## Beating Hearts

Time required: 1 class period
Suggested Grade Levels: 6-8

## Activity Overview

In this activity, students will do three different exercises and use the CBL $2^{\text {TM }}$ with a heart rate monitor to measure your heart rate in beats per minute (BPM) while you exercise. Then they will compare their heart rate when they are resting to their heart rate as they exercise.

## Math Objectives:

- Graph data as a bar graph
- To understand how to measure differences in heart rate

Science Objectives:

- To understand the effect of exercise on heart rate


## Materials

- TI-73 Explorer ${ }^{\text {TM }}$
- Unit-to-unit cable
- CBL $2^{\mathrm{TM}}$
- Heart rate monitor (ear clip or belt) with DIN adapter
- Exercise equipment, such as jump rope or step
- SciAct04_BeatingHeart_worksheet_TI73.doc


## Teacher Preparation

- The ear clip monitor can produce inaccurate results when not properly used. It works by transmitting light between an LED and a light sensor. Students with earrings should remove them, since this can affect the collected BPM. Skin color and ear lobe thickness may also affect the accuracy of readings.
- You can also use the webbing between the thumb and index finger to collect data. If readings appear to be inaccurate, attach the ear clip monitor to this area.


## Introduction

Your heart is a muscle that squeezes blood into the arteries. Blood pressure is the force of the blood pushing against the artery walls. This pressure pushes the blood through the blood vessels of your body. This activity uses a CBL $2^{\text {TM }}$ with a heart rate monitor to collect and analyze your heart rate data. The heart rate monitor works by sending out a light beam that detects the presence or absence of blood in an artery at any moment. The monitor records your heart rate by counting how many pulses occur in one minute.

## Classroom Management

- Ask students to sketch the lab setup before starting the lab and label the sketch with key terms. Students learn vocabulary in context and seem less confused by the procedure.
- Assign these student jobs for this lab:
- Materials/setup person (sets up samples, sensor)
- Tech person (operates CBL 2 and TI-73)
- Data recorder (reads beats/minute readings from the CBL 2 at each collection interval)
- Runner (brings CBL 2 and TI-73 to the computer to print out graphs with TI-GRAPH $L_{I N K}{ }^{T M}$ or $T I^{\text {TM }}$ Connect and brings Data Collection and Analysis pages to the teacher)
- Students can record beats/minute readings as they are displayed on the TI-73 in their lab journals. This keeps them engaged throughout the data collection period and if they lose their data/graph later, they can still write up their lab report. Students can also access the data in the TI-73 lists after data collection. You can send the lists to all students' calculators using APPS 1:Link.
a. Press APPS.
b. Press ENTER to select 1:Link.
c. Select 4:List and press ENTER.
d. Press to move the beside the list you wish to send. Press ENTER.
e. Repeat step d for each list you wish to send.
f. Set the receiving unit by pressing APPS ENTER " to select RECEIVE. Press ENTER. Waiting... displays on the TI-73 screen.
g. On the sending unit, press $\square$ to select TRANSMIT and press ENTER.

For more permanent storage of data, use TI-GRAPH LINK ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ or $\mathrm{TI}^{\text {TM }}$ Connect to save the lists in a computer folder.

- Suggested exercises:
- Doing jumping jacks (50)
- Running in place (2 minutes)
- Jumping rope (2 minutes)
- Climbing stairs (3 flights)


## Extension

Compare the class data for mean heart rates for two of the exercises and at rest. Enter the mean heart rates for each class member into a separate TI-73 list for each exercise and at rest. Display the data from each list as a modified box plot. Set up all three box plots to display at one time on the TI-73. Sketch the plots.

- On each plot, compare the median heart rates for class members. Which of these exercises raised pulse rates most?
- Which plot has a greater range of heart rate values?
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- If a new student in your class were to do 50 jumping jacks, where would you expect his or her heart rate to fall on the plot?


