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minnows	30	30	29	31	31
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Based on the information presented can you infer anything about the number of different types of fish in the lake?

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S #	1	2	3	4	5
nails	51	54	53	52	54
screws	44	41	44	40	41
bolts	62	59	59	62	61

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3) In order to determine which type of sweets he should keep the most of in his shop a baker logged every 5th customers order. His findings are shown below:

S #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Cookies	50	52	49	50	48	48	49	51
Brownies	49	51	48	52	49	48	48	51
Cupcakes	52	48	49	48	50	52	48	48

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Based on the information presented there will be more bolts in the bucket than nails or screws.

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