:10:39:18 01:10:41:23 It's not necessarily sequential.
 269 01:10:41:25 01:10:44:02 You can move
 from collecting data
 270 01:10:44:04 01:10:47:02 back to asking
 the question again.
 271 01:10:47:04 01:10:48:22 Often those kinds
 of things occur.
 272 01:10:48:24 01:10:51:06 NARRATOR:
 Next, Professor Kader
 introduces an activity
 273 01:10:51:08 01:10:53:09 where the teachers gain
 additional experience
 274 01:10:53:11 01:10:54:24 in collecting data.
 275 01:10:54:26 01:10:57:05 KADER:
 ...because the data
 is really the heart
 276 01:10:57:07 01:10:58:20 of what goes on in statistics.
 277 01:10:58:22 01:11:00:29 So to really kind of come
 to an understanding
 278 01:11:01:01 01:11:03:13 of the kinds of things
 you do with that data
 279 01:11:03:15 01:11:05:29 I think you need
 to experience collecting it.
 280 01:11:06:01 01:11:07:24 That makes sense,
 that's good.
 281 01:11:07:26 01:11:13:00 KADER:
 Collecting data gives students a

282 01:11:13:02 sense of ownership of that data.
 01:11:16:21 It makes the kinds of ways
 you look at the data
 283 01:11:16:23 01:11:19:10 and the analysis
 more reasonable.
 284 01:11:19:12 01:11:24:01 It gives you more insight,
 I think, into the whole process.
 285 01:11:24:03 01:11:26:18 Now, you're going to be working
 in pairs and...
 286 01:11:26:20 01:11:29:17 NARRATOR:
 Professor Kader introduces
 the first problem:
 287 01:11:29:19 01:11:33:01 "How many inches wide
 is the classroom?"
 288 01:11:33:03 01:11:36:13 He then asks the teachers
 to collect three measurements
 289 01:11:36:15 01:11:41:01 using three different
 measuring instruments:
 290 01:11:41:03 01:11:43:23 a person's stride,
 a 12-inch ruler
 291 01:11:43:25 01:11:46:14 and a tape measure.
 292 01:11:46:16 01:11:48:04 Ready?
 293 01:11:48:06 01:11:49:20 (*teachers conversing*)
 294 01:11:49:22 01:11:52:27 KADER:
 The activity "Measuring
 the Width of the Room"
 295 01:11:52:29 01:11:56:26 is designed to have the teachers
 think about how they get data
 296 01:11:56:28 01:12:01:22 and to recognize that there are
 different measuring instruments
 297 01:12:01:24 01:12:05:20 that one might use in measuring
 how wide the room is
 298 01:12:05:22 01:12:08:21 and that each
 measuring instrument
 299 01:12:08:23 01:12:11:22 has its strengths
 and weaknesses.
 300 01:12:11:24 01:12:13:25 Nine strides
 301 01:12:13:27 01:12:15:24 and my stride is
 exactly 36 inches
 302 01:12:15:26 01:12:18:19 so nine times 36 inches
 and we have our total.
 303 01:12:18:21 01:12:20:22 (*person coughing*)
 304 01:12:20:24 01:12:22:15 Twenty.
 305 01:12:22:17 01:12:26:27 KADER:
 The goal of the activity is
 to have the teachers thinking
 306 01:12:26:29 01:12:29:06 about the fact that
 there's variation in data
 307 01:12:29:08 01:12:32:18 and that there are lots
 of sources of variation in data.
 308 01:12:32:20 01:12:33:24 Yeah.
 309 01:12:33:26 01:12:36:00 But, you know,
 that's not bad, 15.
 310 01:12:36:02 01:12:37:02 (*laughs*)
 311 01:12:37:04 01:12:37:22 Seventy-six.
 312 01:12:37:24 01:12:38:15 Plus two more?

