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Statistical Questions

To determine if a question you want to ask a group of people is statistical, ask yourself if it has several different answers.

How many nickels are in a dollar?

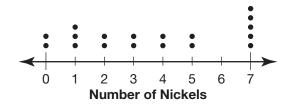
Not statistical

How many nickels are in your bank?

Statistical

A dot plot shows one way to display data collected from a statistical question.

Number of Nickels in your Bank



For 1 through 6, tell whether or not each question is statistical.

- **1.** How many of the cards are baseball cards?
- 2. When does summer break begin?
- **3.** Who is the current President of the United States?
- **4.** Who are the debate team members' favorite presidents?
- **5.** How long does it take sixth-grade students to eat lunch?
- **6.** Where are your classmates' favorite places to vacation?
- **7. Writing to Explain** Explain why *How many days did it rain in September this year?* is not a statistical question.
- **8.** Dean asked his class, *How many apples do you eat in a week?* He got the following responses: 7, 5, 5, 5, 7, 3, 2, 1, 0, 0, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0, 7, 5, 6, 7, 0, 2, 2, 1, 4. Make a dot plot to display the data.