



This parameter specifies what data frame and variable we want descriptives for.



This parameter specifies how we want our descriptives grouped.



```
> describeBy(data_long$RT, group = data_long$Condition)
```

Descriptive statistics by group

group: Complex Sentence

	vars	n	mean	sd	median	trimmed	mad	min	max	range	skew	kurtosis	se
X1	1	48	2405.4	131.7	2393	2399.8	108.97	2177	2739	562	0.42	0.03	19.01

group: Simple Sentence

	vars	n	mean	sd	median	trimmed	mad	min	max	range	skew	kurtosis	se
X1	1	48	1957.46	147.41	1927.5	1947.28	111.19	1694	2356	662	0.79	-0.11	21.28

If we had a 2 x 2 design with Factor_1, Factor _2 and one DV in a data frame called data, to calculate the descriptives for each of our 4 conditions we would group like this:

```
> describeBy(data$DV, group=list(data$Factor_1, data$Factor_2))
```

Generating Descriptives - using `dplyr`

- You can use the `group_by()` and `summarise()` functions in the `dplyr` package to generate descriptives.
- In the following example, we are also using the pipe operator `%>%` which passes a value into an expression or function call from left to right:

```
> data_long %>% group_by(Condition) %>% summarise(mean = mean(RT), sd =  
sd(RT))
```

```
# A tibble: 2 x 3  
  Condition      mean    sd  
  <fct>      <dbl> <dbl>  
1 Complex Sentence 2393.  181.  
2 Simple Sentence  1987.  143.
```