Interviews

1. A team of psychologists conducted interviews to investigate if there is a difference in the happiness levels of elderly women and men living in different situations. Using quota sampling, the psychologists selected participants who were living alone, living with family members or living in a residential home. Whilst interviewing the participants, the psychologists asked the participants to rate their happiness on a scale between 1 (not happy) and 5 (very happy). The psychologists then calculated the mean happiness scores for the different living situations.

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|  | Mean Happiness Score |
| Elderly who live alone | 2.7 |
| Elderly who live with family members | 4.3 |
| Elderly who live in a residential home | 3.2 |

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