313 01:12:38:17 01:12:39:06 Plus...
 314 01:12:39:08 01:12:40:00 Eleven and a...
 315 01:12:40:02 01:12:41:00 Thirteen and a quarter.
 316 01:12:41:02 01:12:43:03 And 289,
 that's really off.
 317 01:12:47:11 01:12:49:04 292½.
 318 01:12:51:04 01:12:51:25 292½.
 319 01:12:51:27 01:12:53:00 292½.
 320 01:12:53:02 01:12:54:15 WOMAN:
 So that's not as... as far.
 321 01:12:54:17 01:12:55:22 MAN:
 What did you get, Ellen?
 322 01:12:55:24 01:12:58:10 292.
 323 01:12:58:12 01:13:00:15 KADER:
 If you wanted to know
 how wide the room is
 324 01:13:00:17 01:13:03:04 you might say, "Well, I think
 a pace is about a yard for me.
 325 01:13:03:06 01:13:04:09 "I'll step it off in yards
 326 01:13:04:11 01:13:06:02 and I can get...
 I can get an estimate"--
 327 01:13:06:04 01:13:07:19 not necessarily a very good one.
 328 01:13:07:21 01:13:10:09 And on the other hand, if I do
 happen to have a tape measure
 329 01:13:10:11 01:13:12:29 then I can get
 a pretty good indication
 330 01:13:13:01 01:13:14:18 of how wide the room is.
 331 01:13:14:20 01:13:16:09 KADER:
 What do you think?
 332 01:13:16:11 01:13:19:26 NARRATOR:
 The class returns to its seats
 to compare results
 333 01:13:19:28 01:13:21:13 and notices that group six
 334 01:13:21:15 01:13:24:06 is the most consistent
 in its data collection.
 335 01:13:24:08 01:13:25:23 KADER:
 Ahh, their three numbers
 336 01:13:25:25 01:13:28:01 are pretty close to each other,
 aren't they?
 337 01:13:28:03 01:13:31:03 By the criteria
 that we've just looked at
 338 01:13:31:05 01:13:34:15 all being very consistent,
 not to pick on anyone
 339 01:13:34:17 01:13:37:17 but which pair was
 least consistent?
 340 01:13:37:19 01:13:38:27 MAN:
 Okay, we'll admit it, okay?
 341 01:13:38:29 01:13:41:25 (*laughter*)
 342 01:13:41:27 01:13:45:05 Okay, which group is this?
 343 01:13:45:07 01:13:46:23 Number eight,
 and we're proud of it.
 344 01:13:46:25 01:13:49:04 KADER:
 Now, why is it that
 you say that, group eight?
 345 01:13:49:06 01:13:50:09 MAN:
 That we're proud of it?

346 01:13:50:11 01:13:51:25 It's called
a defense mechanism.

347 01:13:51:27 01:13:53:20 KADER:
Let's see,
you have a minimum of what?

348 01:13:53:22 01:13:55:06 MAN:
We had 230 on the first.

349 01:13:55:08 01:13:56:12 KADER:
230 to 292.

350 01:13:56:14 01:13:58:16 But wait a minute,
wait a minute.

351 01:13:58:18 01:14:01:07 Look at number four.

352 01:14:01:09 01:14:05:20 378 to 293.

353 01:14:05:22 01:14:07:20 Um, I'm not sure
I want any of you folks
building my house any time soon.

354 01:14:07:22 01:14:10:19 building my house any time soon.

355 01:14:10:21 01:14:13:10 Which of these procedures
is the best in your opinion?

356 01:14:13:12 01:14:14:18 WOMAN:
The tape measure.

357 01:14:14:20 01:14:17:00 KADER:
The tape measure, exactly.

358 01:14:17:02 01:14:19:23 What's going on
with the other procedures?

359 01:14:19:25 01:14:22:16 WOMAN:
Number one doesn't have
the clear instruction

360 01:14:22:18 01:14:24:28 as to where you should
start measuring from

361 01:14:25:00 01:14:27:13 when you do the strides.

362 01:14:27:15 01:14:28:26 KADER:
When you do the strides?

363 01:14:28:28 01:14:31:20 Well, from wall to wall,
but what's the difficulty there?

364 01:14:31:22 01:14:33:17 WOMAN:
And when you
start walking, you know

365 01:14:33:19 01:14:34:29 you may actually change that--

366 01:14:35:01 01:14:36:23 that may vary quite a bit.

367 01:14:36:25 01:14:37:29 KADER:
So certainly

368 01:14:38:01 01:14:39:15 that would be
the worst one, okay.

369 01:14:39:17 01:14:40:19 Does it look the worst?

370 01:14:40:21 01:14:42:14 The ruler isn't good either

371 01:14:42:16 01:14:46:12 because the ruler is only 12
inches, and 12 inches is...