## Selected Answers - Data Collection and Analysis Sheet

## Experimental Design

1. Independent variable: activity (exercise time/type)
2. Dependent variable: heart rate (BPM)
3. Number of trials: $\qquad$
4. Two Constants: person, equipment (CBL $2^{\text {TM }}$, heart rate monitor), time (the collection interval)


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## Conclusion

If I exercise, my pulse rate increases by an average of $\qquad$ (average increase will vary) BPM in the three activities compared to my resting rate.

## The Problem

How will your heart rate be affected by exercise?

## Hypothesis

Before testing, complete the Hypothesis section on the Data Collection and Analysis page to predict how exercise will affect your heart rate. Then complete the Experimental Design section to help you understand this activity.

## Collecting the Data

1. Collect any exercise equipment you will use, such as a jump rope.
2. Plug the heart rate monitor into Channel 1 (CH 1) on the CBL 2 using the DIN adapter, if necessary.
3. Start the DATAMATE program.

4. The Main Screen is displayed. If CH 1:HEART RT(BPM) is displayed at the top of the screen, go to step 8. If CH 1:HEART RT(BPM) is not displayed, go to step 5 .
5. Select 1:SETUP.
6. Select CH 1. Select 6:HEART RATE.

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7. Select the type of heart rate monitor you are using. If you are using the heart rate monitor (not the exercise heart rate monitor), select 2:HEART RATE(BPM). Select 1:OK to return to the Main Screen.
8. Select 1:SETUP. Select MODE, and then select 2:TIME GRAPH.
9. The TIME GRAPH SETTINGS are displayed. If the screen shows TIME INTERVAL: 5 NUMBER OF SAMPLES: 60, and EXPERIMENT LENGTH: 300, go to step 11. If the settings are not correct, go to step 10.
10. Select 2:CHANGE TIME SETTINGS. For ENTER TIME BETWEEN SAMPLES IN SECONDS, enter 5. For ENTER NUMBER OF SAMPLES, enter 60. The TIME GRAPH SETTINGS screen reappears, showing the new settings.
11. Select 1:OK twice to return to the Main Screen.
12. Attach the ear clip to the person you are testing.

13. When you are ready to begin, select 2:START. The CBL $2^{\text {TM }}$ beeps twice and displays a graph, with the heart rate in beats per minute (BPM) in the upper right-hand corner.
14. Collect the data for the person at rest. The CBL 2 beeps twice when it has finished collecting the data.
15. The graph is displayed showing the data that was collected. Use $\square$ and $\square$ to move to each data point. Record the heart rate for each 5 -second interval in the table on the Data Collection and Analysis page.
16. Find the person's average heart rate for this exercise. Press 2nd [sTAT] $\square$ 3:mean( 2nd [STAT] 2:L2 $\square$ ENTER. Record the result on the Data Collection and Analysis page.
17. Repeat steps 10 through 16 for each exercise, such as doing 50 jumping jacks, running in place for one minute, and jumping rope for 1 minute. Be sure that the person doing the exercises rests for a few minutes after each exercise to allow his/her heart rate to return to normal.
18. To exit from the DATAMATE program, press ENTER to return to the Main Screen. Select 6:QUIT and press ENTER.
19. Using the data on the Data Collection and Analysis page, average your results with the other lab groups in your class and record the answers.

## Graphing the Data

1. Press 【IST and create two lists using the data you recorded on the Data Collection and Analysis page. L1 contains the exercises you did (either number the exercises or use the Text Editor to name the exercises). L2 gives the average BPM for each exercise.
2. Press [2nd [PLOT] 4: PlotsOff ENTER to turn off all stat plots.
3. Press [2nd [PLOT] ENTER to select Plot1.
4. Press ENTER to select On (to turn on Plot1).
5. Select
6. Plot L1 (exercise numbers) as the categorical list and L2 as DataList1 (average BPM values).

7. Press ZOOM 7:ZoomStat to set the window and display the graph.
8. Record the graph on the Data Collection and Analysis page.
