**Confidence Intervals**

* Definitions:

1) margin of error: -usually expressed as plus or minus () a number of points or a percent

-Example: 68% of people use their toothbrush longer than 3 months. Results of

survey are accurate with 3%, 19 times out of 20 (95%)

2) confidence interval:- the survey or poll result **plus or minus the margin of error**

-Example: **68%  3% or 65% to 71%**

- If there were 5000 in the total population, the **range** of the number of people who

use their toothbrush longer than 3 months would be:

68% of 5000 people = 0.68 x 5000 = 3400 people

3% of 3400 people = 3400 x 0.03 = 102 people

**3400  102 people**

3) confidence level: the number of times out of 100 (a percentage) that the results of the survey and

the true population lie within the confidence interval.

- Example: It can be said with **95% (19/20) confidence** that 3298 to 3502 people,

in a population of 5000 use their toothbrushes longer than 3 months.

* Read example p. 295-296 Do Reflecting p.296

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* Your Turn p. 298 The Effect of Sample Size on Margin of Error and Confidence Levels

Note:

A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sample size means a poll or survey may be more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

As sample size \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the margin of error \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Using the same confidence level (ex. 95%), as the sample size \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the range in the confidence interval \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because the confidence interval is calculated using the margin of error.

* Read example p. 298

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Note:

If the margin of error remains the same, to have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ confidence level, a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sample size is needed.

* Read example p. 300 Do Your Turn
* Example: p. 304 #9a