Sampling Error

*	The difference between	the
	and the	of the
	parameter.	
*	Margin of Error E – the	
	error () between the
		and the
		of the parameter.

* The

To find the Margin of Error:

* Use the formula:

- * As long as these conditions are met:
- * The sample is ______.
- The population is _____
 OR _____



* You take a random sample of 40 employees from several grocery stores to find the mean number of hours worked. Use a 95% confidence level to find the margin of error for the mean number of hours worked by grocery store employees. Assume the population standard deviation is 7.9 hours.

Confidence Intervals for a Population Mean

* Using the	and
the	, you
can construct an	
of a population parameter (such as the)
* This interval is called a	
for a population:	

Constructing a Confidence Interval for a Population Mean (with known standard deviation):

- * 1) Make sure that ______ is known, the sample is ______, and that either the population is ______ or
- * 2)Find the sample statistics

* 3)Find the critical value ______ that corresponds to the given ______.

* 4) Find the margin of error _____:

* 5) Find the left and right endpoints and form the



* A college admissions director wishes to estimate the mean age of all students currently enrolled. In a random sample of 20 students, the mean age is found to be 22.9 years. From past studies, the standard deviation is known to be 1.5 years, and the population is normally distributed. Construct a 90% confidence interval of the population mean age.

