

Operational Definitions Worksheet

Name _____

Hour _____

In this assignment, your task is to try to come up with operational definition for emotions, behaviors and states of being. For each of the following statement, please provide an operational definition for the underlined words. While you are doing this keep in mind that an operational definition is one that makes it clear how the researcher should go about measuring the process, activity, or thing.

1. The experimenter wants to figure out how recreational drugs affect a person's sense of humor.
2. The teacher wants to find a way to help make Billy act more friendly toward the other children.
3. A psychologist wants to know if his new form of psychotherapy will make people less depressed.
4. I have to find a way to study more efficiently.
5. Does this drug help people overcome their tiredness?
6. Boys show more affection towards their father than toward their mother.
7. People dream more if they have eaten a big meal three hours before going to sleep.
8. College athletes are not as smart as regular students.
9. Overall, the sophomore girls are prettier than the freshman girls.
10. People who make over \$100,000 a year tend to be snobs.
11. The school spirit is at an all-time low.
12. Homosexual men tend to be very effeminate.
13. Overall, blacks are better athletes than whites.
14. The Rolling Stones are the best rock group ever.
15. Germantown High School is a better school than Homestead High School.