# LAB 3B: Confound it all! Response Sheet

Directions: Record your responses to the **bold** lab questions in the spaces provided.

Finding data in new places

Importing our data

Our new data

About the data

**Cleaning your data** 

#### Analyzing our data

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- Write down a reason the reseachers couldn't use an experiment to test the effects of smoking on children's lungs.
- Do you think that a person's age affects their lung capacity? Make a sketch of what you think a scatterplot of the two variables would look like and explain.

Use the lungs data to create an xyplot of age and lung\_cap.

Interpret the plot and describe why the relationship between the two variables makes sense.

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# Smoking and lung capacity

Make a plot that can be used to answer the statistical investigative question: *Do people who smoke tend to have lower lung capacity than those who do not smoke?* 

• Use your plot to answer the question.

• Were you surprised by the answer? Why?

• Can you suggest a possible confounding factor that might be affecting the result?

### Let's compare

• How does the relationship between smoking and lung capacity change as we increase the age from 13 to 15 to 17?

### Sum it up!

• Does smoking affect lung capacity? If so, how?