Chapter 9	Statistical Measures	
Date:	9.1 Introduction to Statistics	
Essential Question	How can you tell whether a question is a statistical question?	
Vocab	Word	Definition
	statistics	the science of collecting, organizing, analyzing, and interpreting data
	statistical question	a question for which you do not expect to get a single answer
	Example:	How old are people when they get married?
	Non Example:	At what age does a person stop being a teenager?

- 1) Which of the following are statistical questions?
- a. How many days are in March?

 Not statistical. There is a set number of days in March.
 - b. How old is your dog?
 Statistical. All dogs are not the same age.
 - c. How many cars are in the parking lot? Statistical. It depends on what parking lot you are talking about.
 - d. In what year will you graduate from high school?

Statistical. People don't all graduate in the same year.

Complete number 1 on your notes page.

- Which of the following are statistical questions? Explain how you know.
- a. What is your favorite fruit?
 Statistical. People prefer different fruits.
- b. How many bricks are in this wall?

 Not statistical. There is a set number of bricks in this wall. This wall means we're all looking at the same wall.
 - C. How many pickles are in a pickle jar?

 Statistical. It depends on what pickle jar you are using.

Complete number 2 in your composition book.

You can display data from a statistical question.

2) You work at a pet shop and a customer wants to know, "What is the weight of a mouse?"

Is this a statistical question? Explain.

Yes, this is a statistical question because the mice in the pet store will be different sizes and weights.