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Project Title

Wide Plane vs. Narrow Plane: Which Paper Airplane Flies Farther?

Abstract

Objectives/Goals

The objective of this study is to determine which design flies farther, a wide plane or a long narrow plane.

Methods/Materials

10 wide paper airplanes, 10 long narrow paper airplanes, tape measure. We threw each airplane in our our backyard on a calm day. We threw each plane from the same starting point. We measured the distance traveled for each airplane and recorded the data.

Results

The wide planes traveled an average distance of 30 feet 2 inches. The long narrow planes traveled an average of 21 feet and 3 inches.

Conclusions/Discussion

The wide planes traveled an average of 9 feet 1 inch farther than the long narrow planes.

Summary Statement

We determined that wide airplane designs fly farther than long narrow designs.

Help Received

My dad showed us how to create the graphs in Excel.