

Lab 1: Perceptions of Psychology

Introduction/Purpose: In this lab, we will investigate public perceptions of psychology as a discipline.

→ *Formulate a hypothesis: How well do you think the average person would be able to answer the survey questions?*

Method:

- Select five individuals not enrolled in psychology, and ask them the following survey questions:
 - 1) What is psychology? (Mark yes if they can give a relatively accurate answer, no if they cannot)
 - 2) Should psychology be considered a science? (yes or no)
 - 3) How important do you think it is for people to understand psychology: Very important, somewhat important, not very important, or useless?
 - 4) Are psychologists really able to help solve people’s problems? (yes or no)
 - 5) Can you name one famous psychologist?
- See pages 28-29 in your textbook for guidelines on conducting surveys

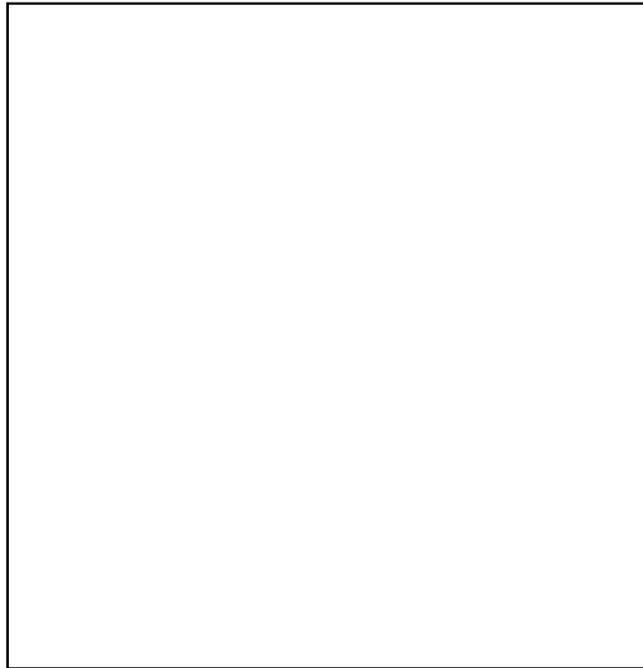
Results:

Name (Optional)	Age	Level of Education*	Question 1:	Question 2:	Question 3:	Question 4:	Question 5:

*For level of education indicate: Some High School. High School Graduate, Some College, Vocational Training, Bachelor’s Degree, Advanced Degree
 Once you have collected your data, please enter it on the class Google Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/3KZBobzIFdnAtijC2> (linked on the class website)

Analysis: Use the following boxes to create graphs to show the relationship between age, level of education, and at least two of the questions on the survey. Be sure to provide a scale for each graph (numbers on both the X and Y axis).

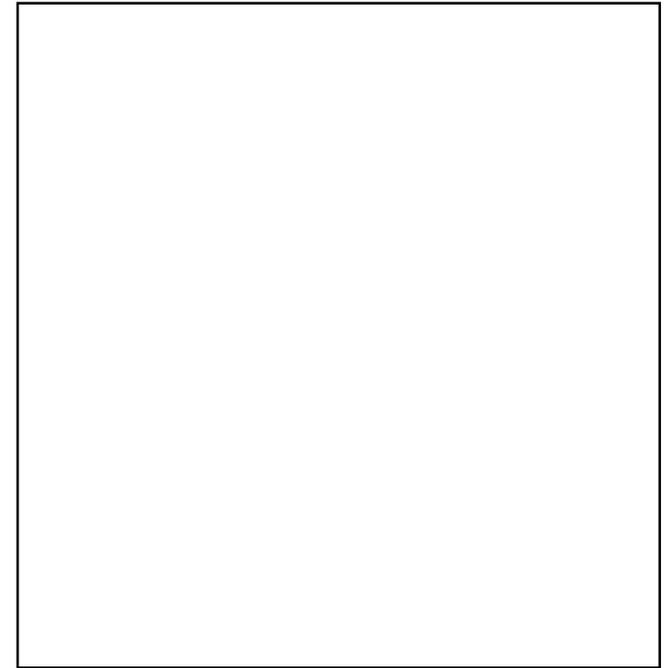
Graph 1



Number of people able to define psychology accurately

Age OR Level of Education (Circle one)

Graph 2



Number of people who...

(choose a variable)

Age OR Level of Education (Circle One)

Write a one or two sentence observation about each of these graphs:

Discussion: Once you have looked at the whole-class results and discussed your results with others in your group, type a one paragraph (1/2 page) reflection on this activity. What surprised you? What did you learn about how others view psychology? Why do you think people have these perceptions? Attach this sheet to your paragraph.

DUE WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25TH