

# Hypothesis Testing

or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Inferential  
Statistics

# Objectives

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# Example 1

Determine the null and alternative hypotheses for each.

(a)

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