372 01:14:46:14 01:14:49:03 There's a lot of variance, so
you have to put ruler end to end

373 01:14:49:05 01:14:50:24 so you're using your finger
or something

374 01:14:50:26 01:14:53:08 and then that might be a couple
of inches here and there

375 01:14:53:10 01:14:55:10 and then you may not
get the line straight

376 01:14:55:12 01:14:57:01 because it can be

broken, you know
 377 01:14:57:03 01:14:58:13 you have to be
 really careful
 378 01:14:58:15 01:14:59:26 to get it
 actually straight.
 379 01:14:59:28 01:15:01:13 KADER:
 And it does look
 380 01:15:01:15 01:15:04:21 like using the tape measure,
 we did pretty well.
 381 01:15:04:23 01:15:07:01 Let's see,
 we went from 292 to 293
 382 01:15:07:03 01:15:09:00 so we only differ by an inch.
 383 01:15:09:02 01:15:10:17 But we still have what?
 384 01:15:10:19 01:15:11:22 Do we all agree?
 385 01:15:11:24 01:15:13:06 Okay, so what's the word
 you said?
 386 01:15:13:08 01:15:14:06 Variation.
 387 01:15:14:08 01:15:15:09 KADER:
 Variation.
 388 01:15:15:11 01:15:16:27 Yes, Larry.
 389 01:15:16:29 01:15:19:11 LARRY:
 We made an assumption
 that the room was square
 390 01:15:19:13 01:15:21:20 and not all of us measured
 in the same place
 391 01:15:21:22 01:15:23:16 so, in fact,
 in defense of our 292
 392 01:15:23:18 01:15:26:25 it might have been 292
 where we measured.
 393 01:15:26:27 01:15:28:29 Most likely not,
 but theoretically
 394 01:15:29:01 01:15:31:27 we made an assumption
 that the room was square.
 395 01:15:31:29 01:15:33:19 Ideally, we would all measure
 396 01:15:33:21 01:15:35:00 the same section of the room
 397 01:15:35:02 01:15:36:15 and even then we may not end up
 398 01:15:36:17 01:15:38:13 at exactly the same spot,
 but hopefully
 399 01:15:38:15 01:15:41:09 there wouldn't be that much
 variation in our answers.
 400 01:15:41:11 01:15:43:02 So that's exactly right.
 401 01:15:43:04 01:15:46:17 So, what's the lesson?
 402 01:15:46:19 01:15:48:05 Why did I do this?
 403 01:15:48:07 01:15:51:13 You're showing that depending
 on the tools you use
 404 01:15:51:15 01:15:52:19 that there are
 some tools
 405 01:15:52:21 01:15:54:14 that are much more
 accurate than others;
 406 01:15:54:16 01:15:56:26 obviously the stride is
 the least accurate of them.
 407 01:15:56:28 01:15:58:10 That's exactly right.
 408 01:15:58:12 01:15:59:23 And the larger tool
 409 01:15:59:25 01:16:01:12 that you use to have...
 to measure
 410 01:16:01:14 01:16:03:07 is going to be

