

HYPOTHESIS WRITING EXERCISE

A hypothesis is a sentence that tells us how two (or more) things are related to each other. Hypothesis sentences are really useful for two reasons.

- They can summarize complex ideas into one sentence.
- They tell us what future behavior to expect.

Part 1

Here are some examples.

- The longer I study, the higher my grades.
- The more I exercise, the more weight I lose.
- The more junk food teenagers eat, the more pimples they get.

In each of these examples, answer these two questions:

- What are the two things that are related to each other?
- How are they connected?

Part 2

Look at Table 1. Can you make one hypothesis which explains these data?

Table 1 Learning methods and estimated amount of information that people remember with each method. (1)
Lecture = 5% Reading = 10% Audiovisual = 20% Demonstration = 30% Discussion Group = 50% Practice by doing = 75% Teach others/immediate use = 90%

(1) http://www.ndt-ed.org/TeachingResources/ClassroomTips/Constructivist%20_Learning.htm

Part 3

Write five hypothesis sentences in the format described above.