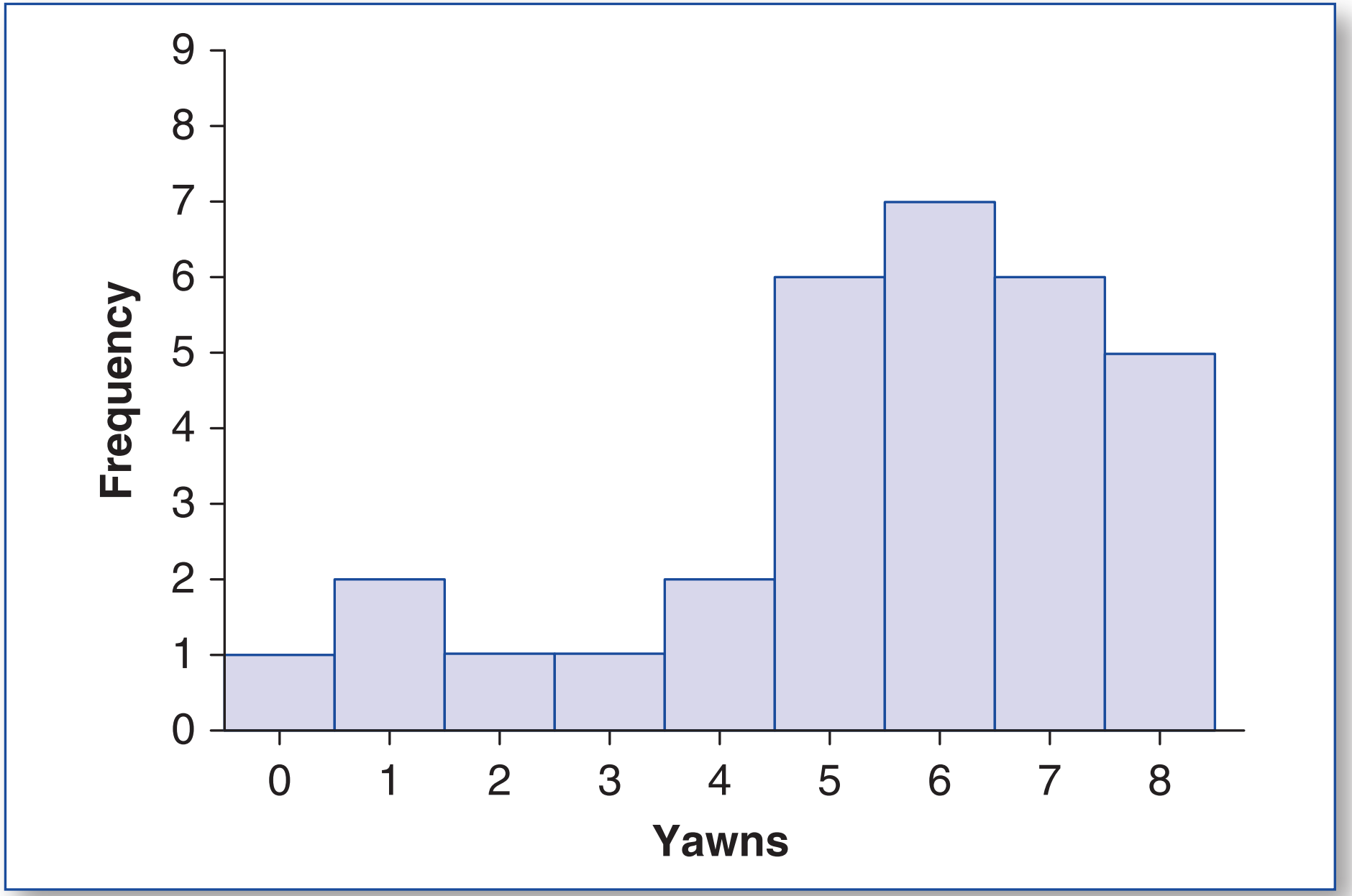a.