

ONE SAMPLE CONFIDENCE INTERVALS – EXTRA PRACTICE

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1. A school administrator is concerned about students who report being absent due to illness but are later seen attending school-sponsored events on the same day.

A random sample of 120 illness-related absences was selected, and 31 of those students attended a school event that day.

- (a) Construct and interpret a 95% confidence interval for the proportion of all illness-related absences that are not legitimate.

- (b) The administrator estimates that each illegitimate absence costs the school \$42 in lost funding. If the school records 4,800 illness-related absences per year, estimate the annual cost using the confidence interval from part (a).

2. A national polling agency surveyed a random sample of 1,250 adults and asked which of the following best reflects their opinion.

Response	Online Shopping	In-store Shopping	No Preference
Percent of sample	46%	41%	13%

- (a) Construct and interpret a 99% confidence interval for the proportion of all U.S. adults who prefer shopping in stores.
- (b) One condition for inference is that both $n\hat{p}$ and $n(1 - \hat{p})$ are at least 10. Explain why this condition is necessary.
- (c) A student suggests using a two-sample z -interval to compare the proportions who prefer online shopping and in-store shopping. Is this appropriate? Justify your answer.

3. A city council wants to estimate the proportion of residents who support a proposed zoning change.
 - (a) What minimum sample size is required to estimate the true proportion with a margin of error no greater than 0.03 at the 95% confidence level? Assume no prior estimate of the proportion is available.
 - (b) Explain why using $p = 0.5$ produces the most conservative sample size estimate.