411 01:16:03:09 your more accurate one.
 01:16:04:23 KADER:
 Exactly, but even when using
 412 01:16:04:25 01:16:06:28 a more accurate tool,
 sometimes we still have what?
 413 01:16:07:00 01:16:08:16 CLASS:
 Variation.
 414 01:16:08:18 01:16:10:27 Variation, and
 that variation here is due
 415 01:16:10:29 01:16:13:27 to measurement error, okay,
 for the most part, okay?
 416 01:16:13:29 01:16:15:28 It may be due to the lack
 of the room being square.
 417 01:16:16:00 01:16:19:00 But... So part of what
 you have to deal with
 418 01:16:19:02 01:16:21:09 when you collect data
 in statistics
 419 01:16:21:11 01:16:23:29 is variation, and there are
 all kinds of things
 420 01:16:24:01 01:16:25:02 that can contribute
 421 01:16:25:04 01:16:27:12 to that variation, okay?
 422 01:16:27:14 01:16:29:04 One of them is
 measurement error.
 423 01:16:29:06 01:16:31:25 NARRATOR:
 Before ending the session,
 Professor Kader
 424 01:16:31:27 01:16:35:11 introduces an activity
 that focuses on the bias
 425 01:16:35:13 01:16:37:15 that sometimes occurs
 in statistical results.
 426 01:16:37:17 01:16:40:15 KADER:
 Collecting data is a lot
 of what you do in statistics
 427 01:16:40:17 01:16:43:09 and one way we collect data
 is to take surveys.
 428 01:16:43:11 01:16:45:04 I'd like to take a survey
 429 01:16:45:06 01:16:48:19 of this group's opinion
 regarding nuclear power.
 430 01:16:51:11 01:16:54:00 KADER:
 The purpose
 of the nuclear power survey
 431 01:16:54:02 01:16:58:00 was to lead people that you
 survey to a certain conclusion.
 432 01:16:59:17 01:17:02:06 It's called
 "bias" in your survey.
 433 01:17:03:26 01:17:05:10 KADER:
 I gave some of you
 434 01:17:05:12 01:17:07:26 this survey, in which
 four questions were asked.
 435 01:17:27:20 01:17:30:15 Now, not all of you got
 that questionnaire, did you?
 436 01:17:30:17 01:17:33:06 Some of you got
 this questionnaire.
 437 01:17:55:16 01:18:00:10 Now, would you agree,
 if you said yes to this question
 438 01:18:00:12 01:18:03:11 you would more than likely say

439 01:18:03:13 what to this question?
 01:18:04:11 WOMAN:
 No.
 440 01:18:04:13 01:18:06:22 No.
 441 01:18:06:24 01:18:08:23 Well, let's see what happened.
 442 01:18:08:25 01:18:13:04 Here are the results from
 this question that A dealt with:
 443 01:18:13:06 01:18:17:16 "Should we reduce the number
 of nuclear power stations?"
 444 01:18:17:18 01:18:20:23 More than half of the people
 said yes, we should.
 445 01:18:20:25 01:18:22:07 In survey B, the last question
 446 01:18:22:09 01:18:26:13 "Should we maintain our
 nuclear energy power stations?"
 447 01:18:26:15 01:18:28:20 almost everyone said what?
 448 01:18:28:22 01:18:29:20 CLASS:
 Yes.
 449 01:18:29:22 01:18:31:07 Yes.
 450 01:18:31:09 01:18:33:18 What's going on?
 451 01:18:33:20 01:18:34:24 You were biasing the survey.
 452 01:18:34:26 01:18:35:28 KADER:
 That's exactly right.
 453 01:18:36:00 01:18:37:17 Some people know
 454 01:18:37:19 01:18:41:15 what it is they want
 the world to think
 455 01:18:41:17 01:18:43:14 and so they go out
 and design a survey
 456 01:18:43:16 01:18:45:03 to get them to think that way
 457 01:18:45:05 01:18:49:02 which is exactly what
 these two surveys demonstrate.
 458 01:18:49:04 01:18:51:25 In fact, I did this survey
 with a group of students
 459 01:18:51:27 01:18:53:08 not too long ago
 460 01:18:53:10 01:18:57:09 and there are the results
 I got from that group.
 461 01:18:57:11 01:18:58:22 16 yes, 17 yes.
 462 01:18:58:24 01:19:03:13 Again, predominately "yes"
 in both case... cases.
 463 01:19:03:15 01:19:05:29 And that's what each survey
 is leading you to say:
 464 01:19:06:01 01:19:08:22 "Yes, yes, yes, yes, I agree
 with all of these things"
 465 01:19:08:24 01:19:11:03 and you sort of get
 in the flow of saying yes.
 466 01:19:11:05 01:19:13:11 Some of you didn't;
 some of you were clever
 467 01:19:13:13 01:19:14:26 and saw what I was trying to do.
 468 01:19:14:28 01:19:17:02 But if we put
 the two groups together
 469 01:19:17:04 01:19:18:16 it's even more apparent.
 470 01:19:18:18 01:19:21:08 Again, you would expect
 people who say yes here
 471 01:19:21:10 01:19:24:00 would probably say no here,
 and I don't know--
 472 01:19:24:02 01:19:26:14 I mean, I didn't really bias
 how I gave the survey out--

473 01:19:26:16 01:19:29:16 I just sort of gave A, A, B, B,
and so on and so forth.

