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| The goal of this activity will be to discuss scenarios when best to use a t-test. You will practice writing your null and alternative hypotheses, deciding between one and two tailed tests, finding the t-value and p-value with the handheld and stating your conclusions. |  |

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| The t-test was created by William Gosset. He was an employee of the Guinness brewing company tasked with improving the taste and quality of their beer. He published his work under a pen name, "Student", which is why the test is sometimes referred to as Student's t-test.  It is a method of testing hypotheses about the mean of a small sample drawn from a normally distributed population when the population standard deviation is unknown. The t-test is used for comparing two data sets that are measuring the same thing.  On the following pages, you will be given several examples of data. You will do the following for each  example:  1. Write down the null and alternative hypotheses.  2. State whether the example is a one-tailed or a two-tailed test.  3. Using your handheld, you will find the t-value and p-value for a 2 sample t-test at the 5%  significance level.  4. Write down the conclusion to the test.  **Problem – 1 (Practice)**  Your math teacher wants to compare how his 2nd and 4th period classes are doing. He gives both  classes the same test on Wednesday to test their achievement levels, and the results are in the table   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Period 2 | 76 | 88 | 91 | 85 | 67 | 73 | 90 | 95 | 82 | | Period 4 | 94 | 70 | 79 | 83 | 71 | 81 | 89 | 84 | 77 |   below: |
| 1. State the Null and Alternative Hypotheses.  **Ho: ₁ = ₂**  (There is no difference between the achievement levels between periods 2 and 4)  **Ha: ₁ ≠ ₂**  (There is a difference between the achievement levels between periods 2 and 4)  2. State if this is a one- or two-tailed test.  **Two-Tailed Test**  (This is a two-tailed test as you want to know whether period 2 is achieving more or less than period  4)  3. Find the t-value and p-value.  **t-value = 0.522 and p-value = 0.609**  (Input the data from the table into L1 and L2 by pressing **Stat > 1: Edit**, after returning to your home screen press **Stat > Tests > 4: 2-Sample T Test** fill in the template to find the *t*-value and *p*-value and compare, make sure that you are pooling the data)  4. Write down the conclusion.  **Since 0.609 > 0.05, the null hypothesis is not rejected:**  **There is no real difference in the achievement levels between periods 2 and 4.** |
| **Problem – 2** |
| Two different brands of batteries are being tested for their longevity (in minutes). The number of  minutes are listed in the table.     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Battery 1 | 205 | 198 | 234 | 251 | 223 | 237 | | Battery 2 | 222 | 215 | 241 | 245 | 228 | 232 |  1. Write down the null and alternative hypotheses. 2. State whether this is a one-tailed or two-tailed test. 3. Find the t-value and p-value for a test at a 5% significance level.\*   (d) Write down the conclusion to the test.  **Problem – 3**  A company is testing a new fuel that will increase distance travelled per gallon. Using one gallon of gas  for each, six cars were tested with the new fuel and six cars were tested with the current fuel. The  distance travelled, in miles, is listed.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Current Fuel | 40 | 39 | 30 | 31 | 45 | 46 | | New Fuel | 37 | 47 | 51 | 48 | 38 | 40 |  1. Write down the null and alternative hypotheses. 2. State whether this is a one-tailed or two-tailed test. 3. Find the t-value and p-value for a test at a 5% significance level.\* 4. Write down the conclusion to the test.   **Problem – 4**  A company claims to have a new medication to lower total cholesterol. It claims that those on the drug will lower their cholesterol more than those not taking the drug. 16 people are tested, then half will receive the new drug and half will receive a placebo. After one month, their cholesterol is checked again. The changes, in mg/dl, are below.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | New Drug | 20 | 35 | 18 | 7 | 15 | 9 | 3 | 16 | | Placebo | 2 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 4 |  1. Write down the null and alternative hypotheses. 2. State whether this is a one-tailed or two-tailed test. 3. Find the t-value and p-value for a test at a 5% significance level.\* 4. Write down the conclusion to the test.   **Extension**   1. In each of the problems of this activity, an assumption is being made about the given scenario,   state the assumption.   1. With your classmates, list four examples where using a *t*-test would be applicable in real life. |