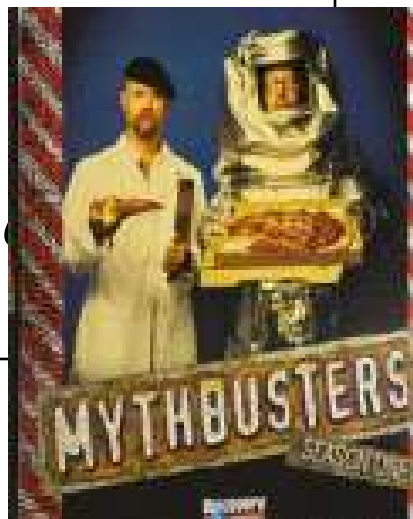
# The Five Second Rule

- *Reviewing the Scientific Metho*
  - *With Mythbusters*



- What is the question ***(problem)*** that the Mythbusters are trying to test?

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- What is the effect of time on food contamination?
  - IF food has been on the floor for five seconds or less, THEN it will be uncontaminated.
  - This, like all the Mythbusters' Myths, is the hypothesis they are attempting to prove or disprove.

- What are the ***procedures*** for the first bacteria test?

- Place bacteria plates in various places around the lab and left them there for 5 seconds.
- Incubate (keep warm) the plates at 98.6°.
- Wait 24 hours.
- Measure bacteria growth.

- What were the results for the bacterial growth on the toilet seat? Explain.

- There was very little bacteria on the toilet seat.
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- What were the ***variables*** for the experiment?

- Independent Variables (IV):
  - Time (2 seconds and 6 seconds)
- Dependent Variable (IV):
  - Amount of bacteria gathered on food surface
- Controlled Variables (CV):
  - Evenly contaminated surface
  - Size of floor samples
  - Size of food samples
  - Amount of bacteria already on the food

- Why is it necessary to conduct ***multiple trials*** in an experiment?

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The more trials you conduct, the more reliable your results will be! Multiple trials help to identify data that results from not following the procedures correctly.

**THIS QUESTION IS PROBABLY ON THE TEST!!!**

# 6. During the last test, what was the only variable tested? Why was this the best?

- Time
- Time was the independent variable in the hypothesis.

7. In the end, what were the final results? Explain.