474 01:19:29:18 01:19:30:24 I'm curious--

475 01:19:30:26 01:19:32:14 you're acknowledging
a bias in the survey

476 01:19:32:16 01:19:34:10 and I'm wondering where
you identify that bias.

477 01:19:34:12 01:19:35:17 Where I
identify it?

478 01:19:35:19 01:19:38:05 Are you saying
that because
the first three

479 01:19:38:07 01:19:39:25 were answered
in a particular way

480 01:19:39:27 01:19:42:11 it led you to answer the fourth
in a particular...

481 01:19:42:13 01:19:43:18 or was it in fact

482 01:19:43:20 01:19:45:29 the phrasing
of that final question?

483 01:19:46:01 01:19:49:21 Because when I saw it,
not knowing the other survey

484 01:19:49:23 01:19:51:20 I answered one way
but I wanted to qualify it.

485 01:19:51:22 01:19:52:29 I mean, I wrote, "Yes, but..."

486 01:19:53:01 01:19:54:00 I saw your "but."

487 01:19:54:02 01:19:55:22 And I felt
the way

488 01:19:55:24 01:19:58:02 that it was expressed,
the last question itself

489 01:19:58:04 01:20:00:24 you didn't even have to have
questions one through three

490 01:20:00:26 01:20:01:26 biased to the survey.

491 01:20:01:28 01:20:03:16 Oh... okay.

492 01:20:03:18 01:20:07:20 Well, my intent was to have
the preceding three questions

493 01:20:07:22 01:20:10:04 lead you
into that fourth question.

494 01:20:10:06 01:20:11:22 That was
my intent

495 01:20:11:24 01:20:13:21 so you jumped
right into question four

496 01:20:13:23 01:20:16:00 sort of knowing
where the survey was going.

497 01:20:16:02 01:20:17:22 I wonder, it would be
interesting to see

498 01:20:17:24 01:20:19:09 if you kept the
first three the same

499 01:20:19:11 01:20:21:06 but essentially had
the fourth statement

500 01:20:21:08 01:20:22:28 the exact, or maybe
just the opposite

501 01:20:23:00 01:20:24:13 so either the answer's
yes or no

502 01:20:24:15 01:20:25:20 the wording
the same.

503 01:20:25:22 01:20:27:19 I'd be curious in seeing

504 01:20:27:21 01:20:29:04 KADER:
 I agree.

505 01:20:29:06 01:20:31:03 If you sequence the questions
 in the right way

506 01:20:31:05 01:20:32:12 you can get people to say

507 01:20:32:14 01:20:34:06 just about anything
 you want them to say.

508 01:20:34:08 01:20:35:06 Yes, Sue?

509 01:20:35:08 01:20:37:02 But if you have a belief

510 01:20:37:04 01:20:38:21 before you read that

511 01:20:38:23 01:20:41:16 is that mostly for people
 that really are on the fence

512 01:20:41:18 01:20:42:28 and don't really have

513 01:20:43:00 01:20:44:26 an understanding
 of the situation?

514 01:20:44:28 01:20:47:16 I agree that for some people,
 that's not going to sway them

515 01:20:47:18 01:20:49:27 but people who are fence-
 sitters, "Oh, yes, yes, yes

516 01:20:49:29 01:20:52:10 sure, sure, I agree with this,"
 and yes to the last one

517 01:20:52:12 01:20:54:09 so you're just
 sort of rolling along there

518 01:20:54:11 01:20:55:29 and that's how, often

519 01:20:56:01 01:20:59:03 bias is entered into data
 that we collect in statistics.

520 01:20:59:05 01:21:01:03 WOMAN:
 I was also going to say

521 01:21:01:05 01:21:02:28 that by the way
 you word the question

522 01:21:03:00 01:21:04:11 you narrow the choices.

523 01:21:04:13 01:21:07:16 So when you were saying,
 "Yes, but..."

524 01:21:07:18 01:21:09:16 there's no room
 for "but."

525 01:21:09:18 01:21:11:02 You eliminate
 certain responses

526 01:21:11:04 01:21:12:25 which is what
 you might want to do

527 01:21:12:27 01:21:14:29 if you are biasing
 your survey.

