

Stimuli for Stakes Experiment

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Definition of “stakes”

If you don't have the answer to the question, what would the negative consequences be?
people die → high stakes e.g., you don't get coffee → low stakes

Model Scenario

Scientists have discovered a new strain of a dangerous virus that has contaminated oysters in the Mid-Atlantic. The Center for Disease Control is trying to prevent as much contamination as possible by tracking down all the oysters.

In this area, luckily only 6 restaurants usually buy oysters from the contaminated area:

- Restaurant A ordered 10 crates,
- Restaurant B ordered 8,
- Restaurant C ordered 5,
- Restaurant D ordered 2,
- Restaurant E ordered 1,
- Restaurant F ordered 0.

The supervisor for this county asks his inspectors,

- (1) “Who knows where to look for oysters?”
 - a. Inspector A says, “Restaurant(s) X”
 - b. Inspector B says, “Restaurant(s) Y”
 - c. Inspector C says, “Restaurant(s) Z”

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Who knows where to look for oysters? (choose all that apply)

- a. Inspector A
- b. Inspector B
- c. Inspector C
- d. No one