



How to Set Names and Labels

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• Did you know that you can set whether you see variable names or labels in IBM SPSS Statistics?

• A variable name is a short variable name such as 'Income' or 'Spend'. A variable label is description of the short variable name. For example, below we see the variable name 'Health'. The label shows the question that respondents' answered ('In general, how is your health?').

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29	HEALTH	Numeric	1	0	In general, how is your health?	{1, EXCEL	8,9	8	Right	Ordinal
30	LIFE	Numeric	1	0	In general, how do you find life?	{1, EXCITI	8,9	6	🚟 Right	Ordinal
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- In SPSS Statistics, names and labels can be set. Below we are working in a dialogue box and we see the longer labels.
- We can switch between names and labels by right clicking on a variable and selecting **Display Variable Names** (HEALTH) or **Display Variable Labels** ('In general how is your health?'). Users can toggle back and for between Names and Labels.

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- Users can also go to the **Edit** menu and select **Options**.
- On the **General** tab there is the **Variable Lists** section where users can select **Display labels** or **Display names**.
- Users can also chose whether variables are shown in Alphabetical, File or Measurement level order. Click OK to set choices. A message
 will appear 'Changing any option in the Variable List group will reset all dialog box settings to their defaults, and all open dialogs will be
 closed.' Click OK to continue.

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