The Data-ing Game

Contestant Roles and Script

Round One

You are Map Number 1 and you are hoping to

- help youth advocates research high school dropout rates in California, and
- identify schools across the state with the highest rates of graduation

1st Question

Tell us who collected your data?

2nd Question

Tell us how old you are

3rd Question

Tell us about your survey sample

4th Question

Can you show us some results?

Answer 1:

I was collected by a company in Michigan, that mostly does web design for restaurants.

Answer 2:

I am just five years young.

Answer 3:

Sure, my results come from an extensive survey of every high school senior from two high schools in Eureka CA.

Answer 4:

Show image [image really flashy not substance]

Answer 1:

I was collected by the California Department of Education or “CDE,” the state agency to which all public schools have to report educational data.

Answer 2:

I am six months old, but I'll be updated again at the end of the next school year.

Answer 3:

I come from reports required of every public school in California.

Answer 4:

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Answer 1:

I was collected by a very nice lady named Yulia Vann.

Answer 2:

Well, it’s been a while since Yulia has had a chance to update me, so I’m about twelve years old.

Answer 3:

Well, Yulia actually surveyed a group of grandparents too see how they thought their grandchildren were probably doing in school.

Answer 4:

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Round Two

You are Map Number 2 and you want all of us to get get moving. You would like to help our city council to improve the sidewalks and bike paths.

1st Question

Tell us where you're from

2nd Question

What’s your favorite survey question?

3rd Question

Who do you spend time with when you are doing a survey?

4th Question

Can you show us some data?

Answer 1:

I was collected by a transportation advocacy group.

Answer 2:

My favorite survey question is probably: “How far do you walk in a week?”

Answer 3:

I really like the quiet life, so I tend to just stick to the suburbs when I am doing my surveys.

Answer 4:

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Answer 1:

I was collected by a small group that organizes an event called “drive to work week.”

Answer 2:

You know surveys take a lot of time, so usually we just sort of guess what people are thinking.

Answer 3:

The great thing about not doing surveys is that it gives me more time to drive around in my car by myself, and not have to talk to anyone.

Answer 4:

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Answer 1:

I was collected by the California Department of Transportation, you can just call them DoT.

Answer 2:

I really like asking people if they ride their bike in the city, and if they say no I like to ask why not.

Answer 3:

I’m a real people person, so I try to spend time with everyone, usually I’ll just go door to door in the whole city when I’m doing a survey.

Answer 4:

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Round Three

You are Map Number 3 and you are looking for environmental justice. You are going to help a legal advocacy center trying to show the impact of Superfund sites in the Central Valley of California. (Superfund sites are abandoned places with toxic waste that might pollute the environment around them).

1st Question

Tell us who collected your data?

2nd Question

How would you describe yourself? What kind of data are you, and where do you come from?

3rd Question

How do you feel about sharing?

4th Question

Will you show us some results?

Answer 1:

I was collected by a university research team

Answer 2:

I am an index of toxic exposure for all of California.

Answer 3:

Well, I love to share my index results from all over the state, but I can’t really talk about the different domains that make up the index.

Answer 4:

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Answer 1:

I was collected by a group sponsored by a chemical company. I can’t really tell you which one though.

Answer 2:

I am a database of all the Superfund sites in the US including their current conditions.

Answer 3:

You can buy all of my data and metadata for what I think is a reasonable price

Answer 4:

Show : [super slick website]

Answer 1:

I was collected by a network of youth community organizers.

Answer 2:

I am a collection of soil and air samples from neighborhoods in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Sacramento.

Answer 3:

I love to share. All of my data is freely available to anyone who wants to see it .

Answer 4:

Show image [nice, but not super clear]