Correlation helps to describe the relationship between 2 variables in a scatter plot.

Positive or Negative Correlation

	A scatter plot shows a correlation when the pattern rises up to the right. This means that the two quantities increase together.
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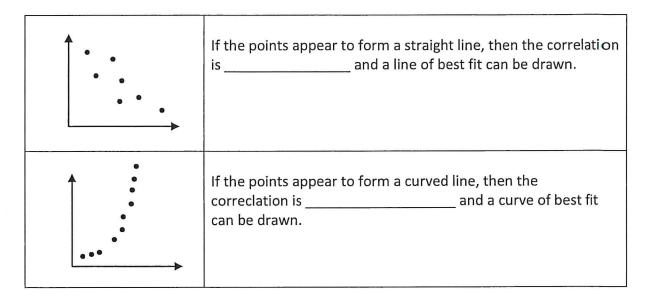
Strong or Weak Correlation

If the points nearly form a line, then the correlation is To visualize this, enclose the plotted points in an oval. If the oval is narrow, then the correlation is strong.
If the points are dispersed more widely, but still form a rough line, then the correlation is
If the points are dispersed even more widely, but still form a rough pattern of a line, then the correlation is If the oval is wide, then the correlation is weak.

No Correlation

A scatter plot shows correlation when no pattern appears.
 Hint: If the points are roughly enclosed by a circle, then there is no correlation.

Linear or Non-Linear Correlation



Describe the correlation for each of the scatter plots below:

Temperature (°C)