528 01:21:15:01 01:21:16:24 Of course,
 the other side of the coin

529 01:21:16:26 01:21:18:21 is that it's difficult
 to analyze data

530 01:21:18:23 01:21:20:10 where you give lots of options.

531 01:21:20:12 01:21:22:14 You can't incorporate
 every possible option

532 01:21:22:16 01:21:25:00 into what you list there.

533 01:21:25:02 01:21:26:16 Unless you break it down.

534 01:21:26:18 01:21:27:21 WOMAN:
 My question is

535 01:21:27:23 01:21:29:22 is there any such thing
 as a fair survey?

536 01:21:29:24 01:21:31:00 I think

they exist, yeah.
 537 01:21:31:02 01:21:32:20 There's a lot
 of research on that
 538 01:21:32:22 01:21:36:21 going about asking questions in
 the right way to not show bias
 539 01:21:36:23 01:21:38:25 and on the other side
 of the coin
 540 01:21:38:27 01:21:41:03 there's probably just as much
 into phrasing questions
 541 01:21:41:05 01:21:43:22 to do just what
 we just demonstrated.
 542 01:21:43:24 01:21:49:06 Okay, I want to summarize
 by saying the model introduced
 543 01:21:49:08 01:21:51:26 at the end of the first half
 of the session is something
 544 01:21:51:28 01:21:54:10 that's going to be with us
 for the next eight days
 545 01:21:54:12 01:21:59:09 and that is,
 when you're doing statistics
 546 01:21:59:11 01:22:01:27 you're really doing four things:
 547 01:22:01:29 01:22:05:00 you're asking
 statistics questions;
 548 01:22:05:02 01:22:10:00 you're collecting data;
 you're analyzing that data;
 549 01:22:10:02 01:22:12:00 and you interpret the results
 550 01:22:12:02 01:22:15:15 in an attempt to provide some
 sort of answer to this question.
 551 01:22:15:17 01:22:17:05 WOMAN:
 I thought
 that most of the people
 552 01:22:17:07 01:22:19:06 that fell
 in the education...
 553 01:22:19:08 01:22:20:16 WOMAN:
 I'm learning
 554 01:22:20:18 01:22:22:25 that you're not done
 when you finish the graph.
 555 01:22:22:27 01:22:25:23 You should try to answer the
 question that you first posed.
 556 01:22:25:25 01:22:27:14 So I'm learning more process--
 557 01:22:27:16 01:22:29:29 not so much the final product
 of the graph
 558 01:22:30:01 01:22:32:22 but what's involved in it,
 and then afterwards looking back
 559 01:22:32:24 01:22:34:22 and reflecting and analyzing
 what you've done.
 560 01:22:34:24 01:22:36:17 We're also trying to...
 561 01:22:36:19 01:22:39:24 SUE:
 I feel like I've gained a lot
 from this statistics class
 562 01:22:39:26 01:22:42:27 as far as
 my understanding of it.
 563 01:22:42:29 01:22:46:23 I used to teach
 the skills of statistics
 564 01:22:46:25 01:22:48:13 but they were in isolation
 565 01:22:48:15 01:22:50:16 and now I know
 that they're all connected

566 01:22:50:18 01:22:53:16 and how to move fluidly
through them.

567 01:22:56:06 01:22:58:15 (*hammers pounding,*
power saw whining)

568 01:23:02:27 01:23:04:06 MAN:
A few years ago

569 01:23:04:08 01:23:06:25 I wrote a book called
Measure Twice, Cut Once

570 01:23:06:27 01:23:11:02 and it's about using the tools
in the carpenter's toolbox

571 01:23:11:04 01:23:14:06 but it also spends some time
talking about measuring.

572 01:23:14:08 01:23:16:28 Every time you measure
something with a tool

573 01:23:17:00 01:23:19:06 you're subject to inaccuracies

574 01:23:19:08 01:23:21:09 either because
of the tool itself

575 01:23:21:11 01:23:23:17 or because of how you read it

576 01:23:23:19 01:23:25:26 or how someone is transferring
a measurement to you.

577 01:23:25:28 01:23:27:22 All of those things build error

578 01:23:27:24 01:23:30:14 into the measurement
that you're trying to get.

