

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

## Parking Lot Diversity

**Question:** Is there a difference in diversity and composition of vehicles in different areas of the parking lot?

**Materials:**

- Vehicle Identification Key

**My Hypothesis:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Procedures:**

1. Your group is responsible for collecting the information about 10 vehicles in one of the two locations. Your teacher will give you directions about where and how to collect data.
2. Record your data of vehicle make and type on the My Observations of Parking Lot Diversity worksheet.
3. Record the class's data on the Class Data Sheet.
4. Graph the amount of vehicle diversity.

**Results:**

See your graph.

**Conclusion Questions:**

- Which makes were not represented in the parking lot? Why?
- What is the most common type of vehicle in your parking lot?
- What might have happened over the last three years that might influence the make and type of vehicles you see in your parking lot?
- Would you expect these (large events) to happen in nature as well?
- Did the makes and types vary between different groups' data? Why might this have happened?
- How does each car fill a specific niche in the vehicular world?
- What animal could you relate to the most expensive cars in the lot?
- Discuss the sample size of this investigation. Did we count all of the vehicles in the parking lot? Is the number counted enough to make a generalization about the entire population of vehicles?

My Observations of Parking Lot Diversity Data Sheet

| Vehicle | Make | Type |
|---------|------|------|
| 1       |      |      |
| 2       |      |      |
| 3       |      |      |
| 4       |      |      |
| 5       |      |      |
| 6       |      |      |
| 7       |      |      |
| 8       |      |      |
| 9       |      |      |
| 10      |      |      |

**Class Vehicle Make Data Sheet**

|            | Parking Lot Location #1 – |         |         |         |       | Parking Lot Location #2 – |         |         |         |       |
|------------|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| Make       | Group 1                   | Group 2 | Group 3 | Group 4 | TOTAL | Group 5                   | Group 6 | Group 7 | Group 8 | TOTAL |
| Acura      |                           |         |         |         |       |                           |         |         |         |       |
| BMW        |                           |         |         |         |       |                           |         |         |         |       |
| Buick      |                           |         |         |         |       |                           |         |         |         |       |
| Cadillac   |                           |         |         |         |       |                           |         |         |         |       |
| Chevrolet  |                           |         |         |         |       |                           |         |         |         |       |
| Dodge      |                           |         |         |         |       |                           |         |         |         |       |
| Ford       |                           |         |         |         |       |                           |         |         |         |       |
| GMC        |                           |         |         |         |       |                           |         |         |         |       |
| Honda      |                           |         |         |         |       |                           |         |         |         |       |
| Hyundai    |                           |         |         |         |       |                           |         |         |         |       |
| Jeep       |                           |         |         |         |       |                           |         |         |         |       |
| Kia        |                           |         |         |         |       |                           |         |         |         |       |
| Lincoln    |                           |         |         |         |       |                           |         |         |         |       |
| Mercedes   |                           |         |         |         |       |                           |         |         |         |       |
| Mercury    |                           |         |         |         |       |                           |         |         |         |       |
| Mitsubishi |                           |         |         |         |       |                           |         |         |         |       |
| Nissan     |                           |         |         |         |       |                           |         |         |         |       |
| Pontiac    |                           |         |         |         |       |                           |         |         |         |       |
| Toyota     |                           |         |         |         |       |                           |         |         |         |       |
| Subaru     |                           |         |         |         |       |                           |         |         |         |       |
| Volkswagen |                           |         |         |         |       |                           |         |         |         |       |
| Other      |                           |         |         |         |       |                           |         |         |         |       |

Class Vehicle Type Data Sheet

|            | Parking Lot Location #1 – |            |            |            |       | Parking Lot Location #2 – |            |            |            |       |
|------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| Type       | Group<br>1                | Group<br>2 | Group<br>3 | Group<br>4 | TOTAL | Group<br>5                | Group<br>6 | Group<br>7 | Group<br>8 | TOTAL |
| Motorcycle |                           |            |            |            |       |                           |            |            |            |       |
| Sedan      |                           |            |            |            |       |                           |            |            |            |       |
| Sport      |                           |            |            |            |       |                           |            |            |            |       |
| SUV        |                           |            |            |            |       |                           |            |            |            |       |
| Truck      |                           |            |            |            |       |                           |            |            |            |       |
| Van        |                           |            |            |            |       |                           |            |            |            |       |
| Wagon      |                           |            |            |            |       |                           |            |            |            |       |
| Other      |                           |            |            |            |       |                           |            |            |            |       |

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