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APPLEWOOD

Key Terms

Term	Definition	Example
Aggregate Data	Reporting on an entire group	If you ask for *aggregate data* on youth grades, you would get an average grade for all the youth.
Anonymous Data	Data not linked to identifiable information	If you collect *anonymous data*, you don't ask for name, birthday, social security number, or address.
Confidential Data	You may include identifiable information, but that information is kept private when reporting	If you keep data *confidential* then nobody knows who gave you the data, but the researcher may know who gave the information.
Identifiable Information	Information that people can use to identify who participated in the data collection or work	Name, birth date, address, social security number, and sometimes demographic information can *identify* individuals in small groups.
Individual-Level Data	Each participant's responses	If you as for *individual-level data* on youth grades, you would get a separate grade for each youth.
Raw Data	Data that has not been processed	If you ask for *raw data*, you will get a spreadsheet or database of all the data collected.