# Asking Scientific Questions

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**Topic: Writing Testable Questions** 

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HW: Bell Ringers Due Monday

Do Now: <u>Effort Police</u>- Take a post it from your materials bin and mark down any students whose worksheet is not FULLY complete <u>Teacher's Assistant-</u> please read off the answers to your worksheet. Make sure your group mates mark the right answer. Don't copy, just do! You have five minutes.

What is a testable question?

**Testable Question**: a question that can be answered through measurable and observable data.

## Testable Vs. Not-Testable A Non-Testable Question

A **Testable Question** can be answered by designing and conducting an experiment

For example:

1.Does Pepsi have more carbonation than Coke?

2. What is the effect of cigarette smoke on lung cancer?

cannot be answered by conducting an experiment.

For example:

1. Why is PINK the best color in the world?

2. Albert Einstein was the best physicist in the world!

## Types of scientific questions

#### FLOW OF QUESTIONS

- measurable observable variables that describe parts of a natural system
- How frequently does \_\_\_ happen in a given period?

Descriptive

#### Comparative

- one dependent variable with at least two different independent variables to compare
- Is there a difference in \_\_\_ between group A and B?

- focus on the relationship between two variables;
- has an independent variable and a dependent variable
- What is the effect of IV on DV?

Correlative

## Sort and Justify

You will receive a testable question. After reading the prompt, you will move to the section of the room you believe that question belongs under.

#### **Descriptive Questions**

Measurable and observable questions that seek to that describe parts of a natural system

- How many \_\_\_\_\_ are in a given area?
- How frequently does \_\_\_\_\_happen in a given period?

#### **Comparative Questions**

one dependent variable with at least two different independent variables to compare

- Is there a difference in \_\_\_\_ between group A and B?
- Is there a difference in \_\_between different locations?

#### **Correlative Questions**

focus on the relationship between two variables; has an independent variable and a dependent variable

- Does \_\_\_\_\_ go up when \_\_\_\_ goes down?
- What is the effect of IV on DV?

## Some ways to write a testable question...

#### Correlative

- How does changing the <u>independent variable</u> affect the <u>dependent variable?</u>
- 2) Does changing the <u>independent variable</u> affect the <u>dependent variable</u>?
- 3) What is the effect of <u>independent variable</u> on <u>dependent variable?</u>

### Kahoot

With your group, we will play a quick round of kahoot (6 QUESTIONS)

Points are given based off speed and correct answers.

The winning group will get an extra credit point