

Survey Questions with Numerical Answers

Let's get creative!!!

Survey Questions

- Your questions with **numerical responses** for your survey project were not great. Let's see if I can inspire you to ask more interesting questions AND get you better data.
- But first, let's look at some of these lackluster questions and why I don't think they're very interesting.

“How many siblings do you have?”

- What do you think the likely answer to this is? Probably 1-3 siblings. If this is your only question with a numerical response, the number of answers is limited and not very interesting.
- A better question would be: “How big is your family if you included your immediate family, aunts, uncles, grandparents, and cousins?”

“How many pets do you have?”

- Same the previous question, the expected answer is probably low, somewhere between 1-4. Not very interesting and not much data to work with.
- A better question would be: “How many pounds of food does your pet eat each year?”

“How many phone calls do you make per day?”

- Students your age don't talk on the phone that much, let alone make several phone calls per day.
- A better question would be: “How many text messages do you send per day/week/month?”



“How many days per week do you...”

- The answer to this will be between 0 and 7. It doesn't give you much numerical data to work with.
- A better question would be: “How many times per year do you...”

Be creative!!

- Your questions can be as silly or as serious as you want, as long as they're school appropriate. Here are some suggestions to get you thinking about more creative questions.

How many cheese balls do you think comes in one of these tubs?

Staple the photo of the cheese balls to your survey so you always have it on hand.

Or ask, “How many of these cheese balls do you think you could eat in one sitting?”



More examples

- How many water bottles do you drink per month/year?
- How much money do you think the Harry Potter movies made?
 - Or insert your favorite movie/music/actor/whatever in the blank:
How much money do you think _____ made?
- How many notes do you pass during class each year?
- How many pencils do you lose during the school year?
- If you earned a dollar every time you tripped, how much would you have earned this school year?
- If you could spend as much money in **INSERT STORE HERE** how much do you think you would spend?

Even more examples

- How many minutes of TV do you watch per day? (for this question, you'll want to define TV – does Netflix count or is it strictly a television set?)
- How many miles do you think you have biked this year?
- How many _____ do you think you've eaten this year?
- How many minutes do you spend doodling in class each day?

Give it another shot

- Rewrite your survey questions, if you need to.
- If you already got your questions approved and you want to rewrite them, go ahead, but check in with me before you start collecting data.