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Read Section 2.3 of your textbook. As you read, take notes on the following.

1. In a hypothesis test for the slope, when do we use a t statistic instead of a z statistic? Which statistic, t or z , is more commonly used in a real-world setting? Briefly explain.
2. Write down the formula for the standard error of the slope, $se(\hat{\beta}_1)$.
3. Explain why the standard error of the slope decreases as the fit of the model improves.
4. Consider a situation in which we want to test to assess whether or not there is a linear relationship between the predictor and response variable.
 - How do we write the null and alternative hypotheses? Express the hypotheses using statistical notation and describe what these expressions mean in words.
 - What is the formula for the t statistic?
 - Do you think a larger or smaller t statistic, in magnitude, leads to more evidence against the null hypothesis?
 - What distribution do we compare the t statistic to?
5. Explain why the t -test for the slope gives the same result as the ANOVA F test in an SLR setting.