Experiment

An experiment was carried out to support the hypothesis: ‘women have more phobias than men’. The data was collected via a questionnaire using a scale, containing a list of the ten most common phobias. Twenty participants (ten men and ten women) were taken into a laboratory and told to sit down. They were then given the questionnaire. The participants had to read ten statements on the questionnaire, and then rate how fearful they are of the phobic stimulus e.g. spiders.

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 no fear some fear very fearful

The questionnaire scores were added up with a high score indicating a high fear and a low score, a low/no fear.

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