Observation

A team of psychologists wanted to investigate if prisoners in shared prison cells demonstrated

more aggressive acts than prisoners who were in single prisoner cells. The psychologists

conducted an observation of 20 randomly selected prisoners from shared prison cells and

20 randomly selected prisoners from single prisoner cells. As part of the observation, the

psychologists recorded every aggressive act the prisoners demonstrated during one week.

They compiled the information into a categorisation table to display their results, which are

shown below.

*Fig 2. Categorisation table to show the number and type of aggressive acts demonstrated by*

*prisoners held in either shared prison cells or in single prisoner cells.*

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|  | **Single prisoner cells** | **Shared prison cells** | **Total** |
| **Verbal** | 320 | 303 | 623 |
| **Physical** | 12 | 48 | 60 |
| **Total** | 332 | 351 | 683 |

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