

2. Michael is the regional manager for a car company and needs to give a presentation to the president of the company about how different management styles might relate to the total number of sales of the company’s new electric car. He hires an industrial/organizational psychologist to study three stores, each in a different city. Each store’s manager has their own distinct management style:

- In Store A, the manager has a supportive style (open and warm).
- In Store B, the manager has a strict style (rigid and severe).
- In Store C, the manager, who is Michael’s good friend, has a distant style (permissive and disengaged).

The number of electric cars sold at each store over a five-month period is shown in the table.

	ELECTRIC CARS SOLD BY STORE		
Month	Store A (supportive style)	Store B (strict style)	Store C (distant style)
January	9	7	3
February	7	8	2
March	9	5	5
April	5	3	4
May	5	2	1

- Explain why this study is not a true experiment.
- Identify the implied dependent variable for the study if the study had been a true experiment.
- Calculate the mean of Store B’s sales.
- Explain why the location of the store is a confounding variable in this study.
- Explain how the halo effect could influence Michael’s interpretation of the findings.
- Explain why the hiring of an industrial/organizational psychologist was appropriate for this study.
- Explain how Michael could use positive reinforcement to help him finish his presentation by the deadline.

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