579 01:23:30:16 01:23:33:09 (*saw whining*)

580 01:23:33:11 01:23:35:19 As carpenters we often
work in teams or pairs

581 01:23:35:21 01:23:38:12 and you're transferring
measurements to one another

582 01:23:38:14 01:23:41:15 and you can get a lot of error

583 01:23:41:17 01:23:43:23 because you're not
using the same measuring tool.

584 01:23:43:25 01:23:45:24 And we can sort
of demonstrate
that for you.

585 01:23:45:26 01:23:47:15 Here we have
a folding wood rule.

586 01:23:47:17 01:23:48:27 Tom has a folding
wood rule

587 01:23:48:29 01:23:50:01 and let's see
how close

588 01:23:50:03 01:23:51:23 they actually are
to one another.

589 01:23:51:25 01:23:52:24 If we butt
them up

590 01:23:52:26 01:23:54:18 against the same
spot on the wall

591 01:23:54:20 01:23:58:10 you can clearly see
that my rule is longer

592 01:23:58:12 01:24:01:22 by almost a sixteenth
of an inch here at 39.

593 01:24:01:24 01:24:04:01 So, the tools really
do make a difference

594 01:24:04:03 01:24:06:27 and every tape will vary one
to the other by varying degrees.

595 01:24:06:29 01:24:08:15 TOM:
But as partners,

you get together
 596 01:24:08:17 01:24:11:28 and he would eventually
 know that my tape
 597 01:24:12:00 01:24:13:25 or my ruler may be
 598 01:24:13:27 01:24:15:16 a sixteenth-of-an-inch
 difference.
 599 01:24:15:18 01:24:17:22 So he would then
 compensate for that.
 600 01:24:17:24 01:24:19:17 Measuring is somewhat
 of a judgment call;
 601 01:24:19:19 01:24:22:09 it's all how you read the tape.
 602 01:24:22:11 01:24:25:07 For instance, if we're measuring
 between this window opening
 603 01:24:25:09 01:24:28:24 if I'm standing over here,
 I'm saying
 604 01:24:28:26 01:24:31:03 that that's reading like 39½.
 605 01:24:31:05 01:24:38:07 If I'm standing way over here,
 I'm reading, oh, about 39 3/8.
 606 01:24:38:09 01:24:40:00 To get the
 most accurate measurement
 607 01:24:40:02 01:24:42:14 I want to be right dead on
 looking straight at it
 608 01:24:42:16 01:24:44:17 in which case
 it's between those two
 609 01:24:44:19 01:24:48:03 which is 39 7/16, so that's
 my most accurate measurement.
 610 01:24:48:05 01:24:51:10 Another way that we measure
 as builders and carpenters
 611 01:24:51:12 01:24:54:28 is actually not to use a tool
 at all, but to actually bring
 612 01:24:55:00 01:24:57:22 the piece of wood
 that we're trying to install.
 613 01:24:57:24 01:25:01:02 For instance, if I was trying
 to install a piece of wood
 614 01:25:01:04 01:25:04:12 between these two walls,
 I would bring the piece of wood
 615 01:25:04:14 01:25:06:14 put it up
 against one side of the wall
 616 01:25:06:16 01:25:07:25 and mark the other side.
 617 01:25:07:27 01:25:09:13 That way
 there's very little error
 618 01:25:09:15 01:25:12:04 because the piece that's going
 to go there is being marked
 619 01:25:12:06 01:25:14:18 rather than taking a measurement
 and transferring it.
 620 01:25:14:20 01:25:16:27 Every time
 you move a measurement
 621 01:25:16:29 01:25:19:19 you take the chance
 of having an error.
 622 01:25:19:21 01:25:21:19 (*saw whining*)
 623 01:25:25:17 01:25:27:12 Now, we are subject
 to measuring with tools
 624 01:25:27:14 01:25:29:01 and that's really where
 625 01:25:29:03 01:25:32:04 "measure twice, cut once"
 comes in, is that...
 626 01:25:32:06 01:25:35:05 compensate for

627 01:25:35:07 those inaccuracies
01:25:37:22 take the most accurate
measurement that you can take
628 01:25:37:24 01:25:40:13 so that when you lay out
the piece of wood
629 01:25:40:15 01:25:43:04 that you're going to use
and make that cut
630 01:25:43:06 01:25:44:14 it's going to fit.
631 01:25:46:15 01:25:49:13 [Captioned by
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