Quiz 2.1.5: Consolidating by Reference

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1. What is the difference between **Consolidating by Category (Reference)** and **Consolidating by Position**?   `1 / 1 point`

   ⦿ **Consolidating by Position** assumes that the data being consolidated in multiple workbooks has the same position in the different spreadsheets. However, **Consolidating by Category (Reference)** looks for the data to be consolidated via a reference to a parameter.

   ◯ **Consolidating by Category (Reference)** assumes that the data being consolidated in multiple workbooks has the same cell reference in the different spreadsheets. However, **Consolidating by Position** looks for the data to be consolidated via a reference to a parameter.

   > ⊘ **Correct**
   > Great work here. This is indeed the critical difference between these two powerful Excel tools.

2. Sean has data in different workbooks that have column headings in different positions. He wishes to consolidate the data. What is your advice?   `1 / 1 point`

   ◯ Excel can only be used to consolidate by reference if the row headings are different.

   ◯ Excel can also be used to consolidate by reference when the column headings are different, Sean must just tick the top column option.

   ⦿ Excel can also be used to consolidate by reference when the column headings are different, Sean must just tick the top row option.

   > ⊘ **Correct**
   > Yes, the column headings are in the top row, so if you choose this option Excel will find the column headings even if they are not in the same position.